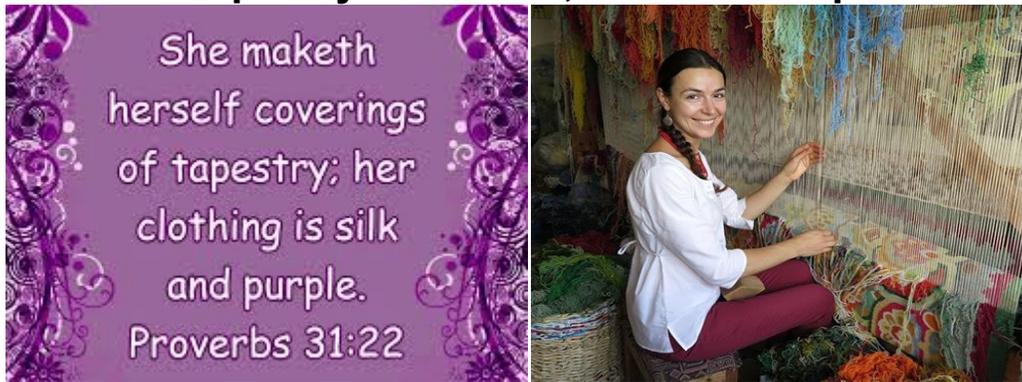


A Tapestry of Scarlet, Silk and Purple



Proverbs 31:21-22 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

The Tapestry of Scarlet = Strong's = 8144 = Scarlet Thread = The Scarlet Thread is the Blood Covenant: The blood covenant was established in the Old Testament. It was re-established in the New Testament. It is the covenant of Christ. To be clothed with scarlet means to be clothed in His blood. This is the **"Scarlet Thread"** that runs all through the scriptures. **Genesis 4:5** And he gave unto them commandments, that they should worship the Lord their God; and should offer the firstlings of their flocks for an offering unto the Lord.

Scarlet is symbolic of blood, pain and sacrifice = Christ became the New Covenant through the shedding of His blood. We come into the New Covenant through the waters of baptism and the laying on of hands for the gift and power of the Holy Ghost. Our entire household is to be taught and brought into this covenant.

Hebrews 9:13-15 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this cause He is the mediator of the new covenant, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Jacob 3:6 And for this intent, we keep the law of Moses, it pointing our souls to Him; and for their cause, it is sanctified unto us, for righteousness, even as it was accounted unto Abraham in the wilderness, to be obedient unto the commands of God, in offering up his son Isaac, which is a similitude of God and His only begotten Son.

3 Nephi 4:48-49 I am the light and the life of the world. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. 49 And ye shall offer up unto Me no more the shedding of blood; yea, your sacrifices and your burnt offerings shall be done away, for I will accept none of your sacrifices and your burnt offerings; and ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto Me a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

Her Household is Clothed in Scarlet



Proverbs 31:21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet. = Indeed the Virtuous Woman has taught her children well and guided them into being partakers of the Covenant of Baptism. They are clothed in Scarlet.

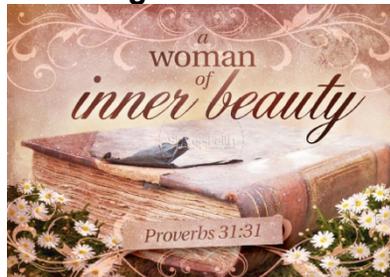
D&C 68:4a And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance; faith in Christ the Son of the living God; and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands when eight years old, the sin be upon the head of the parents.

D&C 90:6d But I have commanded you to bring up your children in light and truth

We see the importance of a mother's teachings. In **Alma 26:56-57** Now they never had fought, yet they did not fear death: and they did think more upon the liberty of their fathers, than they did upon their lives; yea, they had been taught by their mothers, that if they did not doubt, that God would deliver them. 57 And they rehearsed unto me the words of their mothers, saying, We do not doubt our mothers knew.

