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1 Corinthians 11:1-16: Male and Female He Created Them

Hope's Statement of Faith:

The Bible

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

Do you believe this?

Do you believe God's Word is the ultimate authority?

Do you believe you must obey God's Word in all that it requires?

Where do we start?

What is the cultural context of this passage? What did it mean to them?

An example from the OT

...So Hanun seized David's envoys, shaved off half of each man's beard, cut off their garments at the buttocks, and sent them away.

When David was told about this, he sent messengers to meet the men, for they were greatly humiliated. The king said, "Stay at Jericho till your beards have grown, and then come back."

(2 Samuel 10:4-5)

Responsibilities in Marriage

No woman is obliged to accept a proposal. But if she does and if she is a Christian woman, she must know that the pattern for her relationship to that man is found in Genesis 2 where God said that he would make a “helper suitable for” Adam. If she cannot be a helper to her man or does not want to be, the woman should not marry him. (James Montgomery Boice)

*It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, **because of the angels.** (1 Corinthians 11:10)*

Angels interest in the church

- For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings. (1 Corinthians 4:9)*
- His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms... (Ephesians 3:10)*
- ...preached the Gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. (1 Peter 1:12)*
- I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism. (1 Timothy 5:21)*

Verse 11-12

We are not independent! We make a good team.

*So God created mankind in His own image,
in the image of God He created them;
male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:27)*

I would be the last to deny that women are given gifts that they are meant to exercise. But we must not be greedy in insisting on having all of them, in usurping the place of men. We are women, and my plea is let me be a woman, holy through and through, asking for nothing but what God wants to give me, receiving with both hands and with all my heart whatever that is. No arguments would ever be needed if we all shared the spirit of the “most blessed among women.” Elisabeth Elliot

Applications

How do you show that your life is lived in submission to the absolute authority of God?

Marriage:

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

(1 Peter 3:1-6)

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. (1 Peter 3:7)

In The Church

How do you show that your life is lived in submission to the absolute authority of God?

HOME GROUP Questions for 1 Corinthians 11:1-16...

1. In discussing the roles of men and women, read these below Scriptures to help guide your discussion:
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:15 – Traditions
 - Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 1:22-23 – Christ is the head of the church.
 - Ephesians 5:22 – Man has the authority over woman in marriage.
 - 1 Peter 3:7 – Husbands love your wives as a weaker vessel.
 - 1 Timothy 2:11-15 – Man has the authority over woman in church.
 - Genesis 2:18-25 – God’s basic design of marriage. Woman is a helper for man.
 - Galatians 3:28 – Men and women are worth the same (Jesus, too, is not in any way inferior to the Father, but He submitted Himself to the Father.).
 - 1 Corinthians 12 – People (man and woman too) have different roles in the body of Christ. We have different roles in life too.
2. Verse 3 is the key verse in explaining the rest of this chapter. What point is Paul making? Is this chapter about clothing or roles or is the teaching much deeper? What does this week’s passage indicate about God’s view of respect for authority?
3. Honor and respect for authority has disintegrated in our culture. How would you evaluate your actions and attitudes towards God’s established authority?