

## The Veil Part 2

We continue in this message tackle the Scriptures that explain to us facts and truth about the veil and the dress of women.

*“1 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east. 2 And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth. 3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place. 4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we. 5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. 6 And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. 7 And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them. 8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep. 9 And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them. 10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. 11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. 12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father. 13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. 14 And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month. 15 And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be? 16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured. 18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. 19 And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. 20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.” (Genesis 29:1-20 KJV)* We read here the story of what had happened when Jacob met Rachel Jacob and how he decided to work seven years as payment for Rachel to take her as wife from her father Laban. The choice of Jacob to Rachel was based on the physical manifestation of Rachel. He saw her as she was not covered with a veil he kissed her and was attracted to her external beauty. So he was not led by a divine purpose in making that choice. His mother Rebekah the sister of Laban as we read before was using the veil to cover herself to hide her beauty when she was brought to Isaac to marry her. But now her niece was not observing that.

It looks like the same today, years and days had made the people put aside customs and dresses that are more protective by being conservative in hiding the woman's face and body's beauty. People replaced those protective things with sewn fig leaves of Adam and Eve, which led further to increase immoralities, wrong choices of marriage with wrong partners, and later on more broken families and heartaches.

Jacob was deceived with the face of Rachel, for she was not the will of God for him. As we know at the time of Jacob's marriage, Leah was given to him: *“21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. 22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. 23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. 24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid. 25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me did not I serve with thee for Rachel wherefore then hast thou beguiled me 26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.” (Genesis 29:21-26 KJV)* Jacob did not discover his wife was Leah only in the morning; that means her face was covered when he laid down with her, because as we said in the previous message the bride will be brought to her husband and she is encased with a veil, and it seem that the face of Leah was not seen by Jacob when he knew her in the use of bed on his wedding night.

Jacob forgot his father's instruction, when he told him to get a wife and not wives, as you can read, *“2 Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.” (Genesis 28:2 KJV)* Jacob did not satisfy with Leah because he saw the face of Rachel, and so he was trapped with the sin of polygamy. Laban told him, *“27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. 28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. 29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. 30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.” (Genesis 29:27-30 KJV)* Laban took advantage of him and proposed to him a second marriage so he will continue to use his service and keep Jacob with him.

The question: But what was wrong with Leah that Jacob needed to marry Rachel her sister after her? The answer: Absolutely nothing; in bed Leah can do well like Rachel, like the rest of other women. It was not Leah's fault that Jacob was attracted to Rachel when he saw her face and when he kissed her. As we know Rachel was not God's choice for him. If Jacob did not marry Rachel then he will not be falling into the sin of adultery due to polygamy, his children will not be infected with adultery, and afterward Jacob will not be having favoritism between his children as we know there were jealousies and fights between them. If Jacob was satisfied with God's will in marrying Leah, he would be staying shorter in Haran, and he will be spared the sin of adultery and the multiple marriages, and he will be with less burden of many children, four wives and four families instead of one, and he will be managing his life better by more concentrating to discipline his children of a single God's choice wife, Leah. Even during the famine that had happened later on, he would be managing his life better with fewer people with him.

Let me now ask you this question, please. If the daughters of Laban were wearing the veil, would Jacob fall in love and in the trap of marrying Rachel? The answer: Not at all; and all the rest of his troubles and suffering will be avoided. If the daughters of Laban were wearing the veil then Jacob will not be falling in love with Rachel and he will not be naming Laban his wages in such a way *“I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.” (Genesis 29:18 KJV)*

Now a day many men would work very hard to marry a woman who is not God's choice for them just because they like her face and body characters. They are only attracted to the woman because of physical external beauty but not out of divine purpose and appointment of God. Our youth and adult men may fall in the same fault as Jacob did and suffered the consequences of that sin the rest of their lives, therefore we need to be aware and protect them.