Proverbs 31:22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. **Root Word for Tapestry = Hebrew Dictionary & Strong's = 4765-7234 = to deck = 5710-3302 = Be bright, Adorn, Be Beautiful, Make Self Fair** **1 Peter 3:3-4** Let your adorning be not that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and wearing of gold, or putting on of apparel; **4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.**

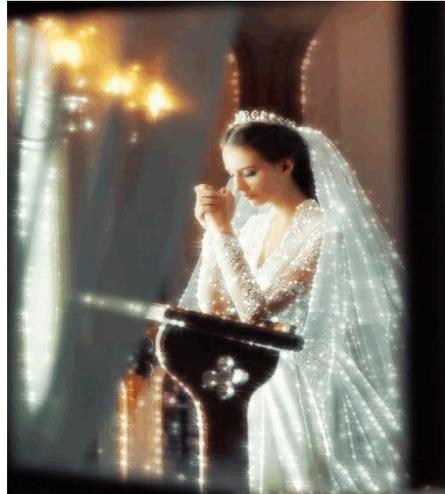
Proverbs 31:25 Strength and honor are her clothing



Her Clothing is Silk and Purple

Root Word for Silk = Strong's = 8836 = White Linen, Fine Twined Linen and the color Blue. We will look at white fine twined linen first:

Revelation 19:7-8 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.



We want to be virtuous and have on our Clean White Fine Twined Linen and be Ready for the Bridegroom.

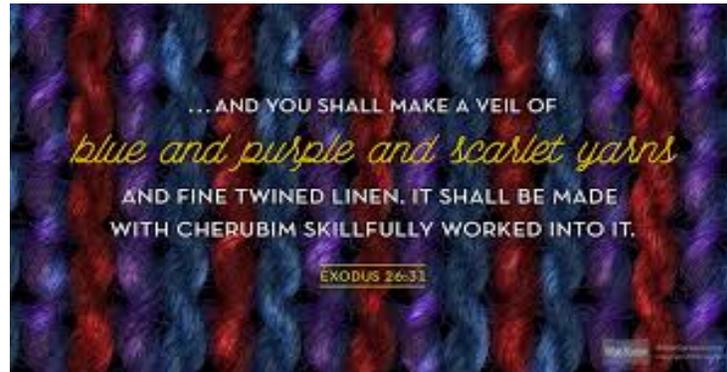
2 Peter 3:12-14 Looking unto, and preparing for the day of the coming of the Lord wherein the corruptible things of the heavens being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the mountains shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless, if we shall endure, we shall be kept according to his promise. And we look for a new heaven, and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, **be diligent, that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless.**

D&C 4:1b therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve Him with all your heart, might, mind, and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.

D&C 38:7a And that ye might escape the power of the enemy, and be gathered unto Me a righteous people, without spot and blameless.

D&C 117:12 Behold, if My servants and my handmaidens, of the different organizations for good among My people, shall continue in righteousness, they shall be blessed, even as they bless others of the household of faith.

The Colors of Service



Purple, Blue and Scarlet Are the Colors of Service: The white linen, purple, blue and red of the Virtuous Woman, are the same colors used in the garments of the Priests who served in the temple. **Exodus 28:2** And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for glory and for beauty . . . **28:4** unto Me in the priest's office. **28:5** And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple; and scarlet, and fine linen. **28:6** And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work . . . **Exodus 29:6-7** And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre. 7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

I do not believe it is an accident that here in the parable of the Virtuous Women these colors are mentioned. I believe it speaks to the importance of a woman's calling. The calling for men and women are different, but equal in importance. Men are called to the Priesthood and women to Womanhood/Motherhood and both callings are vital to the church and to the foundation of our society.

I believe it is significant that gold is not mentioned in the Virtuous Woman's clothing, as it is in the Priest's clothing, nor is she anointed as it mentions in **Exodus 29:6**. Comments from = The Bible Dictionary, Jewish Encyclopedia, Wikipedia and other references: [**The holy crown on the High Priest's turban "MITRE" (Exodus 29:6) refers to the engraved gold plate which was worn on the turban of the high priest; this plate said, "HOLY TO JEHOVAH."** The entire priesthood is sanctified unto the Lord, separated to the Lord, and saturated with the Lord signified by the engraving on the gold plate worn on the turban.] Note that then in Verse 7 the Priest is anointed.

Womanhood/Motherhood is a Holy calling which requires our very best efforts. It does require the scarlet of the covenant, the white linen of righteousness, the scarlet, blue and purple of service. Motherhood is one of the high callings of women. A good mother truly is a servant, seeing to the needs of her family. God designed us different than men, not less, just different. Women meet a great need in society as their nurturing nature is expressed in many different loving and caring ways.

