

## Feminine Beauty

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### The Governess

But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becomes holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed . . . For the grace of God that brings salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

#### **Titus 2**

I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully (1 Timothy 5:14) . . . Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under

obedience, as also saith the law (1 Corinthians 14:34) . . . Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing (Ephesians 5:23-24) . . . Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord (Colossians 3:18) . . . Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence (1 Timothy 2:11-12) . . . Likewise, you wives, be in subjection to your own husbands (1 Peter 3:1) . . .

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning **Christ and the church**. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband (Ephesians 5:32-33) . . . Who can find a virtuous woman? for **her price is far above rubies**. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life (Proverbs 31:10-12) . . .

## Silent that the Groom May Speak

Believe thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me, He does the works.

**John 14:10**

## Becoming the Bride, the Governess

### Keepers at Home

That they may teach the young women . . . To be . . . keepers at home . . . that the word of God be not blasphemed.

## Titus 2:4-5

# The Cultivator of Order, Beauty, Truth in the House of God

## The Privilege of the Levite

For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above: Because their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron **for the service of the house of the LORD**, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God; Both for the shewbread, and for the fine flour for meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size; And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even; And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD: And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the LORD.

**1 Chronicles 23:27-32**

## Keepers of the House of God

Know you not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17) . . . What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:19) . . . And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (2 Corinthians 6:16)

# The Extraordinary Beauty of the Governess

## The Components of Blessing

### Grace and Peace

- **Grace** - the enabling power of God to bring about a new rule, a new life, and a new creation within the life of men
- **Peace** - the cheerful calm and rest of heaven

### The Abrahamic Blessing in a Nutshell

May the gracious enabling power of God be activated in your life and become your very life, and may the cheerful calm of this heavenly victory dawn upon your soul and fill your life with the buoyant blessing of inner placidity.

### Peace – shalom (Hebrew), eirene (Greek) –

the effects of a freed kingdom no longer beneath the thumb of the despot, the quiet and calm of a once battle-torn land rescued by a Benevolent Power; the silencing of fighting words in exchange for words of love and harmony

### The Deeper Spiritual Meaning:

The soul of man rescued and made cheerful and new. Peace in the New Testament has nothing to do with externals, but has everything to do with the inner life of a man saved by the heroic love and grace of Jesus Christ. Peace is the once enslaved and troubled soul made free, buoyant with gladness, and filled to overflowing with an unsinkable heavenly smile pressed upon the soul. Peace is an inner rest, a calm, an abiding in a new life and sustenance, an inward contentment, a cheerful stillness amidst the winds, waves, and blustery coldness of life. Jesus Christ brings us the Abrahamic blessing, which has two parts: the power of God to transform and enable, as well as the peace of God to calm and make our souls smile with gladness.

Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be **a man of rest**; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and **I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.**

**1 Chronicles 22:9**

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for **the end of that man is peace.**

**Psalms 37:37**

Thou will keep him **in perfect peace**, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in thee.

**Isaiah 26:3**

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is **life and peace.**

**Romans 8:6**

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

**Romans 15:13**

And **the peace of God**, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus . . . Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and **the God of peace shall be with you.**

**Philippians 4:7,9**

## A Calmer of Storms

**Both of the storms at sea and the storms of the soul**

He makes the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

**Psalm 107:29**

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still.

And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

**Mark 4:39**

## And Peace

**Not just the power, but the cheerful calm, confidence, and quiet of God**

Grace be unto you, **and peace**, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 1:3**

Grace be to you **and peace** from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 Corinthians 1:2**

Grace be to you **and peace** from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Galatians 1:3**

Grace be to you, **and peace**, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 1:2**

Grace be unto you, **and peace**, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 1:2**

Grace be unto you, **and peace**, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Colossians 1:2**

Grace be unto you, **and peace**, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Thessalonians 1:1**

