

The Very Good Creation of Gender, Headship & Submission
(Part 2: At Church)

1 Timothy 2:8–15

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon (Zechariah & Mary)

Luke 1:18, 34

¹⁸ And Zechariah said to the angel, "**How shall I know this?** For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ...

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "**How will this be,** since I am a virgin?"

Luke 1:19–20

¹⁹ And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, **because you did not believe my words**, which will be fulfilled in their time."

B. Why Did God Create Men & Women to be Equal in Worth but Different in Authority?

1. Why Authority, Submission & Unity?
2. The Answer...

Key Idea

Headship and submission were created to display the beautiful relationship that has always existed within the Godhead.

II. Is this Beautiful Truth Intended to be Displayed Anywhere Else? (...besides marriage)

A. Some Contemporary Hurdles

1. A Theological Hurdle (Galatians 3:28)
2. Two Cultural Hurdles
 - a. Current concepts of equality

One of the fallacies of much feminist ideology is the belief that for two people to be equal, they must do the same thing. There is an assumption that you cannot have differentiation and hierarchy without also having inferiority and superiority of dignity or worth. ¹

b. The influence of pragmatism

B. Having a Symbol of Authority (1 Cor. 11:1–16)

But in recent years there has been a breakthrough in ancient history research that suggests the head covering in question was most likely a veil worn by married women.[5] This veil symbolized the husband's authority within marriage. ²

1 Corinthians 11:1–16

¹ Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. ² Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. ³ But I want you to understand that *the head of every man is Christ, [the head of a woman the man, and the head of Christ the God.]* ⁴ Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, ⁵ but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head...

⁸ For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. ⁹ Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. ¹⁰ That is why a wife ought to have a *symbol of authority* on her head, because of the angels. ¹¹ Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman...

C. Godly Order (1 Cor. 14:29–40)

1 Corinthians 14:29–35, 40

[Tounges...] 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

¹ **Smith, Claire** (2012-04-02). *God's Good Design* (Kindle Locations 755-757). Matthias Media. Kindle Edition.

² **Ibid.** (Kindle Locations 884-886).

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*. . . .*

⁴⁰ But all things should be done **decently and in order**.

D. The Role of Gender in the Church (1 Tim. 2:8–15)

[1 Timothy 2:1–7 – Pray for everyone... For there is one God, one mediator... this is why I am an apostle to the gentiles)

1 Timothy 2:8–15

⁸ I desire **then** that in every place the **men** should pray, lifting holy hands *without anger or quarrel*; 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.

III. Application

A. Tone in the Debate

1. Boldness for God's Beauty
2. Gentleness & Respect for Opponents
 - a. Cultural accommodation, trajectory theories. (William J. Webb. "Slaves, Women and Homosexuals"
 - b. "The text doesn't mean what it seems to mean..." (P. B. Payne)

c. Gender roles in marriage only
(Gordon Hugenberger)

3. Humility in Application

- a. “Teach and/or authority” debates
- b. From principle to application in church and culture

B. Fruitful Labors

1. Spirit Filled Women (Joel 2:28–29)

The role of women in the church is probably the most emotionally charged issue in American evangelicalism today... It is particularly difficult when I lecture on the issue at a seminary, for there are often women in the class who feel called to serve as pastors. To have a professor question the legitimacy of this call in a public setting is, to say the least, emotionally agonizing for women who feel called to pastor.³

2. What Matters to God: The Significance of the Quiet Life

1 Timothy 2:2–4

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*.

Key Idea

Godly Headship and submission give us a beautiful glimpse of heaven, let us follow the lead of our savior and give ourselves, wholeheartedly to cultivating these virtues.

For Further Study: The Counsel of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood <http://cbmw.org>

³ **THOMAS R. SCHREINER** (2005-08-01). *Women in the Church: An Analysis and Application of 1 Timothy 2:9-15* (Kindle Locations 1882-1886). Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.