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## THE PRIVILEGE AND NECESSITY OF THANKSGIVING

By John R. Lenegar



Bradford who was governor of the Plymouth Colony, reflected a desire to thank God publicly when he issued a proclamation to do so in 1621 for a three day period, to any who will read his words. We can see Christian doctrine, truth, and desire in the words of our first president, George Washington, as he proclaimed a thanksgiving proclamation in 1789. It began: "Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, TO OBEY HIS WILL, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; ..." If we were to compare those sentiments then with the sentiments of our president and our populace today, I wonder how much of the statement that Washington made would have to be deleted? Above what man says, or does, we as Christians know God; we know His truth; and we

know our duty. One of these duties is a great privilege; that of giving thanks to God at all seasons and all situations.

**I. THE GIVING OF THANKS IS A VITAL PART OF PRAYER LIFE** - As we communicate with our Father in heaven, we are to do so with thanksgiving for all things in our lives as Christians for He works all things together for us and to our good. (Romans 8:28) We are not to be bound by care as we seek Him and present our supplications, with thanksgiving, Philippians 4:6 says: **"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."**

We are to give God thanks for His salvation which He has given to us. Colossians 1:12-13 tells us: **"Giving thanks unto the Father,**

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

By Pastor Donald Chance



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor.

It is a pleasure to receive letters from our readers as this one, yet it is troubling when we hear that true churches are departing from the plain teaching of the Word of God. The letter:

Dear Bro. Chance:

*I like to read the articles in The Baptist Examiner because it stays*

*on the true sayings of God. I am anxious about the writings of Paul in 1Tim. 2:11-14; "Let the women learn in silence with all subjection, but I suffer, not a woman to teach, not to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence".....*

*I don't believe women should be ordained as church pastors. This*

*is my Baptist faith, but what about a woman Sunday school teacher where adult men are members of the class? We have this in our church. Is this going against what Paul said?..... I will appreciate any enlightenment you or the other brethren can offer me on this subject.*

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## WOMEN'S WORK IN BAPTIST CHURCHES

By H. Boyce Taylor, Sr.



### TO TEACH MEN

**"But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."** (1 Timothy 2:12). This prohibition limits the work of women in Sunday School to teaching women and children. There is plenty of work for them to do there without getting out of their places and teaching men's classes. It is significant that nearly all Sunday School experts today are saying that the teaching of men and boys above the Intermediate Department is a man's job. God said so a long time ago.

### TO BE IN AUTHORITY OVER A MAN

**"But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence"** (1 Timothy 2:12). Women are prohibited from having any place in the work of our churches that puts them in authority over their brethren. So important is this that Paul says that whenever a woman comes into a church assembly she ought to have a veil or covering of some kind on her head as a sign that she is under authority, not in authority. **"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the women for the man. For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels."** (1 Corinthians 11:3-10). The flagrant violation of this prohibition by evangelists and

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## Editor's Update

By Pastor Donald Chance

Once again we bring you greetings from Calvary Baptist Church, with our prayers for each of our faithful readers. The Lord has been blessing in our services along with three baptisms in the month of September. The Lord is truly great in His power to save.

It is this time again when we are making plans for 1999 and the publications. We wish to thank each of our supporters for their faithfulness, as it makes us to know, that you are enjoying our efforts. We would like to appeal to you for suggestions on what we might do to make The Baptist Examiner a more servicable paper to the needs of each individual church. If you would like to write us we will take into consideration each suggestion.

Pray for us in the work here as our Lord is nearing His Coming. Our prayer is that we not sit down, "UNTIL HE COMES".

May God bless.

### LET WOMEN

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*Sincerely in Christ,  
M. J., Georgia.*

Dear Bro. M.J., It saddens me when I hear the things you spoke of and must assure that when the Scriptures speak, they are our FINAL authority. We have no other recourse of action. Now whether or not those who read can understand is a matter that is plainly understood by their actions toward what is said.

NO, and a thousand times NO, a woman should not be permitted to teach in the open assembly when men are present. I could stop right there and the Word of God would stand true, but I would like to make a statement about your letter. It shows to me a heart that is concerned about truth being proclaimed rather than EGOS being lifted up. It is a sad thing when a woman will openly deny the Word of God, but from where I sit, I feel that the blame should be placed upon the shoulders of the PASTOR of the church. If I read my Bible right, I find that the pastor is responsible to God for every matter of teaching done in the church. It not only is his responsibility to keep error from creeping into the church, but he will be called into judgment for the actions he takes. If he hides behind the skirt of a woman, then he is not fit to hold the highest

office God placed in the church.

We as pastors should re-read the seven letters God gave to His Son, to give to John, to give to the pastors, to give to the members of the churches we have been placed in charge of. Not only did Paul state that a woman should NOT teach men, but the Lord stated in the letter to Thyatira, His displeasure over the fact that a woman had been allowed, "to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols." Notice what the Lord called her, "THAT WOMAN JEZEBEL". Not a pleasing title to place upon anyone, but you must see that it started from God and came through the Lord Jesus Christ. This letter starts in the same manner as the other six addressing each special church as, "And unto the ANGEL of the church in Thyatira write". This is a warning for us in the day we live. I will have more to say on this in a future article.

I am presenting the following articles from some men who have and still believe the Bible IS the Word of God and should be used as our final authority. Read their words and search the Scriptures whether these things be so. Remember, it is not what you, or I may believe about the Word of God, it is WHAT DOES THE WORD SAY, that is the final authority. Sincerely, Donald Chance, Editor.