There are many great women listed not only in the Bible but the chronicles of history. Look at Mother Teresa; she was not a wife or a mother but she brought great ministry to many. She was a mother to thousands. What of Corrie Ten Boom? She also was not a wife or mother, but she was courageous and stood against evil in a day of great evil. She carried forth the message of Christ to thousands. She was indeed a servant of the Lord. Both of these women were virtuous women in their time and place.

All who have made covenant with God are called to Servant-hood. Service is a part of every Christian/member's Stewardship: **D&C 38:9c** And again I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that every man, both elder, priest, teacher, and also member, go to with his might, with the labor of his hands, to prepare and accomplish the things which I have commanded.

When the call went out to build the tabernacle the people responded—both men and women. **Exodus 35:25-26** And all the women that were wisehearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen. 26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun. **Exodus 35:29** The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the Lord had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

Today each of us has the same calling. **D&C 58:6d** Verily I say, Men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; for the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. **D&C 64:7a** Behold, the Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind; and the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land of Zion in these last days.

When the call came to build the Kirtland Temple both women and men responded. The women sacrificed in many ways. They worked hard to provide food and winter clothing for the men. They cut their hair to go in the plaster, for the outside walls, to strengthen it and they also broke their fine china to go into it so the temple would sparkle and shine in the sunlight.

Women are called of God into many areas of service. I think of Deborah; she was a wife but it is not recorded that she had children. She was called to a great high calling. She was called to be a judge, prophetess, warrior, national leader and military commander. What an example she is—of what women can do in any day and age.

What is God calling you to do?



The High Priest Garments

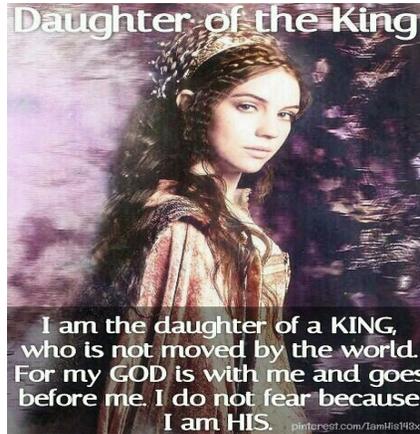
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THE COLOR PURPLE

Purple in the Bible = Kingship, Royalty, and Wealth



Mosiah 3:8-9 And now, because of the covenant which ye have made, **ye shall be called the children of Christ, His sons, and His daughters:** 9 For behold, this day He hath spiritually begotten you; for ye say that your hearts are changed through faith on His name; therefore, ye are born of Him, and **have become His sons and His daughters.** **2 Corinthians 6:18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

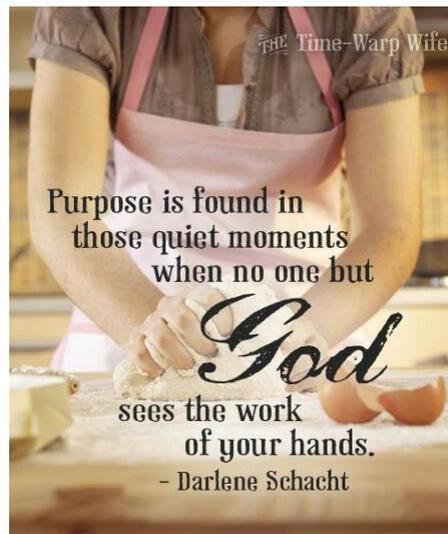
We, as Christians, are a part of God's Royal Family. God loves us and makes wonderful promises to us. **1 Corinthians 2:9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

He promises to be with us in every trial and situation in life. His promises are so great and numerous we cannot list them all here. But His promises are true. **Numbers 23:19-20** God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent; hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good? He is our Father and our King and we, as His children, promise to love and serve Him. We have given Him our loyalty and become ambassadors for Him and the royal family. **1 Corinthians 5:15-20** And He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again . . . 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Her Merchandise is Good: The Virtuous Woman as a Royal Daughter produces and she is an ambassador and shares the Good News about her King far and wide.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me. **D&C 4:1c** Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God, ye are called to the work, for, behold, the field is white already to harvest.

She Worketh Willingly With Her Hands



Psalms 100:2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

When we serve others, we serve Christ. Many women toil long and hard for the welfare of their families and no one sees; but Christ sees, and she will be blessed and rewarded because of her service.

She Worketh Willingly with Her Hands: Proverbs 31:13 She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. The wool and flax are raw material. Raw materials have to be worked into something. The talents God gives us are raw material. See Parable of the Talents: **Matthew 25:14-33** The Virtuous Woman is Productive and she is busy developing her talents.

