

Why the West Thrived, Part 2

A widespread positive response to the Bible's message enabled God to make the Western world different.

For example, the West has tried to honour the Bible's opening words which show that, like the man, woman is made in God's own image. Genesis 1.27.

So, **first**, in Western countries men don't use women as beasts of burden.

Second, the West followed more closely the Bible's marriage instructions - the man not allowed to take a second wife, not allowed to have a mistress, not allowed to covet his neighbour's wife or commit adultery. And divorce is discouraged. See Exodus 20.14, 17, etc.

Third, a husband is not even allowed to hate his wife. Instead, the Bible says, "Husbands, love your wives." Ephesians 5.25.

Fourth, the Bible goes further. Mothers are to be honoured *equally* with fathers: "honour your father and your mother" Exodus 20.12; Ephesians 6.2.

But today the West has a problem. It is moving away from God's teaching, dishonouring and demeaning women, especially degrading them through pornography and even using this to poison the minds of our young children. Can the West survive? Not unless we restore our wonderful Biblical heritage. Will we?

Here's good news: if the West repents, God will forgive.

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It's what we *know* about God that's important - not what we may *feel* about him.

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