

THE PARABLE OF THE WIFE AND HER DEPARTED HUSBAND



If I may, an analogy I hope will encourage many...

Imagine for a moment your wife, who you've lovingly instructed to be about the family duties until you return. You don't delve too deeply into the details of your departure, but rather, emphasize how she is to occupy her time in your absence. She

has no idea when you will tangibly return again and visit her, but she does have your sincere *promise* that you will be back. So, as a faithful wife, clinging to your *words*, she labors faithfully. However, over many lonely hours, days, and nights, coupled with a heavy heart-sickness for your company, your worst enemies come knocking on her door. The tone of their conversation goes something like this...

"Where is your husband?" they ask.

"He is away tending to business", she replies.

"Don't be naïve', he has been gone for weeks, he has forsaken you!" they accuse.

Now, at this point, it's important to note that the accusations of your enemies cleverly align themselves with your wife's experience, but in reality, contradict your *word* to her.

As a husband, what do you want your wife to do? Obviously, despite her difficult circumstances and her harrowing experience, you expect her to trust your character and believe your *promise* and hastily dismiss your enemies with their undermining lies.

So often, this is our experience as Christians. God has given us multiple *promises* of His abiding presence and His watchful eye. However, so often, when we're walking through seasons when we can't seem to sense God's

tangible favor or presence the enemy comes to accuse God and undermine our faith. In times like these, we should rise up in holy anger against the devil, standing on the *Word of God*, we should proclaim the goodness of God, the faithfulness of His person, the immutability of His Word, and by faith, reassure ourselves that His eye is even on the sparrow. –B.W.