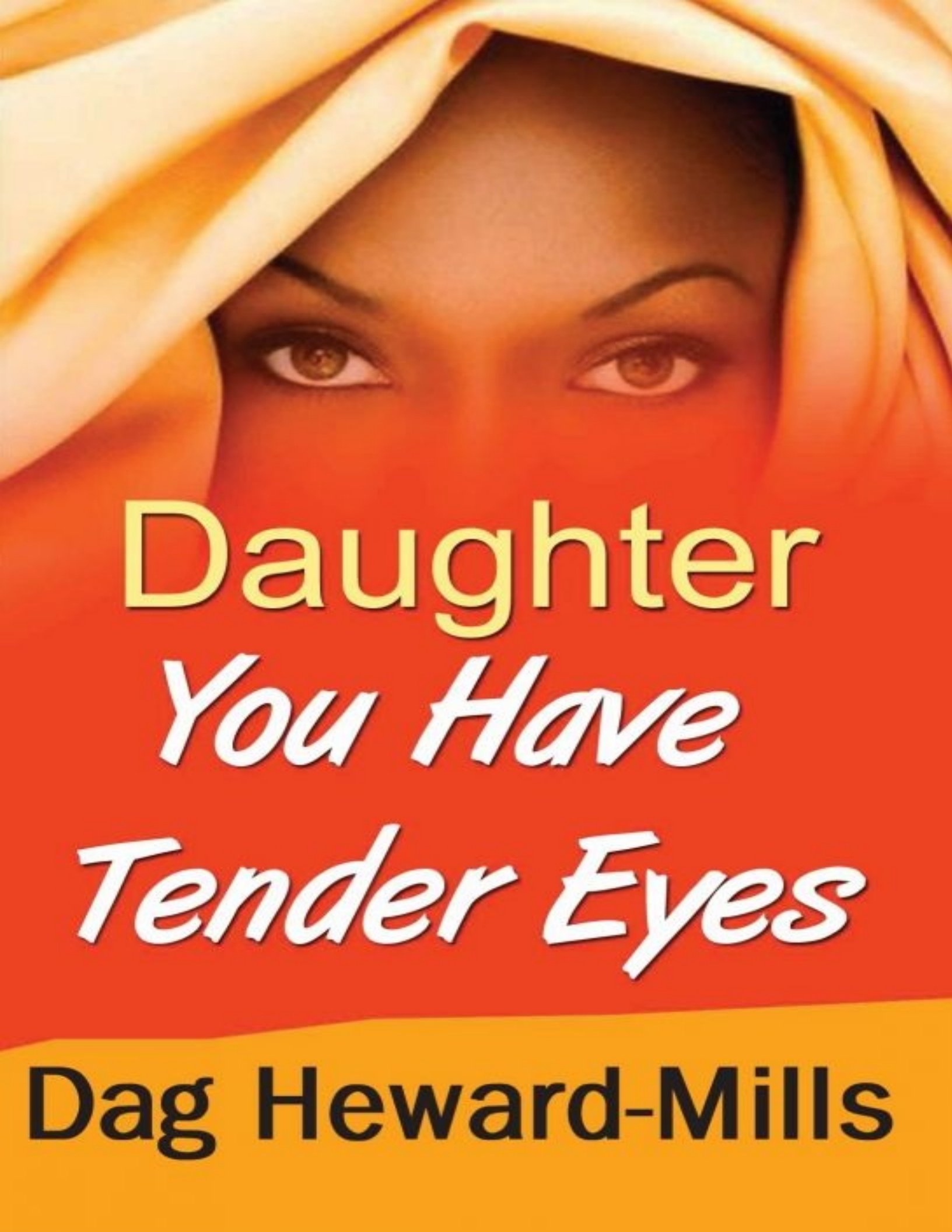




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Chapter 1

Daughter, Thou Hast Tender Eyes

Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.

Genesis 29:17

Apart from striking external beauty, there are many other things women are endowed with. It is not all about physical beauty, it is about the tenderness in the eyes. God endows every woman with beauty or with tender eyes.

God has designed some women to be tender beings. No one wants to marry a wooden pole. A man is looking for something that is warm and friendly. Daughter, you are endowed with many other gifts. Ask any married man. "Beauty is vain," they will tell you.

There are many other things that make people happy. Decide to learn the things that will make you attractive. Because I am a pastor, I have attended many weddings. Certainly, it is not the most beautiful women who get married every Saturday!

There are many beautiful girls who are sitting on the pews waiting for their turn. If it were just beauty, they would all be married by now!

God may give you beauty or He may simply give you tender eyes. Most definitely, He will give you something! Daughter, you must have something. Use what you have!

