

“Women in Ministry – God’s Perfect Design” TROUBLE³ SERIES

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I Corinthians 14:34-35

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1 Corinthians 14:34-35 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. ³⁵ And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

I. Women Are the Crown Jewel of Creation

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:21-23 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.

II. Women are Equal in God’s Eyes

Galatians 3:26-28 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

III. Women are Prominent in the Bible

Mrs. Noah: Genesis 6:18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Esther: Esther 4:16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

Abigail: 1 Samuel 25:3 Now the name of the man *was* Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and

she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man *was* churlish and evil in his doings; and he *was* of the house of Caleb.

Women at the Cross: - Matthew 27:55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

IV. The Reason Women Should Not Lead in the Church

We have seen Paul giving instruction for women praying in church in I Corinthians 11:5.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

1 Timothy 2:11-14 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. ¹² But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. ¹³ For Adam was first formed, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

V. Women Can Do A Lot

Women were Praying: Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Priscilla and her husband helped Apollos: Acts 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Mary Magdalene was the risen Lord's messenger: John 20:18

The woman of Samaria evangelized the men of her city: John 4:39

Dorcas served the poor: Acts 9:36

Phebe was a trusted servant: Romans 16:1-2