**Calm – demamah (Hebrew) galene (Greek) – stillness, silence, cheerful rest**

**Deeper Spiritual Meaning -**

This word primarily signifies "calmness, cheerfulness" (from a root gal---, from which gelao, "to smile," is also derived; hence the "calm" of the sea, the smiling ocean being a favorite metaphor of the poets. But calm means something far more than mere calming of external elements like storms, winds, and waves – it denotes a calming of the inner storms, a quieting of an inner bluster, and a silencing of an inner tempest. Calm in the deeper sense is a smiling soul, a heart made cheerful by the intimate encounter with the Bridegroom, the blessed rest of the heart, a grace-shaped smile that proves the presence of Christ amidst the storm. A calmed soul is one grafted into the Life of the Vine, one conquered and rescued by the King of kings, and one lovingly made dependent upon the Chief Shepherd. All may be a bluster and a boil outside, but inside there is the crackle of the Fire of God in the hearth accompanied by the warmth and quieting presence of the Almighty Victor, Jesus Christ our Lord. To be calm is to be at rest in the King's Life.

**The Hebrew Bondservant  
One of circumcised ears**

If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. . . and if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master . . . I will not go out free: Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

**Exodus 21:1-6**

**Bondservant** – **doulos** (Greek) – a slave, a bondman, one given up to another's will.

**Deeper Spiritual Meaning** – One bonded to Christ out of love and affection. One enslaved to the awesome power of love, one given wholly to its mastery over heart, mind, soul, and strength. One set free from the chains and punishments of Sin by the Blood of Christ who has now returned, ravished with love, to pay his rescuer homage and worship. One wholly given to the Person of Christ as Lord, Master, King, Ruler, Bridegroom, and Friend. A Bond-servant is one of circumcised ears, pierced with the aul of the Spirit, eager and able to hear his Master's voice, and ready and attentive to His every command. In the New Testament, a bondservant's life is one owned and operated by the Spirit of Almighty God.

## The Circumcised Ear

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and **incline thine ear**; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; so shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

**Psalms 45:10-12**

**Incline your ear**, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

**Isaiah 55:3**



To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, **their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken**: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

**Jeremiah 6:10**

And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

**Luke 22:50-51**

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His **bond-servants**, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His **bond-servant** John,

**Revelation 1:1**

**He that hath an ear, let him hear** what the Spirit says unto the churches; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

**Revelation 2:7**

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

**Matthew 11:15**

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

**Matthew 13:9**

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear,

**Mark 7:16**

## The Holy Recipe for Spiritual Listening

Damam, Raphah, Chashah, Qavah, Chuwl, Perimeno, Apekdechomai, Prosedreuo, and Prosdechomai

- **Damam** - to be silent, still, wait upon the Most High, rest in His arms, be quieted by His grace

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed,  
and **be still**.

**Psalm 4:4**

**Rest in the LORD**, and wait patiently for him:

**Psalm 37:7a**

My soul, **wait thou only upon God**; for my expectation is from  
him.

**Psalm 62:5**

- **Raphah** – refrain from labor, be quiet, let go of your burden, sink down into His Almighty Life

**Be still**, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen,  
I will be exalted in the earth.

**Psalm 46:10**

- **Chashah** – to make calm, quiet, bring to peace and a cheerful state of rest

He makes the storm **a calm**, so that the waves thereof are **still**.

**Psalm 107:29**

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, **be still**. And the wind ceased, and there was a **great calm**.

**Mark 4:39**

- **Qavah** – to wait, to look for, to hope, expect, to wait to eagerly expect

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation;  
on thee do **I wait all the day**.

**Psalm 25:5**

**Wait on the LORD**: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen  
thine heart: **wait, I say, on the LORD**.

**Psalm 27:14**

**I wait for the LORD**, my soul doth **wait**, and in his  
word do I hope.

**Psalm 130:5**

The LORD is good unto them that **wait for him**, to the soul that  
seeks him.

**Lamentations 3:25**

Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and **wait on  
thy God** continually.

**Hosea 12:6**

- **Chuwł** – endure difficulties with longing, strength and hope

Rest in the LORD, and **wait patiently** for him.

