

**07.25 (feel free to record these sessions)**

- A. Femininity and women in the church: Women are not to aspire to masculinity either in appearance or roles.**
- 1. When approaching this issue we must first we must address the deception of liberal American and European women and the men who they intimidate or dominate. These women have certain rules of interpretation which they use to free themselves from the constraints of the Word of God.**
    - a. False Teaching #1: The Word of God is understood and interpreted by Historical Context.
      - 1) The teaching that Paul's injunctions concerning the roles of women in family and in church are a result of culture is pure imagination which defaults to fabrication.
      - 2) The teaching that Paul's injunctions concerning the roles of women in family and in church are a result of the wild and unruly behavior women in the church is again pure imagination which defaults to fabrication.
      - 3) There exists no passage of Scripture which details the problem of wild and unruly women in the church during the writings of Paul.
      - 4) There exists no primary source documents of Christian writers expressing this.
      - 5) There exists no primary source documents of secular historians expressing this.
      - 6) Rather liberal American and European women Bible teachers and the men they intimidate or dominate have created this problem out of their own imagining so as to free themselves from the constraints of Holy Scripture.
      - 7) In Paul's teachings God the Holy Spirit does not rest the authority upon culture but rather upon Holy Scripture itself.
      - 8) The admonition of the wife's role in marriage is not argued by culture but rather by creation - *Ephesians 5:31*
      - 9) *I Peter 3:4-6* Lives of godly women including Sarah
      - 10) The admonition of the woman's role in the church is not argued by culture but rather by creation - *I Timothy 2:13 & 14*
    - b. False Teaching #2: The Word of God is understood and interpreted by mystical experience.
      - 1) Pentecostal and Charismatic women have long freed themselves from the constraints of Holy Scripture by declaring a special anointing, revelation or calling from God.
      - 2) God's Word is clear on this issue  
*1 Corinthians 4:6*  
*6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is*

*written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.*

**Revelation 22:18-19**

*18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.*

- c. False Teaching #3: The Word of God is understood and interpreted by pragmatic realities.
- 1) To the Evangelical Pragmatist the Word of God simply ceases to have meaning, no matter how clearly the matter is stated. "We are not sure what this means" or "Theologians differ on the meaning".
  - 2) The problem is they do know what it means and Theologians differ on whether or not Christ rose from the dead.
  - 3) The reality is, that if they teach what it means the ministry will shrink both numerically and financially so they choose to simply claim ignorance.
  - 4) Thus the teaching of God the Holy Spirit is fulfilled.  
**Matthew 15:9**  
**9'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,**  
**TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN**  
**Romans 1:32**  
**32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.**  
**II Peter 2:1-3**
- d. False Teaching #4: The Word of God is understood and interpreted by my personal experiences.
- 1) When a doctrine is established based on personal experience then there is no stability in teaching.
  - 2) For every experience on one side, an experience may be given on the other.
  - 3) Where the experience is intensely personal there can be no discussion
  - 4) Rather personal experience is understood and interpreted by the Word of God.
- e. The Word of God is understood and interpreted by Ecclesiastical or Organizational authority.
- 1) Institutional loyalty and teachability does not free one from Holy Scripture.
  - 2) No Pope, Cardinal, Bishop, counsel, pastor, country leader or international director has the authority to tell you that the Holy Scriptures do not say what they clearly teach.

- 2. Correct Teaching: The Word of God is understood and interpreted by the Word of God**
- a. God the Holy Spirit places the Word of God as the only authority on the Word of God.
  - b. The Word of God judges man, man does not judge the Word of God.  
*Hebrews 4:12*  
*12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*  
*Acts 17:11*  
*11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.*
- 3. Gender Identification and Creation: Women in the church are to reflect their distinct creation**
- a. **From the beginning God created Woman as distinct from Man.**  
*Genesis 1:27*  
*27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*  
*Genesis 2:18*  
*18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."*
  - b. **This distinction is maintained by God from the very point of conception.**  
*Psalms 139:13*  
*13 For You formed my inward parts;  
 You wove me in my mother's womb.*
  - c. **This distinction (as well as the Genesis account of creation) is recognized by God the Son - Jesus.**  
*Matthew 19:4*  
*4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE ,*
  - d. **This distinction is recognized and taught by God the Holy Spirit throughout the New Testament.**  
*1 Peter 3:7*  
*7 You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.*
- 4. Gender Identification and Desire: A woman's desire for a man is given by God and not a sin. In contrast for a woman to desire another woman - both the desire and the action is a sin.**

