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Suffering of Women

This world is entangled in desolation, despair and darkness. Many women are under bondage of some sort. The personal agonies, frustration and oppression have become the fabric of their lives. However sore the social problems are, more vicious is the spiritual captivity. The outcries of souls lost in the chasm of sin and death do storm the throne of Almighty pointing an accusing finger at us. Are we justified or guilty?

The Sin of Omissions

The Great commission of our Lord is that we show the path of salvation to everyone, but the bitter truth is that most of us have failed. Ironically,

This little guiding light of mine
Is safe under the bushel of mine.

Deep down in the heart this truth pricks and the sin of omission hurts. Yet, vain excuses and self-justifying statements lift their ugly heads in the form of I'm a woman, a weak vessel and so forth.

Many Excuses

The greatest misnomer, which prevails, is that women have their familial responsibilities and their sphere of action is demarcated within their homes. Of course, women were traditionally fettered and any daring step was bound to trigger back, but the present cultural milieu promises at least partial freedom to act and speak.

We Have More Freedom Now

The reality is that, unlike the past centuries, women are not bound by old restraints. They have the boldness and innate power to do great things. Schindler says, "Woman is biologically, socially and psychologically fitted to the creation of human values that the race needs more

sorely” (18). This implies that the world waits for the women folk to spring into action and instill human values and save many from the embers of damnation.

Godly Women

The Holy Bible records the life and mission of many godly women who have responded to their call and have gained unprecedented success. Like the stars, which guide the nocturnal traveler, these women of the Holy Scriptures have illumined the paths of many and have left an indelible mark. One of the women judges, Deborah the ingenious, rose like a mother to save her perishing Israelites. Esther, the orphaned girl saved her race in a heathen nation. Rahab, a harlot sagaciously saved her kindred. What a promising missionary we see in the zeal of the woman of Sychar who led her people to the Life Giving Water—even the Messiah. Alas, all these were women of passion like us, yet they had a burning desire to save their folks.

What Do Deborah, Rahab, and the Women of Sychar Teach Us?

Critically speaking, when an Old Testament woman Deborah, could judge her people, a harlot like Rahab could save, and a gentile, like the woman of Sychar could step into the shoes of a missionary, how much more should we the anointed women of God be in securing our lost sisters.

Isn't it our bounden duty to sprinkle a few drops of the Living Water to the parched souls of our sisters who are bereft of the knowledge of the springs of salvation? Doubtlessly, it will be like pulling a faggot from the embers.

Why This Reluctance in Soul Winning? Many Ways to Win Souls

Nowadays, though women actively participate in public life, exhibit courage and action in charitable deeds, teaching and doctoring the sick, they show reluctance in soul winning, which is the need of the hour. But what does it profit to lose the soul and gain everything?

In our day-to-day life there are many practical ways of drawing our sisters to the light. One of the effective tools is Personal Evangelization. This begins with mere witnessing. But a life of testimony is more worthy. It has the magical power in drawing souls. The godly and virtuous life of a woman in the social and familial realms is more eloquent than one thousand sermons.

Gossip, a great vice appended to women can work out miracles if it is a gospel gossip. The tongue can play a dual role. It can also kindle the forest flame but on the other hand can save millions from the eternal flames. Counselling is another beacon of light in bringing back the lost, the backslidden and the bereaved.

Literature and Evangelization

Next, literature plays a major role in the field of evangelization. Timid women can write books and letters and enlighten souls. St. Paul was more of an epistolary evangelist. Dr. Eckman emphasizes that the role of women of St. Paul's time was "both vibrant and vital in the ongoing progress of the gospel" (19). When women of the early church could do so much, the women of the end time church, without an iota of doubt can promise a substantial spiritual harvest.

Win Using Soul-Stirring Songs

Besides the above tools women can win souls with their soul stirring songs, which rejuvenate the dampened souls. Fanny Crosby, the writer of the well-known song, "Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine", was a blind person. But she realized her noble call and sang 8000 songs, which gave light to many who were spiritually blind.

Intercessory Prayer

Above all, the greatest weapon is intercessory prayer, which plunders the souls from the enemy. Still, this demands a ransom, which is steadfast efficacious prayer. Travailing, weeping prayer changes everything, opines Gwen Shaw. And there is no substitute to Intercessory Prayer.

Every Woman to Contribute to the Salvation of Fellow Women

Therefore in the last days it is a must for every woman to contribute to the salvation of her fellow women. We are undoubtedly the keepers of our sisters. O Esther, if you are complacent judgment shall come upon you. Therefore, as clouds of witnesses do encompass us, let us cast away all the misconceptions that do beset us and wear the mantle of spiritual responsibility and reach out and wrest our sisters from damnation. If you are not your sister's keeper you are her killer. So pull them out of the fires of hell, lead them to path of eternal light and in turn you will as Daniel chapter twelve, verse three says, "shine as brightness of the firmament,as the stars forever and ever".

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