

Daily Devotional, September 23, 2020

'Effeminacy', (Deuteronomy 22:5)

“A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God”

(Deuteronomy 22:5, NKJV)

Effeminacy is defined by the Thompson’s Chain Reference Study Bible as “men having the characteristics generally associated with women.” This was something that is always considered unnatural in the Holy Writ, based upon the design by God in creation. **“Male and female He created them”** (Genesis 1:27). This particular law concerning dress teaches us the principle that women ought to look like women, and men ought to look like men. The nature of men and women are different. Men are, on average, physiologically stronger and tend to be more emotionally stoic than women. This is why the Bible commands husbands to give **“honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel”** (1 Peter 3:7). Women, on the other hand, tend to be more compassionate and thoughtful. Consider some of these other Scriptures that many who have been fed today’s brand of feminism may find chauvinistic. But they are in God’s Word, and they are taken as assumed character traits by the Creator, who knows most accurately. **“In that day Egypt will be like women, and will be afraid and fear”** (Isaiah 19:16). Women are wired to seek a protector, and men are wired to be protectors. **“The mighty men’s hearts in Moab on that day shall be Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs”** (Jeremiah 48:41). Women are built for travail of bearing children, but men not so. Men are built for strength and battle, and are biologically more fit for physical tasks such as serving at the front lines of war. **“Surely, your people in your midst are women”** (Nahum 3:13). Again, the idea is fear because of no protector. There are good lessons in these verses. Men, you are the protector of your wife and family. Do not abdicate your responsibility, but stand up and act like a man. Make sure you recognize that your wife is wired different than you, and love her with as much sensitivity as you know how. Women, you are wired to need a protector, and God has given men, even your husband, to fill that role, even as you fulfill your own roles. Be content with God’s design for you, and you will have peace. Find comfort in the fact that your man could never ever have a baby, even if it were possible. May men be men and women be women. This is God’s plan and perfect design. The devil’s design is 58 genders—I’m not kidding, 58 genders. Man, be a strong and godly man, and do not offend the Lord by being an effeminate wimp. Need an example? Follow Jesus.