

Pleasant Valley Weekly

I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138 : 2)

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The memorial of Vashti

Just like clockwork, every year about this time people fail to remember Queen Vashti. They fail to remember her for what she stood for and the dignity she held for herself. Instead people tend to reveal more and more of themselves by wearing less and less clothing. A *look at me* attitude has taken the place of humility.

This morning we study the first chapter of Esther. What can we learn from what Vashti was willing to do? How can we emulate her attitude towards her body, her nakedness, and her own husband. By not parading herself about, what message did she send to each of us today?

The bible is filled with memorials. The Lord's Supper is most definitely the easiest to define. It is something that we as Christians partake, in order to remember our Lord's Death, every first day of the week.

With the time we have this morning I want to show you the memorial of Vashti. The bible tells us of a memorial that was established because of what she did, or better yet didn't do. However, there is a completely different memorial to her that you probably didn't know about.

As we enter into the summer time, and choices are placed before us as to wear or not wear clothing. Remember Vashti. Remember the memorial she gave to you.

The Memorial of Vashti

- * Mark 14 : 3—9

Jesus' anointing was a memorial to her.

'mnemosunon' - a reminder

- * Hebrews 11 : 4

Abel's offering still speaks even though he is dead.

- * Esther 1

The king commands Vashti to appear, but why?

To show off her beauty.

Queen Vashti refuses!

She is to be removed from office.

- * The memorial established by the king.

Her banishment is to send two messages:

The women of the land are to not despise nor reject the wishes of their husbands.

Each man should be master in his own house.

- * The memorial we should remember.

Queen Vashti was willing to risk everything not to be paraded about as a token of pleasure for men.

- * Where have the children of Vashti gone?

Society has made sin acceptable! - Jeremiah 6 : 15

We just don't listen anymore! - James 1 : 22—24