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### THE ROLE OF THE WOMAN (In the Church)

"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array: But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." (1 Timothy 2: 8-14).

Many times people ask questions regarding the role of the woman in the church. Oftentimes they are referring to some specific thing regarding what they can or cannot do. Usually they want to be able to tell their women that they can do something that God prohibits them to do.

Before we go any farther, let me remind you who wrote the Bible. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, For instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:16,17). This and many other verses lets US know that God wrote the Bible, and Paul was just the scribe who penned it. So please don't insult God by saying that Paul hated women. PAUL DIDN'T WRITE THIS BOOK, GOD DID.

When you study the Bible you will see that God usually has a man to be the spiritual leader for His people. God has definite plans relative to the worship service while man has always tried to change it but we cannot, yea we must not.

### THE REASON WHY

### THINGS ARE PLANNED THIS WAY.

Perhaps my heading is wrong. God doesn't give a reason for doing as He does, but He sometimes gives an explanation. Verse 13 of our text says "For Adam was first formed, then Eve." "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Gen. 2: 7). "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone: I will make him an help meet for him.... And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." (Gen. 2: 18-23). Please note that God created the woman to be a helpmeet for the man. This does not mean she is a slave nor does it mean she is the master. Verse 14 of our text tells us that because she was the transgressor she also has some restrictions relative to serving God in worship and in our daily life.

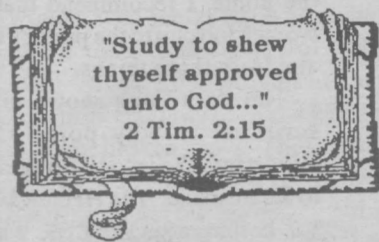
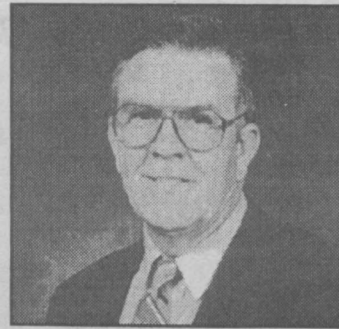
The first thing that we see here is that they must appear in the worship service with proper apparel. (Please keep in mind that while we are dealing with the subject of the women here, it is also true that everyone should show respect towards God and His church by dressing properly while in His service.) In our text in verses 9 and 10, we are told plainly that she must wear modest apparel. (See also 1 Peter 3: 3). This leaves out the low cut, tight-fitting and mini outfits. It leaves out shorts and pants (men's apparel, see Deut. 22:5). She is to dress as a woman professing godliness. Along with the proper dress she is to wear a head covering to show her obedience to God and His word, to show respect for the angels, to show her subjection to man. And to cover her hair, which is her glory so that she is giving glory to God and not herself (See 1 Cor. 11: 3-10).

The second thing given in this passage is that a woman must "learn in silence with all subjection" (Verse 12 of our text.) "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not (Continued on page 3)

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### Bible Study Lesson

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#### GENESIS 47

We continue our study in the life of Joseph as we now have reached the closing chapters of this remarkable man. The following verses will conclude chp. 47: "And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly. And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years. And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt: But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. And he said, Swear unto me. And he swear unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head." (47:27-31). While the Egyptians were having a rough time of it in their own land, Jacob and his family were doing very well in this strange new land known as Goshen. God looks after His own. Even so, the Egyptians have been blessed because of their kindness to Joseph and Israel.

Notice that the names, Jacob and Israel are used interchangeably throughout these chapters. God gave Jacob the name, Israel, perhaps because he was the last in the line of Patriarchs with Abraham and Isaac, to be the forerunners of God's chosen nation, Israel.

"And the time drew nigh that Israel must die." Jacob now was 147 years of age and it was time to go join his fathers. In comparison to today, he lived a very long life on earth, yet, a short time when compared to eternity. We read in the Book of Hebrews: "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the

judgment." (9:27) Death is universal. It comes to everyone. Yet it should not be feared by God's people. Jesus has taken away the fear and sting of death when He died for the sins of all who believe and receive Him as their personal Savior. Listen: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:55-58).

Thinking of death approaching should not be so much our concern as what happens after death. Where will we spend eternity? And what about, After this the judgment? Yet so many people today seem unconcerned about where they will spend eternity.

Though Jacob is old, God is not yet finished with him. There are still some things he must do. This is true of every one of us. There are no retirement plans for the Christian. The account given of Anna in the Book of Luke should encourage all who are reaching a ripe old age to take note. "And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day." (Lk. 2:36,37). We may think of serving God only in terms of performing great deeds, and for sure, there is great need for active participation in church work. Yet, let us not forget, in serving God, the great need for prayer. Just as Anna did. Age could not hinder her desire and willingness to serve her God.

JACOB PREPARES FOR

#### HIS BURIAL

Jacob instructs Joseph not to bury him in Egypt but to remove him to Canaan to be with his fathers. (vs.29,30,31). Why was this request so important to Jacob? The answer must be that Canaan is the land of promise God gave to Israel and thus did Jacob desire to be buried there in the land of his inheritance. The request Jacob makes reveals great faith in God. He looks ahead through the eye of faith, not sight, for as yet he had not received the promises. We read in Hebrews 11: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country." (11:13,14). To Israel, Canaan was the promised land God gave them which represented rest here, once entered into. However many of them did not enter in because of unbelief. We read: "And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not." (Heb.3:18). The rest spoken of here is tantamount to faith and has practical application to Christian faith today. It is not saving faith but "living faith" that is here pictured. Faith and belief go hand in hand. Just as many of Israel could not enter rest because of unbelief, Christians today do not enter the rest available to them through Jesus Christ. Listen once again to the writer of Hebrews: "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." (Heb. 4:1,2).

