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Headcoverings for Women?, on: 2016/11/21 11:25

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Re: Question concerning "Head Coverings" for women - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/11/21 12:54

But if anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor do the churches of God...

I think that's the best view ðŸ™, because this can become a very contentious issue and as far as I understand it is not vi
tal to our faith or church order. It seems a cultural issue as well and would seem really strange to modern western folk.

Don't bite me, just my thoughts ðŸ~‡

Re: , on: 2016/11/21 13:12

I think this topic has been covered extensively on SI.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/21 14:00

Quote: I think this topic has been covered extensively on SI.

That may be the understatement of the century.

Sherri- to quote Jiminy Cricket, why not let your conscience be your guide?

Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/11/21 14:03

Sherri,

I found this on Grace To You site which is very helpful:

Head Coverings For Women

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Every man who has something on his head while praying or prophesying, disgraces his head. But every woman who ha
s her head uncovered while praying or prophesying, disgraces her head; for she is one and the same with her whose he
ad is shaved. For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woma
n to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head. (11:4&6)

It is best to understand that Paul is here referring to activities of believers in ministry before the Lord and the public, whe
re a clear testimony is essential.

In the most general senses praying is talking to God about people, including ourselves, and prophesying is talking to pe
ople about God. One is vertical (man to God) and the other is horizontal (man to man), and they represent the two prima
ry dimensions of believersâ€™ ministry. Admittedly, the detail of this passage related to head coverings is difficult becau
se of the scarcity of historical data. But the content helps to clarify the principle Paul has in mind, whatever the special c
overing may have been. He wants the church to live according to divine standards.

When Paul said a man disgraces his head if he has something on his head while praying or prophesying, he had to be r

referring to local Corinthian custom. The phrase has something on his head literally means "having down from head," and is usually taken to refer to a veil. The context here implies that in Corinth such a head covering would have been completely ridiculous for a man and completely proper for a woman. For Jews, who came to wear head coverings, the practice seems to have come in the fourth century A.D., though some may have tried it in the time of the apostles. But generally it was regarded as a disgrace for a man to worship with his head covered.

It seems, therefore, that Paul is not stating a divine universal requirement but simply acknowledging a local custom. The local Christian custom, however, reflected the divine principle. In Corinthian society a man's praying or prophesying without a head covering was a sign of his authority over women, who were expected to have their heads covered in these ministries. Consequently, for a man to cover his head would be a disgrace, because it suggested a reversal of the proper relationships. Disgrace to her head could refer to her own head literally and to her husband's metaphorically.

In Paul's day numerous symbols were used to signify the woman's subordinate relationship to men, particularly of wives to husbands. Usually the symbol was in the form of a head covering, and in the Greek-Roman world of Corinth the symbol apparently was a veil of some kind. In many Near East countries today a married woman's veil still signifies that she will not expose herself to other men, that her beauty and charms are reserved entirely for her husband, that she does not care even to be noticed by other men. Similarly, in the culture of first-century Corinth wearing a head covering while ministering or worshiping was a woman's way of stating her devotion and submission to her husband and of demonstrating her commitment to God.

It seems, however, that some women in the Corinthian church were not covering their heads while praying or prophesying. We know from secular history that various movements of women's liberation and feminism appeared in the Roman empire during New Testament times. Women would often take off their veils or other head coverings and cut their hair in order to look like men. Much as in our own day, some women were demanding to be treated exactly like men and they attacked marriage and the raising of children as unjust restrictions of their rights. They asserted their independence by leaving their husbands and homes, refusing to care for their children, living with other men, demanding jobs traditionally held by men, wearing men's clothing and hairstyles, and by discarding all signs of femininity. It is likely that some of the believers at Corinth were influenced by those movements and, as a sign of protest and independence, refused to cover their heads at appropriate times.

As with meat that had been offered to idols, there was nothing in the wearing or not wearing of the head covering itself that was right or wrong. It is the rebellion against God's ordained roles that is wrong, and in Corinth that rebellion was demonstrated by women praying and prophesying with their heads uncovered.

Dress is largely cultural and, unless what a person wears is immodest or sexually suggestive, it has no moral or spiritual significance. Throughout biblical times, as in many parts of the world today, both men and women wore some type of robe. But there always were some clear distinctions of dress between men and women, most often indicated by hair length and head coverings.

It is the principle of women's subordination to men, not the particular mark or symbol of that subordination, that Paul is teaching in this passage. The apostle is not laying down a universal principle that Christian women should always worship with their heads covered.

