

APOSTOLIC TEACHINGS '3'

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HEADSHIP! WOMEN HAIR & HEAD COVERING

HEADSHIP

Headship means the authority of a household, the office or position of a leader in any unit. The headship is such that bears the rule and takes the responsibility.

The head of the church is Jesus Christ, any other man who claims this position is demonic. The grace of God was given to one man for the sake of the Gentile-world as stated in **Ephesians 3:1-11**. This man was Saul of Tarsus made an Apostle by the will of God.

Eph 3:1

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of

men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Saul of Tarsus whose name was later changed to Paul was commissioned by the LORD JESUS CHRIST himself to be an Apostle to the Gentiles. It was this man that laid the foundation upon which the Gentiles stand in Christ.

Biblical Headship

1Cor 11:1 ¶ *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

2 *Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.*

3 *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.*

Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, by the will and grace of God in Christ Jesus, was given to be **a** light to the Gentiles.

Php 3:17 *Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. **1Cor 4:16** Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.*

Why did Paul himself repeatedly ask Gentile Christians to follow and remember him in ALL things?

Acts 9: 13 *Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:*

14 *And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.*

15 *But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, **to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:***

16 *For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.*

Acts 22: 17. *And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a **trance**;*

18 *And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.*

19 *And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:*

20 *And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.*

21 *And he said unto me, **Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.***

Acts 13:46-47, Eph3:1-3

Gal 2:7-8

7 *But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;*

8 *(**For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:**)*

The authority given to Paul by God is uncontestable as seen in the scriptures. One very shocking statement made by Paul himself is recorded in his letter to the Romans.

Rom 2:16 *In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to **my gospel**.*

Truly, the Gentiles will be judged by the standard of Christ as laid down by his chosen apostle '**Paul**'. Amen!

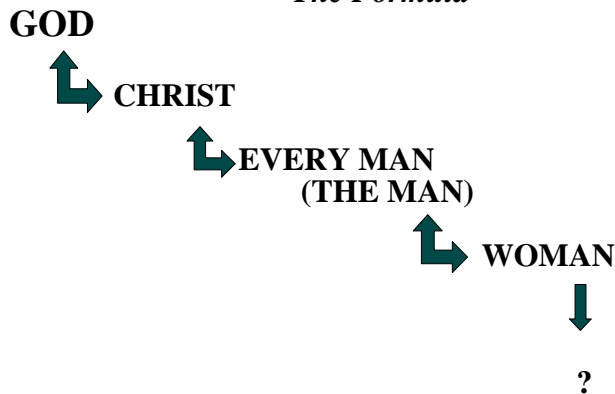
Headship therefore is the key to understanding the order and conduct that the Apostle will discuss in this chapter (**1 Corinthians 11**).

Anyone who reads 1Corinthians 11 one-sidedly will assume that the subject is Head Covering, but this is not so. Paul was discussing 'Headship' and head covering came in as a link to understanding the subject of headship. The verse below is the formula verse to unlock the rest of the sub-topics to be discussed.

1Cor 11:3

3 *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.*

The Formula



The headship formula puts **God** above Christ, **Christ** above 'Every Man', and 'The Man' above the Woman. Who then does the Woman head? We shall see as we progress. The Man is the actual head of The woman not her physical head. Therefore, take cognizance of this as we study the subject of headship as taught by Paul and the last messenger to the gentile church dispensation “**William Marrion Branham**”.

This subject is to help believing sisters know the perfect will of God concerning the biblical head covering during spiritual exercises.

The Jewish women do not have a problem with this because firstly the God we claim to serve today is the God of their fathers 'Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, by whom all the prophets came. The challenge with the Gentiles when it comes to worshipping God is tradition, which is against faith.

1John 1:5 *This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is **no darkness** at all.*

Headship in the Old Testament

God instructed Moses his servant on how to beautify Aaron in the priestly garments. The high priest according to the design of Yahweh was the most respected figure in the Old Testament, he was the breach between God and the people. The Prophets were the mouthpiece of God but unless such a prophet was a priest he could not carry out sacrifices for the people before Lord on the Altar.

The Lord commanded the High Priest to wear a mitre on his head and a crown with inscription “**Holiness To The Lord**” signifying that the anointing cannot flow from any other source except from him.

Hebrews 5:1

5:1 ¶ *For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:*

2 *Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.*

3 *And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. **4** And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. **5** So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee.*

6 *As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*

JEWISH WOMEN WORSHIP AND HEAD COVERINGS

Let me quickly point out here that in the Old Testament women were not in plain view when it comes to the act of worship. Yes, they did worship but from the background.