God's people today must also see and live by faith, looking

ahead to the fulfillment of the promises. No, we are not yet in full possession of the promises but we can read about them in His Word and meditate upon them. Every child of God has all the assurance he needs to live in confidence of that blessed hope that fadeth not away. Paul wrote: "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." (Rom.8:25). But we must understand that in order to live as a Christian in today's world, our faith must be real. We cannot allow the problems and complexities of the world overpower our faith in God and His promises. As Christians, we are to stand for the right things and speak out against the wrong. The world is against Jesus and the Bible, and this will continue to be and even more so as the day of Christ approaches. Keep in mind, dear Christian friend, it is to us, not the world, that God has promised peace, joy and eternal life in heaven.

It is sad indeed that so many Christians living today, believe and teach that no one can know for sure they are saved until Christ returns. Many of such live as if God may at any moment cast them from His presence for some sin committed. Friend, God's salvation is an eternal salvation. No man or woman can live a perfect, sinless life. We are not saved on our own merit, neither are we kept saved on our own merit. We cannot save ourselves nor can we help save ourselves. It is all of grace apart from works. Christ's death, burial and resurrection is the only foundation and means by which man may enter into the eternal life God has made for all those who believe their sins to be covered in the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ.

#### JACOB BOWED HIMSELF

"And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head." (v.31). Jacob's actions now reveal a submissive, yielded spirit. He gladly does this as a sign of reverence to God and to show his

readiness for death. Jacob is completely resigned to place himself at God's disposal. He is ready for the inevitable event of death, knowing all is well with his soul.

The Psalmist reminds the need for each of us to bow down and worship before God: "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." (Ps.95:6).

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**in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."** (1 Cor. 14: 34, 35).

The third thing shown here what a woman is forbidden to do is to teach, or usurp authority over the man. (see verse 12 of our text). Some people separate teach and usurp authority but whether you do or not it is still clear that a woman cannot, teach a man or usurp authority over him. The Greek word for authority is AUTHENTIC which means to act of oneself or to dominate. (Usually when we see the word "man in the Scripture it is from the Greek word ANTHROPAS which means a human being and could have been translated mankind. Verses 8 and 12, however does not use ANTHROPAS but uses ANER which means a male.) The woman is not to teach nor usurp authority over the male. The question is sometimes asked if a woman can teach men in the Sunday School (or Bible classes). Absolutely not. In fact, if she is teaching children and one of the boys becomes saved, he must leave her class immediately.

Fourth we are told that the woman must not offer public prayer if men are present. Verse 8 makes this very clear. The use of ANER in this verse shows this.

#### THINGS THEY SHOULD DO

First and foremost she must attend the worship service of our Lord. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; But exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit Forum



SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT  
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### What is the difference of an "abomination" and "sin"? Are they one and the same?

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First let us keep in mind that any sin is the transgression of God's law. **"Whoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."** (1 John 3:4) We all know that no sin can be overlooked and must be paid for, that's why Christ came as our sacrifice. I will not elaborate on this as that is not the question at this time.

Sin is unforgivable without the blood of Christ covering it. The Hebrew word for sin is KHAT-TAWTH and means an offence - habitual sinfulness. Any and all sins must be paid for by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and any sin can and will send the sinner to hell.

What is an abomination? It is a sin that our God shows to be of greater disgust. The Hebrew word for abomination is TOW-EBAH and means something disgusting; an abhorrence; to loathe or abhor utterly.

It is interesting to note that there are two main types of sin that God calls abomination. Idolatry and misuse of sex such as fornication, adultery, bestiality, homosexuality, etc. If I had to stand before God at the great white throne judgment, which praise God I don't, but I would not want to be guilty of abomination.

Can those who commit sin and/or abomination be saved? Certainly, if the grace of God is granted to them by the power of

God through the gospel message. **"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."** (Romans 1:16).

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**"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God, Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good."** (Psalms 53:1).

In the O.T. Hebrew, the primary word for sin is "HATA". Among its meanings are: to miss the mark, a failure to obey, and missing God's standard. This word was used before the Mosaic Law, by the way, and so it is not just breaking the Mosaic Law. We can find the word in Genesis 13:13 and in Genesis 39:9 among other places. All of the O.T. words used to describe sin imply the existence of a divine standard for man. An interesting language note is the fact that the Hebrew often contains not only the idea of sin, but also an offering for sin. For example, the word "hata". This word means both sin and sin offering. It speaks of both failure and forgiveness provided by God, as does "trespass" and "trespass offering" used elsewhere. A New Testament example of this concept would be Romans 6:23. The O.T. views sin as man's response to God's standards.

The N.T. view of sin is much the same as the O.T., with the exception that the depth and nature of sin, along with its

binding power and need of deliverance is emphasized to varying degrees. There are many Greek words that express sin and its particulars.

In the Old Testament there are four different Hebrew words for abominable and abomination. Perhaps one Hebrew word that expresses the "abomination concept" might be "siqqus". This word is always linked to idolatry and its horrible practices. It conveys to us the depth and extreme wickedness of religious sins which are evident in our world today. Anyone who thinks that idolatry is a thing of the past, needs to take heed, study idolatry, and cleave to the Lord in an even greater way.

