



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Proverbs 31:10-31 (NIV)

Epilogue: The Wife of Noble Character

- ¹⁰ A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
- ¹¹ Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.
- ¹² She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.
- ¹³ She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.
- ¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.
- ¹⁵ She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.
- ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷ She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.
- ¹⁸ She sees that her trading is profitable,
and her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹ In her hand she holds the distaff
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.
- ²⁰ She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.
- ²¹ When it snows, she has no fear for her
household;
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
- ²² She makes coverings for her bed;
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
- ²³ Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of
the land.
- ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes.
- ²⁵ She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
- ²⁶ She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- ²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- ²⁸ Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
- ²⁹ "Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."
- ³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be
praised.
- ³¹ Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city
gate.

Psalms 66:8-20 (NIV)

- ⁸ Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard;
- ⁹ he has preserved our lives
and kept our feet from slipping.
- ¹⁰ For you, God, tested us;
you refined us like silver.
- ¹¹ You brought us into prison
and laid burdens on our backs.
- ¹² You let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water,
but you brought us to a place of
abundance.
- ¹³ I will come to your temple with burnt
offerings
and fulfill my vows to you—
- ¹⁴ vows my lips promised and my mouth
spoke
when I was in trouble.
- ¹⁵ I will sacrifice fat animals to you
and an offering of rams;
I will offer bulls and goats.
- ¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.
- ¹⁷ I cried out to him with my mouth;
his praise was on my tongue.
- ¹⁸ If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;
- ¹⁹ but God has surely listened
and has heard my prayer.
- ²⁰ Praise be to God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or withheld his love from me!

God could not be everywhere,
So He invented mothers. ~ Rudyard Kipling

CHURCH SERVICES

21 May 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan
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4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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IN OUR PRAYERS



- We pray for Margaret James as she continues to experience medical problems.
- We pray for Alan Littlejohns, Judy Lennon, and Tracy Waters and their families as they continue to grieve the loss of a close family member.
- We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the flowers around Tamworth at the moment.
- Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and Sudan.
- We pray for Nance Matthews - that she will be well enough to return to Tamworth very soon.

Meg's Musings

The bible reading chosen by Fay for this week is titled "A Good Woman".

There are some women who have made an enormous difference in my life.

My paternal grandmother showed me so much love when I needed it most in my infants' school years. She soothed my troubled soul.

A ministers' wife showed interest in me in my early teenage years, and noticed the little things which meant so much.

Another ministers' wife smoothed the path for me when we moved to Tamworth.

Other women along the way have shown incredible love and support at low times in my life, and also shared the good times with me.

Although the passage makes much of the busyness and enterprise of a "good woman", perhaps the most we can do for each other is to show love and support - to reach out, and be ourselves to the people around us.....to be "God with skin on".

Blessings from Meg



A mother holds her children's hands
for a little while,
But their hearts forever. ~ Unknown

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Acts 17:22-31



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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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John 14:15-21 (NIV)

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

1 Peter 3:13-22 (NIV)

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also— not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.