

The Women Question?

Hey pastor wyatt,

Someone said this was written for a specific church back then and doesn't apply for today.

I actually was looking up the verses on man being the head of the home because of a discussion with a friend when I came upon these verses i know of one church here in town in particular who bases their whole church government on these verses and even goes on to teach that their women should all be stay at home moms.

1. 1 Corinthians 11:8-9, "For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man."

2. 1 Corinthians 14:34-36, "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. What? Came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?"

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If this really means that women should not talk or be in positions of authority, then God would never have placed women in places of authority or had them speak to men.

- Ask the Question first: Does God use Women in position of authority and preaching or prophesying?

Exodus 15:20

20 And **Miriam the prophetess**, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. KJV

Judges 4:4-10

4 **Deborah was a prophet**, the wife of Lappidoth. She was judge over Israel at that time.

5 She held court under Deborah's Palm between Ramah and Bethel in the hills of Ephraim. The People of Israel went to her in matters of justice.

6 She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "It has become clear that God, the God of Israel, commands you: Go to Mount Tabor and prepare for battle. Take ten companies of soldiers from Naphtali and Zebulun.

7 I'll take care of getting Sisera, the leader of Jabin's army, to the Kishon River with all his chariots and troops. And I'll make sure you win the battle."

8 Barak said, "If you go with me, I'll go. But if you don't go with me, I won't go."

9 She said, "Of course I'll go with you. But understand that with an attitude like that, there'll be no glory in it for you. God will use a woman's hand to take care of Sisera." Deborah got ready and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together at Kedesh. Ten companies of men followed him. And Deborah was with him. THE MESSAGE

Judges 5:1-9

1 That day **Deborah and Barak** son of Abinoam sang this song:

2 When they let down their hair in Israel, they let it blow wild in the wind. The people volunteered with abandon, bless God!

3 Hear O kings! Listen O princes! To God, yes to God, I'll sing, Make music to God, to the God of Israel.

4 God, when you left Seir, marched across the fields of Edom, Earth quaked, yes, the skies poured rain, oh, the clouds made rivers.

5 Mountains leapt before God, the Sinai God, before God, the God of Israel.

6 In the time of Shamgar son of Anath, and in the time of Jael, Public roads were abandoned, travelers went by backroads.

7 Warriors became fat and sloppy, no fight left in them. **Then you, Deborah, rose up; you got up, a mother in Israel.**

8 God chose new leaders, who then fought at the gates. And not a shield or spear to be seen among the forty companies of Israel.

9 Lift your hearts high, O Israel, with abandon, volunteering yourselves with the people — bless God! THE MESSAGE

Judges 5:10-12

10 You who ride on prize donkeys comfortably mounted on blankets And you who walk down the roads, ponder, attend!

11 Gather at the town well and listen to them sing, Chanting the tale of God's victories, his victories accomplished in Israel. Then the people of God went down to the city gates.

12 Wake up, wake up, **Deborah! Wake up, wake up**, sing a song! On your feet, Barak! Take your prisoners, son of Abinoam! THE MESSAGE

Judges 5:13-15

13 Then the remnant went down to greet the brave ones. The people of God joined the mighty ones.

14 The captains from Ephraim came to the valley, behind you, Benjamin, with your troops. Captains marched down from Makir, from Zebulun high-ranking leaders came down.

15 **Issachar's princes rallied to Deborah**, Issachar stood fast with Barak, backing him up on the field of battle. But in Reuben's divisions there was much second-guessing. THE MESSAGE

2 Chronicles 34:22-25

22 At the king's command, Hilkiah and the others went to consult a woman named Huldah, a prophet who lived in the newer part of Jerusalem. (Her husband Shallum, the son of Tikvah and grandson of Harhas, was in charge of the Temple robes.) They described to her what had happened,

23 and she told them to go back to the king and give him

24 the following message from the Lord: "I am going to punish Jerusalem and all its people with the curses written in the book that was read to the king.

25 They have rejected me and have offered sacrifices to other gods, and so have stirred up my anger by all they have done. My anger is aroused against Jerusalem, and it will not die down. TEV

Luke 1:41-45

41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit

42 and said in a loud voice, "You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

43 Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me?

44 For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness.

45 How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!" TEV

Luke 2:36-38

36-37 There was a very old **prophetess**, a widow named **Anna**, daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She had been married for only seven years and was now eighty-four years old. She never left the Temple; day and night she worshiped God, fasting and praying.

38 That very same hour she arrived and gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were waiting for God to set Jerusalem free. TEV

John 4:28-29— *The woman at the well preaches*

28 The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, **telling everyone**,

29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"NLT

Mark 16:1-2

After the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices to go and anoint the body of Jesus.

2 Very early on Sunday morning, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. TEV

Matthew 28:7-10

7 And now, **go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead**, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

8 The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message.

9 And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "**Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.**" NLT

Acts 2:17

17 'This is what I will do in the last days, God says: I will pour out my Spirit on everyone. **Your sons and daughters will (prophecy) proclaim my message;** your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams. TEV

Acts 21:8-9

8 The next day we went on to Caesarea and stayed at the home of Philip the Evangelist, one of the seven men who had been chosen to distribute food.

9 He had **four unmarried daughters who had the gift of prophecy.** NTL

The female pastor of 2 John

CYRIA

a Greek term signifying mistress, and used as an honorary title of address to a female, as in English. But in 2 John it appears to be the proper name of the distinguished female to whom John directed his epistle.

