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“Hope-Filled Living”

Summary of ‘Beautiful Wives and Considerate Husbands’

1 Peter 3:1-7

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This opening section of chapter 3 deals with the third and smallest unit of social structure ordained by God, the family. In the other two categories, submission is required to the civil authority (2:13-14) and to employers (2:18). The issue of submission is also critical in the family, beginning with the wife to her husband. Peter here directs six verses to wives’ submission to husbands and one to husband’s serving the needs of wives, a division that may at first glance seem out of balance. But in Peter’s day when a wife became a Christian, the potential for difficulty was much greater than it was if the husband first became a believer. In that society when women, who were viewed as inferior to men, became Christians without their husbands also becoming saved, the likelihood of his being embarrassed and shamed by what was viewed as an act of defiance by his wife, was predictable, as was the conflict subsequently generated.

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