

The Ahab Factor

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THE GARDEN

What is the Ahab factor?

The Ahab factor is a principle, a concept, a way of working and living that is in line with the biblical Character, Ahab.

Ahab, as you remember was a king in Israel, and the husband of a foreign wife named Jezebel. Over the years many have pointed out the evil characteristics of Jezebel, but rarely is it pointed out that it is Ahab, and who he was, that allowed Jezebel to run amuck and destroy so many.

Let's begin by reviewing the story of Ahab.

Ahab wanted a garden that was owned by Naboth. When Naboth refused to sell the garden to King Ahab, he went home sulking and pouting because he could not have what he wanted. Then Jezebel, essentially said, If you give me your authority, I will give you what you want!

That is still happening today. Women indirectly are saying, "If you give me your authority, I will give you the garden of sexual pleasure that you desire.."

Men today, just as Ahab did, fall for it and the wife moves in to power and control! Part of the reason that women can have such power is because we live in a "Monogamy Only" society and he thinks that her "garden" is the only "garden" that he can legitimately have. If he knew that he could have other legitimate gardens by having other legitimate wives then no one wife could completely control him in such a manner.

However, the original Ahab, lived in a polygamous society. So, what was his excuse? His mistake is in marrying a non-Israelite. Those that were not of Israel did not have the oracles of God available to them in the same way that the Israelites did. They had not been taught the word of God from their youth and therefore could not have the mind of God in the same way.

This why it is important for new testament believers in the new covenant era not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers.

In addition, we are all, (both males and females) admonished to "Be ye not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that ye may find that good, acceptable and perfect will of God.."

The world's way of thinking is like a vicious viral infection. It will attack the soul through the mind and consume it if it can. The only real antidote to this

wicked disease is the word of God. The word of God must be taken on a regular basis. Thereby, one is inoculated against the disease that is carried over the airwaves and the sound vibrations in an ungodly world system.

The Western World, especially the United States has essentially become a matriarchal society. It is one in which women rule and the men, their husbands, are like little boys that have to answer to “Momma”. He must tell her where he is going and why and when he will return home.

He is to, without question, pass every major financial decision by his wife (Momma) before making it! She will usually say that she is an equal partner in the marriage, although she will usually act like she is the senior partner.

Many men have been so well trained that they actually say, “ I have to check with the boss first.”! If you ask, “ who is that?”. They will respond that they are speaking of their “Better half”! Notice that the man is trained to think of his wife as the better.

If you respond to that by saying that the man should be the head, he may reply that he may be the head but his wife is the neck that controls the head!

We can see from these things that men have been trained to be like little puppy dogs on a leash. The wife is the master. Some wives have long leashes and some have shorter leashes but almost all, have a leash!

To watch the behavior of the Western man one might think that the bible said, “Husbands obey your wives in everything. For as the church tells Christ what he must do so should the wife tell her husband what to do and when and how.

Obviously, this is not what the Bible says.

In fact it says the exact opposite:

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body.

Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.” Ephesians 5:22-24

Why is this not taught in more of the churches? The reason is because the majority of churches are made up of a majority of women. The pastors are not

going to drive away their best customers with messages that would not be appreciated.

The Ahab in men has allowed this to happen. Men must stop being Ahabs in order to change it!

JEZEBEL'S THRONE

When Ahab abdicated his authority to his wife, Jezebel, he essentially allowed her to rule on his throne. The throne then became hers and she used her position of power to destroy an innocent man and to bring in the false goddess worship,

To mention Jezebel strikes a sore point with most Western women, so we want to focus on the Ahab and his error in giving up his authority.

God set a certain authority structure in the earth. That authority structure says that wives should submit to their own husbands in everything. (see Ephesians 5:22-24)

It also says that children should obey their parents.

One of the reasons that God warned Israel not to take wives from other nations was to avoid their false gods, and to avoid being corrupted by the world's way of thinking.

Likewise a believer should not be unequally yoked with a non-believer. In addition, we as believers must avoid the worldly mindset. The worldly mindset seeks to change God's program and push people to do things according to the ways of the world which are against God's ways.

What does Romans 12:1,2 say?

"We beseech thee brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that ye may prove what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God."