The mention here of women's praying or prophesying is sometimes used to prove that Paul acknowledged the right of their teaching, preaching, and leading in church worship. But he makes no mention here of the church at worship or in the time of formal teaching. Perhaps he has in view praying or prophesying in public places, rather than in the worship of the congregation. This would certainly fit with the very clear directives in 1 Corinthians (14:34) and in his first letter to Timothy (2:12). The New Testament has no restrictions on a woman's witnessing in public to others, even to a man. Nor does it prohibit women from taking nonleadership roles of praying with believers or for unbelievers; and there is no restriction from teaching children and other women (cf. Titus 2:3-4; 1 Tim. 5:16). Women may have the gift of prophecy, as did Philip's four daughters (Acts 21:9), but they are normally not to prophesy in the meetings of the church where men are present.

In other words, it is only necessary to combine the relevant passages to get the composite truth. Women may pray and prophesy within the boundaries of God's revelation, and with a proper sense of submission. And it is critical that their deportment in so doing reflects God's order. Certainly they must not appear rebellious against God's will.

Paul's point in verses 4-5 is that, whenever and wherever it is appropriate for men and women to pray or prophesy, they should do so with proper distinction between male and female. Every man should speak to or for the Lord clearly as a man, and every woman should speak to or for the Lord clearly as a woman. God does not want the distinction to be blurred.

For a Corinthian woman to pray or prophesy with her head uncovered disgraced or shamed her and made her the same with her whose head is shaved. If a woman took off her head covering she might as well make the symbol of her role rejection complete by taking off all of her hair, the God-given identifier of her special role as a woman. For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off. In that day only a prostitute or an extreme feminist would shave her head.

The Talmud indicates that a Jew considered a woman with a shaved head extremely ugly, and Chrysostom records that women guilty of adultery had their hair shaved off and were marked as prostitutes. Aristophanes even taught that the mother of unworthy children should have her hair shorn.

Paul therefore is saying, "If you are not willing to look like a prostitute or a rebellious feminist by cutting off your hair, don't pray or prophesy with your head uncovered either."

It is remarkable that any Christian woman would seek such an identification, until we think of how some appear today so worldly as to make the same comparison possible.

Re: Question concerning "Head Coverings" for women - posted by Sree (), on: 2016/11/21 14:12

I believe every command of God should be taken serious, especially the New Covenant one. No one can ignore any of these commands and teach others to do so. The curse for doing so is very serious as well. I believe those who tell it is cultural are teaching others to ignore a command of God. In NT there are very few external commands, most of them are internal. So why is it difficult to follow those few external commands?

If I was born as a woman, I will cover my head in the Church and whenever I pray in Public, as a symbol of my submission to my husband. I will not care who around me does it or who does not. No women here can say that they are 100% submitting to their husbands, can they? So everyone struggles in this area of submission. If following a simple command will anyway help a woman in this area of submission then let her do so. Why should someone ignore a simple doable command related to an area that is always a big challenge to all women? Can any sister answer me this simple question?

For example to men, lust in eyes is always an issue. But there is a command given by Paul to flee from youthful lust (2 Tim 2:22). This is also an external command asking young men to flee or run from women who might tempt them to lust. I believe if any man including me, does not want to flee but believes that somehow God will give them grace to overcome lust, then they will be defeated in the area of Lust. God will never give his grace to someone who willfully ignores his command. Since I am in need of grace in this area, I am willing to follow every command given with respect to Youthful Lust, as I want to please God period.

So any woman who is humble enough to accept her need of God's grace in the area of submission, will cover her head. She will not think twice to obey a simple command that can help her receive grace. I am not saying covering head will make them win God's grace, but not covering head might prevent them from receiving Grace. God's word is clear, only humble people who want to obey all commands of God will receive grace. Humble women will not be bothered if someone looks down on her because she is covering her head. She is already humble enough to accept that she is weak, she is not concerned about opinion of other women.

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Re: Question concerning "Head Coverings" for women - posted by Sree (), on: 2016/11/21 14:34

Quote:

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My wife and I were attending a prayer group of all Americans, mostly women. None of them covered their head. My wife did while praying. She felt very odd and asked me what she has to do. I told her, you are covering head to obey God not to please people. So do not be concerned about their opinion of you. But if covering your head made you feel spiritually proud and made you judge those other women then you better do not do it. She said, she never judged any of them. She continued covering her head. Another Godly sister in that group asked her about this practice. When my wife explained the meaning of head covering, the other sister also got the courage to cover her head!

