

**The Praise of the Woman Who Feels the Lord**

Proverbs 31:10-31 gives us a picture of the complete flowering of the Fear of the Lord in a Woman's life.

This section is an acrostic on the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Each letter starts a praise of the woman who fears the Lord. The writer aims to achieve three things with this acrostic: (1) To describe the woman who fears the Lord. (2) To inspire women to fear the Lord. (3) To praise the woman who fears the Lord.

**The literary genre:** This is not the Law where you find legalistic demands placed on believers. This is not the Prophets blurring out "Thus saith the Lord, woe to you if you neglect". Nor is it part of the Historical section documenting the achievements of a particular woman in history who had done exceedingly well.

This is in the wisdom literature. Imagine having a conversation with a wise-old-extremely-polite-person. And that person leans over and tells you in a soft voice, "You know, I don't mean to be rude, or imply that something is wrong in your life, but it would be most profitable for you and your family if you consider the following facts of life. And of course God will not curse you if you don't. But you will surely prosper."

The ideals in this section may seem unattainable because it describes a super achiever. But why not! It is in the Bible to show us that if a person fears God completely and obeys God's Word thoroughly, then the sky is the limit to the growth and progress of that person.

**THE WOMAN WHO FEELS THE LORD.**

- \*She is a woman of Character (vv.10-12). She can be trusted.
- \*Good personal management (v.17) and the household. She makes her own fabric for her own clothes (v.19). She is hard working (vv.13-22, 24).
- \*She is generous (v.20) to her maidens, and to the poor and needy.
- \*She makes it easy for her husband to do his work and excel in his responsibilities (v.23).
- \*She can confidently smile at the future because she is prepared (v.25).
- \*She is a teacher of wisdom (v.26).
- \*Manages highly successful business ventures(v.14, 24); and undertakes thorough inventory of all her work and belongings (v.18).
- \*Her husband and children are always praising her.

**HER SECRET is that She fears the Lord** (v.30). She seeks God's wisdom and instruction in His Word and puts them into practice in every area of her life ("The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. But fools despise wisdom and instruction"). This is not a "Sunday" fear, but a fear that is practised 24/7. This is not a gloomy fear, but she fears the gloom of ignoring God, because outside of the happiness of God, there is only gloom.

**FEAR OF GOD IN A WOMAN'S LIFE:**

- (1) It enhances her value and her worth. She is worth more than jewels. She is far better than all excellent women because she fears the Lord.
- (2) It enhances her charm and beauty. She has charm but it is not deceitful. She has beauty but it is not fleeting.
- (3) It enhances her practical life. The focus of her mind brings profit. The labour of her hands bring prosperity.
- (4) It enhances her courage and faith. She can handle long distance ships at night and smile at the unknown future.
- (5) It enhances her testimony. She is praised at home, at the gates, and by all who know her.

What kind of woman should we be praising? Not just any woman. But the woman who fears the Lord deserves our praise.

- Pastor Kedo Peseiyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

# City Church

## SUNDAY SERVICE

- Leader : Robin Temsu
- Speaker : Zajamo Odyuo
- Ushers : Temjenmoa Jamir  
& Limayanger Sangtam
- Keyboard : Vizolenuo Solo
- Flower : Oponlumi Esaca

### Call to Worship Praise & Worship

Reading: Psalm 5

### Mass Prayer

- Announcement
- Hymn No.203 : Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
- Offertory
- Message
- Hymn No.175 : Draw Me Nearer
- Benediction



### PRAYER:

- Let us confess our sins and ask God for the power to repent and transform into His likeness.
- Thank God for all our young people who successfully cleared the HSLC and HSSLC exams. Pray for God's favour and blessings as they seek admissions in different institution.
- Continue to pray for God's healing grace and recovery upon the sick people and His protection upon those who are travelling.

## A PRAYER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS-PSALM 5

*Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning.*

**Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.**

*O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.*

**For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.**

*The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.*

**You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**

*But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.*

**I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**

*Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.*

**For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.**

*Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.*

**But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.**

*For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favour as with a shield.*

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### INFORMATION

- Thursday Women Fellowship at 5pm: **Leader**– Dr. Lulu Aonok, **Scripture Reading**– Soyimna & **Bible Study**– Nini Bendang.
- Enroute today at 3pm. Sharing: Kenneth Aonok.
- Wednesday Bible study at 5pm.

City Church **Jumble Sales Day** has been postponed (Date to be announced). **Collection of items is going on. Worshippers may either submit the items for sale to the women department or the church office.**  
For more details kindly contact the Women Department. or the church office.

**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Tithes: ₹ 1,21,600    Offering: ₹ 11,230    Thanksgiving: ₹ 1,200  
Building Fund: ₹ 50,000    Mission: ₹ 9,000    Nagamese: ₹ 460    Total: ₹ 1,93,490

### Short Hymn Story on “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

If Isaac Watts is known as the father of English hymnody, William Williams (1717-1791) is considered by many to be the father of Welsh hymnody.

In 1738 Williams heard a sermon by the revivalist preacher Howell Harris, a fiery Welsh layman who had been influenced by the Methodist movement in England. It was through this sermon that Williams discerned his calling to go into the ministry.

Williams first pursued becoming an Anglican priest (in the Church of Wales) and entered as a deacon in 1740.

However, he soon came to discover that his heart was with Harris and his itinerant work, and before long he left his small curacy in the mountains to join with the traveling Methodist preachers.

The revivalists realized that the Welsh language was lacking in hymns—the church in Wales was still primarily singing metrical psalms in their worship services. In order to promote the creation of hymns, Harris put together a hymn-writing competition between the different preachers.

As Louis Benson **relates**, “the prize fell easily to Williams Williams, who had the poet’s passion and a gift of verse-writing. Therefore it was not very long before he was recognized as poet laureate of the Welsh revival.”

Williams would go on to write many hymns in both Welsh and English. “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” appeared in Welsh in 1745. Twenty six years later, in 1771, a Rev. Peter Williams translated the first verse into English, prompting William Williams to translate the rest of it into English as well.

It is fitting that Williams should be the author of a hymn about the Christian’s pilgrimage on earth since as a traveling Methodist preacher, he was a pilgrim in both the spiritual and physical sense.

