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Gateway To Life

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Women! Women! Everywhere! Rise up now and lend an ear!

Satan has been after you since God fashioned you. Look out and look up.

Since the dawning of the age and since God thought of the Garden of Eden, Satan has desired to undermine and undo everything good that God has done; because God threw him out of heaven. Satan's prideful disobedience cost him a lot. His retaliation has been relentless.

Lucifer was the most beautiful and the most powerful angel in all of heaven. His name meant "light bearer". "The morning star"; however, disobedience ruined everything for him.

Lucifer got so full of himself that he decided that he was better than God. Lucifer even established a following; and when God threw Lucifer out, God threw Lucifer's little friends out right behind him and on top of him. Once Lucifer was ousted, his name was changed Satan, which means -- chief of the evil spirits.

Since that great insurrection, Satan has been on the warpath: trying to get back at God by destroying God's prized possession--Mankind.

Following the scenario in the Garden of Eden, females have been under siege by Satan and hisimps because each female, born into this world, bears seeds for new life.

Satan can't stand that fact. So ... he must wage an out-and-out war against woman.

As Eve was beguiled by Satan, daily traps are being set to snare, entrap, ruin or destroy any and every female.

Before the sin, Adam and Eve had equal authority in the world and over the animals; but, after the sin, God made woman subject to the government of man. [Gen. 3:16]

God values woman. Within her womb, God has placed seeds of life. God wants to create and preserve.

Satan wants to destroy and corrupt.

Every female is seen as a threat to Satan because she is "the gateway to life". With the birth of every baby, Satan's position is threatened. Each time a baby is born, Satan has to backup and rethink his plans. And believe-you-me, he has a bag full of tricks which are tailor-made for each victim.

Today--women are held suspect just because they are who they are. A woman. Her methods are questioned. Her behaviors are scrutinized. Her feelings are under constant evaluation.

Woman is loved and persecuted by man. She is pursued and defiled by Satan.

Women are marching. Women are stronger than they have ever been. But -- there is so much confusion within the ranks. And who is the author of confusion? Guess who? Satan. That's who. He never left. Just like the Garden experience. He is still the same old disgusting, no good, low-down, sweet-talking, sidewinder -- The Devil.

Woman has been labeled with such derogatory, defaming names as: slut, bitch (which is a female dog), whore, pus-bag, tramp, prostitute, fast, easy, dike, babe, sexy mamma, butch and other slang terms equally as vile.

Women are filling the prisons. Women are filling the bars and sleazy motels. Women are filling the morgues.

Women have been subjected to so much scorn. They have been heavily put down; both verbally and emotion-

ally. All of these inadequacies are being dealt-up by Satan himself. He is directly responsible for the put-downs, ridicule, low self-esteem and the constant urging to be a sexual play-thing.

Satan whispers ever so softly in her ear or sends someone who will make her feel and think (artificially) that she is someone in this other someone's eyes. This someone tells her that she is too fat or too skinny or too this or too that. He gives her false love and false hope. He showers her with a few cheap trinkets, takes her to dinner a few times..... then--this someone removes his mask and reveals his true ugliness.

"You've got to sell drugs for me baby", he tells her coyly. "You said that you'd do anything for me. Didn't you?"

Picture this. She cries! She weeps bitter tears onto the chest of this parasite.

And to think, many people call this a man.

The woman genuinely thinks that he will feel her pain and that her sincere sobs will convince him not to force her to take part in this awful deed. But -- with posture erect and a face showing no remorse, he coldly breaks her embrace and shoves her to the floor.

"You're gonna do what I tell you! Do you understand? You think that I did all this stuff for you because I loved you? I'm gonna give you a crash course in reality baby."

Not one or two but thousands of females fall prey to a scenario just like this one--every day and every hour of every day. This is very sad.

Satan is still on his job. He is still trying to discredit, kill, injure, sneak-up-on or just pull the wool over the eyes of unsuspecting females.

The key word is unsuspecting. Where is Christ?

Women fall prey to Satan's wiles because of low self-esteem or they can't cut it in the classroom or they're being put down by negative comments from close family members or they may have a physical impairment, such as: scars or short hair or big feet or buck teeth or pimples or poor speech---and the list goes on.

