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Esther 1:10-22

“...When the heart of the King was merry with wine, *and* he commanded... to bring Vashti, the queen, before the king... to show... her beauty... but the queen... refused to come at the king’s command *by his servants*... *Then the princes said to the king*... “Vashti has not only done wrong to the king, but to all the people as well... for this deed of the queen shall come to the attention of all women, so they shall look with contempt upon their husbands.” Esther 1:10-22

Had King Ahasuerus not been drunk, had he not demanded his wife’s presence, had he asked her himself rather than sending servants, maybe history would have been different. A wife is her husband’s equal, not his property. The apostle Peter (who was himself married – Matthew 8:14) called wives “heir together of the grace of life.” (1 Peter 3:7)

While many accuse the Church of harming women (and to be sure the Church over the centuries has not lived up to its high calling) but Jesus and Paul did more to liberate women than any suffrage movement! “For you all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus... there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond or free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26-29). To obey the word of God always, always brings true liberty and freedom – never tyranny or oppression!

Never make a judgment based upon whether a person is male or female. Honour all people. Learn to receive graciously the gifts and abilities of all people. Here’s an idea... treat all people as you would wish to be treated!

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