1. Psalm 45 – The King and His Queen

2. Contrast in Revelation:

A. The Prostitute – Rev. 17:4-5 LGV

4 And the woman was dressed in purple and red, adorned with gold and valuable gems and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand, being full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5 And on her forehead a name had been written: "Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the Land."

B. The Bride – Rev. 19:6-8 LGV

6 And I heard [what sounded] like the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty thunders, saying: "Hallelujah, because the Lord God, the Almighty has begun to rule! 7 [Now] we may rejoice, and may celebrate, and may give Him glory, because the wedding of the Lamb has arrived, and His wife has prepared herself." 8 And it was granted to her that she may be dressed in linen, bright and clean, (for the linen is the righteousness of the saints).

3. "Beautification" of godly women = a submissive, humble, meek, gentle, kind, gracious spirit – 1 Peter 3:1-6 LGV

1 In the same manner the women [should follow Jesus' footsteps], being submissive to their own men so that also if any are disbelieving the Message, they might be won over by the behavior of the women without a word, 2 observing your clean, reverent behavior, 3 from whom <u>have [their] beautification</u> not be the external garnishing of the hair, decorations of gold, or the wearing of apparel, 4 but <u>the hidden person of the heart in the undiminished [beautification] of a meek and calm demeanor which is highly prized in God's sight</u>. 5 For in this way the holy women – those hoping in God – were previously <u>beautifying themselves</u>, being submissive to their own men, 6 just as Sarah harkened to Abraham, calling him "master," of whom you became [his] descendants, doing well and not fearing any consternation."

4. "Beautification" in reverence for God – 1 Tim. 2:8-15 LGV

8 "Accordingly, I desire the men in every place to pray raising clean hands without anger and disputing. 9 Also the women [should] do the same, adorning themselves in clothing arranged with modesty and sensibility, not with plaited hair, or with gold, or with pearls, or with elaborate clothing, 10 but [with] what is proper for women claiming reverence for God, [adorning themselves] through good deeds. 11 Have the women learn in quietness with all subjection. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or be independent of man, but to be in quietness. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived. But the woman, having been deceived, has become in violation. 15 Yet, she shall be rescued by the child-bearing if they continue in trust, love, and purity with sensibility."

5. Role of older women & widows

A. Teachers of younger women – Titus 2:3-5 LGV

3 "The older women similarly [are to have] appropriately reverent behavior, not gossips, not having been enslaved to much wine, but teachers of the good 4 so that they may disciple the young women to be affectionate to their husbands and to their children, 5 sensible, pure, guards of the home, good, submissive to their own husbands so that the word of God should not be blasphemed.

B. Devoted to charity – 1 Timothy 5:9-15 LGV

9 Enroll widows who are no less than sixty years old, having been the woman of one man, 10 having a record of good deeds: if she nourished children, if she was hospitable, if she washed the feet of the saints, if she relieved the afflicted, [and] if she followed every good deed. 11 But refuse younger widows, for whenever they may become impatient against Christ, they want to remarry, 12 having judgment because they repudiate their previous trust. 13 At the same time they learn laziness, wandering about the houses. They are not only lazy, but gossips and meddlers, saying things they ought not. 14 Consequently, I want the younger [widows] to remarry, to train up children, to manage the home – for none [of them] to give to the Adversary an opportunity for slander. 15 For some have already been turned back by Satan.

6. "Christian" women in the last days led away by false teachers – 2 Tim. 3:6-7 LGV

6 "From among these are the ones who stealthily invade households, captivating weak women, having been loaded down with sins, being led by various lusts, 7 always learning yet never able to arrive at the knowledge of the truth.