

Judges 2 Homework

Goal: Memorize Proverbs 31: 29-31

Day 1

Reflection Question

Read Proverbs 31: 10-31 quickly.

The word in verse 10 is the word traditionally translated virtuous, noble, or capable is “chayil.”

Look up the following verses with the word “chayil.”

- Genesis 34: 29
- Exodus 14: 4, 9, 17, 28
- Exodus 18: 21, 25
- Deuteronomy 3: 18
- Deuteronomy 8: 17, 18
- Joshua 1: 14
- Joshua 6: 2
- Joshua 8: 3
- Joshua 10: 7
- Judges 3: 29
- 1 Samuel 2:4
- 1 Samuel 9: 1
- 1 Samuel 16: 18
- Psalm 18: 32, 39
- Psalm 33: 16, 17
- Psalm 44: 6, 10
- Psalm 84: 1

*Feel free to look up in the Blue Letter Bible for faster reference:

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?page=3&strongs=H2428&t=KJV#lexResults>

How does that impact your thoughts about the word “chayil”?

Strong’s defines the word this way:

strength, might, efficiency, wealth, army

- A. strength
- B. ability, efficiency
- C. wealth
- D. force army

Now reread Proverbs 31: 10 with this insight in mind. What trait is so rare about the ideal wife?

A better translation would be valor. "A woman of valor who can find? She is worth far more than rubies."

Day 2

Reflection Questions

Read Proverbs 31: 10-31 quickly.

Did you know that Proverbs 31:10-31 is an acrostic poem? Jewish men read it to their wives every Sabbath in order to praise her. (It was not used as a lecture.) It's descriptive not prescriptive. Read Proverbs 31: 1-9. Who wrote this poem?

Who was giving the advice?

*Note: The rabbis considered King Lemuel to be Solomon.

What contrast is there between Proverbs 31: 10-31 and the first nine verses?

Notice the same word "chayil" is used in Proverbs 31:3. What do you think is the contrast between verse 3 and poem?

Read through Proverbs 31: 11-38, and list all the things that a woman could do to display strength of valor. Remember it's an acrostic with each verse starting with a different letter. List verses 10-21 today, and finish the proverb tomorrow.

Day 3

Reflection Questions

Read Proverbs 31: 10-31 quickly.

Finish listing the characteristics of things that a woman could do to display strength of valor in verses 22-31.

Do you do any of these things in your own life?

Does this still relate to you as a single woman?

What are some things you could do in your life to display strength or valor?

How much valor does this woman have? (Chayil is used here as well.)

How were Debra and Jael women of valor?

How does it describe a wife of valor in Proverbs 12: 4?

Day 4

Reflection Questions

Read Proverbs 31: 10-31 quickly.

According to verse 30, where does a woman get her valor from?

According to the world where does a woman primarily get her strength from?

Have you been susceptible to thinking a woman's beauty and charm is the most important thing?

Have you ever felt worthless because you weren't beautiful enough?

Have you ever felt that men in the church focused on beauty and flirtatiousness instead of godliness and felt discouraged?

How does this verse encourage you?

How does knowing that Jewish men use this chapter to praise (not admonish) their wives every week encourage you?

Read 1 Peter 3: 1-6. Where should our beauty come from?

What temptation is there for us females in verse 1 Peter 3: 6?

Does fear ever inhibit you from following the Lord or focusing on external things?

How is fear a contrast to the Proverbs 31 woman?

Is 1 Peter 3 in opposition to the Proverbs 31 woman? Explain.

Where do we get our “chayil”? See Psalm 18: 32, 39.