

/Hello. / We will now begin with the seventh lecture on the prison epistles. / Today's Word will begin from Ephesians 5:22.

/Fourth main point, teachings to wives and husbands. / Ephesians 5:22-33

/Read verse 22. / Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

/It says, "Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord." /If a wife submits to her husband as she does to the Lord, then there will be two masters. / We believers should submit only to our Lord.

/To submit to the Lord is the same as submitting to His Word. / When it comes to submitting to His Word, the first thing a wife must do is submit to her husband.

/A wife does not submit to her husband to obey her husband, but so that she would submit to God's Word.

/She is to obey God's Word, and she is to begin her obedience by submitting to her husband. / Wives must not submit to their husbands only when their husbands treat them well.

/They are to be submissive in happiness or sadness, and whether or not their husbands treat them well. /This is to submit to her husband so that she would obey God's Word.

/Verse 23. /For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

/A husband and wife have equal rights as humans. / However, when it comes to order in the family, the husband is the head of his wife. / Just as the husband is the head of his wife, Christ becomes the head of the church.

/All other body parts can be at peace and be well only when they are ruled by the head. / The wife must consider her husband as her head and receive his guidance. / Also, because the head of the husband is Christ, he must be ruled by Christ's guidance.

/It also says in 1 Corinthians 11:3 that God is the head of Christ. /Whoever submits and listens to the head will be well. / Adam was first created in the order of creation.

/Eve was the first to commit a sin. / In terms of order, a wife must obey her husband because the husband is the head of the wife. /A family can be well when the husband is put first.

/Thus, the husband must submit to Christ, while the wife submit to her husband.

/Verse 24. / Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

/It says, “as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.” / The kind of submission the church shows to Christ is the kind that is willing to give up its life. / It is submission that has the mindset of a martyr.

/If so, then when a wife submits to her husband to the point of death, is she not serving two masters? / In Matthew 6:24, it says that no one can serve two masters.

/The wife must first submit to Christ. / That is, she is to submit only to Christ. / Then she can submit to her husband. / Whoever submits to Christ wholeheartedly submits to God’s Word.

/When the wife submits to God’s Word, / then she will obey the command, “submit to your husband.” / She will obey God’s command to “submit to your husband,” which then she will obey Christ.

/Hence, the wife will submit to her husband not for the sake of submitting to her husband, but so that she may submit to God’s Word. / Therefore, the wife must not only submit to her husband when he is kind to her, but she must submit at all times.

/The wife will then be able to submit to her husband in times of happiness or sadness because she would be obeying God’s command of submission. /However, she is not to submit to anything that goes against the truth. /She is to obey anything that does not cause problems with the truth.

/Verse 25. / Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up

for her

/Here, the command given to husbands is to “love your wives.”/ It says that husbands must love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

/Christ loved the church to the point of giving His life up for her. / Does this mean that the husband should love his wife to the point of death, just as Christ did for the church?

/The husband would be worshipping two masters, God and his wife, if he were to go as far as to die for his wife. / Wives should not become idols. / We must only love Christ.

/We must live only for Christ. / Husbands can love their wives only when they receive the love of Christ and love their wives with that love.

/In other words, husbands should receive Christ’s love and live in that world of love, so that they would love their wives who is closest to them. / The love we received from Christ is an endless love.

/Husbands are to love their wives with that love. / This love is unconditional, whether the wife treats her husband well or not. /The wife is to submit to her husband, while the husband is to love his wife.

/Verses 26-27. / to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

/It says, “to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.” / It also says, “to present her...without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”

/Christ washed away our sins and allowed us to be born again. / We have become clean through God’s Word. / Christ said that He would make the church radiant before God, without stain or wrinkle.

/Likewise, a couple should make up for each other’s flaws and cooperate and help each other.

/ If the husband has poor eyesight, the wife would act as his eyes.

/If the wife cannot use her legs, then the husband should act as her legs, and they should help each other. / The couple should make up for each other's flaws and help each other.

/Likewise, Christ makes the church holy and blameless, without stain or wrinkle. / It is the same with families, where a husband and wife should make up for each other's flaws and strive to live life in faith.

/Verse 28. / In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

/Because a married couple is one body, the husband loves himself when he loves his wife.

/Verse 29. / After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and care for it, just as Christ does the church—

/Everyone loves and cares for their bodies. / Likewise, just as Christ protects the church, husbands should also care for their wives.

/Just as the entire body hurts when a finger is hurt, / we must love our bodies and protect them. / Christ loves and protects the church. / The husband should protect his wife in the same way.

/Verse 30. / for we are members of his body.

/Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and we are His body. / We believers are the members of Christ. / Thus, the body can be well when it receives the guidance of Christ, who is our head.

/Also, a family can be well when it receives protection and guidance of the husband, who is the head of a family. / This is the way to a healthy family and church.