The worship I am referring to in this context is the temple worship.

No woman offered a sacrifice on behalf of a household; it was just out of place Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all offered sacrifices on behalf of their families, so did other Israelite men on the behalf of their families. For this reason when God saved one man, his household was saved, and when he destroys another, his entire household was destroyed.

Head covering was a common thing among the nations and people of the east. The terrain in which they lived was usually sandy and hot and they mostly traveled on foot causing them to cover up their entire head region to avoid heartburn and the sandy wind.

It was also mandatory for married women to stay covered especially in the public. When Isaac was going to meditate in the fields in the evening time, the camels bringing back Rebecca was approaching; on **sighting** Isaac, she enquired who he was and was told, and immediately she **dismounted** the camel and **covered herself with a veil**. What did this symbolize? Rebecca recognized Isaac as her husband (head) therefore she covered her head, for her real head (The Man) had appeared.

Genesis 24:63-67.

WHAT THEN IS THE HOLY GHOST SAYING ABOUT WOMEN'S HAIR?

1Cor 11: 3-6.

3 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.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. 5 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.

6 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.

The formula verse is verse '3'.

The Head of Every Man

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

Paul did not mix his words, he did not say '**the man**' but '**every man**' praying or prophesying with his natural head covered, dishonors his true 'spiritual head' which is Christ.

How can a man cover his head?

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

For this statement to be true it must be traced back to the beginning, for that is what makes it the Word of God. It means that it's not only in the New Testament that it is effective.

Therefore, this discussion is running in-between the spiritual and the natural, not the spiritual and the artificial. The spiritual here is Christ; the natural is the head, the next thing that falls in is the hair, then you have the artificial, which is the scarf, hat, turban or whatever.

In the Old Testament, men approached God with their heads uncovered, but these men could not gain access in the Holy Place, let alone come near the Holy of Holies.

They brought their sacrifices and waited at the outer court where their animals were killed upon the altar.

Those who performed these services were the Priests and Levites, who were all serving under The High Priest. None of these had their natural heads exposed, they all had artificial coverings as part of their dressing.

Now bringing 1Corinthians 11: 4, which says “Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head” will outrightly have the Word of God contradicting itself, and we would not be able to draw line upon line, precept upon precept. Remember that the Old Testament was foreshadowing the New Testament. If the covering of the head of '*every man*' as stated by the Apostle Paul was anything near an artificial covering such as hat, cap, turban etc, then the Priests and the Levites were out of order. When Jesus quoted the Old Testament, he added by saying “...and the scriptures cannot be broken”. John10:35.

Why did the Levites and the Priests cover their heads with headdresses and mitres while carrying out their duties in the Old Testament?

Ex 28:4 *And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a brodered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.*

Ex 29:6 *And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.*

Ex 39:28 *And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen*

breeches of fine twined linen,

Ex 39:31 *And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.*

Lev 8:9 *And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his*

forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded

Moses.

Ex39:30 *And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.*

The High Priest was the authority in the Old Testament under the Aaronic Priesthood. God instructed Moses to dress him with a head covering and a crown to show that The Lord God was his head, this was headship in display. The high Priest wore a crown but that was just symbolic for the actual crown was the Anointing Oil that was poured on him **Lev 21:12** *Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.*

The mitre (head covering) of the high priest was worn as a sign that his mind was not interfering with the message 'LAW' of God to the people. If one could not listen to the high priest because he was a younger person to him in the tribe, he would listen because the mitre and the crown was upon him. The engravings on the crown of the high priest represent holiness. For this reason the high priest had lots of restrictions.

Lev 21:10 ¶ And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes;

Psalm133

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

It means that God anointed the high priest and set him to minister to the people.

The above scripture is not mentioning Aaron as a person but as a priesthood '*the order of Aaron*'. The anointing flows from the head of Aaron (The Priesthood) not his forehead but from the top (crown) of his head to his beards, and finally to his skirts (The people). How many times was the high priest ordained?

Just once, therefore there was no physical oil running down the beard of Aaron every time.

The Word of God is settled forever in heaven, therefore it cannot be adjusted.

It is wrong to think that the Old testament is abolished by Jesus Christ. Whenever God speaks, the Word is issued from The Eternal Spirit, therefore it cannot be broken. The Lord Jesus Christ is the interpretation, the completion, the fulfillment, and the revelation of the Old Testament. Amen!

