

The Lord's imagery of men & women in the Bible.

#1a – God intended MEN to represent God in the Bible.

See 1 Corinthians 11:7a and as related to Colossians 1:15.

#1b – God intended WOMEN to represent mankind [men & women] in the Bible.

See 1 Corinthians 11:7b.

#2 – So, how do we see God represented as a MAN in the Bible?

#2.1 – God is always portrayed in the masculine gender.

Search it out.

#2.2a – God is portrayed as the FATHER of Israel in the Old Testament.

See Deuteronomy 32:6 & Isaiah 63:16.

#2.2b – God is portrayed in the FATHER of disciples or the church.

See Matthew 6:9.

#2.3a – God is portrayed as the HUSBAND of Israel in the Old Testament.

See Isaiah 54:5 & Jeremiah 3:20.

#2.3b – Jesus is portrayed as the GROOM/HUSBAND of the church [bride].

See John 3:29 & Matthew 9:15, 25:1-13, 2 Corinthians 11:2.

The Lord's imagery of men & women in marriage.

#1 – The man represents Jesus in the marriage relationship.

Ephesians 5:25-26a says, “25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her...”

#2 – The woman represents the church in the marriage relationship.

Ephesians 5:22-24 says, “22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.”

Note – The better we play our roles out, the better we represent the Lord and the church, as well as the gospel right from our marriages.

The Lord's imagery of men & women in the church.

#1 – The Lord only allows men to be pastors in or over the church.

See requirements for pastors & elders in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 & 8-13

(respectively – see “husbands” meaning “men” in vv.2 & 12) & Titus 1:5-9.

#2 – The Lord does not allow women to teach or to have authority over men in the public church setting/congregation.

See 1 Timothy 2:12, but also 1 Corinthians 11:5.

#3 – The Lord also talked about who came first & who was deceived.

See 1 Timothy 2:13-14.

#3.1 – Adam was first as God was first and then came the woman, speaking of mankind, once God created us.

#3.2 – The Lord said Adam was not deceived, but the woman was.

Please don't construe this to mean women are inherently more deceived than man. It is a picture that only mankind [woman] is deceived, and God [man] is NEVER deceived.

The world is at war with this imagery.

Question #1 – Why did the Lord care so much the sexes were never confused as laid out in the Law of Moses in the Old Testament?
See Genesis 1:27 & Deuteronomy 22:5.

Question #2 – Why is there such a strong push for feminism in the world?

Question #3 – Why is there such a strong push today for transgenderism?
I believe feminism came first because Satan knew transgenderism was too much to take on as a starter issue.

Answer to Questions #1 thru #3: The Lord wants all gender imagery to be clear and understood, and Satan wants it all confused so we don't get His imagery.

Question #4 – Why did the Lord ask what He did in Genesis 2:18?
Genesis 2:18 says, “18 And the Lord God said, “*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*””
Answer: The Lord [depicted by man] has so much love to give, it is not good for Him to be alone.

Key Imagery in 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

Imagery #1 – v.3 – God gave us the line of authority in the chain of command.

Chain of Command: God the Father to Jesus to Man to Woman.

Imagery #2 – v.7 – Man is the image [or representation] of God and woman is the image [or representation] of man.

And this carries throughout all of Scripture.

Imagery #3 – v.10 – Head coverings represent authority.

This is a key to this passage regarding head coverings, whether they are natural (hair) or a man-made covering.

Imagery #4 – v.15 – Hair is a “natural” head covering provided by God.

So, whether a head covering is worn or not, we still all have the natural head covering of our hair.