

Highly Esteemed
& Greatly Valued

Proverbs 30:5-6

Every word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar.

Revelation 22:18-19

18. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,
19. and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

Genesis 1:26-28

26. Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness.
27. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
28. And God blessed them.

Social engineering, transgender, gender ideology, gender fluidity, mindfulness, abortion on demand, assisted suicide, euthanasia, decriminalisation of illegal drugsall these things & many more clamour in our ears from newspapers, internet, television screens & even from discussions with co-workers, friends & family.

NZ Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer,
Life-giver, Source of all that is and all that
shall be, Father and Mother of us all”

The untampered Word of God says in Matthew 6:

Our **Father**, Who art in Heaven
Hallowed (kept Holy) be Your name”

As followers of Christ, we are not called to declare what people want to hear but rather what the Word of God says which we alter at our own peril!

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Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Jochebed, Miriam,
Rahab, Deborah, Ruth, Hannah, Esther, Elizabeth.

Despite any failings, they were part of God's
eternal plans

Mary - the mother of Jesus

Luke 1:28 & 30

Luke 1:46-55

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Jesus & the Apostles had women accompany them
(Luke 8:1-3)

Mary & Martha

- commendation & encouragement
- Jesus showed that He wanted & expected women to learn spiritual truths (Luke 10:41-42)
- Jesus reveals an astonishing thing to Martha (John 11)

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- Jesus is concerned for the health & well-being of women (Luke 13:11-17)
 - Jesus expresses a deep anguish for women (Luke 21:23)
 - Jesus publicly crossed cultural barriers with outstanding results (John 4)
 - Jesus shows incredible compassion for women (John 8:4-11)
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Women at:

- the Cross
- the Tomb
- the Resurrection
- & as part of the Bride of Christ

Equally Loved
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