Should Today's Ministers wear Artificial Head Covering like the Jewish Priest of the Old Testament? NO

Anyone who truly understands why the Old Testament Priests wore the mitres and other head covering would not wear one today. Why?

The Holy Spirit was not inside of any man but was upon them, and even at that ONLY the High Priest had it and through him the blessing reached others. From the day of Pentecost the Holy Ghost rested in the souls (*bosom, heart*) of true believers, therefore, these men being led by God need not cover their natural head as their spiritual covering overshadows the natural.

The Old Testament Aaronic High Priests wore the mitre as a sign that it was NOT his natural head (Mind) that was in operation but The Mind of Yahweh. Today, there is no outward sign to know that a person has received the Holy Ghost, because the Holy Ghost is in the heart of a man.

Lev21:1, 4, 5,10.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people:

4 But he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself.

5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

10 ¶ And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes;

The Priests were not to make baldness upon their head.

How could this have been an issue since they covered their heads with turbans?

Common sense should let us know that the natural hair was his covering after all.

The mitre or turban was symbolic, a pointer to something far greater than fashion or covering. Adam who was clothed with the glory of God had no need for clothes nor mitre (turban) for his head. *The fall turned man to a headless being who must hide his identity in order for him to approach God.*

WOMEN HEAD COVERING verse 5 and 6.

With utmost humility and respect to all other preachers who see differently as related to this subject, I respect your views but only The Holy Ghost who is the author of the Word must be true.

How Did God Dress Eve Before And After The Fall?

Gen 2: 21-25

21 ¶ 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;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 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.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The first time Adam saw the woman with his natural eyes, he did not see her naked. She appeared as she was (Naked) but both of them had not discovered the consciousness of nakedness. We all had passed through this level, when children were still experiencing childhood, for there was a time in our lives when we never knew the consciousness of nakedness and especially in Africa, we ran and played naked until we were laughed at. The reverse is the case today, for this evil generation diabolically deprived children from experiencing childhood due to modernism. Adam and his wife were covered with the spirit-glory of God; it was so powerful until they knew nothing but God. They were selfless, true, fearless, and everything about them recognized this.

APRONS AND FIG LEAVES “*The influence of Serpentine Religion*”

Gen 3:7 *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

After the fall, Adam and his wife Eve tried to cover up their sins by making aprons from fig leaves **to cover their shame.**

What is an apron? It is a protective garment worn over another cloth. It is usually worn to avoid stains, but in this case this couple was already stained. The material itself withered every afternoon thereby sending them to gather up fresh leaves for the next day. Note that an apron is sleeveless, and did not provide full covering for the body. God was and is still against fig leaves/apron religion, which belongs to the devil.

ANIMAL SKIN AND COATS “*Proving the reason behind the fall*”

Gen 3:21 *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*

The only wise God, the potentate and redeemer of mankind made the first handmade designer coats, yes coats that covered them properly with honor, but God did not make a hat, scarf, or handkerchief for the head of Eve. He made her a coat, a garment that reached her feet. That which was shown at the beginning was repeated at the end, when the bride made herself ready for the marriage of the Lamb. Rev19: 7

BIBLICAL HEAD COVERING FOR WOMEN (1Cor11:5-15)

5 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.

6 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.

Truly when I was a child, even as a grown up child, I read the above scriptural quote like every other person you can call normal.

What is the woman's head covering?

A covering must be powerful and glorious. This is a spiritual message and should not be treated carnally. *5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head (Natural head) uncovered dishonoureth her head (Her Husband): for that is even all one as if she were shaven.*

The Woman has the following coverings

- a) God is her covering by the spirit.
- b) The Man is her covering, this could either be her father, if she is unmarried, anyone that could stand to give out her hand in marriage, and finally her husband.
- c) The woman has got a man-made covering which is a veil. God never gave her this covering but it is not a sin for her to put it on. (She wears it as a protective covering/fashion. It is certainly not for prayers.)

Isaiah 30:1 ¶ *Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; **and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit,** that they may add sin to sin:*

The Spirit of the Lord God Almighty is a covering. It covered Adam and his wife at the beginning. We realize that one really does not have to see a covering, for how can anyone see the spirit of God, yet it is a covering.

God covered his angels with his Spirit, and Lucifer was called the anointed cherub that covereth. **Ezekiel 28:14.**

Christians are divided over this subject as there are those who believe God wants the women to wear artificial coverings such as scarves, hats, and handkerchiefs. The other group believes that the natural hair of the woman is her covering.