For many Westernized believing women this means that they must give up their desire to be equal to men when it comes to functioning here on the earth,. Now we need to say, that a woman can receive as high of a reward as any man. However, she receives her reward by fulfilling her role as to what God has called her to do and not by trying to compete with men.

It means that they need to be willing to submit to their own husbands as

unto the Lord! It means they need to adopt a meek and quiet spirit. It means that they must be willing to climb down off the pedestals and thrones that their husbands have given them (figuratively speaking) and be willing to submit and to reverence the husband.

It means also that men must rise up and be more like King Ahasuerus rather than being like king Ahab!

When Queen Vashti refused to come as the King ordered, he asked his wise men what should he do. Memucan, one of the wise men said that what the queen had done was not only wrong to the king but to all the men that lived in the kingdom. He said that when the women in the kingdom heard that the wife of the king could refuse him then all the women in the kingdom would begin to despise their husbands. He advised him to put her away and to choose a better than she.

This can be a very hard thing. For if a man loves and cares for his wife, he is likely to overlook rebellion. Nevertheless, if he is in a position of authority with others who look up to him, he is setting a bad example and a bad precedent.

This is where we see that some of Jesus' words come into importance.

“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me.”

Matthew 10:37,38

“If any man come to me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea and his own life also, he can not be my disciple.”

Luke 14:26

Do we love Jesus enough to do the hard things when necessary?

King Ahasuerus heard his wise men and followed their advice. He then ruled that all men throughout his empire would bear rule in their own homes

This type of thinking is an abomination to the average westernized indoctrinated man or woman. Nevertheless, our allegiance must not be to the worldly ways of thinking but to Godly thinking and living. If that chases people away, that is sad, but so be it!

Did not Jesus say, “Enter ye in at the straight gate for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat. But strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it.”

Matthew 7:13,14

LOVE COVERS

The Bible says that love covers a multitude of sins.

A man is to have Agape love for his wife. This is true even if his wife is afflicted with worldly minditus (A worldly mind set). Therefore it is important that we say that a man should not easily or quickly put away his wife who appears to be in rebellion.

A Man is to love a wife as Christ loves the church. Christ does not easily or quickly put us away.

Only in the most extreme provocation over a long period of time does he come to a point where he says “I will spew thee out of my mouth!” Revelations 3:16

Notice though that this church is wretched and blind and naked! Now there is no need for her to be naked for she has had the opportunity to receive from Jesus white raiment that she might be clothed.

Why doesn't she have this white raiment? It is because she has rebelled against His authority. How do we know that she has rebelled against his authority? We know because he says, “Buy of me gold tried in the fire.” The gold represents the glory of God!

It was above the Mercy Seat, that was made of pure gold, in the Tabernacle that the Glory of God would appear. Paul spoke of a Crown of Righteousness. Peter called this a Crown of Glory. James called it a Crown of Life. These are not three or four different crowns but different names for the same crown which is the covering that God desires for us. His Glory is sometimes called righteousness.. In Revelations 19 we read,

“ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.”

Now had she been obedient, she would have gone through some fire. That is she would have gone through some trials, tribulations and some persecutions! However, it is those things that bring forth righteousness which is glory or the white linen garment.

In 2nd Corinthians 4:17 we read, “ For our light affliction which is but for a

moment worketh for us a far more and exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

When a wife obeys her husband she clothed spiritually by him. When she disobeys, she begins to disrobe in the spiritual realm. This leaves her more and more naked and more and more open to spiritual attack!

When she disobeys long enough she will find herself naked.

The husband’s job is to continually attempt to show an errant wife why and where she is wrong. He does this because he loves her. In some cases if he is gentle and nurturing and loving enough, she may hear him and heed his voice and come back to the covering that he provides.

Love covers a multitude of sins!

“And above all things have fervent charity (Love) among yourselves: for Charity (Love) shall cover the multitude of sins.” 1st Peter 4:8

“LET”

Ahab, as we have said is associated with Jezebel. Jezebel could not have been the Jezebel that she became, had not Ahab “let” her.

So a major factor in the Ahab syndrome is “letting” or allowing Jezebel to rule!

We also see this happening with the other Jezebel in the Bible. This is the one spoken of in revelations 2:20.

“Notwithstanding, I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman, Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.”

The word suffereth used in the King James bible means to “let” or to “allow” something. This Jezebel was allowed to teach. This Jezebel called herself a prophetess!

