**The portrait of a godly woman – Pr. 31:30**

*A woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised*

The final chapter in the Book of Proverbs records the exhortation of Bathsheba to her son King Solomon about the qualities of a godly woman – wife

How wonderful to end the Book of Proverbs with the words of a godly woman about the qualities of a godly woman!

**Focal Truth: Bathsheba a godly woman’s description of a godly woman**

**Observations**

1. **Bathsheba describes to King Solomon the qualities of a godly woman 31:1**

*The words of King Lemuel, the oracle which his mother taught him…*

1. Bathsheba called her son Lemuel – dedicated to God
2. Bathsheba preaches to Solomon about his conduct & the qualities of godly women

Oracle = burden – admonition - exhortation

**Who was Bathsheba?**

1. Bathsheba was the wife of King David – Queen of Israel
2. Bathsheba was a widow
3. Bathsheba lost a child shortly after birth
4. Bathsheba was the Queen mother to her son King Solomon
5. Bathsheba was in the royal lineage of Jesus Christ the King
6. **Bathsheba exhorts King Solomon to reign as a righteous King 31:2 – 9**
7. Do not give strength to sexual sin 31:3
8. Do not be controlled by wine & strong drink 31:4 -5
9. Give wine to those who are dying to soothe their pain 31:6 – 7
10. Represent & judge for the causes of the unfortunate, afflicted and poor 31:8 -9
11. **Bathsheba exhorts King Solomon to seek for a godly woman to be his wife 31:10 – 31**

*An excellent wife who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.*

1. A godly woman - wife is an excellent wife 31:10

A. godly woman - wife is trusted by her husband 31:11

A godly woman – wife does her husband good all his life 31:12

1. A godly woman – wife – mother takes care of her household 31:13 – 24,27

*She looks well to the ways of her household*

1. A godly woman – wife – mother is fearless, strong and wise 31:25 -26

*Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

1. A godly woman – wife – mother is praised by her family 31:28 -29

*Her children rise up and bless her. Her husband also, and he praises her*

1. A godly woman is praise for excellence 31:29

*Many daughters have done nobly but you excel them all*

**Things to Remember and Do**

1. **Charm and beauty are vain 31:30**
2. **The woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised 31:30**
3. **Women of godliness are praised by the deeds of their life 31:32**

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**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**