Abomination in the New Testament is expressed by the word "bdelugma". In most instances, this word is linked to idolatry. For example, the Anti-Christ in the reconstructed temple in 2 Thessalonians 2:4 will be an abomination. We would also remind you that the abominable will never have entrance to the Holy City, as stated in Revelation 21:27.

While abomination has its root in sin, there is still a distinction in my mind. While the expression of abomination links to idolatry, I believe that this is especially detestable to God, with all of its wicked and repulsive practices as recorded in Scripture. God is perfectly equitable in all things including giving to man according to His works. I believe that the abominations will receive a greater degree of punishment than a sinner who commits no abomination. Abomination against God is the worst possible thing that I can think of to be a participant in, or originator of, at any age of time. Bless God when the day of sin, its presence, and its results is no more and all shall be perfection.

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10:25).

The next thing that we are told is that she must be in a prayerful attitude. While she cannot pray out loud in public she can and must pray silently just as she must learn in silence. Colossians 4: 2 gives instructions to everyone when it says **"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."** And again in 1

Thess. 5:17 we are told to **"Pray without ceasing."**

Thirdly we see that she must sing praises to God. Col.3:16, to sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. (NOTE: there are some who do not believe that a woman should sing a solo in the church. I, personally believe that she can use the talent God gives her in that respect but she must not announce her song or talk about it in any way.)

The fourth thing that I wish to call your attention to is to take her proper place in the home. Proverbs 31:10-31 gives us a very good lesson as to the perfect and proper wife. Her sphere, her proper responsibility lies in her home. (Please understand that neither I nor does the Bible say that a woman cannot work outside the home, but only that her home is her responsibility.) **"The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things: That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."** (Titus 2: 3-5). Again we read. **"Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man. Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work."** (1 Tim, 5: 9-10).

In the last point we see point #5. Titus 2:3-5 speaks of the teaching that a woman can and must do. Most of the problems we have in America today is because this responsibility has not been properly adhered to. She must teach the younger women relative to her home, her husband and her children. The younger women of

the church should look up to the older women and let them teach them about life and their duties in the home. I recommend that all women look up to the pastor's wife and learn those things.

The sixth thing shown in the scripture is why point #5 is important. She is to be a helpmeet to her husband. The Hebrew word for helpmeet is AYZER which means aid. We have already read Gen. 2:18-23 about this. God created woman to be a helpmeet for him, not to run his life nor take charge over him. To be a helpmeet means he can and should discuss matters with her but the final decision must be made by him alone.

In closing let me remind you that nowhere nor at any time does God teach or imply that a woman should be used as a sub-human creature or as a slave.

May God bless.



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There is much confusion in this world today. The reason for this is that society is all out of place and we seem to lead to our own understanding and interpretation of the Bible, God's Holy Word. The religious world is confused about what women can, and can not do in the church.

Women today are crying out for equal rights. Women are not equal to men in many ways, but superior and above men in other ways.

**WOMEN ARE NOT TO SPEAK IN MIXED RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLIES.** 1 Corinthians 14:34-35.

This rules out women preachers. God has never, and never will call a woman to preach. God has not called women to be deacons because these two offices require one to speak out in the church. These Scriptures rule out even women asking questions while the church is in session. Women are not permitted to make or second a motion.

Since man and woman married are counted as one, and in order for her to be in subjection to her husband, she should not vote against her husband, but rather

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evangelistic singers and the woman who prefer to obey them rather than God, is one of the many ways now prevalent in which the authority of God's Word is being broken down. These are prohibitions which God the Holy Spirit put upon our sisters.

### HER COMPENSATIONS

We mention two:

#### HER CHILD-BEARING

"Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety." (I Timothy 2:15). As Dr. B. H. Carroll well said; "The woman shall live, indirectly, in the children she bears if they (the children) prove to be worthy. The man lives or dies according to his rule and leadership in public affairs; the woman lives or dies in her children. His sphere is the public arena. Her sphere, the home. Washington's mother lived in him; Lois and Eunice lived in Timothy. The Roman matron, Cornelia, pointed to her boys, the Gracchi, and said, "These are my jewels."

"The world is better and brighter when women sanctify and beautify the home, proudly saying, 'My husband is my glory, my children are my jewels and I am content to live in them. Why should I desire to be a man and fill his place: who then will fill mine?'"

### HER HOSPITALITY AND SERVICE

"He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink

unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matthew 10:40-42). The Lord Jesus Himself shows that those who receive God's prophets and ministers to them and to His needy little ones will get as much reward as the prophets do to whom they minister. In other words the Master said that women, upon whom these tasks pre-eminently fall, will get just as much reward for their private work faithfully done, as the men will for their public work, faithfully performed. The women who speak in public, like the folks who give and pray and fast to be seen of men, get their reward here in what men say about it.

### WOMAN'S SPHERE AND WORK

While on this question it is well to give what the Scriptures have to say on the positive side of the question as well as on the negative side. There has been the weakness of much of the discussion of Paul's prohibitions. The women have been told what they were not to do; but when with earnest sincerity, they came and asked what God wanted them to do they have oft times been put off with no definite answer. Now God's Word is just as clear and plain on what women ought to do as it is on what they ought not to do.

We believe a careful reading of some of the things that God has commanded women to do will show that the most neglected work in the world is woman's work. Just to the extent that woman becomes man's competitor in doing a man's work, just to that extent her own work goes undone. Because so many women are trying to be men and fill men's places, today women's work is the most neglected, the most slighted and the most needed work in all the world.