The Covering must be the Glory

We need to examine the other coverings mentioned in 1 Corinthians 11: 3. The coverings mentioned are God, Christ, and The Man. The glory of God is reflected in Christ, the glory of Christ is reflected in the Man, and this automatically makes the Man the glory and image of God.

Rev 21: 23. *And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

1Co 11:7 *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.*

The woman is mentioned here as the glory of the man, but if she indeed is the glory of something, then she MUST be a covering (that is to have power over something else). Whatever she has power over must therefore be what God has given her for a natural covering. You cannot say that God gave the hat or scarf to the woman for a glory and a covering, it's out of place.

1Cor 11:10 *For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels. 13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? 15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.*

I will discuss 'verse 10' after we have clarified the covering.

We are asked to judge if it is comely (suitable) for the woman to pray uncovered. The big question is “*what is she to cover, her head or her hair?*” if the apostle is meaning that she should cover her hair, then I will start asking my wife to wear a scarf every time we pray. But if what should be covered is the head, then we do not need to struggle with the passage because the answer as to what the covering is, is given by the Holy Ghost. Now to clear doubts, I want us to know that the head of a person include the whole facial region.

The head is separated from the body only by the neck. Does this mean that the woman praying or prophesying should cover her entire head, which includes her face? I do not think so. We must get spiritual understanding or else continue with worldly traditions.



THE HEAD OF A WOMAN

Let us see the relationship between verses 13 and 14.

13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

Having dealt with verse 13, we see that verse 14 opens the answer to the earlier question yet with another question. Nature has taught you that if a man has long hair, it is a shame to him.

What is the relationship between 'The Woman not being covered' and 'The Man having long hair' according to 1Corinthians11:13&14?

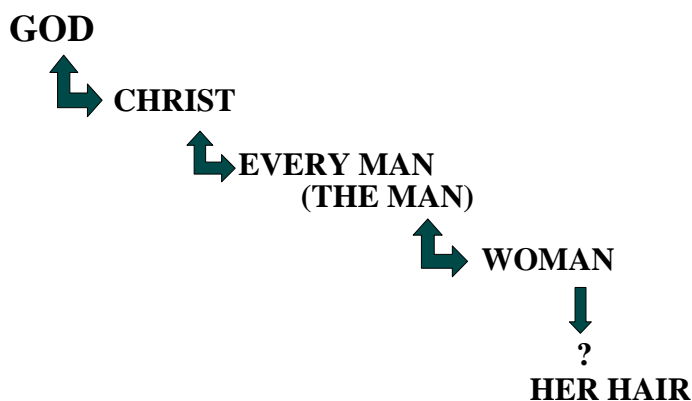
The simple answer is “*the man with long hair is acting like a woman instead*”. He (**The man**) should not be the one having long hair, he should leave that for his mother, sister, wife or daughter.

Finally, the Lord ends the contention by the mouth of the Apostle in the next verse.

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

A woman's long hair is not a shame to her as that of the man, but it is rather a glory to her; and if a glory then it must thus be a covering, for the covering must be a glory. Praise God!

The Complete Formula



This is Thus Saith The Bible; for her hair is given to her by God for a covering. Amen

IN THE LIGHT OF THE VOICE OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL MESSAGE AS BROUGHT TO US BY GOD'S VINDICATED PROPHET TO THE GENTILES, BROTHER WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM.

54-0103E - Questions And Answers #2

Now. She said, "Brother Branham, my husband wants me to have long hair." I said, "God wants the same thing." That's right. For the women is supposed to have long hair. That's their covering.

127 I know we ladies today—or you ladies, rather, wear hats. You say that's your covering. That's wrong. The Bible said a woman's covering is her hair. And if she cuts her hair, it's a common thing for her to pray. That right? That's Scripture. See? So now, women are supposed to wear long hair, regardless of what you want to think about it; that's what's **THUS SAITH THE LORD.**

If you can show me any place... You say, "Well, my hair's long. See, it's down to my shoulders." That was short hair, "Christ..." You said, "had... Christ had long hair." No, He never. Christ had shoulder length hair, so they say. Just... They just pull it around this way and cut it off, shoulder length hair. Look at the Greek word on that in there, and you'll find out.

57-1006 - Questions And Answers On Hebrews #3

But every woman praying or prophesy with her head uncovered dishonors her head: ... Now, we get just a minute, and show you that the hair to the woman is her covering. ... for that... even all one as if she was shaven. (That means that if—if she's going to cut her hair, then shave it off.)