I do not find any harm in obeying God's command. But there are plenty of harm in disobeying even the smallest of command and willfully.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/21 15:01

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I do understand the Word of God says we are to obey Jesus and not follow the "traditions of men".

Brethren,

I believe this is important to allow anyone who has a sincere question towards obedience to God to ask these things.

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Sister,

It is wonderful to see your earnest desire to obey the Lord and the Scriptures in all matters. Paul the Apostle answers your question that it is a tradition to wear headcoverings and it is from the Apostles (apostles traditions for the church), traditions are practical obedience areas, that speak of an eternal significance in the Church.

1 Corinthians 11:2

I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the traditions just as I passed them on to you.

Recently reading 1 Corinthians 11 it seemed so clear to me that the Headcoverings was a important and vital early Church practice as the Lords supper was as they are both covered in the same chapter and given great significance.

All early church women believers practiced head coverings. Most Church movements also throughout history did so. It is only modern liberal churches primarily in the last 60 years that have said "no" to this practice. The result is sadly almost no churches practice this custom anymore. What a great loss for the body of Christ and glory and testimony of the Lord.

I believe sisters who have the Holy Spirit gently encourage them in this area are doing a very significant thing for the testimony of Christ in the meetings of believers.

This is one of the best very short booklets on the subject I have seen: <http://www.headcoveringmovement.com/head-coverings-by-kp-yohannan.pdf>

<http://www.cfcindia.com/article/headcovering-for-women>

"- If we ignore any command of God in Scripture (however small) we will suffer some eternal loss (Rev.22:19)." - Zac Ponon

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2016/11/21 15:08

But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. 1 Corinthians 11:15

Long hair is the covering.

, on: 2016/11/21 15:18

Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/11/21 15:26

Brothers,

Remember that some of us are relatively new to SI and won't know everything that was discussed before. Just gently nudge us in the right direction ðŸ™,

Sherri, no question is a stupid question especially when desiring God's will in a matter.

Blessings,

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/11/21 15:34

Sherri, it is a valid and fine question. None of us are perfect or have perfect knowledge. The truth is in the Word of God. Your walk with the Spirit as you read and process will align you with Christ and His ways. Do not ever, ever fear the opinions of any of us no matter what we think about 1 Corinthians 11. And never fear the opinion of others. It has been discussed very much here, but that's okay. I think we can all lay our slingshots aside to let you through. :)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/21 16:08

Sister Sherri,

Please do not feel bad this is very important to ask about spiritual disciplines and spiritual practices. We cannot worry about some who will think it is legalism or extra rules as we must each follow the best for the Lord Jesus for our walks.

It is clear from the "slow" reading of this passage that a covering is put over the hair as it says: "For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off"

the long hair is an natural indicator of God's intention in the Church.

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1 Corinthians 11:1-16 New International Version (NIV)

11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

On Covering the Head in Worship

2 I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the traditions just as I passed them on to you. 3 But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. 4 Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. 5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as having her head shaved. 6 For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should cover her head.

7 A man ought not to cover his head, **since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.** 8 **For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; 9 neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.** 10 **It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels.** 11 **Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. 12 For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.**

13 **Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?** 14 **Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, 15 but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering.** 16 **If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice—nor do the churches of God.**

Re: , on: 2016/11/21 16:14

// I think this topic has been covered extensively on SI. //

If one goes to the search box and types in Threads for Head Coverings. At least about 10 or more screens will come up.

Brother Frank is right. This topic has been extensively covered in Sermon Index.

-bbs-

, on: 2016/11/21 16:57

Re: Question concerning "Head Coverings" for women - posted by narrowpath, on: 2016/11/21 17:02

Dear sister,

I once started a thread about it 8 years ago. It got heated.

I believe the Holy Spirit already witnessed to your conscience otherwise you would not have started this topic.

As always, some bright minds can masterfully explain plain truth away because they do not want to obey it and simple folks understand it because they beg for wisdom from above with the intent to obey revealed truth.

Head covering is a wonderful truth that reveals the mystery of headship. It has been kept throughout the centuries of Christendom but goes against the spirit of this age. We are no more accustomed to terms like submission and obedience any more.

Paul said in the end of the passage, "if anyone wants to be ignorant, let him be ignorant"

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Re: , on: 2016/11/21 17:51

Brother Bear stated:

"Brother Frank is right. This topic has been extensively covered in Sermon Index."