This implies of course that she was not a true prophetess but only called herself that title to assume a high position.

Where were the elders in the church? Where were the men that should have been in Charge? Why would they allow her to take over and to teach when she was not what she claimed to be? Should she have been teaching men?

Jezebel must be “allowed” to function, if she is to function. It is Ahab and the Ahab factor that puts men into such a weak mindset! They then allow her authority that she should not have.

Men must be men!

Men must take back their authority from the Jezebel’s in the family. This includes wives and daughters that want to rule. Men must also take back authority in the church from women who seek to be above their God ordained positions.

Notice that she (Jezebel) caused the Lord’s servants to commit fornication. Was this natural fornication, that is, sexual relations outside of marriage or spiritual fornication, which is idolatry? I strongly suspect that it was idolatry. I suspect that they were reverencing her as the prophetess of God and the lord was

not pleased.

Neither is He pleased when men idolize their wives and give up their manhood and authority to them!

When men act like men should, then women can not function as Jezebels with them!

IDOLATRY

What is idolatry?

Idolatry is the act of worshipping or reverencing an idol.

What is an Idol?

An idol is anything that you place before God or obedience to the word of God.

When Ahab married a non Israelite, going against the commandment of God, he committed Idolatry. He loved Jezebel more than he loved obeying God.

In Exodus 34:12-16 we read,

“Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee.

But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images and cut down their groves:

For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord who name is jealous is a jealous God.

Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they go whoring after gods and do sacrifice unto their gods and one call thee and thou eat of his sacrifice.

And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons and their daughters go a whoring after their gods and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.”

Moses had written this in the law. Ahab as an Israelite should have been fully aware of this commandment and yet he willfully chose to disobey it and took Jezebel as a wife.

This was an act of rebellion against God, which showed his stubbornness. Stubbornness is as idolatry! (See 1st Samuel 15:23)

The worship of a woman began to bring him down. His idolatry was manifest in his stubbornness and rebellion against God and the placing of a foreign wife above the word of God.

She then introduced idol worship including the worship of a goddess!

Today men act like Ahab. They worship their women. Their women and the happiness of their women is placed above the desire to be obedient to God and pleasing God. Men must recognize this sin for what it is and then repent and come out of it!

A woman must not become an Idol in a man's life! When he allows that to happen he is becoming an Ahab!

AHAB IN SAMSON

Samson was a mighty man and a warrior for Israel. Yet, he succumbed to the Ahab syndrome when dealing with his wife and with Delilah.

(Read judges 14:10-18)

As you know Samson had a riddle, the answer to which, no one knew but himself. He challenged the Philistines to answer the riddle and if he could, he would give them each a change of clothing.

During the several day long feast, the Philistines pushed and even threatened his wife to find out the answer to the riddle.

Samson answered his wife, saying, "I have not told my father or my mother shall I tell thee?"

Notice that Samson is implying that if I have not told my father and my mother who are my superiors why would I tell my wife who is not superior but in fact inferior in position.?

He is saying in essence, If I have not told those that my religion says should be honored and obeyed, why would I tell my wife?

If I have not told those in a higher position, why would I tell someone in a lower position?

Jesus said, "But when thou doest an alms let not your left hand (lower position) know what thy right hand (Higher position) doeth."

Perhaps we can glean from this that it is not always necessary that a wife knows everything that the husband is doing. Marriage is NOT an equal partnership!

Notice that the method used to get the secret answer to the riddle from Samson was weeping. Women today often use crying to get what they want.

"And Samson's wife wept before him and said, Thou dost hate me and lovest me not. Thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people and hast not told me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told my father nor my

mother, shall I tell thee?

And she wept before him seven days while the feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her **BECAUSE SHE LAY SORE UPON HIM** and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

Men often give in to nagging by their wives. To the degree to which women take control when they shouldn't is the degree to which men are becoming Ahabs.

Samson later went on to a harlot named Delilah. She too desired to get a secret from him. However, this time giving up the secret proved to be much more costly.

Over and over again, Samson tells her a false answer to the "riddle" regarding where he obtained his strength.

When each solution to taking away his strength fails, she goes back and asks again and again. Finally we read in Judges 16:16

"And it came to pass when **SHE PRESSED HIM DAILY** with her words and urged him so that **HIS SOUL WAS VEXED UNTO DEATH**, that he told her all his heart and said unto her. There hath not come a razor upon mine head: for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: If I be shaven then my strength will go from me and I shall become weak and be like any other man.