58-0927 - Why Are We Not A Denomination?

125 Now watch, there's some of the habits they have. Some of the morals that they have. We could just go on. First thing you know, it leaked into the Protestant churches. Then the Catholic women begin to... "Why, it wasn't no harm to put on little shorts, **as long as you went to church and put a little handkerchief over their head, some kind of tradition.** "Don't eat any meat on Friday." And, oh, where'd you ever find putting a handkerchief on your head to enter church?

I want you to show me the Scripture. It's false prophecy. Where is it in the church you're supposed to wear a hat in the church? When you wear a hat on your head, you dishonor Christ, that's right; man, I'm speaking of. **Women, you do have a covering, but I'll challenge anybody to show me where it's a hat or a handkerchief. It's your hair.** And you've cut it all off. Now, what about that? Oh, they say, "That's old fashion." If it is, it's the Bible. God's Word's right.

[62-0118 - Convinced Then Concerned]

339 Some of these little women with their hair bobbed, standing up here, like they did last night, knowing that that's the truth. The Bible said so. It's a dishonorable thing. **"Isn't it a common thing for a woman to pray with her hair as her covering, with her covering cut off? She dishonors her head." How that that's Christian teaching!** And the great teacher that taught us that, Paul, said in Galatians 1:8, "If an Angel from Heaven comes, preaching any other thing else than that what I've already taught, let him be accursed." We know that it's the Truth.

[62-0211 – Oneness]

129 A woman wrote me a question the other day, she said, "Brother Branham!" Or, no, it was a man, minister. He may be standing here this morning. He's just from Ohio. And he said, "We want to say the same thing you do, but we found something on your tapes that's not right." So Billy brought the letter to me. Said, "Something on your tapes," says, "is very contradictory, Brother Branham, to the Word of God. And we want to—we want to say the same thing." Said, "One question I want to say to you, that's First Corinthians, the 11th chapter, and it says that about the head covering for the women, and the men not to have covering." Said, "We believe that. The women should wear hats in the church, and the men should take their hats off in the church." Said, "We believe them head coverings, and so forth." And said, "Then another question is that the people come to us and say the Angel of the Lord speaks everything to you. Every word that you speak is from the Angel of the Lord. And, Brother Branham, it's so hard to fight against something like that," said, "in my church." Said, "We want to say the same thing. **Now, Brother Branham, don't you believe that you was a little in error there?**"

130 **I wrote back**, "My precious brother, **I'm not in error. The First Corinthians, the 11th chapter, said a woman should have her head covered, and why. Then the 15th verse said her long hair is given to her for a covering, not a hat.**" **That Catholic spirit's dominated the church long enough.** Her long hair is her covering. Don't nature itself...

[62-0513M - The Way Of A True Prophet Of God]

296 I said, "If the Angel of the Lord said anything contrary to That, it wouldn't be the Angel of the Lord." See?

297 If any Angel says anything that's contrary to this Word, let it be a lie. And if a man tells you, a messenger from God, says he's from God, and tells you, "It's right to be baptized, the name of 'Father, Son, Holy Ghost,'" let him be a liar.

298 If a man tells you, "It's all right for you, wear bobbed hair, and things like that; that you ought to wear a hat in the church, for a bonnet, 'to be a covering,' let him be a liar.

299 The Word of God, is the Truth. Any of these things that's against the Word, let it be a lie. It's the Word, is the Truth. It'll stand.

64-0726M - Recognizing Your Day And Its Message

149 Look at today. Make them cut their hair, wear shorts, slacks, smoke, and calling themselves believers. Don't you realize, sister, or woman... Mean, pardon, not my sister; do a thing like that. Don't you realize it's the devil? But what... Like the Jews of old, you will not believe the vindicated Word when It's proved to you. You hang right onto your denominational traditions that says it's all right. You speak in tongues, you jump up-and-down, you sing in the spirit, and cut your hair. Could you imagine a Christian doing that? I've seen devils, I've seen witch doctors, I've seen them speak in tongues and interpret, and jump up-and-down and dance in the spirit; drink blood out of a human skull, and curse the Name of Jesus Christ.

152 What day are you living, people? Do you recognize the hour, recognize the sign?

155 Making them to cut their hair. Well, they say, "Our church don't pay no attention to that." You know why? They're blind. "***It's no harm to cut your hair.***" The Bible says it is! It's even an undecent thing for you to even cut your hair and even pray.

