

The Spirit of Esther Purim Edition

When reflecting upon my marriage and how I can improve, I am reminded of the many gems dropped by one of my righteous spiritual mothers, Sister Naamah of the House of Deacon Asaph. Her righteous tips always come to mind when thinking of ways to reverence my lord and how to show my complete submission unto him. I recall her saying to *“Not forget where we came from. We owe God a level of commitment because he made us for our lord AND he loves us righteously.”* That is something to always keep in mind. The unrepentant Israelite man is not bound by the laws of God to love us as he loves himself. Being married to a man of the Lord should not only be appreciated but treated as the special and holy thing that it is.

Mama Naamah has 27 years of marriage experience under her belt and I was fortunate enough to be able to have a great conversation. During the time of celebrating Purim, sisters should be reminded that Esther gave 100% to her position. She did not allow herself to forget her God nor her people all while fulfilling her role as wife.

In your role as a repented wife, what is your top priority in pleasing your husband?
My top priority is to be a pillar of rest to my lord. I have learned that to keep my lord happy, I must love, honor, and submit to him in all things.

...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
Joshua 24:15

Our foremother Esther had to be well learned in all things concerning the king and his kingdom. What do you do to ensure your knowledge and skills are up to the standard of your King, Deacon Asaph?
I study and the apply scriptures on a daily basis.

He that hath small understanding, and feareth God, is better than one that hath much wisdom, and transgresseth the law of The Most High
Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 19:24

Have you always been "in tune" with your lord?
No, I did not know how to be a wife when I first came in the truth. The scriptures say our foremother Sarah obeyed Abraham because she trusted in the Lord. It took me many years to become one with my lord but now that we are one mind spiritually, with him in the lead everything is in its proper order and peaceful.



Esther was taught by a team of knowledgeable people. How did you get to the level of understanding you are at now with the mighty Deacon?

I discipline myself to be diligent about studying. Every time Bishop and the Deacons have a class, I go over it for that week. I practice writing precepts three times a day, approximately ten to twenty new precepts per week. I have also made a precept book based off my daily classes. The scripture to follow is,

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth
2Tim 2:15*

Being a busy wife, mother, entrepreneur, and spiritual mother to many, how do you make time to be there "mentally & physically" for your lord without behaving like Vashti and rejecting him? *Mentally, the initial step to true change is to change your mindset. If you see Christ in your husband and understand The Most High made the woman for the man, as a helpmeet, then your actions must line up with your reverencing him. I keep in my mind that The Most High loves me so much that he ordained my lord for me. That means that whenever, where ever, or however he needs me... I will do my due diligence to love him, honor him, and support him until the day that I die.*

Our foremother purified herself in oils for 6 months in preparation for the King. What are your thoughts on this practice in this present time and do you do anything similar?

Yes, and every woman should if they can! At this present time, I practice marinating in sweet oils every day when I take a bath. In addition, I also rub shea butter, mango butter, or coco butter on my feet every night along with wrapping my feet in plastic wrap at night to keep in the moisture. This process is to ensure that my body feels delicate at all times.

A lot of sisters have issues with knowing how to set the tone with their lord while having children in the home. Do you have any tips for those women wanting to have an intimate evening?

Sisters who would like to be intimate with their lords need to have their children on a strict bedtime schedule. The wives must build their schedule around the time that their husband arrives at home in the evening. A wife should prepare a homemade dinner and set aside beautiful apparel only to be worn with their husbands every night or as often as possible. Prepare in advance what oil you will bathe in, style your hair, gorgeous styled headwraps, etc...

As Esther was able to randomly invite and prepare a feast for the king, how do you keep things fresh/ spontaneous in marriage?

I always set a peaceful mood with instrumental music, oils to rub my lord down, etc. My desire is unto my lord (Genesis 3:16) so I wear what he likes. The color he likes, the heels he likes, the hairstyle he loves, and also perfume myself with oils he loves. My manicures and pedicures are always done with the colors he loves to see me in. I am no longer doing my own will, but I aim to please him.



Do you have any tips for sisters pertaining to marriage while invoking the spirit of Esther, not only during Purim but throughout their marriage?

My advice for married sisters trying to fashion themselves like our foremother Esther is to always pray to God for the spirit of submission, to have eloquent speech, a comforting tongue, and a heart that desires to aim to please your King.

Esther went through lengthy trainings to become the wife of the King. She stood out among countless others and made such an impact that she was chosen above all. That is the type of wife we should desire to be. The one that when your husband sees you, everything else fades away. He will know with all certainty that his wife is indeed his pillar of rest and that his home is his castle.

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 31:11-12

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