His long hair was a "type" of the covering of the Holy Spirit. Usually, it is women that have long hair for a covering. (See 1st Corinthians 11:5-7) But in this case God is showing a concept through the power and strength of Samson of the value of being under Christ's anointing.

So after Samson reveals the secret, Delilah uses this knowledge against him.

Verse 19:

"She made him sleep upon her knees..." Notice he has his head lower than hers. When a man places his headship or authority under a woman's he is headed for trouble!

"... and she called for a man and she caused him to shave off the seven locks

(Seven is the number of perfection, Jesus is perfect) of his head and she began to afflict him and his strength went from him."

When you place your authority (Headship) under that of a woman you lose the power and authority that is from God!

THE AHAB IN MOSES

When we think of Moses we often think of his parting the Red Sea, which was one of the greatest miracles in the Bible. Nevertheless, sometimes we need to look at the training that he had to make him the great man of God that he became.

Moses also had to overcome the Ahab factor. I mean by this that he had to learn to not let his wife rule.

Where do we see this?

Look at Exodus 4:24-26

This occurs immediately after God had spoken to him from the burning bush. God had sent him on a mission to set the children of Israel free from the slavery of Egypt.

“And it came to pass by the way in the inn that the Lord met him and sought to kill him....” What? Why would the Lord want to kill the man he just sent out on an important mission? Read on.

“Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, surely a bloody husband art thou to me.

So he (the Lord) let him (Moses) go.

Now with a little thought and perhaps a bit of speculation we can read between the lines.

Moses, being an Israelite knew that a male child should be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. It is probably the case that when he went to perform this on his son, his wife did not approve. He, then, rather than cause turmoil in his household and not wanting to fight with her over it did not do what was necessary.

The lord now comes to kill him because he has broken the covenant that started with Abraham. He has obeyed his wife rather than God! He has become an Ahab!

His wife now seeing that her husband is about to die, decides to relent and

performs the circumcision on her son. Still, it is obvious that she is not happy about it.

Now that the blood has been shed and the covenant kept, the Lord lets Moses go.

Moses must have learned a very important lesson. “Obedience is more important than pleasing a wife!”

How many of us men have pretended not to hear God so that we could do what a wife wanted in order to keep her happy?

How many have blocked out what God was speaking to us in our hearts by the Holy Spirit because it contradicted what a wife wanted?

You can hide it from people but God knows the truth! He counts disobedience as SIN!

We must not be Ahabs!

In Africa, there are some groups of people that have a custom of sending a rebellious wife back to her parents for better training in how to be an obedient and respectful wife.

In Exodus 18:2,5 it says:

“Then Jethro, Moses’ father in law took Zipporah Moses’ wife after he sent her back...”

“And Jethro Moses’ father in law came with his sons and his wife into the wilderness where he encamped at the mount of God.”

Did Moses send her back for better training in submission? Or did send her back for safety and away from the turmoil that surrounded the children of Israel?

We don’t know for sure, since the scripture does not say.

However, a woman who acts like a Jezebel and wants to take authority away from her husband does need to be better trained!

LEARNED BEHAVIOR

Why is it that so many men in the Western World seem to have become Ahabs in their relationships with women? Much of it now is learned behavior. Many have watched their fathers submit to their mothers as if they were little boys submitting to their Momma.

In addition, we see that the media and especially television projects and image of men as idiots and bumbling fools in need of a woman to show them the way. There is even now a show where a group of homosexual men show a straight man how to dress to please women!!!

Strong male characters as they relate to family and especially as one relates to a wife are rarely shown.

A man who makes his own decisions is depicted as an insensitive jerk who deserves to be divorced.

The constant broadcast of these negative images, educates the public as to what is right and what is wrong in our society. Therefore almost anyone watching television, which is the vast majority of Americans, will be subtly socialized to understand that female dominance in a relationship is preferred or at least required for the relationship to be maintained.

Advertisers spend millions of dollars to sway public opinions by commercials on television. If it did not work, they would not continue to do it. They are not in the business to waste money., therefore we know that the advertisers are swaying people toward their products. If the commercials are effective in steering the viewer, then the programs in between the commercials also educate and teach and persuade the viewer.