Was the topic discussed here in the past regarding head coverings extensively covered or was it covered extensively? Because although they sound similar they may not be the same. Not trying to split hairs but rather trying to understand the important issue and have it fully covered if necessary or not.

Re: Frank , on: 2016/11/21 18:03

Brother you can go back and peruse the threads. The topic has been covered extensively. Now whether it was discussed extensively is another question. I might say it has been argued extensively and quite heatedly. And to be candid and honest I have been one of the ones that has argued the issue. Much to my shame and embarrassment.

Perhaps a question I might ask is this a salvation issue. I only ask in light of the needless arguments that may ensue from this topic.

Simply some questions.

-bbs-

Re: , on: 2016/11/21 18:15

So brother Bear you are saying this topic has been covered extensively but perhaps not discussed extensively. And although it has been argued extensively nothing has been resolved. And so when will the merry-go-round stop on this highly disputable matter come to an end? When Jesus returns or will it continue into the millennium?

Re: Frank , on: 2016/11/21 18:35

Good question brother. I honestly don't know. But you did prompt me to start another thread. Not to compete against this thread. But to address the WHY of the head covering in 1st Corinthians 11. So much of the discussion has focused on whether the sister SHOULD or SHOULD NOT wear the head covering. But very little discussion if any as focused as to the WHY of the head covering.

Bottom line. According to 1st Corinthians 11:5 & 11:13 it seems that a sister wears the head covering to show that she is under Authority as she is praying or prophesying. This seems to be the context of 1st Corinthians 11 as to why the sisters wear the head covering in the assembly. So a question emerges. Those who hold that a sister must wear the head covering. Do those assemblies allow that same sister who has the head covering to pray or prophesy. If she is required to wear the head covering but it's not allowed to pray or prophesy. Then in my opinion the issue of the head covering is moot.

I hope the thread I opened up will generate some good discussion without degenerating into a heated argument.

But if we are going to discuss this issue and we have to get to the WHY of the head covering. And that is a sister to pray or prophesy under authority.

My guess is there are many conservative fellowships that require sisters to wear the head covering. But they do not believe that a sister should prophesy in the church. Probably because they do not believe that prophecy is in operation today. And that is another whole can of worms.

Anyway seeing what response I get on the other thread.

-bbs-

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/21 18:39

Sherri-

I don't understand. You seem to be convicted about wearing a head covering based on your reading of the word.

If you want further discussion you are seemingly looking for reasons not to wear a head covering.

Why not just follow your initial conviction?

This topic has been been discussed for pages and pages and pages.

At the end of the day (I hate that expression but oh well) those who believed it was a cultural practice in Paul's day felt the same way, and those who felt it was a command for all time felt the same way.

You have to follow your conviction on this. I suppose they still sell scarves.

, on: 2016/11/21 19:10

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/21 19:24

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Brother,

Thank you for humbling yourself. I would say it would be best to probably leave most of the discussing of this even to the sisters as they are the ones that need to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in this area.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/21 19:38

Sherri-

I apologize for coming across as venomous or sarcastic.

The reason I seem to be this way is that this is one of those topics in which nothing is ever resolved.

Let me ask you this: Why do you believe there has been some heated debate on this topic? Is it because one side is a group of liberal sinners who are rebelling against God and refuse to be corrected, or is it because there are truly legitimate arguments on both sides?

That is why I feel that if you feel convicted about wearing a head covering, and someone asks you why, all you need say is that you are being obedient to the HS. you do not even need to mention 1 Cor. 11. It is nobody else's business.

Re: , on: 2016/11/21 20:12

Brother Todd, I forgive you.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/21 20:18

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Brother,

I believe she would have to mention the Scripture for that would be the reason for her obeying the Lord in this. I believe sisters should feel free to come to obedience in this area. I personally "never" look down on a sister who does not cover her head.

Head Coverings - Two Spiritual Statements

<http://www.cfcindia.com/article/head-coverings-two-spiritual-statements>

I believe brothers should leave sisters to obey the Lord in this area, it seems strange that there is great opposition from brethren on this issue as 99% of sisters in North America already "do not" wear head coverings in evangelical assemblies.

I believe there should be freedom for especially new sisters who register on the forums to ask questions and have others help her and at the very least "encourage" her to consider the scripture of 1 Corinthians 11 more deeply.

Re: Question concerning "Head Coverings" for women - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/11/21 21:14

sherri,

What is your husband's take on the issue? That should be the final answer.