*Romans 1:26-27*

*26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.*

- a. A heterosexual woman involved in sexual sin need only repent from the action, she need not repent from the desire for a man, to marry, to bear children.
- b. The desire of a heterosexual woman for a man are all natural and from God. (A word of caution to churches and ministers who discourage single women from desiring or preparing for marriage because of the convenience of their service in the ministry.)

*Genesis 2:24-25*

*24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

*Genesis 3:16*

*Yet your desire will be for your husband,  
And he will rule over you."*

*Song of Solomon 1:2*

*2 " May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!  
For your love is better than wine.*

*Song of Solomon 1:4*

*4 "Draw me after you and let us run together!  
The king has brought me into his chambers."*

- c. In contrast the homosexual woman involved in sexual sin needs to not only repent from the action but also from the desire. The very desire, the propensity for homosexual gratification is sin.
- d. This desire has been chosen, taken up and it must be rejected, laid aside.  
*Romans 1:26 "for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,"*  
*Romans 1:27 "and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman"*
- e. There is no such thing as the repentant celibate lesbian. The lesbian who has repented is a heterosexual woman.
- f. The lesbian is a lesbian by volitional decision not by birth. Although homosexual women claim to be homosexuals by birth, the Holy Scriptures teach differently. The only proof we have that homosexuality is something the homosexual is born with is the testimony of the homosexual. What sinful desire is validated by the testimony of the sinner?

**5. Gender Identification and Discipleship: Ministering to women in the church should reflect their distinct creation and their intended roles.**

- a. Although there are universal disciplines of Discipleship which are not gender specific, women are not to be disciplined as if there were no distinctions of role and ministry for women.
- b. Some ministries actually teach that a woman should not plan to marry but rather prepare for a life of singlehood unless the Lord intervenes
- c. Women are not to covet the gender nor the role of man, but rather embrace both their gender and role. For a woman to deny her role is deny her gender.
- d. Yet the gender neutral approach to discipleship creates this difficulty for women in the ministry.
- e. Thus discipleship for the woman goes beyond the gender neutral disciplines and includes the specific disciplines intended only for women.

**1 Corinthians 7:34**

*The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.*

**Titus 2:4-5**

*4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.*

6. **Gender Identification and Leadership Training:** Although there is the universal call to Disciplemaking and Teaching for all, irrespective of gender, women should not be trained as if there were no distinction of role and ministry for women.

**1 Timothy 2:12**

*12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.*

**1 Peter 3:1-2**

*In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, 2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.*

**Ephesians 5:22**

*Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

7. **Gender identification for women and their hair**  
(A walk through I Corinthians 11:1-16)

**1 Corinthians 11:5-6**

*5 But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head, for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved. 6 For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head*

**1 Corinthians 11:14 & 15**

*14 Does not even nature itself teach... 15 if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her"  
"for her long hair is given to her for her covering"*

*Song of Solomon 4:1*

*", How beautiful you are, my darling,  
 How beautiful you are!  
 Your eyes are like doves behind your veil;  
 Your hair is like a flock of goats  
That have descended from Mount Gilead.*

*Song of Solomon 6:5*

*5 "Turn your eyes away from me,  
 For they have confused me;  
 Your hair is like a flock of goats  
That have descended from Gilead.*

*Song of Solomon 7:5*

*5 "Your head crowns you like Carmel,  
 And the flowing locks of your head are like purple threads;  
The king is captivated by your tresses .*

