



“The Church That Guards the Gospel”

ORDERING THE WORSHIP:

REVERENT WORSHIP REFLECTS GOSPEL PRIORITIES

1 Timothy 2:1–15

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER (2:1–7) - “First of all...” (v. 1)

A. Prayers for All People—Especially Leaders

1. The Scope of Prayer - “for all people”

Paul uses four words:

- Supplications – urgent needs
- Prayers – general communication with God
- Intercessions – pleading on behalf of others
- Thanksgivings – gratitude for God’s grace

2. The Specific Focus: Leaders - “For kings and all who are in high positions...” (v. 2)

3. The Purpose of Prayer - “That we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”(v. 2)

B. One God and One Mediator

1. The Desire of God - “This is good, and it is pleasing...who desires all people to be saved...” (vv. 3–4)

2. The Exclusivity of the Gospel - “For there is one God, and there is one mediator...Christ Jesus.” (v. 5)

3. The Sacrifice of Christ - “Who gave himself as a ransom for all...” (v. 6)

4. The Mission of the Church - “For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle...”v. 7

II. THE CONDUCT OF MEN AND WOMEN (2:8–15)

A. Holy Hands Without Anger (v. 8) *“I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.”*

1. The Posture—Lifted Hands - This is not about style—it’s about sincerity. Lifted hands symbolize: Dependence – Surrender - Reverence

2. The Condition—Holy Hands

Psalm 24:3–4: *“He who has clean hands and a pure heart...”*

3. The Hindrance—Anger and Quarreling

B. Modesty, Dignity, and Biblical Order (vv. 9–15)

1. The Adornment of Women (vv. 9–10) - *“Women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel...”*

2. The Attitude of Learning (vv. 11–12) - *“Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.”*

3. The Order of Creation (vv. 13–14) - *“For Adam was formed first...”*

4. The Calling of Faithfulness (v. 15) - *“She will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith...”*

Reverent worship is not accidental—it is intentional.

It reflects:

- ✓ A heart aligned with God
- ✓ A gospel-centered focus
- ✓ A life ordered by truth

So the question is:

- Does our worship reflect the gospel?
- Do our prayers reflect God’s heart?
- Does our conduct reflect God’s design?

Let us be:

- A praying church
- A gospel-centered church
- An ordered and reverent church

Because when we are:

The world sees not chaos—but Christ.