Re: Question concerning "Head Coverings" for women - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/11/22 7:24

Sherri,

True circumcision is not something visible in the flesh (or on the head). On the contrary, a person is a Jew who is inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart by the Spirit, not the letter. That man's praise is not from men but from God. (Romans 2:28b-29)

I speak from a non-headcovering viewpoint and I believe Christians need to take the Bible as a whole, living Word. Not just taking those particular verses and make a doctrine out of it.

Through all the threads on headcoverings in past, I've to the conclusion that a woman "needs" to wear a headcovering to "prove" her submission to her man, her God and her church.

If "YOU" feel led to wear a headcovering, I will support you, sister and provide no judgment. I have asked God about the headcovering for myself and I have walked away without any guilt on the subject.

And Apostle Paul concluded the supposed headcovering verses with, But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God. 1 Cor 11:16

I hope this helps and is not contentious.
God bless,
Lisa

(edited for clarity)

Re: , on: 2016/11/22 10:47

And that about covers it.

Re: Frank , on: 2016/11/22 11:20

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Ahem...lol. is that getting a "head" of the matter?

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-bbs-

Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/11/22 11:29

Yes, I think we should not get a head of ourselves before we have covered the subject in detail ðŸ˜‰

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/22 11:35

The most mysterious element to me is the phrase "because of the angels,"

Is there any other passage of scripture that suggests we should worry about what angels think?

I am not convinced that the word angel should not have been translated as "messengers" in this instance. Of course I am no Greek scholar.

, on: 2016/11/22 11:46

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2016/11/22 12:08

I was not going to enter into this one! Far too contentious and people have very fixed views. I'm happy for folk to follow their own convictions on this. But just thought I would put this thought out there for consideration and leave it at that.

Leaving aside the exegesis of the particular passage in Corinthians (which has to be agreed is much disputed by Godly folk on both sides), the problem I see of insisting that women must wear a covering is that it just does not sit right with the rest of the New Testament teaching and witness. Whether that be Paul or Jesus, they actually went out their way to stand against such things as outward signs of piousness and in particular when it was being insisted on by the religious establishment. You only have to study through Paul's apostolic ministry to see how much energy he spent in battling against those who were trying to put the new gentile church under rules and laws of outward conformity. It just makes no sense to me that he would then put some sort of NT law on the church like this. No we are missing something here and I suspect we don't fully understand what Paul was addressing here in Corinth.

What I never hear when this is discussed is the 'command' that men should never wear a hat when they pray (funny that)!

All that said, if you are convicted that God wants you to wear a covering, please do so, but please do not make it a law for all Christians as it just would contradict the very heart of the gospel preached by Paul and Jesus.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/22 12:40

Well said Dave

Re: , on: 2016/11/22 13:00

What happens when a bald rug wearing man starts praying. Is that permissible or is that another top-ic altogether?

Re: Sheti, on: 2016/11/22 14:09

Sister there's nothing wrong in discussing what God may lay on your heart. Actually the discussions have been good on this thread. The post have been conciliatory even with those holding strong views on the subject of head coverings. And the light humor has been enjoyable.

But sister again. No need to apologize for what God is laying on your heart and bring it to the Forum.

-bbs-

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/22 14:11

I agree bear. No reason we can't always discuss topics in a civil manner.

Re: , on: 2016/11/22 16:20

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Funneee. Lol.:)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/22 16:28

Brothers,

I actually feel grieved that every conversation on this subject has been successfully de-railed by certain brothers on purpose. I am not sure if it is insecurity of sisters wearing coverings, or if it would bring conviction that one's spouse does not.

Another thought is that if sisters start to obey scriptures in detail out of love for the Saviour then would the brothers have to start to do the same?

1 Timothy 2:8 New International Version (NIV)

8 Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

If a sister is seeking to obey the Lord in dressing more modestly or another area of practical obedience should we as brothers cause a stir about it? I thank God for sisters who are seeking to obey the Lord in all things and doing this apart from brothers who will not preach on particulars.

Nothing good has come from joking around on this thread as it is probably grieving to the Lord that the sister was discouraged even in our honest desire after something of value in the christian walk.

Would fasting or silence in prayer and waiting on God be stood against in the same way brethren?

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2016/11/22 17:36

Greg,

I have to say I think your post is misplaced. The sister's opening post actually asked for input on both sides of this issue. Please go back and read the the OP. How then can you accuse some of deliberately derailing a discussion or stumbling a sister "who desires to obey the Lord" when the forum was asked to comment?