2 John 1-2

1 THE ELDERLY elder [of the church addresses this letter] to the elect (chosen) lady **(Cyria)** and her children, whom I truly love — and not only I but also all who are [progressively] learning to recognize and know and understand the Truth —

2 Because of the Truth which lives and stays on in our hearts and will be with us forever: AMP

Acts 18:1-3

1 After Athens, Paul went to Corinth.

2 There he became acquainted with a Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently arrived from Italy with his wife, Priscilla. They had left Italy when Claudius Caesar deported all Jews from Rome.

3 Paul lived and worked with them, for they were tentmakers just as he was.

NLT

Acts 18:26

26 When **Priscilla and Aquila** heard him preaching boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God even more accurately. NLT

Romans 16:3-6

3 Give my greetings to **Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in the ministry of Christ Jesus.**

4 In fact, they once risked their lives for me. I am thankful to them, and so are all the Gentile churches.

5 Also give my greetings to the **church that meets in their home.** Greet my dear friend Epenetus. He was the first person from the province of Asia to become a follower of Christ.

6 Give my greetings to Mary, who has worked so hard for your benefit. NLT

What is the real issue? -->Honor God and his order of creation.

1 Corinthians 14:40

40 Let all things be done decently and in order. KJV

1 Timothy 2:12

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Usurp—NT:831

authenteo (ow-then-teh'-o); from a compound of NT:846 and an obsolete hentes (a worker); to act of oneself, i.e. (figuratively) dominate:

KJV - usurp authority over.

Usurp

1. to seize and hold (a position, office, power, etc.) by force or without legal right: *The pretender tried to usurp the throne.*
2. to use without authority or right; employ wrongfully: *The magazine usurped copyrighted material.*

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35 asking questions that could more appropriately be asked of their husbands at home. God's Book of the law guides our manners and customs here. Wives have no license to use the time of worship for unwarranted speaking.

The MESSAGE

1 Corinthians 11:1

1 Imitate me, then, just as I imitate Christ. TEV

1 Corinthians 11:2-4

2 I praise you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions just as I passed them on to you.

3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

4 Any man who prays or prophesies with his head covered disgraces his head.
New English Translation

4 Every man while praying or prophesying [giving out the word of God in the public assembly, which word he received by divine revelation] having a shawl hanging down over his head [a Jewish and Roman custom] dishonors his head. [Wuest Expanded]

1 Corinthians 11:5-7

5 And any woman who prays or proclaims God's message in public worship with nothing on her head disgraces her husband; there is no difference between her and a woman whose head has been shaved.

5 And any woman who [publicly] prays or prophesies (teaches, refutes, reproves, admonishes, or comforts) when she is bareheaded dishonors her head (her husband); it is the same as [if her head were] shaved. AMP

6 If the woman does not cover her head, she might as well cut her hair. And since it is a shameful thing for a woman to shave her head or cut her hair, she should cover her head.

7 A man has no need to cover his head, because he reflects the image and glory of God. But woman reflects the glory of man; TEV

1 Corinthians 11:4-7

4 Any man who speaks with God or about God in a way that shows a lack of respect for the authority of Christ, dishonors Christ.

5 In the same way, a wife who speaks with God in a way that shows a lack of respect for the authority of her husband, dishonors her husband.

6 Worse, she dishonors herself — an ugly sight, like a woman with her head shaved. This is basically the origin of these customs we have of women wearing head coverings in worship, while men take their hats off. By these symbolic acts,

7-9 men and women, who far too often butt heads with each other, submit their "heads" to the Head: God. (from THE MESSAGE)

1 Corinthians 11:10

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

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10 Therefore she should [be subject to his authority and should] have a covering on her head [as a token, a symbol, of her submission to authority, that she may show reverence as do] the angels [and not displease them]. AMP

1 Corinthians 11:10-13

10 For this reason, and because the angels are watching, a woman should wear a covering on her head to show she is under authority.

11 But among the Lord's people, women are not independent of men, and men are not independent of women.

12 For although the first woman came from man, every other man was born from a woman, and everything comes from God.

13 **Judge for yourselves.** Is it right for a woman to pray to God in public without covering her head? NLT

1 Corinthians 11:10-16—*The Message Bible*

10 Don't, by the way, read too much into the differences here between men and women.

11 Neither man nor woman can go it alone or claim priority. Man was created first, as a beautiful shining reflection of God — that is true. But the head on a woman's body clearly outshines in beauty the head of her "head," her husband.

12 The first woman came from man, true — but ever since then, every man comes from a woman! And since virtually everything comes from God anyway, let's quit going through these "who's first" routines.

13-15 Don't you agree there is something naturally powerful in the symbolism — a woman, her beautiful hair reminiscent of angels, praying in adoration; a man, his head bared in reverence, praying in submission? *The MESSAGE*

1 Corinthians 11:16

16 But if anyone wants to argue about this, I simply say that we have **no other custom than this**, and neither do God's other churches. NLT

1 Corinthians 11:16

16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God. KJV

*16 If, as is the case, anyone presumes to be cantankerous [about the moral obligation of a woman to wear a head covering when engaged in public prayer in the assembly], as for us, **we do not have such a custom** [namely, that of a woman praying with uncovered head], neither do the assemblies of God. [Kenneth S. Wuest Expanded Translation]*