Once a female has turned her life over to one of these disciples of Satan, just for a few moments of felling pretty or feeling wanted or felling loved, it will take what will seem like an eternity to remove her from his grasp. That's if you're using "Me Power".

Where is Christ?

Let's go back. How did this happen in the first place? Well -- number one and foremost, Christ was not in the picture at all or the female was a brand new Christian without any guidance.

It's like flying an airplane without any instruments. You managed to take-off okay but you have no way to determine how high up you are or what direction you are flying. That is very scary.

When God created woman, he placed seeds within her. He created an order for everything. He ordered the man and the woman to be fruitful, to multiply and replenish the earth. [Gen. 1:28] Even after God purged the earth, with the flood, he ordered Noah and his sons and their wives -- "And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein." "And I, behold, I estab-

lish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you."

[Gen. 9:7,9]

Just as God created the flowers and the trees and the herbs and their seeds for reproduction, he also created seeds for the reproduction of the human race. These seeds are in woman. As we use the waste of animals to fertilize, germinate and cause growth, God created within man the element that fertilizes the seeds carried within woman.

Mankind has misused and abused these abilities instead of protecting, cherishing and guarding them. Mankind has allowed Satan to get entirely too close.

Women! Guard-well this gift that God has given you. Satan does not want you to successfully be all what God intended you to be: saved and full of grace.

Christian women! Guard-well this gift that God has given you because Satan does not want you reproducing yourself. Do you understand? this really ticks him off. Satan knows that God established a covenant with you. And as long as you are operating within God's will, your seed is blessed. Only through the womb of woman does life come forth.

Just think how angry Satan is when a Christian man meets and marries a Christian woman and they begin to be fruitful and multiply?

Women! You are under attack. You must recognize who your adversary is -- The Devil. The Holy Scripture has laid out, verbatim, how you can protect yourselves. The Scripture even describes the armour you are to wear. [Ephesians 6:11-18]

Yes. The fate of the entire world rest in the womb of a woman; however, without God she cannot endure. No matter how hard she tries to pull herself up by her own bootstraps. Women will perish. And with her, the entire human race.

Time is winding up. Women should wake up and smell the spiritual coffee.

Just as you prepare yourselves to go to work each day to slave over the tasks which your boss has set before you; prepare yourself each day on how to find inner peace and security in obedience to Christ. "There is no security in the plan which denies God as Lord of our lives and of all that we possess." [---Bill Bright's a Handbook For Christian Maturity, pg. 229] (And what a woman possesses also includes her sexuality)

Women! You are somebody. God must have thought so -- because, God chose a woman as the vessel to carry the most precious gift in this world. The gift was the Incarnate Christ.

So -- Satan is upset? Good! Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! Women! Rise up! Strut your stuff in the name of Jesus Christ.

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*In Memory of
Cathy L. Taylor*

Cathy Taylor was born, July 30, 1956 in Portland, Oregon. She was the daughter of Fred Jr. and Georgia M. Taylor. She entered into eternity, February 1, 1994.

Cathy joined Bethel A.M.E. Church under the pastorage of Rev. Harley Akers.

She sang in the youth choir. She attended Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School and later graduated from John Adams High school in 1973. Cathy majored in cosmetology at Fagan Beauty College, completing the course in 1975. Her love for sports won trophies in "Track and Basketball. In adulthood, she took up skiing and camping. She was fond of music and excelled in



modeling.

Her field in cosmetology led to positions in Salons at Meier and Frank, Gary Luckeys and her present job at J. Hope and Company until her demise.

Cathy is survived by a loving family: Mother, Georgia, two Brothers; Gre-

gory and wife Alandria, Portland, OR and Fred II of Seattle, WA One Sister, Margo Taylor, Portland, OR. Two Nephews, William and Rashod. One Niece, Morgan of Portland, OR. One Uncle, Allen Taylor, Aunt Nez Shofner of Denver, Colorado. Aunt Clara McAllister and Grandmother Blanche Taylor, Jefferson, Texas. Cousins and a host of friends.

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