- a. God the Holy Spirit could give a specific length for women's hair. Measurement exist both in the Hebrew and the Greek in the Word of God.
- b. God the Holy Spirit does not, rather He requires that the woman's hair should be gender specific and set her apart from her husband and other men in the church in terms of length and glory.
- c. However, shaving the head and "butch haircuts" (close cropped hair in a man's style) are forbidden.
- d. Remember, the goal of sanctification and in this case the witness of gender is not to get as close to sin as possible without crossing the line. The goal is to leave no question concerning the woman's femineity and gender.
- e. Exceptions:
  - 1) Cancer/disease
  - 2) Exception: Age
  - 3) Exception: Husband (I Peter 3:1 & 2)
- f. The rule is - could a man look like her and be masculine?
- g. The rule is - The motive of the heart. Is the woman/wife resentful of her femininity and seeking to cut her hair in a masculine manner as a way of asserting herself.
- h. The rule is - Seeking role of men. Is the woman's appearance that of a man's because she is seeking his role in the marriage or in church.
- i. The rule is - **Romans 12:2** Is the woman seeking to conform to the world's standards over that of God's Holy Word? This includes - rock stars,

politicians or Christian women leaders in rebellion against their roles in marriage, society and church.

- j. My research in the major historical museums of the US and Europe has revealed that during the time of Christ, in Israel and throughout the Roman Empire, women were depicted with long hair, while men had close cropped hair.

## 8. Gender identification for women and their clothing

*Deuteronomy 22:5*

5 "A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.

- a. The same rule applies here as for hair.
- b. The issue is gender identification.
- c. God the Holy Spirit gave specific clothing guidelines for priests and Levites.
- d. God the Holy Spirit gave specific clothing guidelines in the Old Covenant for repentance and fasting.
- e. God the Holy Spirit could have given specific clothing guidelines for women but He does not. Rather the issue is clear gender separation.
- f. There are certain denominations and parachurch organizations which allow women priests, staff and ministers to hold positions of authority and teaching over men. These women almost always include gender confusion of appearance with their rebellion against gender roles. They wear their hair short (suppressing its glory) and they wear masculine clothing (suppressing their gender).

## 9. Gender identification for women and their femininity

- a. **The example of Esther** - *"And Esther found favor in the eyes of all who saw her."*

*Esther 2:12*

*12 Now when the turn of each young lady came to go in to King Ahasuerus, after the end of her twelve months under the regulations for the women – for the days of their beautification were completed as follows: six months with oil of myrrh and six months with spices and the cosmetics for women –*

*Esther 2:15*

*15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai who had taken her as his daughter, came to go in to the king, she did not request anything except what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the women, advised. And Esther found favor in the eyes of all who saw her.*

- b. **The example of the bride in Song of Solomon** - read with your wife and look for these virtues

- 1) The wife takes the initiative
- 2) The wife expresses verbal excitement

- 3) The wife understands the sensual qualities of her eyes
- 4) The wife is free with her body/beauty
- 5) The wife and perfume for exciting her husband
- 6) The wife and her mouth/lips for exciting her husband
- 7) The wife and her breasts and exciting her husband (*Proverb 5:19*)

**B. Gender identification – the danger of the loss of gender roles in the church and ministry**

1. How can we expect homosexual/lesbian and cross-dressing women to repent, embrace their created femininity and adhere to gender standards in terms of appearance and roles in the church when heterosexuals do not.
2. Just as many churches allow men to wear their hair like women, so many churches allow women on the praise team and leadership roles to wear their hair shaved, partially shaved on in a “butch” manner – closely cropped, slicked down and parted on the side.
3. In your church or ministry, if you allow women to wear their hair like men, dress like men and to assume the gender roles of men, then this is your standard, despite God’s commandments. You therefore have no ground on which to forbid the same behavior in terms of loss of gender for homosexual women and cross-dressing women. In fact you can ask yourself – “In our ministry do our expectations and the resulting behavior of heterosexual women create a welcoming environment for homosexual women?”
4. By what Scriptural authority do you allow women in the church to teach and exercise authority over men in the church and in marriage?