Different Kinds of Tender Eyes

Tender eyes come in many different forms. Rachel was beautiful, but Leah had tender eyes. Perhaps your tender eyes will come in the form of a friendly disposition. Perhaps your tender eyes will come as a gift of cooking and homemaking. Perhaps your tender eyes will be in the form of enchanting sexual energy. Yet still, your tender eyes may be in the form of your financial input to the marriage.

Your tender eyes may also be in the form of your exciting sanguine personality. Your tender eyes may be in the form of your cool, calm

phlegmatic temperament. Yet still, your tender eyes may come in the form of your strong leader's choleric personality. Again, your melancholic neatness and loyal nature may be the tender eyes that God has given you!

Daughter, thou hast tender eyes. God gave you something. Do not be filled with self-pity. You have tender eyes. Use them and be blessed!

Chapter 2

Daughter, God Will Give You a Husband

Uncle Laban had two daughters and both of them were eligible for marriage. When Jacob arrived in town, he was immediately attracted to the younger one, Rachel. But God ensured that Leah got married before Rachel did.

And it came to pass in the evening, that HE TOOK LEAH HIS DAUGHTER, AND BROUGHT HER TO HIM; and he went in unto her. And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for a handmaid.

And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

Genesis 29:23-26

Did No One Propose to You?

My sister, perhaps no one has proposed marriage to you. You are just like our sister Leah. While other people received proposals, you were left out. But the Lord is working on your case.

God has a plan for you. Just as God gave Leah a husband, God will give you a husband!

Leah married before the other so-called beautiful girls. I see you getting married before many others. Marriage is a spiritual thing. It is God who opens and closes the door of marriage.

There is a door of marriage. When it is opened to you, no one can close it! God had determined that Leah should be married. He had even determined that Leah should be married before Rachel. No one could change that blessing. Dear daughter, if God has opened the door of marriage, there is nothing that anyone can do about it.

Rachel, by popular opinion was more beautiful than her sister, and yet she did not get married before her sister.

Dear daughter, you are not going to marry because of any natural reason. You are going to get married because God is holding a door open for you. Believe it and receive it in the name of Jesus!

Chapter 3

Daughter, God Will Give You a Child

And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, HE OPENED HER WOMB: but Rachel was barren.

Genesis 29:31

My dear friend, have you ever watched a soccer match without knowing who was really playing? As you watched for a while you began to notice the side that was losing. Most of the time, we tend to instinctively support the losing team. As they say, "People support the underdogs."

That support you have for the underdogs is a God-given instinct to support the disadvantaged.

Today, if you are in a disadvantaged situation, be it known unto you that God is on your side. Woman, the Lord is helping you right now! It may seem as though you are disfavoured, but that is what provokes God.

The Bible says very clearly that when God saw that Leah was not liked, He compensated for it by showing divine favour.

And when the Lord SAW THAT LEAH WAS HATED, HE OPENED HER WOMB: but Rachel was barren.

Genesis 29:31

God opened the womb of Leah and made her have children. Suddenly, Leah was a favoured person. She was the only one who could bring children into the family.

Dear sister, perhaps you are not Miss Ghana or Miss Universe. That is the reason why Jesus is giving you extra favour. Today, as you hold this book, remember these words, THE LORD'S FAVOUR IS UPON YOUR LIFE!! He is going to change your misfortunes. You don't have to be discouraged. Daughter, you have tender eyes! Daughter, you shall surely have a child.

Chapter 4

Daughter, Keep on Serving the Lord

And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, NOW WILL I PRAISE THE LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

Genesis 29:35

A tender-eyed daughter is someone who continues to serve the Lord, even after God has blessed and elevated her.

Leah had several children. Many people stop serving the Lord when they have children. Leah gave birth to Reuben, Simeon, Levi and then Judah. By this time, many Christian women would have retired from their Christian activities.

But not so with Leah. She said, "NOW WILL I PRAISE THE LORD." Daughter, this is a good example to follow. You must serve the Lord with all your heart.

Children are only blessings from the Lord. My mother-in-law says that, "Children are guests in the house. They will soon be gone." If all your life is just focused on your children, you will be disappointed.

Leah determined to serve the Lord in spite of her many children.

And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.

And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the Lord hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.

And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three

sons: therefore was his name called Levi.

And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she said, Now will I praise the Lord: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

Genesis 29:31-35

In the midst of Leah's initial disappointment, she received four meaningful miracles.

The first blessing was Reuben. *Reuben* means "behold". She was saying to everyone, "See, I am blessed." She was showing everyone that God had blessed her in other ways. Count the blessings in your life. Perhaps you are not married, but you may be blessed in many other ways.

