# Quickening

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# Joel 2:21-29

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

At the Beginning, shortly after Creation, the woman was forced into a prize fight, of sort.

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

### (Genesis 3:1-3)

The "agent" that was negotiating for a certain recompense for the woman told her that she would have an impressive victory, with little work needed by her.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God

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doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. (Genesis 3:4-5)

And, on the other side of the fight, the adversary for the woman was this: *the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden*. That adversary was restraining its bounty, as by a thrust out fist of logic; keeping its good from the possession of the woman. Being ready to confront this adversary, the woman was there, with this fight method: hands that had been designed by God. The only thing remaining was this: for the woman to enter the fight against unnecessary deprivation . . . or, so it seemed.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat,

(Genesis 3:6)

. . .

Though . . . at this point, something was still missing. Surely, Eve had acquired something new; and she got it by her efforts, using those hands. But, maybe she needed to share her pride of accomplishment. Or, maybe she recalled her charter in life, as set out, here . . .

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

(Genesis 2:20-22)

So, most likely; initially, the woman obtained a measure of satisfaction, by engaging in the battle with the tree, as she did this . . .

and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (Genesis 3:6)

It seems reasonable that, Eve would want to share her pride. It might be said to have been in response to Adam sharing his pride, at this time . . .

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 2:23)

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Alas, the prize that was at the end of the fight was not as pleasant as anticipated.

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. (Genesis 3:7)

Though; I would like to think that the nakedness could have become a non-issue . . . after all; in order for them to fulfill their joint charter, they would have to be at least partially naked (we might speak more of that joint charter, later).

At that moment, Eve must have realized that the fight had not been completed--round three was about to start (which was after round two, the discovery of nakedness). It is in round three that, this disconcerting thing happened: the woman received a double whammy, knock-down punch.

• Hit one:

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children ....

(Genesis 3:16)

• Hit two:

and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. (Genesis 3:16)

Sometimes, there is a benefit in pressure. The benefit that was in that package for Woman is this: she was given custody of developing the new, life process that allows humankind to fulfill its charter. Oh; you thought of the word, *conception*, as applied to human little ones? No, this other quickening process is not that limited. To see the broader span, consider this wisdom.

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. (Proverbs 31:10-12)

Or, consider this one.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the

LORD.

(Proverbs 18:22)

In these Scripture, we have the introduction of the broader quickening ability of the woman. That quickening ability is so comprehensive that; at times, it will also push Woman to present her self as occupying a portion of the responsibility sphere of Man. There is this expression: one of the boys. That expression pertains to the stretch that is required of the girls, sometimes. It is totally different from this one: my boys. In general, when the, my boys, is not being said by a mother, as referencing her sons; then, it refers to men-boys. In that reference, it is applied to the posse of men-boys, or other collection of macho male comrades.

The fact that women may be pressed to be, one of the boys, while men are not pressed to be, one of the girls; that sort of persuasion is somewhat unfair. But, that persuasion is not as grave as the opposite type of pressure. It is a far greater danger for men to try to become, one of the girls. Men are forbidden from being, one of the girls, when they are walking in this fear and reverence of God . . .

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

(1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

Of course, the woman must not, ever, behave as one of the boys, when she is walking in accordance with this, the fear and reverence of God . . .

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 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. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 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.

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

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#### (Romans1:18-25)

This is the specific instruction that includes the prohibition for females, as to performing a certain male-mimicking behavior.

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: 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 recompense of their error which was meet.

(Romans1:26-27)

As for those previous convicting statements that are included above; they are being subjected to some significant modern stress. Among the more common, and decidedly most dangerous, modern stresses is: to say that Scripture does not state what is written therein. This statement, of liquefaction of Scripture, comes in several formulations. One formulation that is relevant, here, is this: to say that, the price that was paid by Christ removed the need to follow the foundational under girding of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. That lashes out at the following Scripture.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:17-20)

Wherefore we declare: such an attempt, to overlay any act of willful error, as by setting grace on top of it, to obscure, or eliminate, its negative consequence; that is a contradictory stretching of logic. Such a stretch does not give due honor to this Scripture. Such statements seek to destroy the quickening that keeps us separated out, from the carnal world. This sort of attempted destruction of quickening is also in the man-designed amalgamation of the various positions of the church, as pertains to, what may be called, unisex implementation. For instance, there is no scriptural basis for either, a female deacon, or, the office of deaconess. Please, reference this . . .

Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much

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wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

(1 Timothy 3:8-13)

In like fashion, a resident men's room attendant should not be a woman. As you consider career paths; please, keep this in mind, as you are being stretched into the ministry that has been ordained for you, by the LORD. Please let the LORD operate in your personal quickening. Also, O woman; please yield to the Father, fully, as He sends you, in faith, into the quickening of others; especially, in the quickening of the man to whom He joins you.

And, if mayhap, as your quickening progresses, you are rightfully criticized for error; then, let this be the hope of your recovery.

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

(Romans 6:1-6)

### Sealing the Motivation

Remember this, always: any stretch, as in attempted liquefaction of the word of God, flies in the face of wisdom. In preparation for the unique task that has been given to you, as being a help that is meet for the, often needy, men of the world; you, O woman, must be constantly vigilant about acknowledging your need for the quickening that comes from

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the LORD. Therefore, be both a willing, and an active, participant in the shaping of your witness to the world. The way to do that is set forth, here.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

For a lump of clay To envision its worth, It must, by hands, Be pressed to rebirth:

So, it is put in place, To be sent for a spin; As the work starts To, her utility amend.

The apostle of God says; There will be this choice: Make either a thing of joy, Or a vessel of remorse.

Honor, or dishonor, are The possible points of rest, In the ministry into which This vessel will invest

Its newly found measure Of motivational energy; As it begins its striving For some form of synergy,

As among those members With which it has space; As, its ordained function, It learns to embrace.

This, too, is our burden, When we go outside To places of work, where Our effort must abide.

And, even though; sometimes, Your work place is sickening; Still, believe that, God uses it As a part of your quickening.

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