I read your post as saying "because people have posted things I disagree with they have an ulterior motive". You assume your position is right, therefore anyone who comments otherwise is to be shutdown?

On the joking you may have a point, but I did not take it as directed against anyone to be offensive.

Re: From Another Sister - posted by Renee_is_His (), on: 2016/11/22 19:53

Sister Sherri,

I would like to share with you the revelation God gave me concerning the head covering:

In my ministry as an intercessor, I began to search for teachings on this after the Lord brought me to 1Cor 11. I have to admit, something rose up in me when I read it, but I wanted to obey the Lord. Like you, I wanted to know the why and the significance. The best teaching I have found on this subject was from Watchman Nee - here's the link: <http://www.ministrybooks.org/books.cfm?p>

Whenever I prayed, I covered my head automatically. I did this even as a baby believer. I didn't know why, it was just something I did. When I began to research this subject a few years ago and after I read Watchman Nee's teaching, the Lord gave me this analogy. When a woman is married, she wears a wedding ring. She would still be married without the ring, the ring is an outward symbol of her marital status. It can be seen by others - she wants others to know she is married. In the realm of the spirit, the head covering symbolizes the woman is under the authority of Christ, whether she is married to a man, or not. It can be seen by the angels (1Cor 11:10). If you are under the authority of Christ, you can exercise spiritual authority through prayer. It is an outward symbol of an inward reality of submission, obedience, and humility of the heart.

There are women who wear a covering that have a rebellious heart totally negating the spiritual aspect of it. The head covering symbolizes submitting to God's governmental order, as the apostle Paul brings out in the first 9 verses of the chapter.

Can you still exercise spiritual authority in prayer without the head covering? I would have to say yes especially if a woman is in a situation where she cannot get hold of something to cover her head with. It is about her submission to Christ, not whether she has a covering or not. What I do know is when God calls us to obedience in a certain area, the individual is responsible before God to obey it. I hope this helps, dear sister.

Renee

Re: , on: 2016/11/22 19:54

I fully agree with Greg here and it saddens me even more that most don't see it that way.

We have a new believer and new member here who sincerely wants to obey the Lord and find out what His will is.

sherry2 didn't come here with an "agenda" but with a humbled desire to please the Lord!

And she pleaded several times to stop those "unhelpful" comments !

New believers (all believers) should be encouraged to seek and obey the Lord!

I find it unacceptable if we use the thread (any thread)for ourselves, to show that we know better and to get some fun out of it.

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2016/11/22 20:11

Brother TMK, you had written, "The most mysterious element to me is the phrase "because of the angels,"

Is there any other passage of scripture that suggests we should worry about what angels think?"

A few scriptures came to mind that touch on the importance of our witness before the angels and I just wanted to share those scriptures in this thread.

Ephesians 3:10 speaking of how God's manifold wisdom might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places through the church.

Also it seems relevant that 1 Corinthians 4:9 where Paul is speaking of being a spectacle not only to the world and men but also to the angels is included in the same epistle as the head covering instructions.

Dear sis Sheri-- God bless you and even if topics have been covered before, you are most welcome to begin new threads such as this. Who knows what the Spirit might want to share or shed light on in different threads...and there are always new believers from all over the world who find their way to SI and can benefit from not just reading old threads but live fellowship and discussions in real time. I will try to share briefly how the Lord has led me after I was saved out of the world when time permits.

May the love of Jesus melt all our hearts afresh in these days

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/22 20:39

Just a note also for the sisters, if you want a thread to be devoted to more just sisters sharing please just request that in the initial post and it can be healthy and good for sisters to just have a conversation about certain scriptures and perspectives.

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2016/11/22 21:25

I apologize if what I said seemed rude. I certainly didn't mean it that way.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2016/11/22 22:25

Quote:

I actually feel grieved that every conversation on this subject has been successfully de-railed by certain brothers on purpose. I am not sure if it is insecurity of sisters wearing coverings, or if it would bring conviction that one's spouse does not.

I have posted something similar in a previously discussed head covering thread. It baffles me how some posters here who happen to be men, keep posting their strong views against women covering their head. How does it not bother them what the Lord thought about those who teach others to disobey even the least of his commands?

Matt 5:19 -So then, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do likewise will be called least in the kingdom of heaven....

Matt 18:6- 19So then, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do likewise will be called least in the kingdom of heaven,....