*“Also he said , Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.” (Ruth 3:15 KJV)* That what Boaz gave to Ruth to put in her vail when she went to meet him on the threshing floor. The Hebrew Word here used for ‘vail’ is ‘**Mitpachath**’, and its meaning is cloak. The meaning of cloak is ‘cover’, ‘hide’, ‘conceal’, ‘envelope’, ‘veil’, or ‘wrap’. So the meaning of vail here is to cover and hide the rest of the body; the head, the hair, the face, the arms, the hands, the chest, the abdomen, the thighs, and the legs. It is an envelope to enclose all the body parts of the woman. So it is a big piece of clothes that is why Ruth was able to carry six measures of barley in her cloak. **Women will be more blessed with God's provision and God's favor as they keep themselves decent in their dress.** Now a day, scarcity is everywhere and food and provision are less because men and women are no more decent in their life and dress before God; they cannot carry more than a handful in their hands. They cannot use their dress to carry for it is hardly covering their bodies. The women now a day wear a skirt that goes not beyond their knees and when they sit down, they will be moving their hands every now and then to pull the skirt to cover their lower body parts. That is why with such a kind of custom God had taken away His blessings. That is why with such custom they cannot keep and carry God's blessings. In conservative cultures, today women will not go out without a cloak that covers the span from the head to the feet so the parts and the descriptions of their bodies will be completely hidden from the sight of men. That Godly and protective dress, will prevent temptations, wrong choices, and sins, and will promote God's blessings.

‘**Mitpachath**’, the Hebrew Word used for ‘vail’, is also repeated in *Isaiah 3:22*, using the English Word ‘**wimples**’, *“The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins.” (Isaiah 3:22 KJV)* If we read *Isaiah 3*, in the whole chapter God was rebuking His people for their sins and He pronounced to them how He is going to discipline them by sending them captives and how they will be humiliated by their enemies. *“1 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, 2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, 3 The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. 4 And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. 5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable. 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand: 7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people. 8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory. 9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. 10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with*

*him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. 11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. 12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. 13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. 14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. 15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts. 16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: 17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts. 18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon, 19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, 20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, 21 The rings, and nose jewels, 22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, 23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails. 24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty. 25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war. 26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.” (Isaiah 3:1-26 KJV)* The Lord said in verses 18-23 that their women jewelers and clothes will be taken away and they will be uncovered and the cloaks that cover their bodies from head to toes will be removed as an act of discipline and humiliation from God. **Now a day many women who believe in Christ but they are exposing the parts of their bodies (shoulders, legs, thighs, abdomen) to the public and are not aware that what they are doing is sin, humiliation, and submission to the devil's will.** Amazingly and contrary to that in some cultures who do not know the Law of God, they are keen and are observing that the bodies of their girls and women are covered with cloaks to avoid the temptations of the other gender. True, they are not doing that out of true faith or out of holiness but out of religiosity. But if we look at that action it has a protective role on men and women and the growing young generation and it is worthy to be adopted as style of dress for women.

*“1 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.” (Song of Solomon 4:1 KJV)* The Hebrew Word here for ‘locks’ is ‘**Tsammah**’, and the meaning of locks is veil, or woman's veil, and can give the meanings of ‘covering’, ‘blanket’, ‘shroud’, ‘mask’ (masquerade, disguise to cover and hide the face so it will not be known), ‘curtain’, ‘cloak’ and ‘pall’ (that is become dull, lose its attraction, become tedious, and fade). **So the locks or the veils here the purpose of them that men will not be attracted by the face beauty of that particular woman.** The locks or the veils as masks can show an ugly face or a face of an old woman, and no man will be attracted to it. Locks are also used to lock doors opening and entrances. So by the locks that girls and women are wearing, temptations will be blocked and avoided.

Now a day, many women put on makeup colors to mask the ugly part of their faces, and to make attraction, that will cause temptations for men to fall in attraction. So the locks that are in the Bible are Godly dress so men will not depend on their eyes to chose which woman will marry but on God who knows the suitable partner that He had made for each man. The Word

‘locks’ is repeated also in other places, “3 *Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.*” (Song of Solomon 4:3 KJV) “7 *As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks.*” (Song of Solomon 6:7 KJV)

Also repeated in *Isaiah 47*, “2 *Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.*” (Isaiah 47:2 KJV) Also repeated when God was pronouncing His judgment on the Babylonians, “1 *Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.* 2 *Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.* 3 *Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.* 4 *As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.* 5 *Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.*” (Isaiah 47:1-5) Part of God’s humiliation unto the Babylonians was exposing their nakedness starting by uncovering the locks that cover the head and the face, then exposing the legs and the thighs. God will allow the Babylonians to lose their authority, and the sign of that loss of authority is in the exposure of their nakedness starting from the head and face. Our authority in Christ comes from our obedience to Christ. If women would expose their faces and put attractive makeup and colors to the public then they are losing their authority in Christ. They had replaced our trust in God with makeup; many women when I asked them why they put on makeup when they go to work will answer and say because we are called to put on makeup to please the customers and get more business. I use to answer them and say, ‘The more we trust men for our living, the more we are deprived of God’s blessings’.

