

wives, in Scripture, is your duties to your own husbands, and if you be wives in reality, that command cannot be grievous, for Paul informs me that the woman that has a husband cares for the things of the world and how she may please her husband. Now, I say that a wife is one of the blessings that the Lord bestowed on man and linked them together so that nothing but death is to separate them, for the Scriptures say, "Neither is the man without woman, neither the woman without the man in the Lord." And as they are created to be one, I would ask you, where does the spirit arise from that one is a Christian and the other a Devil? I tell you in very truth, every man is set head of his family. I say if the man is a believer, the woman is delivered by the man, they keeping in their duties as laid down in the gospel. Was Christ derided, was Paul crucified, or were you baptised in the name of Paul? If this were the case, your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. I could enlarge much, but I stop my pen until I receive an answer from you all.

To try to satisfy you I will write a few lines more. See Noah, Joshua, and Lot. You will see daughters-in-law and sons-in-law co-equal in the offer of life in the man, if adhered to. So, Warn I you. In the New Testament, see Crispus, Cornelius, the Jailer, and Lydia, and when you read, read with that fervent zeal and desire as the apostle speaks of, which is the desire of one who wishes the eternal happiness of all that seek aright.

James Pittman, you mentioned something about cows. I have sent Thomas Meredith's note and as you seem willing to do something, I want you to contrive to get some cows for me with that note, if you can. Either give cows for it, or help George to get to Meredith's. I do not know how cows trade there, but you and George do justice and let George's children have the use of them. Remember they are my cattle.

Farewell,  
James Taylor

George,

You mentioned something of the duty man owes his Creator, for you know that your Redeemer liveth, but be not deceived, for the Scriptures tell me if any man think he knows anything, he knows nothing yet, as he ought to know. Therefore, as Paul said to the people, he fed them with milk for they were not able for strong meat, for strong meat belonged to them that had their senses exercised to discern good and evil.

I desire you and Pittman may not stop your pens from me, each opportunity.

You say something of my coming to see you, I let you know that I cannot call to mind more than four nights I have lodged away from home in ten years. Your mother is so helpless and I take great pleasure in waiting on her. I can say I have great cause to praise my Redeemer. Your mother desires to be remembered to you all.

J.T.