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HER CANDLE GOETH NOT OUT BY NIGHT
WHAT THAT MEANS TO ME..

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31:11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

Proverbs 31:12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

Proverbs 31:14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

Proverbs 31:15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

Proverbs 31:16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

Proverbs 31:17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

Proverbs 31:18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

This morning we celebrate Mothers's day. Today we gave each lady in the church a little gift to remind them of this verse in proverbs..

Proverbs 31:18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

What a beautiful reminder of what the virtuous woman should be to her home. Her candle goeth not out by night but I think she also should be that candle to her home. This morning I want you to meditate on this verse. What does it mean to you when the Bible says, her candle goeth not out by night?

Let us meditate on that statement this morning.

I. HER CANDLE GOETH NOT OUT NY NIGHT MEANS TO ME THAT
The virtuous woman's job is not an 8 hour a day job.

I heard Hillary Clinton once mock someone questioning her about how she was able to be a mother and still work as she did. She mocked and said, "what do you want me to do stay home and bake cookies?" What an insult that was to the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31. What is the virtuous woman doing late at night while the candle is burning!

I recall every Sunday morning when my grandmother would get up while it was still dark and I could smell the garlic and meatballs cooking in the pot while she prepared for Sunday afternoon dinner. She had to get up that early to make church in the morning, and still have the meal prepared for the afternoon. You see HER CANDLE NEVER WENT OUT AT NIGHT!

I recall the aroma of fresh bread in the oven late at night and early into the morning. My mother used to bake all our bread. While all the other kids in school had that white mushy bread for their sandwiches, my mom gave this thick Italian freshly baked bread for my sandwiches. I didn't know back then how special that was.

If you were to pay a mother 10-15 dollars an hour for the work she does to properly take care of her children, cook, clean, etc. she would have a full time pay!

It was my mother that stayed up late at night when we were sick.

It was my mother that we went to when we were sick.

It was my mother that cooked cleaned, and waited on my father hand and foot, 24 hours a day.

HER CANDLE GOETH NOT OUT BY NIGHT!

A mother's job is not a 8 hour a day job.

Why are there so many abortions in our nation today? It is simply because many women would rather work an 8 hour a day job than be a mother whose candle for sometimes days does not go out at night. It is much easier to work a regular job than be a mother.

The virtuous woman's job of being a mother is not a union job.

Imagine if mothers around the country would be picked for a pay raise. Do they do it for money? Do they keep track of their hours?

II. HER CANDLE GOETH NOT OUT BY NIGHT. WHAT IT MEANS TO ME IS SHE IS A LIGHT TO ALL THAT ARE IN HER HOUSE.

Her candle goeth not out by night.

There is something comforting about a night light in a home.

Moms are like the night light in the home. You just get a warm fuzzy feeling about the fact that mom is around.

There are some candles that even give off a fragrance in the home. Moms are that kind of light. This light gives a fragrance, and warmth, a glow.

I notice it with my grandchildren and my daughter. Each one of them in their early years seem to just cling to their mother.

I would hold out my hands to take them and they would look at me almost to say, "WHO ARE YOU?" , and then they would turn their heads away from me and sink their face into their mothers arms. What a slight, what an insult, yet how natural it is that a child clings to no one else but their mother.

Moms are like the comforting night light of the house.

III. HER CANDLE GOETH NOT OUT BY NIGHT. MEANS TO ME THAT EVERY VIRTUOUS MOM SHOULD BE A HEALER TO HER HOME.

Who puts that band aid on that little cut or bruise.

Who stays up late at night when one of the kids are sick.

Who is the one that reminds the kids to brush their teeth take their vitamins.

Who is it that calls the doctor to schedule the appointments?

When I was very young I got really sick. Back then they didn't know a lot about allergies..

My brother and I were playing around the house and we got really hungry so we found a giant jar of peanut butter under the kitchen cabinet. We got into that jar and started to eat the whole thing with our fingers.. We really pigged out. After a short time I was playing on the top of the cellar steps and suddenly I got dizzy and passed out. That was the last thing I remembered. I apparently fainted and fell down the steps and passed out. When I woke up I was in my mother's arms and couldn't breathe. All I could remember is being in my mother's arms struggling to breathe. It was really bad. It was so bad I was rushed to the hospital. Apparently, I was allergic to peanut butter but they didn't understand that back then. For days they tried to work with me. I couldn't hold down anything. Everything they gave me I threw up. Back then they didn't have private rooms for children. There was a children's ward and lined up with beds separated by curtains. It is a wonder that anyone survived a stay in the hospital. If you got better it was I think just a sheer accident. I got so sick that that I couldn't eat anything and the nurses got tired of cleaning up after me so they stopped feeding me. I got better because apparently I developed food allergies and by not eating it purged my system. I'll never forget I was starving and I asked my mother to smuggle me in some soup. She brought me in a jar what I call to this day HOME MADE GRANDMA ITALIAN SOUP! I never tasted anything so good in all my life. To this day that is my favorite healing food.

