

1 Cor. 11:1-16

WHAT ABOUT THE VEIL?

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1 Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you that ye remember me in all things, and hold fast the traditions, even 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.

I. WHAT WAS THE ISSUE?

A. Praised for holding apostolic traditions.

B. "BUT" problem with submission.

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II. CONTEXT CLUES

A. Praying or Prophesying

- Religious activity.
- Not necessarily miraculous.
- Not necessarily in assembly (cp. 11:18, 20, 22, 33-34).

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B. "Covered" or "veiled" (2619)

- Verb "to cover, to hang down"
- Needs a clarifier.

"Cover a lamp with a vessel" (Lk 8:16).

- It could describe what hair does or an artificial covering.

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5 But every woman praying or prophesying with her head unveiled dishonoreth her head; for it is one and the same thing as if she were shaven.

6 For if a woman is not veiled, let her also be shorn: but if it is a shame to a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be veiled.

II. CONTEXT CLUES

C. "As if" – "Also"

- Compared to shaven or shorn.
- I.e. Problem was NOT shaved or shorn hair, but violating the principle of "to hang down".

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7 For a man indeed ought not to have his head veiled, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man:

9 for neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man:

10 for this cause ought the woman to have *a sign of authority* on her head, because of the angels.

III. BASIS FOR THE DISTINCTION

A. Rank, Order & Purpose of Creation

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11 Nevertheless, neither is the woman without the man, nor the man without the woman, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman is of the man, so is the man also by the woman; but all things are of God.

III. BASIS FOR THE DISTINCTION

B. Balanced Though Distinct:

- Interdependence.
- Spiritual equality / value.

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13 Judge ye in yourselves: is it seemly that a woman pray unto God unveiled?

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

IV. MORE CONTEXT CLUES

A. Judge - Decide, conclude.

B. Seemly - Suitable, proper.

C. Nature - physis (5449) as in Eph. 2:3.

The Questions Is NOT:

“Should women be covered?”

But WITH WHAT Should They Cover?

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

V. MORE DEFINITIONS:

- A. Long hair – “tresses, locks”
- B. A covering – Peribolaion (4018)
“something thrown around one,
i.e. a mantle, veil:--covering,
vesture. As in Heb. 1:12.
- C. “For” – anti (473) “opposite,
i.e. instead... in the room of...”

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Her hair is given her for a covering. (ASV)

Her hair is given her for a covering. (KJV)

The long hair is given [to her] in lieu of a veil.
(DBY)

Her hair is given to her in place of a veil.
(MKJV)

Her hair has been given her instead of a veil.
(MNT)

Because the hair instead of a covering hath
been given to her; (YLT)

**Is There Any Doubt What
Is & Is Not God Given?**

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VI. THE LAST VERSE

A. Contentious? How so?

Is it of God to be contentious against truth, dismiss distinction in roles (Rom. 2:8)?

Is it of God to bind what God has not bound (1 Cor. 4:6; Acts 15:28)?

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B. Does that give us permission to cast off all customs of men?

- Circumcision in itself fine (Acts 16:3).
- Except when made into religious law (Gal. 2:3-5).
- Accommodate, w/o violating Truth (1 Cor. 9:20-21).

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CONCLUSION:

- A. God gave the hair to fulfill the principle "to cover". Shall we contend against Truth?
- B. Social customs have their place – except when they violate Truth.
- C. Thus, no Biblical reason to bind an artificial wrap today. (Except for personal conscience sake, Rom. 14).

BAPTISM & SALVATION

Six passages expressly tell us that salvation comes when & with baptism:

Mark 16:16

Acts 2:38

Romans 6:3-4

Acts 22:16

I Peter 3:21

Col. 2:11-13

Name ONE Scripture which places N.T. salvation BEFORE baptism!!