These stories instill a worldly mindset into the people who view them. Only by a very strong inoculation of the word of God can prevent a person from being infected with “Worldly Minditus” (A worldly mindset)

It has now come to the point where a man who expects to be the leader and have the final say in the marriage is looked upon as an odd ball. He is considered an anachronism or a throw back to an unenlightened age.

That is exactly what Satan wants people to think. Unfortunately, many if not most believers are also caught up in these falsehoods!

With the women, even Christian women, being trained to think of themselves as equal partners to men in marriage, it becomes harder and harder to find a woman in the Western world worthy of being married to a truly Godly man.

It is as if the women are now saying, “ If you are not willing to be an Ahab that will let me be the one on the throne ruling in the household, then I won’t consider marrying you.!”

“Or if I do then I will divorce you and take your house and the children and a large portion of all your future income if you continue to refuse to submit to me! And the Government will help me do it!!!

All these forces are combining to train men into becoming Ahabs!

CHANGING

How do men who recognize themselves as Ahabs stop being such?

They must recognize their previous failure to act like men that God has created them to be and then repent of their sin.

In second chronicles 7:14 we read:

“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 I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

A man must do this and then start acting differently. Instead of giving in to the female to avoid conflict, he must stand up and be a man. Instead of seeking peace with a wife at any price, (Usually it is the price of his manhood), he must be willing to lose her if need be but love God enough to follow His commands.

Now let's look more closely at the four things that the word says that we must do.

1. Humble ourselves
2. Pray
3. Seek His Face
4. Turn from Wicked ways

We (generally speaking) in the Western world need to humble ourselves by admitting that we have been wrong in what has been propagated in society and wrong in our participation in the worldly mindset.

We also need to get down on our knees and pray. Prayer is not just a wish list that you verbally hand God everyday. Real prayer is a dialogue and not just a monologue. It is a communion with God.

Thirdly we need to seek His face. What does that mean? We need to seek to know the mind of God and we need to sincerely ask for forgiveness.

Fourthly, we must repent! that means to turn around. we must go in a different direction. It does no good to to ask for forgiveness unless you are determined to change your ways.

In the context of those things of which we are speaking, it means we, men, will no longer allow women to take our authority. It means that we will not desire the “garden” more than obeying God. it means that we will break off the leash collars about our necks and we will refuse to be dominated by women!

What will be the result?

First, God says he will hear from heaven.

The scripture says; “ If I regard iniquity in my heart the lord will not hear me.”

Psalms 66:18

In John we read, “The lord heareth not sinners”

We have to repent and get right with God, before he hears us. We must turn away from our idolatry to be heard by God.

Secondly, he says he will forgive our sins.

This is a blessing in itself for the scripture says, “Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord will not impute sin.” Romans 4:8

Thirdly, He says that he will heal our land. What does this mean?

Let’s look at 1st Corinthians 11: where it speaks of those that partake of the Lord’s supper unworthily. What was the punishment? It says “many are weak or sickly among you and many sleep.”

How does one partake unworthily? He exhibits behaviors that are not in line with what is required of a true disciple.

In Matthew 10:37,38 it says, “ He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me., and he that loveth son or daughter more then me is not worthy of me.

And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of

me.”

In Luke 14:26, it says, “If any man come to me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea and his own life also, he can not be my disciple.”

So if we partake unworthily by not being a true disciple then we can be weak or sickly or even die early.

However, if we humble ourselves and pray and seek his face and turn from our wicked ways, (including the Ahab Syndrome), He will hear from heaven and forgive our sin and heal our land.

The healing can be spiritual as well as emotional, physical and financial.
Let us get right with God.

Let us change from Ahabs to the mighty men of valor that God requires us to be!

THE GARDEN OF RICHES

What is the garden of riches. It is the deceitfulness of riches. How does that figure into a discussion of the Ahab factor?

It figures in because many have become Ahabs because of their lust for riches.

In Matthew 13:22 we read of the thorny ground: “ He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word: and the care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word and he becometh unfruitful.”

In Mark 4:19, we read:
“And the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word and he becometh unfruitful.”

Luke 8:14 says:
“And that which fell among thorns are they which when they have heard go forth and are choked with the cares and riches and pleasures of this life and bring no fruit to perfection.”