### WHAT IS WOMAN'S SPHERE AND WORK? THE HOME

Women should above all else be homebodies. Woman was made to be man's help meet. "And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Genesis 2:18). "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night; and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the

bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates" (Proverbs 31:10-31). The "virtuous" woman was a worker at home.

Paul enjoined Timothy, the young preacher, to teach the women to be, not idlers or tattlers or busy-bodies, but, "keepers at home." "And withal they (women) learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busy-bodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." (I Timothy 5:13-14). Peter also had somewhat to say along the same line, "Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." (1 Peter 3:16).

The divorce court, the apartment house and the modern club are menaces today that threaten the sanctity and happiness and continuity of our American homes, because many women are not willing to be and to do the things necessary to make their homes little paradises of love and of God. The woman who neglects her home life to do any kind of public work, religious or otherwise, is not occupying her God-appointed sphere or doing her God-given task. Her husband is a stranger among men, wandering around lodges and hotel lobbies and other loafing places at night to find the companionship and love that he ought to find at home; and her children are a menace to the public weal and moral welfare of the community in which she lives. The home life is one of the most neglected spheres of woman's work, for no house ever was or ever can be a home without a woman to "guide the house." Paul enjoined that only women should be put on the list of those to be supported by the church: "Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old having been the wife of one man, Well reported of for good

works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work" (I Timothy 5:9-10), who were too old to be mothers and whose homes had been broken up by their being made widows and their children already "brought up." Therein is a striking example of the "consistency of the Bible on woman's work." God never calls women to neglect their homes or their husbands or their children to do any kind of public work.

### MOTHERHOOD

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Billy Sunday told only the other day in an address to the women of Kansas City of how two physicians had told him recently of six and twelve women respectively in his choirs and engaged in other religious work in other cities where he had been, who had come to them and asked them to "prostitute their manhood" and sin against God and their husbands and homes and their unborn progeny be "relieving them of the cares of motherhood." Some doctor was found who was criminal enough to do what they asked, for none of them have had babies since. Just that thing is giving the adversary occasion to speak reproachfully of many women in many churches.

### TEACH WOMEN

God's Word prohibits women from teaching men, "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." (I Timothy 2:12). God's Word equally as clearly enjoins women to teach women. "The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:3-5). The reason so many young women are ensnared in the meshes of the white-slavers today is because

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## CALVINISM, ARMINIANISM, AND THE FOOLISH FOREKNOWLEDGE THEORY

By Roy Mason, (Now In Glory)

Arminius is the doctrinal godfather of many Baptists, Protestants and others, some of whom have never heard his name. They would be better off had they also never heard his doctrine. He developed a weak and incomplete system of theology. His theological views, while affecting many persons, were not adopted by any of the Protestant groups or their descendants for a long period, with the exception of the English Methodist Church in 1784.

Arminianism holds that Christ died equally for every human being—for those who shall spend eternity in hell, as well as for those who shall spend the eternal ages with Christ. Saving grace, according to Arminianism, is offered to every person, and it is up to each to receive or reject, just as they please. It holds that the sinner can reject the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, no matter how much the Spirit strives, if he chooses to do so. It holds that when the sinner is saved, it is not necessarily a permanent transaction, but that despite the new birth, the love of God, and power of the Holy Spirit, the individual can cast away all this and can perish forever.

As one theologian puts it, "Its leading idea is that divine grace and human will, will jointly accomplish the work of conversion and sanctification, and that man has the sovereign right of accepting or rejecting. It affirms that man is weak as a result of the fall, but denies that all ability has been lost. Man, therefore, merely needs divine grace to ASSIST his personal efforts. Or to put it another way, he is sick, but not dead; he indeed cannot help himself, but he can engage the help of a physician, and can either accept or reject the help when it is offered. He thus has power to cooperate with the grace of God in salvation. This view exalts man's freedom at the expense of God's sovereignty. It has some

seeming, but no real, Scripture authority, and is plainly contradicted by other parts of Scripture." (Boettner, Predestination p.48)

Some perhaps will say, "That's what I believe!" Yes, a lot of people hold such views. They are very popular in this day, for they fit in with the liberalism of the times,

But let us turn from this small summary of Arminianism, to what is commonly designated as CALVINISM. Suppose we let a Calvinistic Presbyterian theologian give us a summary:

Calvinism holds that the fall left man totally unable to men in themselves are guilty, corrupted, hopelessly lost; that from this fallen mass, God sovereignly elects some to salvation through Christ, while passing by others; that Christ is sent to redeem His people by a purely substitutionary atonement; that the Holy Spirit efficaciously applies this redemption to the elect; and that all the elect are infallibly brought to salvation. This view alone is consistent with Scripture and with what we see in the world about us.

Calvinism holds that the fall left man totally unable to do anything meriting salvation, that he is wholly dependent on divine grace for the inception and development of spiritual life. The chief fault of Arminianism is its insufficient recognition of the part that God takes in redemption. It loves to admire the strength and dignity of man; Calvinism loses itself in adoration of the grace and omnipotence of God." (Boettner, Predestination pages 48-49).

### The Foreknowledge Foolishness

In discussing the election question with persons, we have had them say, "I'm not an Arminian—I believe in election, but I believe it is BASED ON THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD." Then they went ahead to explain that they believed God looks down into the future, and foreseeing that certain persons will receive Christ as Savior, He elects them to salvation. Then they quoted this: "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God." (1 Pet. 1:2).

