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# Concubines Prostitutes and Wives

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### Concubines, Prostitutes and Wives.

#### Topics.

- Facts concerning concubines.
- Prostitutes, condemnation, and harsh judgment.

#### FACTS CONCERNING CONCUBINES

- They are spoken of as female servants, and maid servants.
- They were looked upon as a secondary or half wife.
- They were not held in the same esteem as proper wives.
- They did not have authority to manage household affairs, but rather shared in the bed only.
- They and their children did not inherit.
- Some concubine did not live in their husband's house with his other wives, but lived in some other city or place that the husband regularly visited as they travelled the countryside attending the affairs of the nation.

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Having many wives was customary during ancient times amongst kings and rulers, even though it was against the word of the LORD.

• He (Israel's king) shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold. (Deut. 17:17).

#### **PROSTITUTES, CONDEMNATION AND HARSH JUDGMENT**

Right or wrong, I feel it is unfair to make blanket statements that harshly judge and condemn all females who give their body to others for financial gain. I feel this way for the following reason, amongst prostitutes there are the following two groups:

- 1. Those who choose to do it, because they can earn far larger wages than they could ever earn doing a normal job (especially in our modern world) (2022).
- 2. Those who are living in extreme poverty (i.e., third world countries), where it is often the only way, they can earn money to support themselves and feed their children. I suspect many of these women would die a thousand deaths every time they take on a client, but the well-being of their children is given a higher priority over their own self-respect.

Personally, I feel unless we and society are prepared to help and support the second group of women, I feel that it is grossly wrong for us to harshly judge them, for these women are selling their bodies for survival, not gain. As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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