**Psalm 37:7**

- **Perimeno** – to wait for

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, **but wait** for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

**Acts 1:4**

- **Apekdechomai** – to patiently and assiduously wait for

But if we hope for what we see not, then do we with patience **wait for it**.

**Romans 8:25**

- **Prosedreuo** – to sit near, to attend assiduously, to be in attendance upon, to not quit one's side

Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which **wait** at the altar are partakers with the altar?

**1 Corinthians 9:13**

- **Prosdechomai** – to give access to one's self, to admit, to accept (not reject) a thing offered, to expect the fulfillment of a promise

### **Simeon**

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord . . . And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, **waiting for the consolation of Israel**: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, **Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God**, and said, Lord, now let thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation . . .

**Luke 2:21-30**

Joseph of Arimathaea, an honorable counselor, which also **waited for the kingdom of God**, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

**Mark 15:43**

## The Recipe in Summary

**Damam**, Be silent, still, wait upon the Most High, rest in His arms, be quieted by His grace. **Raphah**, Refrain from labor, let go of your burden, sink down into His Almighty Life. **Chashah**, Be made calm by His Spirit and His Love. Accept the blessing of peace into your soul and let the Bridegroom paint a cheerful smile upon your heart. **Qavah**, Wait upon your Master's word, look for Him, hope in Him, and eagerly expect Him to be all He has promised you He will be. **ChuwI**, Endure life's difficulties with longing, strength and hope, and through it all **Perimeno and Apekdechomai**, patiently and assiduously wait for Him to prove His love, faithfulness, and goodness and ultimately demonstrate His glory unto this earth. **Prosedreuo**, Sit near Him, attend Him with great care, and never quit His side. **Prosdechomai**, Give Him complete access to your life, admit Him into your most intimate chamber, accept all that He offers unto you, and never waver in your confidence that He is fully able to perform that which He has promised.

## The Art of Abiding

The Deepest expression of Love and Devotion - The Position of the Silent

- **Abiding is the act of a Bond-servant** – one who has lovingly and trustingly placed His entire life at the disposal of His Master's whim and will.
- **Abiding is the act of Sabbath rest** – it is a giving up all of all self labor in order to receive the gracious work of God within one's very soul.
- **Abiding is the art of Stillness** – receiving the blessing of Abraham and entering into the cheerful, smiling calm of Christ's life – ceasing from self-work and self-glory to allow the Spirit of God to be the Life, the vigor, and the impetus within your earthly body. Quieting the inner man's voice so that the voice of One far greater can be heard.

- **Abiding is the art of Listening** - It is the consecration of the right ear of the Priest and the circumcision with the aul of the Spirit. It is the moment by moment communion with the King, attentively waiting for His whispers of love, His whispers of caution, and His whispers of command.
  
- **Abiding is the art of unbroken communion** – it’s meant to be constant, always, and without interruption. A praying without ceasing, a love without pause, a selflessness without intermittent spurts of selfishness, a listening ear that is always attuned, and a right thumb smeared with blood that is always prepared to act out the wish of the Master.
  
- **Abiding is the art of Obedience** – a bond-servant’s love is only proved genuine through his instant response and obedience to the command of the Master. For a branch to bear fruit, it must never hinder or attempt to stop the formation of fruit – and likewise, abiding in Christ, demands a constant and ready-yieldedness to His forward movement in our life no matter the difficulty it might bring.
  
- **Abiding is the ultimate act of love and devotion** – it is the purest form of adoration in that it absolutely trusts, absolutely yields, absolutely cherishes, and absolutely obeys. The Stilled and Silenced soul, like stilled and silenced waters, is the only soul capable of reflecting the glories of the heavenlies. The Stilled and Silenced soul is the only soul capable of hearing the whispers of God. And the Stilled and Silenced soul is the only one who will recognize the daily visitations of the Groom, for it is the only one ravished and moved by the Love of the Spirit.

. . . Then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;  
 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for  
 the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

**2 Chronicles 5:14**

. . . Then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;  
 So that **(those that were its Keepers)** the priests could not

stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

**2 Chronicles 5:14**