If this verse was the only one dealing with the foreknowledge and election question, they might

have a strong point, but other passages teach most dearly that election is not determined by foreknowledge. Let's see if that isn't true. (Eph. 1:5), **"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL."**

DO YOU SEE IT? This says that God predestinates us unto the adoption of children according to the good pleasure of His will. It is His WILL and His PLEASURE that is determinative, NOT His foreknowledge!

But lest you are not convinced, look down the page of your Bible, and note what it says. It says: **"In whom we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the PURPOSE of Him who worketh all things after the COUNSEL OF HIS OWN WILL."** (Eph. 1:11).

Doesn't this say that we are predestinated according to God's will and good pleasure? It certainly does. But it has to be a lie, if foreknowledge is the thing that determines God's predestination. "But," someone says, "what about the passage that says that predestination is ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD?" The answer is that, that verse exactly accords with the Scriptures that tell us that predestination is determined by the will and good pleasure of God. Things decreed and predetermined by the will and good pleasure of God, are indeed in accordance with God's foreknowledge. In other words, God does not plan and determine to bring a certain person to salvation only to recall, from His foreknowledge, that that person ends in hell. This would cause a clash between God's predetermined purpose, and His foreknowledge of what will be. Plain common sense tells us that no event can be foreknown, unless it has first of all been predetermined. Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, God says, **"I am God, and there is none like me; declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that ARE NOT YET DONE; saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."** (Isa. 46:9,11).

God's foreknowledge is complete, no question about that,

but it is not determinative concerning men's actions. How ridiculous it is to assume that God looks into the future, and seeing that a certain person has been saved, then elects that person to salvation. That raises the question, "Who is boss in this world anyhow - Man or God?" It is the very height of foolishness to assume that God must know what man is going to do, before He acts. There is no way around the fact that this puts man ahead of God, and that is exactly what many want to believe in this day, for this is certainly a day of big man, and little God! Many seem to think that God is as weak willed as the old woman we like to tell about. This old woman had a dog she was very fond of a dog that pretty well had his way with her, despite her occasional attempts to boss him. On one occasion when she had some company, the dog became very annoying, in everybody's way and under everybody's feet. The old woman with some irritation, opened the door and shouted to him, "Rover, get out of here!" The dog instead, ran under the couch. The old lady with the determination to be obeyed, said, "Well, go under the couch then!"

Who really had their will obeyed, the dog or the woman? The dog of course! She saw what he had done, then chose him to go under the couch!

That's exactly the Arminian scheme of election. God sees what man has done through foreknowledge, then elects him to do that. This makes man the boss! No escape from this conclusion. But this is not the God or the determinism of the Bible. Let's see what God's Word says: (Isa 46:11), **"...Yea, I have spoken it. I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it. I will also do it."**

Look again. **"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing, and he doeth according TO HIS WILL in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, what doest thou?"** (Dan. 4:35).

Take another look. **"But our God is in the heavens; he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased."** (Psa. 115:3).

Note that this does not say that

He has done what man has pleased. There is no way of reconciling the foregoing Scriptures with the idea that God has to look in His book of foreknowledge and see what men have chosen to do, before He determines what He will do. If that were true, God would be hopelessly frustrated by His creatures. They would indeed be running things. No, a thousand times, No! God is not governed by foreknowledge! What He decrees to do is not determined by foreknowledge. If it were otherwise election and predestination would be meaningless terms, for there would be no need for either. It seems to us that a preacher, or a student of the Bible, ought to be ashamed to say, "I believe in election, but I believe that God foreknows who, will be saved, and that He elects to salvation those whom He foreknows will turn to Christ." Little God has to see what BIG man has decided to do before He acts!

The writer of these lines doesn't believe any such stuff, and we are glad to say that the great Baptist scholars and leaders of the past didn't believe any such stuff either. Perhaps this would be a good place to stop and examine the beliefs of some of the great Baptists (and others) of the past. To this we will devote the next chapter.

### LET WOMEN

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with her husband. If women would obey God's Word we would have less trouble in our churches. Look at 1 Peter 3:1 **WOMEN ARE NOT TO LEAD IN PRAYER IN MIXED ASSEMBLIES.** 1 Timothy 2:8 10

The word translated men here comes from the Greek word and means male. If it was speaking of mankind it would come from the Greek word (Anthropos). Therefore, the word and teaching here means that only men are to lead in prayer in the church, where there are mixed assemblies. This does not rule out that women cannot pray silently while the men are praying. 1 Corinthians 11:5 & Acts 1:14 & 1 Samuel 1:9 17.

**WOMEN ARE NOT TO BE IN AUTHORITY OVER MEN.** 1 Timothy 2:12.

I cannot see how God could have made it any plainer than this, because this limits women from teaching in mixed assemblies. I do believe that women can teach

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#### LETTER IV

I feel constrained, my young friend, to add something more on the subject of prayer. This duty, in my view, is of such importance as to warrant a few more remarks; although I do not intend enlarging on a subject upon which so much, and such excellent things have been written.

You were taught, by your pious parents, to utter a form of prayer, as soon as your infant mind could comprehend, and your infant tongue able to utter a sentence. In looking back upon these juvenile devotions, you doubtless see wherein they were lacking. Your ideas of the Being to whom they were addressed, were confused and inadequate. You could not then comprehend the necessity of a Mediator; for as yet you had not discovered the evil of sin, and the wrath of God, as revealed against it. You had too deep a sense of obligation, to neglect prayer entirely; but of the real nature and effect of prayer, you had little conception. To your mind, prayer was a form of words to be repeated at stated intervals. When thus repeated, the obligation was discharged. This was probably all you knew about prayer.