There is no greater healer than a mother love.

Her candle goeth not out by night.

***IV. HERE CANDLE GOETH NOT OUT BY NIGHT MEANS TO ME:
THAT SHE IS TO BE LIKE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO A HOME***

Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

The Bible likens a man's spirit to a candle. It is that inner most part of an individual.

A person's spirit is what lights up the inner most being.

There is nothing greater than a godly mother. How sad it is to see mothers going the way of the world and not following the Lord. Is there any greater influence that a mother can have in a child's life than that of a spiritual influence. Today there is all this fuss about the liberated woman. To the world the liberated woman is free to abort her children, the liberated woman is free to work as an equal as a man away from the home. The liberated woman has her rights. The liberated woman doesn't stay home and bake bread, bake cookies, clean the house, and tend to the children. The liberated woman in essence is not a candle to her home! HOW SAD.

Her candle goeth not out by night means to me that the virtuous woman is the light of her home. Her candle goeth not out by night because she is that candle.

We had two of our grandchildren over this week while my daughter and son in law were away. We were having a little devotional with them. We read John chapter three where Jesus said that men would not come to Him because they love darkness more than light therefore they would not come to the light.

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

Then the question came up in our little devotional. Why is darkness used as a symbol of evil and light used as a symbol of good?

The reason why, I said, is that nothing grows in darkness.

Also, it is hard to see when it is dark.

It is hard to read in the dark.

We stumble and fall in the dark.

Men do more evil at night to hide their evil deeds.

More crime takes place at night.

When I think of this verse, Her candle goeth not out by night, I think that in the darkest times a virtuous mother should be a light to her home!

A person's spirit is their candle that lights up their soul. God can see into the inner most parts of their being by way of their spirit.

Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

The most important thing that a mother can ever do is give their heart to the Lord and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. This is the way that she can be a good candle to her family..

So indeed her candle will never go out by night.

A Christian Mother is a candle to her home.

Now I say all this as introduction to our message that I will preach about how every woman can be a godly virtuous woman to their home.

MOTHERS 5-14-2017
THE BIBLICAL BLUEPRINT FOR THE ROLE WOMAN IN SOCIETY

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Genesis 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Genesis 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Genesis 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Genesis 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

This morning we have set aside as a special day to honor mothers. Many of us no longer have our mothers with us. I lost my mother back in 2009. It took many years for me to get over not being able to pick up the phone and call her. I miss being able to ask her about the names of relatives, and how this one and that one is doing. She was the link that held the whole family together. There is something special about mothers. What is sad is that for many of this generation they don't have the fond memories of a mother like I do and many of my generation has. It was a sad transition in my life, that maybe some of you have also experienced, when my mother passed away.

Now the generation of my mother was different than this generation. That generation had more of a biblical mindset. Even those who did not know the Bible still lived by many of the principles of the Bible. It was somewhat ingrained in the very culture of many of the old timers. Now as we speak about motherhood and fatherhood and the family in general, today we have a new generation that wants to redefine everything. Because of this, we are facing a crisis in our day. It is the norm for families to be dysfunctional. Broken homes are the norm. But it is not the biblical norm.

This morning I want to hit the biblical reset button and share what the Bible says about womanhood and motherhood.

The Bible speaks of the great virtues of a woman in Titus 2:3-5:

Titus 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Titus 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

Titus 2:5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Note: It talks about a characteristic of a godly woman, that she should be a keeper of the home.

When I think of my mother, this is what I think of, a woman who loved to be a keeper of the home! From cooking, to cleaning, to decorating, etc., my mom and my grandmother were great keepers of the home.

Now, as we gather together this day to celebrate Mothers day, I think it would be good to study what the Bible says about moms and mothers in general.

Everybody might have their own idea or opinion about womanhood and motherhood. So many people are seeking to redefine the role of women in society today. Today we have more and more stay at home dads and working moms. Years ago, Brother Jack McKeeby used to ask me to visit a doctor friend of his in Montrose who has been gone now for many years.

I remember, as we used to have many discussions at his place, one discussion would inevitably come up and that was the role of a woman in society and in the home. Then he would go and ask his minister at his church about the things that I shared with him and would invariably ask, is what the Baptist preacher said in the Bible? They would agree it was in the Bible, but they would not agree that it was for today.

What is our Authority for the role of woman in society today? Is it ABC, NBC, FOX News?

Is it the white house?

Is it your friends, family, your own thoughts?

HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT SHOULD DEFINE THE IDEAL MOTHER OR WOMAN?

