

"Man's Responsibility In The Home"

By J. M. Little

In order to find man's responsibility in the home we have to go to the word of God. The home is the oldest institution in the Word of God. In the garden of Eden, God made the first home. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, made up the first home. Many may not agree with me, but a close study of the very first two chapters of Genesis show man (Adam) as being the "head" of the home even before the "fall." Now you study that closely and see if you don't find that to be true.



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When I come to a subject like this I tremble. Man's responsibility to God for the home is awful. In Genesis 3:16 it says: "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he (Adam) shall rule over thee (Eve)." There we see God establishing man as the "ruler" of the home, the "head." Now I know we have a lot of skunks as heads, we'll deal with that a little further down in this study. Genesis 3:16 has never been changed and never will be. The gravest responsibility rests on the man as head and caretaker of the home. In Genesis 3:19, we find God placing the material needs and welfare of the home on the man, listen: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." So we see another responsibility here: man is to go out and work for the family. Earn a living for it. God made man's body to work, not a woman's body. Then when we see men who are too lazy to work to support their wives and children, what a tragedy! Oh, my dear man, if you only knew the responsibility God has placed on you! You are going to have to answer one day for your responsibility God has placed on you. Now you had better think seriously men. If I as a saved man tremble at the responsibility God has placed on me as head of my home, how about you lost men? You don't tremble do you? No, you don't. God holds man responsible for what goes on in the home. Let me ask you a question, are you taking your responsibility seriously? Are you? You may take your responsibility lightly, but God doesn't take it lightly. One day you men will have to give an account as to how you ran your home, you are the head so you are going to answer to God. Have you ever sat down and studied God's Word on your responsibility? Now I hope all you women who read my messages will lay this one before your husbands and plead with them to read it.

Man is to rule the home with a "rod of love," not be a dictator. Some of you men rule with an "iron fist." Your wives and children are afraid of you. You're cruel as hell. Everything has got to go to suit your cussed will. If you can't get your way about everything, you raise the roof. Some of you men are always nagging at the wife, blaming her for this and that instead of taking the blame on yourself. Let's see what God says about it. It doesn't matter what you and I say, it's what God says about it man, and you are going to square your life with God's Word or go to hell. Listen to the Word of God: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for

it." Now I'm going to use some plain english here and everyone will understand what I mean. I cannot conceive of a man loving his wife and causing her untold misery by going out and laying up with some woman out in the street. If a man loves his wife he wants her to keep herself unspotted from the world and he should do likewise. You don't want your wife going to bed with another man, no, you don't! Then why do you break her heart by going out and laying up with some whore? How about it men?! You know you're wrong. Why in the name of high heaven will you tear up a good home? Some of you men are such low down dogs you ought to be tarred and feathered, and that isn't good enough for you. Some of you men are always looking for "greener pastures." Why will you wreck a good home like that? God is going to meet you at the judgment, Man! Here is a marvel: a man will wonder why the kid of some wealthy family went out and robbed a store or got mixed up in drugs when his family had seemingly everything material to offer that kid. Alright, you answer this question and I'll answer yours. Here's a man who has a good wife, faithful wife, lovely children, good job, the Lord has blessed you abundantly, then you go out and lay up with some whore knowing you are going to break up your family. Now you answer that and you'll have the answer to why the kid of the rich family broke in the store and stole something. No man wants a wife who runs around with other men. What would you do if you caught your wife in the bed with another man? Well, why do you get in the bed with another woman? You know you don't want your wife out there like that. Some of you men will tom cat with every woman you can and if you have the least idea your wife has her eyes on

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Letters To The Editor

Mr. Bill Johnson
Charlotte Post Newspaper

North Carolina's court system is not exactly highly regarded in terms of its respect and desire for justice, but the Ronnie Long trial this past week in the Cannon Mill town of Concord represented a reduction to another, lower level.

Ronnie Long, a 20-year old Black youth, was convicted of midnight burglary and rape regarding the assault on the widow of a Cannon Mill executive after a week-long trial in which the verdict was fore-ordained. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, a feat not surprising when one considers that an all-white jury was selected to judge him. And on top of that, 7 of those whites work at Cannon Mills. One might say that this represented a conflict of interest, but the judge apparently didn't think so.

But the further subterranean direction of North Carolina criminal justice system was not predicated upon all this. The real kicker comes in that it was used to save the reputation of a wealthy, white widow of Cannon Mills executive and to avenge her ravishment at the hands of a Black man, allegedly, we have only her word. In any case, any Black man would have been sufficient, as long as someone was convicted. Ronnie Long just happened to be a Black man who would not bow down to the oppression, a characteristic that is very troublesome in a mill town like Concord where Cannon Mills Corporation dominates the social, economic and political life of not only the city of Concord, but also the county of Cabarrus, of which Concord is the county seat. In a town in which working class people must face oppression daily on the job, working for sub-standard wages and breathing in cotton dust which eventually sends them to an early grave, any one who stands up to the system is extremely dangerous.

Ronnie was seen as a potential Black militant and had to go. And the new Ku Klux Klan, who wear the black robes of the judiciary and who serve the ruling class, were only too willing and able to do the job.

What happens now depends upon the people. Over 200 supporters filled the courtroom each day of the trial to witness one of the most blatant frameups in North Carolina history, and witnessed the police riot that followed afterward, in which several people were hurt. Two hundred marched this past Saturday to show their solidarity with Ronnie Long. Now comes the hard work of organizing and mobilizing the people of Concord to demand that justice be served—with Ronnie's freedom. Only with the mass mobilization of the people will he be set free.

Dr. James Grant, Jr., PhD in Chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania, is a well-known fighter for civil rights in North Carolina and one of the Charlotte 3 defendants. He is currently out of prison on \$50,000 bond, pending federal review of the charge that the civil rights of the 3 were violated by the state of North Carolina.

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