But shall parents omit to impress this duty on their children, because they cannot comprehend the nature of it? Certainly not. How can they tell but that when they have taught the little toddler to compose himself to rest, with his familiar and simple petitions, the Spirit of God may enlighten the child into the spiritual import of his prayer, and make it a means of leading him to more enlarged petitions, offered up "in spirit and in truth." No person can estimate the advantages of early instruction of youthful mind with a sense of its obligations to God. Such instructions should commence with the first dawn of understanding and sure I am, that in subsequent life, the



## ADVICE TO A YOUNG CHRISTIAN

### By A Village Pastor

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AIMING AT  
AN ELEVATED STANDARD OF PIETY

subject of them will generally be the better and the happier.

To illustrate this, I will refer again to my own case. I was taught by one of the best of mothers, never to close my eyes without repeating my prayers. This I conscientiously adhered to, until about thirteen or fourteen years of age, when I began gradually to omit them. Whether I felt that they were too childish, or whether, as is most probable, my conscience was becoming seared in the downhill course of iniquity, I cannot now remember. But at all events, my prayers were no longer offered; and I went to sleep and rose up like a brute. With the omission of these prayers, commenced a backsliding movement in morals, until I hung over the edge of ruin, ripe for the judgments of God.

And what do you suppose occurred first, to rouse me from the fatal slumbers of death? As I was retiring one night, the recollection of my former punctual attention to prayer, rushed upon my mind. I paused. "What," said I to myself, "am I going to lie down without one thought of God, or offering one prayer for the safety of my soul? Did I not once repeat my prayers; and at a time too when I was far less guilty than now? Why have I omitted them so long? Suppose I should die this night, where then would my soul be?" With such reflections I became impressed; and although I did not kneel that night, yet in a

relaxed posture, I began again to repeat my juvenile devotions. I was nearly seventeen years of age when I resumed them. I had almost forgotten them. A few days and nights rolled away, and convictions grew heavier on my soul. I thought a repetition of these forms was not enough. My soul began to sink in the deep waters; and a few more days brought me on my knees at the bedside, with the prayer of the publican: "God be merciful to me a sinner."

Thus, my young friend, were my mother's early instructions, among the means, under God, of rescuing me from ruin, temporal and eternal. Thus it is evident, that the sooner children are taught to pray, the better; and no attention can be too great, to impress on them the obligation and the necessity of prayer.

Still I believe, that the Christian only, prays the acceptable prayer. Until the spirit of God convicts of sin, the soul will not see its filthiness, nor pray for its removal. The danger to which it is exposed here and hereafter, it may see; and it may disapprove the punishment to which it is subjected; but it is only when the soul is renewed in the image of God, that "sin appears exceeding sinful," and that the effectual fervent prayer for sanctification is offered.

If you are a Christian, my young friend, the throne of grace is yours. Your Father is seated on it. Your Saviour has sprinkled it with His blood. The Holy Spirit draws you

sweetly to kneel before it; and the promise, when there, is, "open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." What an honour thus to approach the King of kings! Were we to have audience with an earthly monarch, we should deem it an era in our history, and boast of it through life. But you, and I, and others, may have audience with the

King of the universe. Nay, we have liberty to approach Him at any time, and under all circumstances. Have we wants, He can supply them. Are we in trouble, He can deliver us. Do afflictions press our souls, He can soften and remove them. Does sin pollute our joys, with Him is the fountain of cleansing. Does Satan vex our souls, He invites us to His arms as our refuge. All relief and every blessing is with God.

There is nothing which so elevates a character, and especially a female character, as deep and intimate communion with God. She seems then to be allied to angelic natures. A sort of mellow radiance is poured into her character, as if some particles of heaven's glory had been let fall upon her. She moves in a higher sphere than the generality of her sex. She is another being than those idle, sickly daughters of pleasure, who waste their lives in dreaming fanciful vision of happiness, sporting awhile amid life's tumultuous joys, and then sinking unblessed into a wretched eternity. She converses with God. At a throne of grace, she acquires a kindness, a dignity, a humility, which throw around her, an attractive lustre, put sweetness into every action and expression, make her contented in every condition of life, patient under every affliction, faithful in the discharge of every duty, and which even grace her dying hours, and make her "death-bed privileged beyond the common walks of life."

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they have not been taught. The reason so many girls are decoyed into the disgraceful, licentious modern dance is because mothers and other women teachers are too busy trying to do the men's work to take time to teach their daughters modesty and decency and chastity. The reason of the popularity of the "movies" with their unlimited temptation under the most favorable surroundings for too much freedom between the sexes is because the women are neglecting to teach their daughters the sacredness of their own person and the necessity of making boys "hands off" for the preservation of their own chastity. The shameless exposure of their person, by wearing dresses too low at the top and too high at the bottom and by having on too few clothes, so prevalent among many women, is a sad commentary on the woeful neglect of older women to teach younger

women how to dress "becomingly and chastely."

### HOSPITALITY, SERVICE, SACRIFICE

"Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted if she have diligently followed every good work" (1 Timothy 5:10). In this passage Paul outlines women's work as four-fold:

- (1) HOME - "Bringing up children."
- (2) HOSPITALITY - "Entertaining strangers."
- (3) SERVICE - "Washing the saints' feet."
- (4) SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF - Time, labor, or money to "relieve the afflicted" and other good works.

