

# L107 | I Corinthians | Comely, Non-Contentious Custom | I Cor. 11:1-16

## I. Intro/Review:

- Headship Principle
  - Lawful, but expedient

## II. Preview:

- Judge in yourselves
  - Comeliness
    - God
    - Nature
  - Contention

## III. Sermon:

**Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?**  
**{1 Corinthians 11:13}**

- **"judge in yourselves"** - judge what - what has come before and stated plainly
- **"is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?"**
  - "comely" - to stand out, to be conspicuous, to be eminent; to be becoming, seemly, fit
  - It wasn't comely at the time due to the custom - the custom represented the principle of headship
  - To not participate in the custom made the woman stand out in a worldly way

**Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?**  
**{1 Corinthians 11:14}**

- **"Doth not even nature itself teach you"**
  - What nature?
    - Laws of nature - that opposed to what has been produced by the devices of men
    - A mode of feeling and acting which by long habit has become nature (the course of things)
  - Example - circumcision
    - Rom. 2:14 - uncircumcision by nature
    - Gal. 2:15 - Jews by nature
  - What does "even nature itself teach you"?
    - Teaches a "shame" - why is long hair for men a shame? If God made men's hair to by nature grow long why is it a shame?
    - People "shame", culture, and society shame
    - The long established habit of women having long hair and men have shorter hair wasn't shameful
      - :6 - "if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered."
        - What is determining the shame?

**But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.  
{1 Corinthians 11:15}**

- **"But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her:"** - her long hair is a glory - her hair is given for a covering to show headship
  - Custom - of covering or not
  - Nature - of the length of the woman's hair
    - Distinguish her as not only a woman, but substantiate the headship ordinance by God Word
  - 1 Tim. 5 - word of God be not blasphemed
  - 1 Pet. 3 - won without the word, by the conversation of the wife's

**But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.  
{1 Corinthians 11:16}**

- **"contentious"** - fond of strife
  - **"we have no such custom"**
    - No such custom regarding the uncovering and shavening of hair?, or
    - No such custom at all.
  - Paul's focus is the ordinances of God kept in peace which is praiseworthy.
    - More comely to be covered than uncovered according to the custom
    - If not going to be covered than more comely to have long hair according to nature
    - What is uncomely would be to pridefully refuse the custom or worse shave your head like the world to strive against the ordinance of God of a man and woman and headship.

#### **IV. Conclusion:**