***I. A WOMAN'S ROLE IN SOCIETY IS
SHOULD STRICTLY BE DEFINED BY THE WORD OF GOD.***

***II. A WOMAN'S ROLE AS DEFINED BY THE BIBLE
IS UNDER ATTACK TODAY.***

***BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD IS BEING ATTACKED,
THEN THE ROLE OF MOM'S AND DAD'S MARRIAGE,
AND FAMILY IN GENERAL HAS COME UNDER ATTACK.***

***III. TO THE DEGREE THAT WE HAVE REJECTED WHAT
THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT MOTHERS AND THE FAMILY IS TO THE
DEGREE THAT WE ARE FACING DOMESTIC CRISIS
IN OUR NATION TODAY.***

***IV. THE SOLUTION IS SIMPLE
REPENT OF OUR OWN WAYS.
YIELD TO WHAT GOD SAYS.***

***MESSAGE THE BIBLICAL BLUEPRINT
FOR A WOMAN'S ROLE IN SOCIETY***

I. A WOMAN'S ROLE IN SOCIETY SHOULD STRICTLY BE DEFINED BY THE WORD OF GOD

- A. It is God that made us, not we ourselves.
Because many deny that God created us. they reject
the WORD OF GOD.**

Why do we use the Bible as the ruler to define the role of women in our society today?

Genesis: Did God make the first man Adam?
Did God make a woman from man's rib?
Did he make them Male & Female?

B. THE FIRST WOMAN, EVE, WAS CALLED MAN'S HELP MEET.

Therefore women were designed to be a helpers and support for man.

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

ADAM'S WIFE WAS TO BE A HELP, A SUPPORT, A COMPANION.

God said it is not good for man to live alone.
DO WE BELIEVE THIS, or
IS THIS JUST SOME ANCIENT MYTH?

- C. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THE MODERN FAMILY IS THAT
Husbands are going one direction.
The wives are going another.
Each has his own job.
Each have their own life.**

God originally intended a wife to be her husband's help meet companion and friend. All the years I have been married, I never have needed a night out with the guys. I don't think it is a healthy thing for a need for a man to have a night out with the guys and the wife to have a night out with the ladies. Years ago I got a call from a man that lost his wife, and when I asked what even he could look back to that led up to the breakup, he could point to a time when his wife had a night out with her friends.

Where was Adam when Eve got hobnobbing with the serpent?

D. HOW DOES THE BIBLE DEFINE IDEAL ROLL OF THE WOMAN?

- 1. She should be supportive of the husband.**
- 2. She should love her husband & children.**
- 3. She should be a keeper of the Home.**
- 4. She should be in subjection to her husband, in a subordinate role in the home.**

Titus 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

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5. ***She should be teaching guiding her children.***
6. ***She should be sober, chaste, holy, etc.***
7. ***Keepers of the home.***
8. ***Obedient to their own husbands.***
9. ***The bottom line to all of this is that when a Christian woman obeys these things it is a great testimony.***

Notice the bottom line is that when a Christian woman violates these things it causes people opportunity to blaspheme the word of God.

II. A WOMAN'S ROLE AS DEFINED BY THE BIBLE IS UNDER ATTACK TODAY.

BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD IS BEING ATTACKED,
THEN THE ROLE OF MOM'S AND DAD'S MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY IN GENERAL HAS COME UNDER ATTACK.

Remember, in the Bible, Satan went to Eve first.

HE APPROACHED HER AND QUESTIONED THE WORD OF GOD.
HATH GOD SAID?

And so it is that the devil is attacking and has successfully attacked
Biblical Womanhood in our nation today.

1. ***More and more, it is the wife that is leaving the husband.***
2. ***More and more women reject the concept of biblical submission.***
3. ***More and more women are not content to be keepers of the home.***
4. ***More and more women do not love their husbands.***
5. ***More and more women do not naturally love their children, lack natural affection, etc.***
6. ***First we have redefined the role of a mother, of a wife. Now we are redefining marriage. Marriage is no longer MALE - FEMALE.***

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Now, there is no doubt what the Bible says about the family. The question is do we believe what it says?

Our Lord predicted:

Luke 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

We think of it being a long time since our Lord was crucified and promised to return.

Reading Genesis, Adam lived. 930 years, Noah lived.. 950 Methuselah lived to be 969 years.

930	Adam
969	Methuselah
950	Noah

Over 2000 years just two – three generations..

The life spans of just these three people would be about 2000 years.

Can you see why Jesus said, lo I come quickly, has it been that long since He came and went?

A few years back in my devotions I read an interesting verse in the Bible:

Hosea 6:2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

If a day to the Lord is like a thousand years and a thousand years as a day, then according to this prophecy we are nearer to the end than you could imagine.