/The husband symbolizes Christ, and the wife symbolizes believers. / Believers must submit to Christ. / Christ loved the church and believers with all His heart. / Thus, the church and believers should submit to Christ.

/Verse 31. / “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

/When a man and woman get married, they become a husband and wife and one flesh. / They are united and become one flesh.

/The most ideal couple would be one who are one in heart, / faith, / and spirit. / It says in Philippians 2:5, / “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”

/The heart of Christ Jesus is one of humility and selfless submission. / It was a heart of obedience and sacrifice to the point of death on the cross. / A husband should sacrifice himself for his wife. / The wife should sacrificially submit to her husband.

/When they both have the heart of Christ Jesus, they can then be one in heart. /The heart of Jesus led Him to become a servant who abandoned all honor and glory.

/Man and woman are to leave their parents once they marry. / Then their flesh will become one. / Let us say that there is a married couple in a house, / and the mother-in-law sleeps at her son’s side because she loves him so much.

/This is very wrong. / It is biblical for the husband to become independent from his parents, and become one flesh with his wife.

/Husbands should truly love their wives, / and wives should obey their husbands. / Verse 32 calls this a “mystery.”

/Verse 32. / This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

/The verse talks about Christ and the church, while mentioning the union of husband and wife.

/It talks about how Christ loved the church/ and how the husband should love his wife. / It also talks about how the church should obey Christ, / and how the wife should obey her husband.

/It began as a work of the flesh, but in it is the mystery of glorious gospel of God.

/Verse 33. / However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

/It says that each of you must love his wife. / The wife must respect her husband. / This is the way to serve him who is the head. / All the parts of the body can be healthy when it receives the guidance of the head.

/There is a role for the mouth. / There is a role for the ears. / Hands and feet have their own roles. / The body can be healthy when it receives the guidance of the head.

/Wives' obedience to their husbands /and the church's obedience to Christ /are the mystery of husbands and wives and the mystery of Christ and the church.

/We will continue with Ephesians chapter 6.

/The title of chapter 6 is, "The Good Fight." / First, teachings to fathers and children. Verses 1-4. / Second, teachings to masters and slaves. Verses 5-9. / Third, put on the full armor. Verses 10-17.

/Fourth, be alert and continue to pray. Verses 18-20. / Fifth, sending of Tychicus. Verses 21-22. / Sixth, greeting and blessings. Verses 23-24.

/First, teachings to fathers and children. Verses 1-4.

/Read verse 1. / Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

/It says, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.” / To “obey your parents in the Lord” means to obey in faith. / This also means that children should not obey their parents regarding things that go against God’s Word.

/Children must obey their parents as long as their parents’ words do not contradict God’s Word. / Yet, in verse 2, there is no limitation on honoring their parents. Honor is unconditional.

/Verse 2. / “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise  
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/There is a condition, “in the Lord,” on obeying one’s parents, but there is no condition in honoring one’s parents. / One must honor his parents.

/One must honor his parents even if his parents are unbelievers /or wicked, /yet, one must not take part in his parents’ wickedness. /However, it is right for one to honor his parents.

/This is the first commandment with a promise. / There are no promises about the first four commandments in the Ten Commandments. /However, there is a promise in the fifth commandment. / The promise is that whoever honors his parents will enjoy long life on earth.

/Verse 3. / “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

/To “enjoy long life on the earth” certainly refers to physical health, / but it also means that one will not fail in his work.

/Because those who honor their parents learn from their parents’ wisdom, they can avoid failure by obeying their parents. /Those who obey their parents and teachers will not easily fail.

/Verse 4. / Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

/This is instruction concerning children. / It says, “do not exasperate your children.” / What does it mean to exasperate children? / It means to oppress and unjustly force things on them.

/We parents must bring up our children with Scripture. / At times, we may have to discipline and punish our children. / When that time comes, it should be clear to them what they have done wrong and why they need to be punished.

/We must bring up our children in godliness. / A young tree can be straightened when it is bent. / However, if a grown tree is bent, it is difficult for it to be straightened again.

/We must teach our children with the Bible, so that they will obey God's Word. / When we do so, we must nurture them with God's Word and not with oppression and force, so that we do not exasperate our children.

/Second, / teachings to masters and slaves. Verses 5-9.

/Verse 5. / Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.

/This is the teaching concerning slaves. / It says that slaves are to obey their masters with respect and fear, just as they would obey Christ. / It says in Romans 13 that all authority is established by God.

/We obey people who are above us, for the sake of obeying God, because all authority is established by God. / God fulfills his works by appointing leaders like Moses and Joshua.

/If we disobey those who are above us, God will judge us because such disobedience equates to disobedience to God. / God established masters.

/God is the God of order and he works through order, and therefore, we must obey our authorities.

/Verse 6. / Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

/If one only works hard when his master is watching him, and he does not work when his



master is not present, he has abandoned God. /We must do all works before God, as servants of Christ.

