

INTERVIEWED BY AN ANGEL

This is a preliminary interview of a woman by an angel before standing before her Creator at judgment. The angel is interviewing a newly deceased woman.



ANGEL: Well, young lady. Are you ready to stand before God and everyone who has ever lived to give an account of your life?

WOMAN: I guess I have no choice.

ANGEL: That is correct, but we want to give you this preliminary interview to be thinking about before that day. You have just

arrived from earth and some questions are in order. First, are you a Christian?

WOMAN: Yes, I loved the Lord and was a serious Christian.

ANGEL: Did you make your life count for God while you were on earth?

WOMAN: Well, I don't know. I don't think I know what you mean.

ANGEL: Well, let's start with the basics. You are a woman, are you not?

WOMAN: Well, yes I am, but there's not a lot that a woman can do for God on earth, you know. So much gender prejudice and all.

ANGEL: Oh, come, come! That is a 21st century thinking and simply propaganda from the enemy. All you were forbidden to do was teach in the Church assembly or have authority over a man. Now why was woman created in the first place?

WOMAN: Well, Eve was made to be a partner for Adam.

ANGEL: Yes, that is correct. But not just a partner, but specifically his helper. Where did woman come from? Why was she created? What was she to do? All of these are important questions for a Christian woman to consider.

WOMAN: I don't understand your question.

ANGEL: Well, surely you know woman was made from man, for man, and to the glory of man? Did you fulfill that purpose as a woman?

WOMAN: Well, what you're saying is offensive to me. It is chauvinistic. Besides, some women never marry.

ANGEL: That's true and they will obviously be judged with a different criteria but come now, let's get an honest answer to my question. We are not really interested in what your progressive century's ideas were.

Did you or did you not fulfill your basic purpose as a woman?

WOMAN: Well, I thought I was supposed to glorify Christ, not man.

ANGEL: Oh yes, glorifying God is the supreme purpose of both man and woman but that is done by the woman by being a suitable help to her husband. She was made to help him to glorify his God and fulfill his work.

So you were married?

WOMAN: Yes, I was married.

ANGEL: Is he still living?

WOMAN: I do not really know or care.

ANGEL: Whatever do you mean? If you do not know or care, it sounds as if you're apathetic to his well being? You were in a covenant with him before God and in God's eyes were one flesh.

WOMAN: Well, I divorced him.

ANGEL: Why? Did he commit fornication?

WOMAN: No, I just did not love him anymore.

ANGEL: Is that a confession of sin or are you offering that as justification for you not fulfilling your basic purpose as a woman?

WOMAN: It is just a fact. I fell out of love with him.

ANGEL: So when you say, "I don't love him anymore" it is an admission of guilt! Did not the Master command older women to teach the younger women to love their own husbands and to respect them?

WOMAN: Yes, I was told that but he was not respectable and so I just could not love him anymore.

ANGEL: Are you saying God commanded you to do an impossible thing? Was it a command or a suggestion?

WOMAN: Well, I felt both of us would be happier apart.

ANGEL: Happier while disobeying a plain command of God? Is marriage happiness the highest goal of life? I wonder if he really was happier when you divorced him.

WOMAN: No, he wasn't but he was not always respectable and he did not love me like a husband should love his wife or like Christ loved the Church. Men are commanded to love their wives and not be bitter of them!

ANGEL: And you think you were always lovable but he was never respectable? Is that it?

Do you think there is any possibility of you not loving and respecting him may have caused him to do things and say things that were hard to respect?

WOMAN: No! I tried to love and respect him, but you just do not know my husband. He never loved me like Christ loved the Church. He spoke awful to me.

ANGEL: But you always were subject to him like the Church is submissive to Christ, right?

WOMAN: I do not like this submissiveness stuff. The very word insinuates that I am inferior to him.

ANGEL: Oh, really? Was Christ inferior when He went home and was subject to Mary and Joseph?

WOMAN: No, I suppose not.

ANGEL: So, it sounds like you think being an independent woman, free from a husband's restraint was your idea for happiness and personal self-fulfillment? It sounds to me like you may have eaten the forbidden fruit just like mother Eve did.

WOMAN: Well, I did what I thought was right in my own eyes for me and my children.

ANGEL: I think that is true, but of course, you were warned about doing that. I am surely not God and cannot read hearts nor can judge you. That is why Jesus is appointed judge.

These questions are to prepare you for meeting the God who knows all.

WOMAN: You seemed to think a woman's worth should be evaluated by the happiness and contentment and well being of her husband and children. I actually heard a preacher say that once.

ANGEL: That's the way I see it, too, but then, what do I know? I'm just remembering why God made woman in the first place and it seems that's not the way the women I've been interviewing the last 100 or so years feel. They seem to think man is her helper instead of her being his helper.

WOMAN: Well, all I know is I did a lot more for God than he ever did. I told him over and over his responsibility, and I quoted Scriptures to him till he would not listen anymore.

I decided that the kids and I could be better Christians without him. So I divorced him and was able to sacrifice and give more to God than I ever could married to him. Don't you think so?

ANGEL: Well, I keep thinking about what Samuel said to Saul. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice and to listen than the fat of rams for rebellion is as witchcraft and stubbornness is as idolatry."

WOMAN: Well, I do not look at it that way. I was not being rebellious and stubborn. A Christian woman married to a hypocrite should just divorce him and get on with her life for the sake of the children.

ANGEL: Is that what Paul told a Christian woman to do if she was married to an unbeliever? Did he not say, "If he is content to dwell with her, let her not leave him."? **1 Corinthians 7:13**

WOMAN: Yes, but my husband was a professed Christian so that does not apply to me. I was suffering terribly in that relationship.

ANGEL: Oh yea, but Paul had already addressed the Christian woman and repeated the Lord's command, "Let

not the wife depart from her husband, but if she departs, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband." **I Corinthians 7:10-11** Sometimes as Christians the need is to apply "suffering for righteousness sake" to the marriage relationship itself.

WOMAN: Well, we just do not agree. It seemed right to me and I cannot go back and change it now. My preacher wanted to talk to me but I was too busy studying for my final exams to talk to him and I had already made up my mind to go on with my life. Jesus wants us to be happy.

ANGEL: Well, young lady, I hope you were not studying for the wrong final exam.

WOMAN: Oh, I'm not worried. I did many wonderful things in the Lord's name, especially after I left my husband.

ANGEL: Yes, but good works do not carry any weight here. I've many more to interview so you are dismissed for now.

WOMAN: Thank you. Goodbye.

ANGEL: Next!