



women of Judah sought attention by the way they walked; they were condemned for their proud posture, seductive eyes and indecent dress. Their motive was to lure married and unmarried men to sin.

Isaiah tells of twenty-one items the women of Judah possessed, from anklets to head ties, perfume boxes to mirrors, and several different types of clothing. However, these items used by the women to beautify themselves were not the problem. Neither Isaiah nor Peter (I Peter 3:1-5) condemns women for adorning themselves. God wants women to look their best and to enjoy luxurious things. But the problem comes when women-like the women of Judah- are selfish, materialistic, proud and sensuous. When women develop these characteristics, following the world with its lust and lascivious ways, untold harm can and will be done. Corrupt women make corrupt men, and corrupt men lead nations into moral decay. The problem begins when women abandon their God-given roles.

The women of Judah were similar to many women of America today. God has been so good to America. We are a free country, a country blessed with the best of material things. We have spiritual freedom and have accumulated more knowledge than any nation before us. With all these blessings, many Christian women are failing to see the inconsistency of patterning their conduct and dress after the world. This worldly influence has caused much of the problems we have in society and in our homes today. The problems are both in the world and in the Lord's church. A return to the Bible and God's pattern for the home is the answer for a troubled nation.

God wants Christian women to influence our nation, to be God-fearing, holy and pure. Women can strive for no higher purpose than living a faithful Christian life. Godly women produce godly nations. Let's never underestimate the influence of a woman. Her influence can cause a nation to rise or fall. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

-Kim Lindley

## Ladies retreat

May 29th - 30th  
It's not too late to go  
just let Denice know



IHS  
Nursing Home  
Sunday at 2pm

Care & Share  
Item

Pasta



## Prayer Requests

- **John & Jeff**, as they shepherd this congregation
- **Tim**, as he works with this congregation
- **Jeff Berkey's father** has pancreatic and liver cancer
- **The Berkey Family**
- **Lucy** needs prayers
- **Denice's father** has Pneumonia
- **Nick**, paralyzed in a car accident
- **Patty Berkey's mother, Eleanor**
- **Jeff Berkey's Grandmother**
- **Regis** is recovering
- **Merle Kalp** is at home
- **Donna Rockmore's family**
- **Tony**
- **Tiffany Rimlinger**
- **Haley Trainer**
- **Gary Carl**
- **Ray Rose**

## Record for the week of 4-5-09

Sun. Bible Study.....	32
AM Worship.....	44
PM Worship.....	17
Wed. Bible Study.....	17
Contribution.....	\$1112.00
Budget.....	\$1128.00