

Reading

1 Peter 3:1–9

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A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

- 1 Wives should be obedient to their husbands.
Then, if there are some husbands who have not yet obeyed the word,
they may find themselves won over, without a word spoken,
by the way their wives behave,
2 when they see how faithful and conscientious they are.
3 Do not dress up for show:
doing up your hair, wearing gold bracelets and fine clothes;
4 all this should be inside, in a person's heart, imperishable:
the ornament of a sweet and gentle disposition
— this is what is precious in the sight of God.
5 That was how the holy women of the past
dressed themselves attractively
— they hoped in God and were tender and obedient to their husbands;
6 like Sarah, who was obedient to Abraham, and called him her lord.
You are now her children, as long as you live good lives
and do not give way to fear and worry.
7 In the same way, husbands must always treat their wives
with consideration in their life together,
respecting a woman as one who,
though she may be the weaker partner,
is equally an heir to the life of grace.
This will stop anything from coming in the way of your prayers.
8 Finally: you should all agree among yourselves and be sympathetic,
love the brothers, have compassion and be self-effacing.
9 Never pay back one wrong with another one;
instead, pay back with a blessing.
That is what you are called to do,
so that you inherit a blessing yourself.

The word of the Lord.