

«And the wife see that she reverence her husband»

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«Ἡ δέ γυνή ἵνα φοβῇται τόν ἄνδρα»

A theological commentary on Ephesians 5:33

by Saint Nektarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis, 1902.

Regarding the true interpretation

Having familiarized the Ephesians with the mystical character of matrimony and teaching them that Matrimony is an important mystery, and having pointed out the analogy of the matrimonial bond to the union of Christ with the Church and appointing the man to be the head of the woman -according to the Holy Bible- in the analogy that Christ is the Head of the Church, and also having taught them that both man and woman -according to the Holy Bible- are one body and one spirit as members of the body of the Church (which is the Body of Christ, who loved us as His own flesh), the Apostle Paul recommends to each and every one of the men to love his own wife the way that Christ loved the Church.

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