

SS, marriage, M&F, #11, Roles in the Church M Fairchild, 5/7/23

REVIEW

- 1. Gender designed by God**
- 2. Common goal to be accomplished by complimentary differences**
- 3. Marriage is part of this design**
- 4. Sin did not change the responsibilities**
- 5. Sin did require direct divine intervention**
- 6. The goal to multiply and fill the earth, still is accomplished. (Rev 21)**

A. Continuity and Responsibility

- 1. Abraham still to lead after the fall**
- 2. Eve still to submit after the fall**
- 3. Genealogy dominated by male gender**
- 4. Old Testament worship led by sons of Levi and Aaron**
- 5. Old Testament prophets were men**
- 6. Apostles were all men**

B. Continuity between private family life and public church life

- 1. 1 Cor 14:26-40**

²⁶ What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. ²⁷ If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. ²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. ³⁰ If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, ³² and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³ For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴ the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak,

but should be in submission, as the Law also says. ³⁵ If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

³⁶ Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached? ³⁷ If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. ³⁸ If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. ³⁹ So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But all things should be done decently and in order.

- a. Orderly activity of men (v26-33)
- b. Silence of women (34-35)

2. 1Tim 2:1-15

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man^[a] Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸ I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹ likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰ but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹ Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a

transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

- a. Prayer Meeting (1-7)**
- b. Role of Men (8)**
- c. Role of Women (9-15)**

3. 1 Tim 3:2,12

² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach

¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.

4. Titus 2:1-5 (female teaching duties)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,² Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled

C. Applications

1. The goal is still the same- to multiply and fill the earth- a new world full of holy people.

2. Adam and Eve were designed for this task.

3. Sin did not negate their responsibilities.

4. Both OT and NT worship were to function with these rolls in mind.

2. Modern thought has no bearing on rules of church life.

3. God promised blessing on those who follow his orders of life.

4. To men- be ready to pray in public

5. To men- a Proverbs 31 wife needs a Proverbs 31 husband.

(1Peter 3:7)

⁷ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.