In America most two parent families have two wage earners. Both the husband and the wife go to work. With two incomes the couple can purchase more of the world's goods than they could with only one income.

The problem is that as a wife earns income, she usually assumes that she has a say in how it is spent. This then begins to erode the authority of the husband to be the head of the household. He finds it difficult to tell her that she has no say over the money that she has earned in terms of what the household budget will be. This is not to say that it is wrong for a wife to make suggestions. However, I am saying that all final decisions should be the husbands unless he chooses to delegate

some of the responsibility to her.

Unfortunately, in most cases she demands to have a say in how it is spent not just the ability to make a suggestion. Since they want nice cars and to live in a big house in a nice neighborhood, he gives in and allows her to work and help pay the bills for their luxuries.

He gives up a portion of his authority to get the garden of riches that he desires. He becomes an Ahab!

This happens on the family level and sometimes on the church level.

Women work and contribute their tithes to the church. They then demand to have a say in how the tithe is used and to whom it is given.. If the elders do not want to lose the women or their money they give in and allow the women to tell where they want their money to go.

To the degree that the men become Ahabs, Jezebel takes power and authority.

We, men, must not be so enamored with wealth or money that we will give in to Jezebel spirits and allow them to take over.

This is why the scripture says of leaders in several places, “Not greedy of filthy lucre (money).

It also says in 1st Timothy 3:4,5:

“One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity, (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

This is reason that it is strongly recommended that an elder be a married man who has proven that he knows how to keep his children under subjection. For if he can not do that in his own home, how will he be able to do it in the church.

AHABS DO NOT QUALIFY TO BE ELDERS!

GARDEN OF CHILDREN

When discussing what makes some men into Ahabs we must not leave out the garden of children.

A man wants to raise his own children but in today's American society it can be difficult unless he agrees to become an Ahab.

Why?

The reason is because the court systems have given women the confidence that in a divorce they are most likely to be awarded custody of the children. Knowing that, many women threaten their husbands with divorce and the loss of their children unless they are willing to do their bidding which will make the wife happy.

Happiness to many Western women is being in charge. They want to rule the roost and they want to be on the pedestal for their husbands to idolize and reverence. This is the nature of Jezebel.

Even the husbands that can forego the garden of sexual pleasure and the garden of riches have hard time giving up the garden of children.

Yet, even children must be forsaken when the choice is whether to obey God and follow his word or not.

As we have said before, the very definition of a disciple is one who will forsake all to follow Jesus.

Still, seeing one's own flesh and blood children and knowing that they will suffer not having a father around, can make one cringe at the thought of leaving them over a rebellious Jezebelic wife!

Only a real father who has done so, can know the pain involved in such a decision.

What must be done, **MUST** be done.

God can restore the years that the cankerworm has eaten.

Becoming an Ahab to keep the garden of children is not the answer.

GOT HIM BY THE...;”SECRETS”

There is a strange scripture in Deuteronomy 25:11,12; It says.

“When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him and putteth forth her hand and taketh him by the secrets:

Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity her.”

Why is this scripture here in the Bible and what does it mean?

We know from Paul, the apostles, explanation of Deuteronomy 25:4 that a passage in the old testament can also have another meaning besides the one originally thought.

“Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn”

Paul explains in 1st Corinthians 9:9,10 that it really means that those who do the work of the Lord can we expect support from, those to whom they minister.

Likewise, I think this scripture also has an additional meaning and understanding.

There is a crude saying in America, “She has got him by the “Balls”. This implies she has a hold on the testicles of the man and now he will do whatever she wants to avoid any additional pain! It implies that a woman has a man in a position to control him.

This scripture could be indicating that it is wrong for a Jezebelic woman to try to control a man.

OR it could be that it means that it is wrong for a woman to attack a man's progeny; his children

Or it could mean that it is wrong for a woman to try to damage or control a man's ability to procreate.

Since some scriptures have multiple meanings, it could mean all those and more.

However, we do know that a woman SHOULD NOT have control over a man!

A woman SHOULD NOT do damage to man's children.

A woman SHOULD NOT have a say over a man's procreative abilities!

Ahab will accept being held by the secrets and do Jezebel's bidding!

Those who resist the Ahab factor will cut off her hand, (Figuratively speaking) and that without pity!