

P31 Session 6 ~ Book Ends & Folk Tales ~

vs. 28-31

vs. 28: Her sons rise / stand up they go straight forward on a level honest path
(Translations = declare her happy, her children bless her, and/or call her blessed)

Her husband's praise is unclouded and clear, transparent
(He sees her as understandably the most obvious choice)

vs. 29: There are many daughters of "chayil" strength and substance,
yet you rise above them all

vs. 30a: Charm, (implying "magic" spells) alluring, = the ability to be gracious,
(courteous & condescending to strangers and social inferiors);
or *appear* to be devoutly conforming to the will of God (gracious = godly);
the power to give delight or arouse admiration can be only a lure, an attraction
or temptation, falsely presented as true

jezebel: impudent: lacking modesty, disregard of others, haughty attitude,
insulting behavior, manipulating, not showing due respect for another
person

Jezebel spirit: A disposition or demonic influence that causes or creates rifts in
the church and in marriages through cunning, deception, and
seduction and control;
attempts to silence prophets / true words about or from God,
attempts to overthrow/undermine the focus of worship
(or Narcissistic Personality Disorder?)

Folk tale: *The Spider and the Fly*

illusory beauty - I Peter 2:20-3:6 (spec. vs 3, externals)
vs superficial: relating to the surface, not penetrating below, affecting
only the surface, concerned only with the obvious or apparent
external, lacking depth or solidity

vs.30b Beauty lasts only a short time and can leave one disappointed

(But) A woman / wife that has a great unquestioning love, devotion and honor of
YHVH is to receive unreserved praise

vs.31: Give her the fruit &/or wine (from her vineyard) with a generous hand
Let her abiding steadfastness (works) be her praise in the city gates

Book Ends I: KNOWING GOD Proverbs 1:1 -7

The starting point = The fear of the Lord 1:7

The beginning or the best part P9:10-11

knowledge of the Holy One is understanding

The high point (of the process) =

P2:1-12 Then you will understand the awe of Adonai and attain

the knowledge of God;

The “End” point/goal: P31:30 A woman who fears Adonai is praiseworthy

Matthew 25:19-25 “**Well done**, my good & faithful servant!”

Book Ends II: Your intimate WORTH

P31:10 pearls

P31:16 buying the field, planting a fruit yielding vineyard

P31:28 Her husband praises her, **not** the people in the gates

Matthew 6:6 & 18 Your father who is with you in secret...who sees what is done in secret...He will reward you. In fact HE will be your reward

Betrothal gifts: items the bridegroom gives to the bride and her family as promises/tokens to keep them during the waiting period. (Sh'ma)

grain=“solid” food/teaching

wine = love & affection,

oil = wisdom

clothing = identity/dignity

John 15:1-12 ~ Abide in Me ~

Jude 17-25 ~ Keep yourselves (immersed) **in** God's love

Philippians 3:13 ~ Don't look back

Folk Tale: *Beauty and the Beast*

Love Adonai who loves you, cling to Him, remain steadfast, keep your lamp lit.