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“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

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A WOMAN'S WORLD

The 21st century is only just over a decade old but even in that short time there seems to be a change in society, subtle but nevertheless tangible as our world hurtles into the unknown future. Undoubtedly our food habits are changing with meals of yesteryear fast being superseded *My Kitchen Rules* and new methods of food preparation, new recipes and new taste experiences for the modern palate. This, of course is a superficial side to the changed society. But deeper things are happening too. Beginning in the last century the progress of the women's movement in society is continuing to make inroads into what was once a male-dominated culture. Women, today, though still complaining of the “glass ceiling” they believe prevents their upward movement in society, are undoubtedly gaining more and more senior positions both in government and private enterprise---and of course, more influence.

Influential Ministries

In Australia today, the leader of the nation (the prime minister) is a woman. Likewise the head of state, the Queen's representative (the Governor-General) is also a woman. These two women hold the highest offices in the land. How much higher can you go? Moreover, the prime minister has appointed a number of her female colleagues to the most influential ministries with untold power over various portfolios which control the fortunes of the nation, for good or ill. Furthermore, there are a large number of women in both State and Commonwealth Parliaments all wielding much influence on the important affairs of our country. Is it any wonder we are fast becoming “a nanny state”?

The Business World

In the business world women hold numerous positions of power and influence. Some, no doubt, are competent in their various fields and would hold their heads high among their male colleagues. Among women we have the richest woman in Australia thanks to the legacy left by her father. Others include the chairwoman one of the world's largest oil companies, another is one of the highest paid public servants, while another oversees WA's biggest banking business. Governments have also played a significant role in parachuting women into top positions over men with much more experience in the name of ‘equal opportunity’ to top positions in education, firefighting and the water corporation to name just a few. The media is notably pro-feminist. In fact, some years ago the National Broadcaster (the ABC) adopted a special training program to train women producers and broadcasters.

Equal Opportunity Boards

The armed services and the police have also fallen victim of equal opportunity, ensured by the establishment of Equal Opportunity Commissions and Discrimination boards throughout the country that are invariably staffed with ardent feminists who definitely believe that women can do any job that a man can and must be given the opportunity to prove it---no matter what the circumstances. The result of all this manipulation of society is the steady erosion of traditional values that once undergirded our nation, the nuclear family unit and the man's pivotal role in it. Men are no longer the breadwinners, many forced into unemployment as more and more positions are being fulfilled by women, so often forcing men to baby-sit at home with the children---a complete reversal of roles.

Feminist Philosophy

Without doubt, one of the main reasons for the changes in society is a steady bombardment with feminist philosophy. No one dare uphold the traditional roles of father as breadwinner or mother as homemaker without being called sexist. Even our language is under attack. The education ministry in WA has issued 'bias-free' language guidelines banning the use of such terms as mankind, founding fathers and man in the street. Stories are checked to see there are an equal number of significant roles for boys and girls and that female characters use their intelligence to achieve their objectives.

Authority Figures

Sadly, however, the most detrimental effect of all is on children, particularly boys. From birth to their teens the majority of authority figures for a modern-day child are female. With the advent of easy divorce and social welfare encouragement to single mothers some two million children in Australia will grow up without the love, authority and discipline of a father. With such a powerful female influence on their lives it is not surprising that today's young man wants to sow he's a real man---like mum! He wears jewellery, earrings, bracelets and long hair styled by a unisex hairdresser. Ironically, women wear masculine trousers and suits and sport short-back-and-sides' haircuts. No wonder today's young people are confused, not knowing what their true place in life is!

"Women Rule over Them"

We should take warning from the Holy Scriptures. The prophet Isaiah spoke of times such as these: "As for My people, children are their oppressors. And women rule over them. O My people! Those who lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths." Moreover, the Lord says: "Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, making a jingling with their feet, Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab to the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will uncover their secret parts."

A Warning to Us

"In that day the Lord will take away the finery... And so shall it be: Instead of a sweet smell there shall be a stench; Instead of a sash, a rope; Instead of well-set hair, baldness; Instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; And branding instead of beauty: Your men shall fall by the sword; And your mighty in the war... And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, 'We will eat our own food and wear our own clothes; only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach.'" That was God's word to His people when they allowed women and children to dominate society. Let it be a warning to us.

God's Order

It's high time we returned to His order: "Wives, be submissive to your own husbands... Do not let your beauty be that of outward adorning... but let it be the hidden person of the heart, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight... Likewise you husbands, dwell with them in understanding, giving honour to the wife as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life." That is God's recipe for a harmonious family life and a successful society.

PRAYER

Almighty God, eternal Father, as joint heirs with Jesus Christ, we worship You in Spirit and in truth. Sovereign Lord, thank You that Your all-sufficient grace sustains us in all circumstances. Dear Father, we yield to Your Holy Spirit to help us obey Your will in all decisions as we are guided by the precepts and principles of Your eternal Word, enabling us to share our faith in Christ and enlarge Your Family of Faith. Merciful Father, we ask Your forgiveness for all rebellious leaders, including women beguiled by their arrogance and pride who have fallen into the devil's trap. May they come to obey Your will in all things pertaining to their place in society especially in giving honour to their husbands and recognizing their true place in the home. Deliver them from their pride and teach them to acknowledge Your divine family plan. May we all be led by Your gracious Spirit to enthrone Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords of this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit, giving all honour, authority and glory to our heavenly Father and God Almighty the Creator of us all. Amen.

R.A: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and in faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His holy name.

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