/“Slaves of Christ” means that we must believe that our work has been entrusted to us by God. / We must use the good conscience and work hard in faith whether others are watching us or not.

/This is also the same for worldly works. God created masters so that we would obey them and God with the good conscience.

/Verse 7. / Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,

/We must serve our masters wholeheartedly. / God established all authority. / Therefore, we must serve wholeheartedly.

/In pottery making, /students who learn from skilled potters encounter great difficulties. /The potters simply break pottery that is made incorrectly. /The students receive strict education.

/However, those students who learn from such teachers eventually become skilled potters. / Once we trust that God has established whoever is above us and we serve wholeheartedly no matter how difficult it may be, we can be made into people with solid character.

/Verse 8. / because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

/God rewards everyone for the good he does to his masters and slaves. / God will reward servants with blessings when they serve well in their places.

/God will reward masters who keep their faith in their places. / It is not important whether we receive five talents or two talents, or whether we have been entrusted with much or not.

/What is important is whether or not we have remained loyal to God with the things we have been entrusted with. / God is God who lets us reap what we sow.

/Verse 9. / And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

/Now this is the teaching to masters. God is the Master of all masters. / They must treat their servants properly, knowing that God will judge them when they do wrong.

/God does not judge us based on appearances. / Masters will not receive special pardon just because of their status. / Slaves will not be ignored because they are slaves. / God is fair to everyone.

/Third point, put on the full armor. Verses 10-17.

/Verse 10. / Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

/It says, “be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” / It is important that we remain in the Lord. / Then we can be strong with his power. / Weak people cannot be used for works.

/One must be physically strong to do worldly works. / What can a ill person do? / In the same way, believers’ spirits must also be strong. / Then we can defeat Satan / and fight the good fight.

/The Bible prophesies that there will be great tribulations in the Last Days. / Matthew chapter 24 talks about great tribulations in the Last Days. / We believers must have strong faith to overcome tribulations.

/Then what must we do to be strong? / The verse says to be strong “in his mighty power.” / This means that we should receive God’s power. / There are ways to receive God’s power.

/First, / we must long for Christ and pray a lot. / Then, we must communicate with Christ and become strong with Christ’s power. / Second, / we must use the great power that Christ gave to believers. / Ephesians 1:19

/When we obey God’s Word, we use the power that he gives us. / The power grows as we obey God’s Word. / We become strong. / Then we can defeat Satan. / Now in verse 11, it tells

us to put on the full armor.

/Verse 11 says, “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” /Our enemy is Satan. / We cannot defeat our enemy if we don’t know who he is.

/Believers must fight against the devil. / Another enemy we must fight against is ourselves. / We must always overcome our old corrupted selves. / In order for us to do so, the verse tells us to put on the full armor of God. / This means to be fully armed.

/We are told to put on the full armor of God, which is the belt of truth, / the breastplate of righteousness, / the sandals of the gospel, / the shield of faith, / the helmet of salvation, / and the sword of the Spirit.

/Verse 12. / For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

/Our good fight is not a fight against flesh and blood. / We have already lost to the devil in the fight against the flesh.

/It says to fight against the rulers and the powers of this dark world. / This refers to all powers that belong to Satan. / We must fight the good fight against the powers of Satan.

/Verse 13. / Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

/We can defeat the devil when we are spiritually armed. This is the reason why the Bible tells us to put on the full armor.

/Verses 14-15. / Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

/It says, “with the belt of truth buckled around your waist.” / People buckle their belts just

before they use their strength. / Here, the belt is the belt of truth. / We believers receive strength through the Word of truth.

/The belts are also used to keep pants from going down. / When we go forward with the Word of truth, we can always win the good fight.

/The verse also speaks about the breastplate of righteousness. / This refers to pushing forward with righteousness. / We can be confident and bold when we go forward with righteousness. / This is the reason why the verse tells us to wear the breastplate of righteousness.

/Next it says, “with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.” / There is peace in the gospel.

/We must have the peace that is in Jesus Christ and we must walk in peace. / That is, we must walk in the gospel.

/Verse 16. / In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

/It says, “shield of faith.” / The shield is used for defense. / This means to defend with faith. / We can defend ourselves from the temptations of Satan when we have faith.

/We use the faith that believes in the words of God as our shield. / We can defend all the arrows of the wicked with it.

/Verse 17. / Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

/We must wear helmets, just as soldiers wear helmets. / It says, “the helmet of salvation.” / The head is the most important part of the body, therefore, it must be well protected. / This refers to assurance of salvation.

/We must fight with assurance of salvation. / Next, we are to take “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” / We fight the good fight with the Word of God.

/Then we can attack and drive Satan away. / The verse says “the sword of the Spirit.” / God’s Word is used as life through the Holy Spirit.

/Likewise, we must put on the full armor and defeat Satan, and we must fight the good fight.

/With this we will conclude the seventh lecture on the prison epistles. / Thank you.