She Layeth Her Hand to The Spindle and Distaff: Proverbs 31:19 She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hand to the distaff. God has given each one of us talents = The Virtuous Woman learned to spin wool or silk into her own yarn or thread. Once this was accomplished only then could she take that thread or yarn and weave it into cloth, etc. Then, if she made it into clothing, she had to cut it and sew it. All of these steps were the developing of a talent. Develop your talent and then put it to work.

D&C 46:5a-c Always remember, and always retain in your minds what those gifts are, that are given unto the church, for all have not every gift given unto them; 5b for there are many gifts, and to every man is given a gift by the Spirit of God: 5c to some it is given one, and to some is given another, that all may be profited thereby.

D&C 60:2a And it shall come to pass, if they are not more faithful unto Me, it shall be taken away, even that which they have, for I, the Lord, ruleth in the heavens above, and among the armies of the earth.

She Ministers to the Poor and Needy



Proverbs 31:20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

Matthew 25:36-41 For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me in; naked, and ye clothed Me; 37 I was sick, and ye visited Me; I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. 38 Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed thee; or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? 39 When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in; or naked, and clothed thee? 40 Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? 41 And the king shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me. (Read also verse 42-47.)

D&C 38:8b And they shall look to the poor and the needy, and administer to their relief, that they shall not suffer.

D&C 58:3c And also that you might be honored of laying the foundation, and of bearing record of the land upon which the Zion of God shall stand; and also that a feast of fat things might be prepared for the poor.

Alma 16:223-224 And now behold, my brethren, I say unto you, Do not suppose that this is all; for after ye have done all these things, if ye turn away the needy, and the naked, and visit not the sick and afflicted, and impart of your substance if ye have, to those who stand in need; 224 I say unto you, If ye do not any of these things, behold, your prayer is vain, and availeth you nothing, and ye are as hypocrites who do deny the faith.

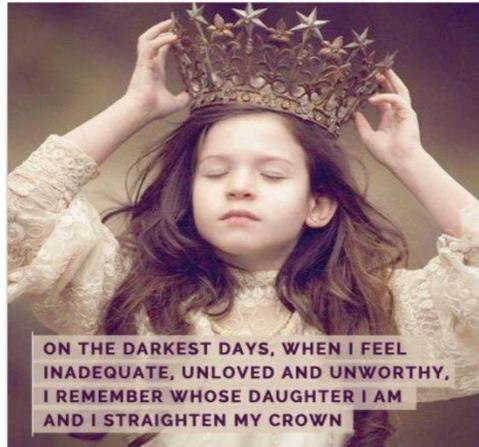
D&C 101:2f-g The earth is full, and there is enough and to spare; yea, I prepared all things, and have given unto the children of men to be agents unto themselves. 2g Therefore, if any man shall take of the abundance which I have made, and impart not his portion, according to the law of my gospel, unto the poor, and the needy, he shall, with the wicked, lift up his eyes in hell, being in torment.

James 2:16-17 For if a brother or sister be naked and destitute, and one of you say, Depart in peace, be warmed and filled; notwithstanding he give not those things which are needful to the body; what profit is your faith unto such? 17 Even so faith, if it have not works is dead, being alone.

D&C 52:9c And remember in all things, the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted, for he that doeth not these things, the same is not My disciple.

D&C 56:5a-b Woe unto you rich men that will not give your substance to the poor, for your riches will canker your souls; and this shall be your lamentation in the days of visitation, and of judgment, and of indignation: 5b The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved!

**You are a Princess, the Daughter of the King and this is a
Parable with a Promise Written Just for You**



Proverbs 31:25-31 Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. 30 Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

A Note from Pat:

Women of the church, I hope that you will remember every day that you are a daughter of God. He wrote Proverbs 31 just for you.

It is my hope that each of us may begin today to live closer to the blueprint that has been given to us in this Parable of the Virtuous Woman. Doing so will make your life more fruitful and joyful as you come to a full knowledge of who you are and use the gifts and talents God has placed within you in His service.

Zion is just before us; let us press onward and upward. Let us never forget we are daughters of the King and His power and strength is available to us every day. With His help nothing is impossible. His promises are true and we can claim them as our own.

Let us look forward with great expectation to His Kingdom becoming a reality here upon the earth and to the joy that will be ours.