You must also say, "Reuben," which means "behold". *Behold* my good job. *Behold* my nice brothers and sisters. *Behold* my nice car. There are many things to behold.

After this, Leah had another son called Simeon. *Simeon* means "bearing". In other words, God is sustaining me. She was telling everyone that she could see the continued hand of God in her affairs.

Daughter of tender eyes, perhaps you do not have certain things in this life. Today, I want you to see that God is sustaining you. He is working in your life despite what you lack.

You can also have a Simeon and say, "God is sustaining me."

Then Leah had a third child and called him Levi.

Levi means "joined". By this time, Leah was convinced that God was a permanent part of her affairs. God was joined to her life.

She could only say thank you to the Lord for this third blessing. By naming her child Levi, she was telling everyone that God was a permanent part of her life.

Woman with direction, do you have at least three blessings in your life? Perhaps things are not as perfect as you desire. But count your blessings and name them one by one: the blessings of life, the blessings of education, the blessings of health, parents, promotion and the list goes on.

Woman with direction, if you have at least three blessings in your life you

can also say, "Levi", which means "God is joined to your life".

Finally, Leah had a fourth child and she called him Judah.

Judah means "praise". By naming her child Judah she was sending a message to the entire community. She was saying, "I am a happy woman." I may not be the most beautiful person. I may not be Jacob's first choice. But I can praise the Lord today.

Tender-eyed daughter, there is a miracle in your house. There is a blessing in the house. Surely you can say, "Behold God has blessed me." Surely you can say, "God is sustaining me." You must be able to say that God is joined to your life. Finally, you must be able to say, "Praise the Lord."

Daughter you have tender eyes!

Chapter 5

Daughter, Don't Be Tired of Doing Your Duties

When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

Genesis 30:9

Leah gave another woman to Jacob. She told her maid, "Go into his room and sleep with him." Zilpah was very willing to have an opportunity to replace her mistress. Someone may wonder at this strange practice. However, it continues in other ways today.

Many women are welcoming a third party into their homes by their character and attitude. The Bible teaches that it is better to dwell on the rooftop than in a large house with a ferocious woman.

It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

Proverbs 21:9

There are also many women who are not interested in sexual happiness in a Christian context. By doing this, they open the door to the numerous other women who are more than willing to be a replacement.

Daughter, you may not say openly, "I want another woman to be with my husband," but by your attitude and constant accusations you are saying the same thing.

Regain Your Husband's Attention

And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.

And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy

son's mandrakes.

And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

Genesis 30:14-16

Many years after Leah had her children, her husband was no longer interested in her. This is a common experience in many marriages. But it is possible to regain your husband's attention.

Woman, you are beautiful. Woman, you have tender eyes! Daughter, there was a time you enchanted your man. If you did it in those days you can do it again.

Do not think you have lost your ability to be a wife because you are older. Do not think that you are no longer beautiful. Do not think that your tender eyes are no more. In fact, with the passing of many years, your tender eyes can be even more tender.

Leah regained her husband's attention by using her son's mandrakes. She was a determined woman and nothing was going to stop her from regaining her husband's attention.

Woman, I have good news for you. There is no younger girl who can replace you. Your age and experience make you a more suitable person for your husband. The changes in your physical features over the years have only made you a more suitable wife.

Rise up into your place and do not allow any young whippersnapper to intimidate you.

Take your place! Pay the price! Stop accusing, stop criticising, and stop opposing. Be warm, energetic, youthful and interesting! Your husband will be forever charmed with your love!

Support Your Husband

And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.

And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grisled.

And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is our's, and our children's: now then, WHATSOEVER GOD HATH SAID UNTO THEE, DO.

Genesis 31:5-10,14-16

One day, there was a crisis in Jacob's life and he had to flee from his uncle. He could no longer work for his uncle's company. When it was time to leave, he told his wives about his new vision to relocate. His wives supported him. A woman with direction supports her husband when he has a new vision.

Daughter, try not to be the greatest opponent of your husband. It is true that you are the best person to correct him when he's wrong. This does not mean that you must lose your divine position as the one who supports and encourages your husband. You must learn to balance your role as a corrector and your role as a supporter. When it is time to bring your husband into line, you must certainly do so! When it is time to support him, you must also do so wholeheartedly.

Some wives are always correcting their husbands so much that they see no good in them anymore. They can no longer receive or be led by them.

Leah had lived with her husband for many years, but when he came up with a new idea, she said unto him, "Whatever the Lord is telling you, please do it. We are with you."

Daughter you have tender eyes. Seek the wisdom of God and He will

help you to do whatever you have to do!
Daughter, you have tender eyes!

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