



The Way Things Should Be

The Coup

IMPORTANT: This topic only relates to the family unit of a husband and a wife. It does not have relevance to any other set of relationships, situations or circumstances.

Headline:

“Deputy Leader Challenges for the Top Job”

That headline’s all too familiar for Australian and world politics for the past 100 years, at least. It’s also familiar because history and movies have educated us that it happened on a regular basis in tribal communities of the past.

The role of leadership has always been under threat from those who covet it.

In families it has been no different for countless millennia. Ezer has usurped the position of leadership either by force or by manipulation. Manipulation is the method which is covert rather than overt.

True, most of history tells the story of husbands dominating their wives instead of operating in a partnership as the Creator set it up. This was and is wrong. However, at the same time we’ve seen wives ‘wear the pants in the family’ by manipulation and domination so that their husbands are effectively emasculated. With the advent of modern times since, say the 1800s, there has been a push for women to be equally dominant with their husbands. The catch cry has been something like: “What’s good for the gander is good for the goose”.

It should be obvious by now that this is totally out of order, spiritually.

We know already that Ezer was given to Adam as a helper/assistant to carry out the work of the Kingdom in a team fashion. Ezer is the sub-leader, the one with authority, but not complete authority. It was not the reverse. Adam was not given to Ezer as a support for their assignments together. This unfortunately is the place Western society has found itself in for about 200 years – wives wanting to be equally authoritative.

For Ezer to take control of the headship, or even want to be the leader of her family, is tantamount to a coup d’etat – an overthrow or revolt. Unfortunately, weak men have allowed it and strong women have demanded it.

So, what’s the foundation of this coup? What really is the cause of this insurrection against divine order?

Interestingly, God prophesied it at the time of The Fall. Actually, it would be more accurate to say that its part of ‘The Curse’ humanity received from The Fall. By curse, in its true sense, I mean God taking away his blessing so that the natural consequences of evil are permitted to occur.

We’re all familiar with God’s pronouncement of the curse on humanity because of The Fall.

“Cursed is the ground for your sake. In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”¹

1 – Genesis 3:17-19



Are we familiar with the rest of it?

Ezer was cursed for being the cause of Adam's submission to the Nachash. God cursed her this way:

*"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception. In pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."*²

Now here's where our knowledge of the origin of the coup is overlooked. It's in this passage, but we don't see it. The reason for missing it is the translation of the Hebrew into English in our Bibles.

Most readers of the passage think that "your desire shall be for your husband" is a love action – the woman will dote over her husband. But is that what a curse would say? It doesn't sound like a curse.

To help you understand the curse, here is a verse in Genesis to compare it with Ezer's curse:

*"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."*³

This is almost exactly the same phraseology as the curse. But look what a difference the context reveals:

1. Sin desires to destroy you, but
2. You should dominate it so it doesn't.

This is why in Ezer's curse her husband would dominate her, not lead her as his senior partner?

So God told Adam and Ezer that because they are now subject to evil, the wife would be after the family leadership and the husband would dominate her to maintain his position. Sounds like two dogs fighting over a bone – no one wants to give up what they believe is theirs.⁴



So, the outcome of their disobedience was to be cursed – viz. God's favour and idyllic environment was removed. As a consequence, the family leadership would be in turmoil due to the presence of evil. The original plan of a powerful team of a husband and wife as set up by God was no longer the way things would be.

IMPORTANT – Here's the concept that we need to get: There was no point in God advising Adam and Ezer of the way marriages would malfunction unless it was to alert them of a change in the way things had originally been. **The original plan was Adam leading and Ezer co-leading under Adam's oversight.**

Note: It was after being expelled from God's presence and being cursed that Adam gave Ezer a name, Eve.

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