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Jamie,

I must confess that your message to me is nearly indecipherable. I have a difficult time discerning your written, expressed meaning. As you progress in the Lord, each day, you must sharpen your communicative skills in writing. You wrote the following:

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Below is the question that I perceive:

Hi Derek and Vinnette, I have the following question: My wife keeps saying that I must be her priest, as expressed by standards of leadership shown in the Bible by ancient Israel. She seems to think that I must fulfill this duty by offering a morning or daily sacrifice for the home by holding divine worship services as expressed through prayer. Is that true?

I will answer by assuring both you and Lola that you are often mentioned in my morning prayers, and this written appeal by you and her is heaven's assignment to deliver to you the following counsel as an answer to our petitions. Thus, I will answer the issue as I perceive that you are presenting it. If my thoughts/perceptions are incorrect, I am confident that you will benefit from the answer nonetheless, and you can afterwards find occasion to clarify your question. If it is difficult for you to understand my written reply, then you can consult with the brethren who are close, in proximity, to you. They are there for your service. I will circulate this letter to them also.

I will begin my answer with a metaphor from one of my experiences in ministry. Some 36 years ago, as a field minister for Bashan, I began my field work (spiritual hunting), from the recorded addresses of a church directory supplied to me. I visited different church members in Miami Florida who were therein listed so as to bring to them the good news of the Kingdom (as I understood it then). Being that the targets of my evangelism were the members of the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) faith, my ministry was obviously controversial, and I had to overcome many suspicions and objections that swelled in the hearts of those church members. One day I found success: I visited the home of a very tall, approximately six-foot four, physically-powerful-looking man —it never dawned upon me that he, being nearly 300 pounds, could be frightened of me a 170-pound man who stood five-foot-nine inches in height. At first our communion was not that of fear but of gleeful harmony. He was very enthused by my ministry and my Bible presentation; accordingly, we agreed to meet again the very next week. Preparatory to this meeting, he advised me that he planned to first discuss my work with his SDA minister. I warned him of their antagonism and flagrant bias, and he assured me of his powers of independent objectivity. Such has been the experience of many forthright Davidian teachers of the past. Yet, faithful to duty and to my word, I returned to his home the next week prepared to continue him in the Word, just as scheduled. But to my disappointment, this big man refused to face me at the door. In this, the Bible gave to me understanding about his vacillating withdrawal; it says, "***Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any MAN hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him...***" —Rev 3: 20. To my chagrin, instead of answering my call at his door, he sent his young, 10-year-old son to tell me that he changed his mind and withdrew from his formerly expressed interest. The lesson can now be more readily understood: I stood by the word of the Lord, by Christ who is the Door, and he refused to honor his commitment to spiritually sup with me; he refused my bread. This is how men of the world and the church, all

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except MSA men, treat Christ. Obviously, his Adventist minister inspired within him great fear and hostility towards me, and he trusted in his word instead of in the Bible.

The moral of the story addresses your concern: Father created man to rule his own house. He gave to man a wife, a home, and authority, the very things which He has entrusted to you. He holds the man responsible for their blessings and the prosperity of the home. Therefore, it is extremely offensive to Him for us to rely upon our women and children to negotiate with God about the blessings and the welfare of the family. We need peace, finances, healing, good jobs, respect, etc. My perception from your written appeal is that Lola wants to respect your authority in the home: She does not want to go alone to the throne of God so as to receive His blessings in your stead. She desires for you to answer the Door. She knows that Father desires your sonship; ever desirous to bless you, she knows, from study, that He wants to receive your direct appeals. Therefore, every morning, before you begin the day, call your family together and boldly approach the throne of God in prayer. The Lord is knocking; this is made manifest by the problems of your home, but He wants your six-foot-five frame to bow before Him. This will, by direct performance, show all in the home your meekness and your love of God. If you cannot assemble the children, then at least assemble your wife; position her, as your helpmeet, at your side. And from that posture, prostrate yourself in prayer before the Father, in Christ's —not Jesus'— name. This will show the universe that you respect Father's authority, that you honor His power, and recognize His direct involvement in your life. No one else, in the universe can do this for you.

My six-foot-four Floridian, reneging-student of the *Rod* did not want to represent his family to the Lord as a divinely appointed “man” of the house. How could he then be entrusted with greater promotion? Any blessing that the Lord desired to bestow upon his home, if ever given, would come by proxy and not by direct petition; thus, Father's credit would be stolen or lost, and the universe could never see the power of *Righteousness by Faith*. That Floridian man provides for us an antonymic (opposite) example for the lesson that we need to absorb from my desk as expressed in this, my reply to your query. He did that which we must not likewise seek to do. He abdicated the duty of priest of the home and sought to hide behind his young son and his aloof minister. Such men cannot receive heaven's respect.

Lola, your wife, does not want for her home the same reproach and dishonor that accompanies male abdication of authority. She wants heaven's peace, wealth, and joy. In this, her righteous ambition, she seeks to do her duty and enthrone you to the seat of government as her leader. She must be celebrated and praised in her wise strategy for success in the home for most women are on an opposite mission: They desire to constantly compete with their men for power. I am glad that, by the power and light of the *mustard seed*, she has begun to shine. She, by divine instinct, knows that your honor and empowerment in the home, before heaven, will guarantee the success and growth of the home and of her children. The Lord respects this wise approach to home management and so does the *mustard seed*. Should this reply be too complex, make it a topic of discussion at the next group meeting in Edmonton.

May you win for the kingdom of heaven more empowerment as you become an elder for its saints.

Sincerely,

Derek