"And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing" (Mark 12:42). "There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and

poured it on his head as he sat at meat" (Matthew 26:7). These two women are fine examples of sacrificial giving. "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and alms deeds which she did." (Acts 9:36). "And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshiped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed." (Acts 16:14,40). "And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." (Acts 18:26). "Behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee... And Elijah said unto

her; Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son." (1 Kings 17:9,13). These woman are marvelous examples of keeping open house for the Lord's servants. Women have their hands full if they follow out Paul's program as outlined above. Paul was as specific in telling women what they ought to do as he was in telling them what they ought not to do. Just to the extent that they violate His prohibitions they neglect the God-ordained tasks enjoined. If they do the men's work the men will lie down on the job and let them, and their own work will go undone. The men will not do it for them. If they attend to their own work the men will do theirs when they see they have to do it.

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which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son."

We are to be continually praying to our Father and ALWAYS with thanksgiving. "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." (Col. 4:2). We observe many seasons in our lives, but there should never be a season of NO PRAYER AND NO THANKSGIVING. Likewise, it is a command to Christians to give thanks as well as petitions for all people, whatever their stations of life. "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;" (1 Timothy 2:1). Should the lost thank God? Yes! God is the Source of their very breath and being. (Acts 17:24-25).

II. THE GIVING OF THANKS ENHANCES OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. It certainly does not recommend us to God, but rather enhances our understanding and desires toward Him. When we pause to thank God, we realize what all He has done for us, as well as what He has promised to do. Who are we that God is mindful of us? Why should He love us so? The more we see God's goodness and work to us, the more we have spontaneous gratitude. A Christian should permit himself, or herself time to meditate on all that God has done for us and will yet do. Let us constantly thank Him for His dealings with us. "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalms 103:10-12).

III. THE GIVING OF THANKS CHANGES OUR PERSPECTIVE AND OUR BEHAVIOR - As we come to realize all of God's benefits to us, and that He is our total Source and Provision, we can do naught, but praise and thank Him. Colossians 2:6-7 tells us: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus,

so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Every part of our conduct, whether work, play, worship, or any activity should be done as unto the Lord with thanksgiving. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Colossians 3:17). Now we know that in every situation God is in control. He is working His will, whether it is sad and painful, or happy and peaceful. God tells us in everything to give thanks. Thank Him for the good that He will bring out of the event. I Thessalonians 5:18 instructs us: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

IV. THE GIVING OF THANKS PRECIPITATES PRAISE - How we need more of this expression of worship today. Who can but praise God when he or she begins to thank God for everything in and around us? The very works of God that surround us should always evoke our thanks. God is overwhelming, yet He cares for us and has called us to Himself. "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods; for his mercy endureth for ever; O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever." (Psalm 136:1-3). Likewise, we should praise and thank God for His creation and His provisions to such sinners as we are. Read the entire 104th Psalm and marvel at the God of all creation. Likewise, we should praise and thank God for the communion, fellowship, and rest, or peace of which the world knows nothing. Note David's words in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13: "Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine O LORD, is greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come of Thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to

give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."

V. THE GIVING OF THANKS IS AN ETERNAL ACTIVITY - We shall never cease giving thanks and praise for eternity. Our gratitude will be more perfectly displayed in our eternal setting where we shall see His face and serve Him. All glory, power, and honor unto the Ancient of Days; unto the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. Beloved, because of this, we should make the giving of thanks a daily discipline that we do not fail to practice. Remember Daniel who in the midst of heathen and vain life around him, never failed to praise God regularly, even though it brought him to the lion's den. (Daniel 6:10).

Certainly it benefits us to give thanks to God in many different ways. It sharpens our understanding; it resists pride and arrogance, and it displaces worldliness. We are to do it always in private and certainly in public at every opportunity every day. "I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people." (Psalms 35:18).

## LET WOMEN

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women and children in the Sunday School. Women can teach women things from the Bible that men some times are backward to teach. Women can reach the children and keep order with children better than men. Sunday school is very important now since the public schools refuse to teach Religion or permit public prayer now.

Women are not to hold any office that would cause her to have authority over the man, such as song leader, Sunday School Superintendent, clerk or any other position where she would have to speak out.

WOMEN ARE TO SHOW THAT THEY RESPECT GOD GIVEN AUTHORITY. I Corinthians 11:3-10 When coming into the house of God, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, they should put on a covering on the head. This shows that they respect God's Word and His authority. This shows respect to her husband, to Christ, to God, even the angels. Some argue that the woman's hair is her covering, and this is true in verse fifteen, but not true in verses 4,5,6,7,13. The Greek word for covering here is

(Katakalypto) and means to cover or uncover, or something down on the head. Now if this word meant hair only a bald headed man could pray.

The word for covering in verse fifteen comes from the Greek word (Peribolaton) and means hair the permanent covering. If we believe verses 4,5 means hair, we would have to believe that men praying would dishonoreth his head, the Lord Jesus Christ. And every women that prayeth or prophesith without hair on her head dishonoreth her head, her husband. For that is even as if she

was shaven.

WHAT CAN WOMEN DO IN THE CHURCH?

They can come and be faithful in attendance. They can sing and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. They can worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. They can pray silently. They can vote with their husband. If not married, they can vote their convictions. They can witness to the lost. They can teach women and children. They can visit the sick. Read John 4:28 30,39.

May our Sovereign God bless you.

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