“7 *The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.*” (Song of Solomon 5:7 KJV) The watchmen when they caught that woman roaming in the city of Jerusalem they removed her veil to verify who she was and what for she was roaming around. So the veil was something that cannot be removed here unless by a certain authority. The Hebrew Word used here for ‘veil’ is ‘Radiyd’, something to spread or wide wrapper or large veil. It is also repeated in *Isaiah 3:23*, “23 *The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.*” (Isaiah 3:23 KJV) As previously read that in *Isaiah 3*, God ordained discipline and humiliation to His people who disobeyed Him, and part of that discipline that their privacy will be transgressed by their enemies in removing the veils from their women as a sign of humiliation to them.

“29 *And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses’ hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.* 30 *And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.* 31 *And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.* 32 *And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.* 33 *And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.* 34 *But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.* 35 *And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to*

*speak with him.*” (Exodus 34:29-35 KJV) The Hebrew Word used here for ‘veil’ is ‘Macveh’, which means to cover. From what we read then we can understand that the people of God, the Israelites, it was known to them the wearing of the veil because Moses wear that to hide the radiance of his face and it was acceptable to them.

**My Dear and Beloved:** In this message, I am not suggesting or dictating that women should wear veils and put locks and dress as we read in the Scripture, however,

A. If you are led by the Holy Spirit to adopt such a dress and find it helpful to impart holiness then I encourage you to do that.

B. Let everyone be responsible to protect others by avoiding and rejecting the worldly ways for women in the way they dress or put perfume and makeup, “9 *In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;*” (1 Timothy 2:9 KJV)

C. Let us not be tempted to use our senses or depend on man’s senses to choose the partner of marriage, but rather seeking God on our knees.

D. Let the church not be opportunistic and take advantage as Laban did when he condoned Jacob’s choice to marry Rachel. Many churches do not interfere with the people’s choices for marriage so that they will win their favor and take an advantage of them as Laban did with Jacob. They don’t want anyone to get upset with the church but that is against God’s will.

E. Let us be responsible to protect our youth girls from exposing them to polluted Media and publics, and avoid allowing them to be in the dangerous atmosphere and in contact with boys and men who will take advantage of them. Likewise, let us be responsible to protect our youths and men from exposing them to polluted Media and publics, and avoid allowing them to be in the dangerous atmosphere and in contact with girls and women who will take advantage of them.

Commit yourself to the Lord for this cause and fully trust Him. God had a purpose to place this message in your hand, to impart to your holiness, and to use you to be an instrument of God to impart holiness to your family, to your church, and to the people around you and under your care. Let us pray . . .

**My Prayer:** Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the teaching and the rebukes, the corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message.

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your pride, your disobedience, rebelliousness, non teachable spirit, and moving away from God, your worldliness, and your love for material things. Confess and renounce all your lust, immoralities, your multiple marriages, your multiple partners, and your extra-marital affairs. Confess your lack of reading God’s Word and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, having many friends and in bondage with the Media, News and games. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God, especially in pertain to marriage. Confess and renounce your bad example and causing temptations to



*others in the way you dress yourself. Confess and renounce your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him in the way that He wants you to serve Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*Lord I commit myself to serve you and to live the style of life according to your plan and will for me and according to the teaching that I received in this message. Lord I humble myself before you and accept your will and your plan for me and to set good example to others to follow. Lord uphold me with your grace and provide for me so I will continue to walk in your ways*

*Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and humbled themselves, returned to you and willing to follow your will and plan for them, Lord bless them, continue to provide for them and use them to serve you and to be good example to others. Lord I pray for others who still not repented and are doing their own will, Lord humble them, teach them your ways and grant them repentance so they will follow your will.*

*Lord, bless us as your church, and help us to continue to teach your Word and to declare your will in full. Lord give us perseverance to continue to do that until you come to take us to Heaven. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in order to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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