Look, you do the math. If the days mentioned in Hosea are actually a thousand years, and then 2 days are 2000 years. And is this dated from our Lord's first advent, or his ascension and

Crucifixion, or the nations dispersion and being regathered into the Holy Land? Then we are closer to the Lord's return than you can imagine.

Of course no man knows the day or hour. However we can determine the season. In either case, I believe it is either our generation, our children's generation or our grandchildren's generation. Today we are seeing the dry bones of Israel being stirred up, these dry bones will live in the millennial kingdom. Today we see the stirring up of the bones, so to speak.

HE IS AT THE DOOR.

And this falling away, corruption of the family, is all predicted as part of the end time preparation for judgment. But we as Christians are to be the restrainers of our generation. Until we be taken away in the rapture, it is our job to restrain the wickedness of our generation. We are to be the salt of the earth.

III. TO THE DEGREE THAT WE HAVE REJECTED WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FAMILY IS TO THE DEGREE THAT WE ARE FACING DOMESTIC CRISIS IN OUR NATION TODAY.

Perversion is on the rise.
Inordinate affections.
Broken homes, dysfunctional families.
Homosexuality.

In short, all this is predicted of our Lord.

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II Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
II Timothy 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
II Timothy 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
II Timothy 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
II Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
II Timothy 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
II Timothy 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
II Timothy 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
II Timothy 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

Notice how immorality becomes a sport for many people. They are what the Bible calls in II Timothy, the creeps. THEY CREEP INTO HOUSES LEAD CAPTIVE SILLY WOMEN LADEN WITH SINS!

IV. THE SOLUTION IS SIMPLE REPENT OF OUR OWN WAYS YIELD TO WHAT GOD SAYS.

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

You would think people would see how much of a mess we are in and start thinking that our nation needs prayer.

It was refreshing to see Vice President Pence quote this passage II Chronicles 7:14 at the national day of prayer gathering in the white house a few weeks back. What a contrast that was to the Obama administration.

When I first heard the gospel and wrestled with getting saved, one of the things that impressed my heart about Christianity was the biblical concept of family. I realized that my generation had no answers when it came to family. I didn't know one of my musician friends who had a happy marriage. Everybody I knew was either divorced about to be divorced, or miserable in their marriage. Families were falling apart. The moral revolution was a big flop! The fruit of that grand experiment was the carnage it left behind of broken homes and broken lives.

In contrast to this stood the biblical role model of a traditional marriage and family that always has worked and still does work. It doesn't take a person with much of a brain to see the difference. I heard of a modern marriage therapist when counseling a couple who were having problems in their marriage actually suggest trying to experiment with certain couples swinger dating websites in order to spice up their marriage. What is bizarre is that these are the experts. I know of one situation where a woman complained to her husband that she thought they needed marriage counseling. The husband said, I don't need counseling but if you want you can go.. and so he paid for marriage counseling for his wife. In the process of the counseling she told her therapist that she was unhappy in her marriage and had feelings for someone else and wanted to leave her husband. Instead of helping their marriage the counselor suggested if she was unhappy she should not feel guilty for seeking a relationship with the other man.. So this man paid a counselor to make his wife feel comfortable with divorcing him and committing adultery with another man. Does this make sense? Yet this is how the experts are leading our people down the road of destruction. All this is because we live in a new culture, and new society that is redefining what is right and wrong apart from the Bible.

What is sad is that we see contemporary Christians imitating the world in search of something they think is new. It is not new it is just the same old old trick of the serpent whitewashed and repackaged. How foolish we are. We are bit like Israel who when God told them to destroy all the heathen religions of the Canaanites, instead embraced the very false ways that led to their own destruction. The church today is like a ecclesiastical dog that is returning to it's ecclesiastical spiritual vomit!

Conclusion:

What is marriage all about? Is it not that God made man in His image in his likeness and did He not make them male and female. When He establishes the first marriage He said this:

Gen. 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

2: 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

This verse 2:24 has been quoted in Ephesians 5:

5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Here we have Paul saying that when this statement was made God was looking down the road and seeing the great marriage of the Bride of Christ. This is why I say, as the church so the marriage. Your marriage to Christ is to be preeminent. This is what will guarantee you a good marriage with your earthly spouse.

The reason it is wrong to commit fornication and adultery is because it breaks the spiritual picture of your relationship to Christ.

I Cor. 6:15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

I Cor. 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

I Cor. 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

This mother's day, let us renew our belief that biblical marriage, the biblical role model of womanhood, and manliness, are as relevant for today as they were 6000 years ago. People call it old fashioned, out of step with a new generation. They can call us old fashioned, unable to connect with a new generation. But the biblical role model transcends time and generations.

How sad it will be when one day they face the eternal Saviour who reveal Himself as" the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever... Heb 13:8