**I AM WOMAN**

***Fulfill Your Destiny With God’s Blessing***

“I am woman, hear me roar.” In 1971 Helen Reddy, an Australian composer and singer helped ignite the feminist movement with her song *I Am Woman*. The lyrics say it all:

I am woman, hear me roar, In numbers too big to ignore, And I know too much to go back an' pretend;

'Cause I've heard it all before, And I've been down there on the floor, No one's ever gonna keep me down again; Oh yes I am wise, But it's wisdom born of pain, Yes, I've paid the price but look how much I gained; If I have to, I can do anything, I am strong, I am invincible, I am woman.

You can bend but never break me, 'Cause it only serves to make me, More determined to achieve my final goal; And I come back even stronger, Not a novice any longer, 'Cause you've deepened the conviction in my soul; I am woman watch me grow, See me standing toe to toe, As I spread my lovin' arms across the land; But I'm still an embryo, With a long long way to go, Until I make my brother understand…

I am strong, I am invincible, I am woman.

At the Grammy Awards she gave her acceptance speech for top female vocalist with these words: “I thank God, because She makes everything possible.”

Let me state from the outset that I am a MCP (Male Chauvinist Pig). At least that is what I’m sure I would be called by women in the feminist movement. But for any who are willing to listen to reason (and scripture), I have a mother, three sisters, a wife, a daughter, a daughter-in-law and four granddaughters. That’s 11 special females in my life. Every single one of them is smarter than I am (have I told you about how my 3 year old granddaughter taught me how to use my “smart”phone?). I wouldn’t trade any of them for a World Series ring or Super Bowl trophy (so mom, you can now rest easy).

It seems a shame I have to quote Genesis 1:27, but we must take nothing for granted in this new world order that includes Transgenderism. “*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;* ***male*** *and* ***female*** *He created them.”* The Feminist movement, which spawned the Unisex movement, which gave birth to the Transgender movement, has completely controlled the media’s attention for the past few decades. The “I Am Woman, hear me roar” philosophy has sought to make women and men equal in every role of society. The cry, “I can do anything. I am strong. I am invincible. I am woman!” has led to the passing of legislation which now allows for girls to compete in boys sports, and vice versa. There is now legislation working its way through Congress which would state that if a military draft was reinstated that all women would have to register for military service along with men. My granddaughters would be in barracks and foxholes alongside heavily testosterone driven young men. No father I know of would think that is “equality” for his girl.

But the chickens are coming home to roost. Just this week the Sports Council’s Equality Group went public with their latest study of transgender males-turned-females who participate in girls sports programs. They determined, and I quote, “Biologically male athletes (i.e. they were born boys) have unfair advantages over women. There are ‘retained’ differences in an average woman’s strength, stamina and physique compared with the average transgender woman – with or without testosterone suppression.”

Can I clarify what that means? Even if there has been drugs and surgery to suppress a boys’ testosterone level, he still was born with greater muscle mass and stamina than a girl, thus making it an unfair advantage in sports which demand strength and sustained endurance. He will still be faster, and stronger, longer than the girl, thus making it far more difficult for her to compete with him.

Is any Bible believer shocked by this “revelation?” Throughout all of recorded history, both Biblical and secular, men were made to be the protector of the family. Yes, my girls have superior qualities than I do in a number of areas. But even at nearly 69 years of age I can still easily beat all of them in arm wrestling (although I haven’t challenged my one-year old Madeleine yet). There is a good reason women are not playing in the NFL, NBA, MLB, WWF, and all other professional and collegiate sports that demand strength and stamina. While its true they are now allowing women to be firemen and combat soldiers, two positions that require extreme strength and stamina, the failure rate to meet the minimum physical fitness requirement is very high. Historically, only one woman has ever become a Navy SEAL.

When I said “the chickens are coming home to roost” I mean that now that women have demanded equal opportunity in sports, boys-turned-girls in transgenderism are now proving it is an unfair advantage. The outcry, from women no less, is to stop allowing boys-turned-girls to compete in their league. How sad it has come to this.

God has given every person ever created equal opportunity to become His child and be saved on Judgment Day (Matt. 25:30-46). Every person, whether male or female, is created in His image and can glorify God by fulfilling the roles He has given them. Men have historically, and Biblically, been the leaders and protectors of the family. It was Abraham and his 318 soldiers who rescued his captured kinsmen (Gen. 14), and David and his 600 soldiers who rescued his captured family (1 Sam. 30). Nowhere in scripture do we see a woman leading a battle or being the protector of her family (note: Deborah did not lead Israel into battle as Israel’s judge, Barak did. – Judg. 4).

God made male and female. The head of the home is the husband / father (read Eph. 5:25; 6:4). The leadership role given in the church is given to men (read 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Tit. 1:5-9) with women commanded “*not to teach or usurp authority over the man*,” and, “*Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive … for it is shameful for women to speak in church*” (read 1 Tim. 2:11-15; 1 Cor. 14:34-35). Does that mean they are inferior in the kingdom of God? In no way! It just means God has a role for each of us to perform to make the church succeed in the exact way He has prescribed. To argue against God’s order is considered rebellion, punishable by eternal death (read Matt. 7:21-23).

“I am woman, watch me soar” is a better way to express your God-given position in the kingdom. You will one day be raised on high to meet the Lord in the air (thus, “watch me soar”), and so shall you ever be with the Lord (read 1 Thess. 4:14-18). In heaven, with Jesus, you will truly be invincible and strong (read Rom. 8:31-39).

Woman, fulfill your glorious destiny. May the force (God) be with you. – Rick