You say, "Well, a woman should be covered." And the Bible said that her "hair" is her covering. Not a hat; her hair!

156 What if Moses said, "I'll take off my hat instead of my shoes"? It wouldn't have worked. God said "shoes," and God meant shoes. **He said "hair," not hat! Glory to God! He liked that, I'm sure. Praise be to God! He means just what He says.** The Scripture is of no private interpretation. Doesn't mean just for your denomination; It means just what It says, and He's the Interpreter.

157 Say, "I know a woman that does that." I don't care what you know. I know what God said about it. You suit yourself.

158 If they could only recognize what it is, lady. Uh! If you could only recognize! Or, "woman," not lady.

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Nuggets on Headship, Head Covering and Women Hair

- The Woman who washed the feet of Jesus used her hair to wipe them, it was an act of worship, she should have come with a scarf to wipe his feet, but she used her glory. Luke 7: 38, 44.
- When conducting weddings, the bride comes with the wedding veil, but I have failed to see them covering their head with a scarf or a hat underneath the wedding veil. Note, the veil would be removed, and the same preachers who do not believe in 1Corinthians 11: 15 will stand face to face before an unveiled woman.
- "Elisha, thy master will be taken from thy head"... Was Elisha carrying Elijah on his head? How is it that the Holy Spirit is saying that Elijah would be taken away from his head? The head of a man is more than what you see. 1Kings 2:3-5
- The Holy Ghost should educate us that where nature and fashion cross parts, God is identifying with nature.
- Will Christian women wear hats, scarves or a piece of handkerchief in heaven? The simple truth is we cannot be perfected with something we would not use or need in heaven.

THE WOMAN HAVING AUTHORITY BECAUSE OF THE ANGELS

1Cor 11:10

For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.

To unravel the mystery of the above scripture, one has to look back to the positions of Angels and Man (Male and Female).

ARE THE ANGELS HIGHER THAN MAN?

Ps 8: 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Heb 2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

In Psalm 8, David by revelation was considering the works of God's hands and the Excellency of his name. He weighed the power of the sun, moon and stars (great bodies that were put under the control of man). He then said that man was a little lower than angels according to the King James Version. This translation is faulted by some flaws, for some other translators quote thus "... a little lower than God". Consider the following scriptures;

Hebrews 1: 4 ¶ *Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

5 *For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?*

6 *And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, **And let all the angels of God worship him.***

7 *And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.*

13 *But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?*

14 *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*

The Points Derived From The Above Scriptures Are;

- The angels are NOT Sons of God, but they are Servants (Heb1:5a).
- God never begot any of the angels (**Heb1: 5b**).
- Angels were commanded to WORSHIP the Son of God. **Heb1: 6**
- Angels are spirits with bodies of fire. **Heb1: 7**
- Angels are sent to minister to sons of God of **John1:12-13**, who are to be heirs of salvation.

With the points stated above, angels are not higher than man.

The Bible states that the woman MUST have power on her head because of the angels. What does this really mean? To have power is to have the ability to influence others, to empower with the authority to control. It would therefore mean that for the woman to take authority over angels, she must have the sign of a certain covering on her head.

1Corinthians 6:1-3

1 *Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?*

2 *Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?*

3 *Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?*

The believing woman is by position **a son of God**. Sonship is a position. "But as many as receive him to them he gave power to become sons of God, even them that believe on his name". **John1:12**.

If the woman then must have power on her head, certainly it cannot be artificial. The reason why she needs the power over her head is to be able to *judge the angels in the capacity of sons of God.*

She being a saint, not of the Old Testament but of the New Testament whereby she receives the Power to become sons of God, must cover her head as a sign of authority. And I can tell you that no scarf, hat, or any headwear can take the honor of being that covering. The only thing given to the woman for this purpose was given by God; and that is her natural hair.

The position of a wife is the position of authority; for the wife to exercise authority she has to first be under the authority of her husband. In most cultures and traditions of the world, if her husband be dead, her power is taken off not by removing an artificial veil or hat, but by cutting her glorious hair.

Therefore, Paul the Apostle stated hardly that *if a woman cut her hair, it is a shame to her; she has disgraced herself as a believer, not obeying her Lord. Would the Lord hearken to a disobedient child?*

The saints shall judge the world, the saints shall judge angels, and my dear believing sister, if you want to exercise this honor, then allow your hair to grow, and do not cut your hair for *it is given to you by God* for *a glory and a covering*. This is the standard of God. Shalom!

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