

Women In The Bible

John 20:11-18

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misogynist

[mi-soj-uh-nist, mahy-] Spell Syllables

noun

1. a person who hates, dislikes, mistrusts, or mistreats women.

Related forms

misogynistic, adjective

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Views of Women

- Historical
 - Ancient Mesopotamia
 - *Marriage was a legal contract – between the father of a girl and another man*
 - *Eligible women were auctioned off once a year!*
 - *According to Hammurabi's Code, wives were bought and sold extensively*

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Views of Women

- Historical
 - Ancient Mesopotamia
 - Ancient China and India
 - *Confucius – women were inferior to men; were incapable of education*
 - *India – not allowed to own property, show faces in public; are complete property of a man*

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Views of Women

- Historical
 - ◇ Ancient Mesopotamia
 - ◇ Ancient China and India
 - ◇ Greek, Roman, and Medieval societies
 - ✓ *Were considered slightly more valuable than cattle; sometimes less*
 - ✓ *Had no legal rights*

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Views of Women

- Historical
 - ◇ Ancient Mesopotamia
 - ◇ Ancient China and India
 - ◇ Greek, Roman, and Medieval societies
 - ◇ Islam
 - Sura 4:34*
 - Men are managers of the affairs of women because Allah has made the one superior to the other.*
 - Sura 2:228*
 - ... Wives have the same rights as the husbands have on them in accordance with the generally known principles. Of course, men are a degree above them in status ...*

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Views of Women

➤ Historical

- ✧ Ancient Mesopotamia
- ✧ Ancient China and India
- ✧ Greek, Roman, and Medieval societies
- ✧ Islam
 - ✓ *A woman's testimony in court is worth half that of a man*
 - ✓ *Adulteresses are stoned; adulterers are not punished*
 - ✓ *Husbands can divorce wives; wives cannot divorce husbands*

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Views of Women

➤ Historical

➤ Distortions of Biblical Teachings

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When you go out to war against your enemies, and the LORD your God gives them into your hand and you take them captive, and you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and you desire to take her to be your wife, and you bring her home to your house, she shall shave her head and pare her nails. And she shall take off the clothes in which she was captured and shall remain in your house and lament her father and her mother a full month. After that you may go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.

- Deuteronomy 21:10-13

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Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior.

- Ephesians 5:22-23

Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.

- I Timothy 2:11-12

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Views of Women

➤ Historical

➤ Distortions of Biblical Teachings

➤ Bible's view of women never discounts their intellect, talents, or character

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

- Ephesians 5:25-27

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- Galatians 3:28

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Ruth – Great Moral Integrity

- Faithfully supported and protected Naomi
 - ✓ Followed her to a foreign land
 - ✓ Worked to support both herself and Naomi
 - ✓ Was recognized as a “virtuous woman”

And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.

- Ruth 3:11

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Ruth – Great Moral Integrity

- Faithfully supported and protected Naomi
- Fully embraced Judaism
 - Was devoted to serving Jehovah

But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”

- Ruth 1:16-17

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Ruth – Great Moral Integrity

- Faithfully supported and protected Naomi
- Fully embraced Judaism
 - Was devoted to serving Jehovah
 - Became a great-grandmother of David

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Hannah

- Presented as a pious woman
 - Sought the LORD’s assistance in having a child
 - Was faithful to deliver on her vow

She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. And she vowed a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”

- I Samuel 1:10-11

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Hannah

- Presented as a pious woman
- Delivered a beautiful poem in praise of God

There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides You; there is no rock like our God.

- I Samuel 2:2

...The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; He will give strength to His king and exalt the power of His anointed.

- I Samuel 2:10b

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Conclusions

- ☞ We serve an awesome God! – a God that treats everyone equally
- ☞ Instead of demeaning women, the Bible uplifts and honors them
- ☞ We need to stop being ashamed of the Bible & recognize its standards

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