*Isaiah 3:12*

*12 O My people! Their oppressors are children,  
And women rule over them.*

*O My people! Those who guide you lead you astray  
And confuse the direction of your paths.*

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*Ephesians 5:22-24*

*Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to*

*1 Timothy 2:11-14*

*11 A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. 12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. 13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. 14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.*

**C. The removal of gender identification in Holy Scriptures.**

1. Masculinity is a command: “Act like men”

*1 Corinthians 16:13*



**13** *Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.*

ANDRAZOMAI – manly + courageous or a strong man

**a. Note: for some of you, editors have arbitrarily changed the masculine to neuter.**

- 1) An indication of the feminization of the church is seen in the fact that the feminine is never changed to neuter.
- 2) This could easily be done in passages like Proverbs 31 but it is not. Only the masculine is changed.

**b. Example:**

*Proverbs 31:10*

*An excellent wife, who can find?*

*For her worth is far above jewels.*

**Is not changed to**

**An excellent spouse, who can find?**

**The spouses worth is far above jewels**

*Proverbs 31:18*

*18 She senses that her gain is good;*

*Her lamp does not go out at night.*

**Is not changed to**

**The spouse senses that its gain is good**

**The spouses lamp does not go out at night**

*Proverbs 31:28-29*

*28 Her children rise up and bless her;*

*Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:*

*29 "Many daughters have done nobly,*

*But you excel them all."*

**Is not changed to**

**The parents children rise up and bless the parent**

**The spouse also and the spouse praises the spouse saying**

**Many children have done nobly**

**But you excel them all**

**c. Changes such as this, changing the feminine to neuter, are not made.**

The only changes made by the liberal American and European women and the men they dominate in the editorial boards, are changes from the masculine to the neuter.

**d. I Corinthians 16:13 is correctly translated in Bibles that are committed to inerrancy**

**KJV<sup>13</sup> *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.***

**Holman<sup>13</sup> *Be alert, stand firm in the faith, act like a man, be strong.***

**ESV<sup>3</sup> *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.***

**NASB<sup>13</sup> *Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.***

e. **Contrast this with agenda driven Bibles**

*The Message<sup>13-14</sup> Keep your eyes open, hold tight to your convictions, give it all you've got, be resolute, and love without stopping.*

*NIV<sup>13</sup> Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.*

*New English (Anglican)<sup>13</sup> Stay alert, stand firm in the faith, show courage, be strong.*

*RSV<sup>13</sup> Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.*

f. **Liberal women will protest, "I cannot relate to 'act like men'". To which we reply, "You are not meant to. This is a passage for men".**

1) There are passages in Holy Scripture like this, meant only for men.

*Genesis 1:26*

*26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.*

2) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for women.

*Genesis 2:18*

*18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."*

*Genesis 2:23*

*23 The man 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 ."*

3) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for children.

*Ephesians 6:1-3*

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.*

4) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for single men.

*1 Corinthians 7:32*

*32 But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;*

5) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for single women.

*1 Corinthians 7:34*

*The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit;*

6) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for married men.

*1 Corinthians 7:33-34*

*33 but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, 34 and his interests are divided.*

*Ephesians 5:25*

*25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her*

- 7) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for married women.

*1 Corinthians 7:34*

*but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.*

*Ephesians 5:22*

*Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

- 8) One of the origins of this problem is the tendency of the church and parachurch organizations to treat single women, in the area of discipleship as neuter.
- 9) As a result of the loss of gender specific translations is that women unknowingly seek to apply passages that are directed solely to men. This is done to the damage of their identity as women and role as a woman in marriage and in the church.
- 10) It is another tendency in the modern church for those preaching and teaching to ignore gender roles in the family and the church. You will not hear a pastor or Bible teacher pause and say  
**“Ladies, it is important, as you apply this passage not to teach or exercise authority over men”**  
 Or  
**“Now you wives, it is important that before applying this passage that you talk with your husband and insure you are being a submissive helpmate.”**

**D. The Holy Scriptures as given by God the Holy Spirit are gender specific.**

1. The removal of gender specific passages of Scripture for men, while maintaining gender specific passages for women has opened created a situation where passages directed by God the Holy Spirit for men are being applied by women. This has created gender confusion for women and opened the door to the masculinity of women in the church.
2. The loss of gender identification in the church and Christian organizations does not spring from in-depth study Holy Scripture for the purpose of bringing themselves under its authority. Rather it springs from a desire to use any argument necessary to free themselves from the constraints of Holy Scripture.