

I SUFFERETH NOT A WOMAN TO TEACH

Women being allowed to teach in congregations and having authority over men is a concept which has been accepted by many of our people and a serious misunderstanding of the scriptures has made some ignorantly justify this stance.

Romans 10:1-3: “[1] Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.[2] For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.[3] For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”

Christianity and the educational system of America have once again proclaimed it OK to go against the scriptures. America's constitution of freedom of religion and expression promotes a false doctrine of philosophy amongst the Children of Israel (so-called Blacks, Latinos and Native Americans) and has damaged the minds of our people and the fabric of our learning and understanding (Colossians 2:8) by supporting our women to teach in the congregations and have authority over men.

This literature is by no means meant to discourage the faith of the Women of the Lord, but rather to inspire a clearer understanding of the will of The Most High. YHWH has always maintained a zeal with our people, men and women alike. However, the knowledge of how to execute that zeal is missing. Because of our lack of understanding, we incorrectly establish our own understandings as to how women can and should carry out their ministries for the Lord. There are many examples of women incorrectly carrying out their works: Taffy Dollar, Suzan Johnson Cook, Renita Weems, Joanne Browning to name a few.

Now before we continue we need to establish one point scripturally:

Romans 3:3-4: “[3] For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? [4] God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.”

We MUST humble ourselves to the Word of YHWH and realize THAT MY OPINION, YOUR OPINION IS IRRELEVANT when it comes to the scriptures. Disbelief in his word is not tolerated (Proverbs 13:13).

The Most High established an order on earth.

1 Corinthians 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.”

We all are subject to order and structure in life, even Christ. The scriptures acknowledge that the head of the Woman is the Man. There is no mistake that the Lord put Man in a leadership position. The Woman is to be lead and instructed by the Man. As Men of the Lord, we are obligated to lead the women of Israel in truth and righteousness, guide our homes lawfully, and raise our children according to the scriptures. The Most High called the men to guide his pasture (Ezek 34:31). It’s imperative in the rebuilding of our Nation that order be kept (1 Corinthians 14:40).

The problem is that men and women allow the system of America to divide our thoughts against the scriptures. America waves its flag for women’s rights and for equality purposely against the order already set by the Most High. When you really look at it, America only promotes this philosophy for economics sake and control. Having both sexes working and slaving for the system is better than one. Two incomes, two brain washings and add an economic divide coupled with strife (she earns more than him causing a power struggle), are all key ingredients for destroying the household – divide and conquer!

Dwell on that thinking and you can see that a systematic divide is in place. People may say change is good or from this change women have gained *girl*

power! People may ridicule you for not accepting this change and say you are living in the past! Well, the fact is that all change is not good (Isaiah 5:20)! We must inquire and learn from the past in order to direct our futures! (Job 8:8).

Let us now examine closely what the Word has to say regarding women teaching within the Church. During Paul's conversion of the Gentiles (these Gentiles were actually Israelites following the customs and languages of the Greeks and other nations where we were scattered) many believed it OK to have women teaching and possess seats of authority. It was customary for the Greeks to celebrate female deities such as Diana.

Acts 19:27: "So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth."

Israelites seeking repentance and conversion still had to have this form of idol worship eliminated from their minds, being that it infected the mind of the entire known world. Paul had to address the issue of women teaching based on this doctrine.

1 Timothy 2:11-12: "[11] 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."

In the above scripture, Paul clearly states that a woman was forbidden to teach or have authority over man and that in silence she would learn in the Church. Some Churches are very strict and adhere to this order requiring its women to remain in absolute silence in the Church, while others may ask that women write their questions down and have them answered at the conclusion of study. However executed, the law is that women are not allowed to teach! It is important to understand that the "silence" in 1 Timothy 2:11-12 means that a woman should not esteem herself above man nor have open disputations with the men of the

Church. Paul gave a scriptural reason regarding this order in the next two verses (1 Timothy 2:13-14). It all still goes back to order and the conception of sin.

In all fairness and balance (Proverbs 11:1), it is understood that there were prominent women in the scriptures who were key figures in the Word. But we must make sure that all things are in the right perspective. All of these women held these prominent positions because they adhered to order and were in obedience to The Most High. Sisters like Esther (The Book of Esther), Judith (The Book of Judith), Priscilla (Acts 18:2, 26), Deborah (Judges Chapter 4), Anna (Luke 2:36), Rebecca (Genesis 25:21-23) were key figures in the scriptures for women. Obviously, YHWH does in fact inspire and reveal spiritual things to our women, and we don't discredit the sincerity of women who are learned in the scriptures in truth. Again, we must understand that even though things of this nature happened, it was all still done in humility and order.

For instance, Esther made no decisions on her own accord, but rather was instructed and guided by her cousin Mordecai. Deborah, who was married to Lapidoth, called for Barak to execute the judgment the Most High revealed to her. Judith communed with the elders of Israel and pleaded for them to execute righteous judgment for our nation. Both Marys were in subjection and did not usurp authority over the disciples or desire to be equal. Priscilla was accompanied by her husband Aquila and was in order when teaching Apollos. As you can see, although The Most High has in many cases elevated the understanding of our women or put them in decision making positions, they never exalted themselves above the measure allowed.

Some may argue that Deborah was a prophetess as was Anna which means women can teach! To end all argument and reveal the truth, it is important to correctly define the word "prophetess" and "prophet." In the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, "prophetess" is listed as #5031 (feminine from #5030) which is Hebrew word nab ayah meaning a prophetess or inspired woman, by implication a poetess, by association a prophet's wife. So now we see why Deborah was called a prophetess due to her association with her husband Lapidoth who was a prophet! She also was inspired due to her being taught by her Husband. Let's see the word "prophet" listed as #5030 which is the Hebrew word "nabah." meaning a prophet (masculine translation) or inspired MAN!

The last number in origin for complete understanding of what it means to prophesy is in #5012 which means to speak or sing by inspiration in prediction or simple discourse. So in your reading any prophetess you will always see a relationship that connected that woman to a man of the Lord. She typically was known as a prophetess by association not because she was out teaching on her own in the streets, condemning nations, breaking down all that come her way, or crusading around the world gathering the sheep!

Women are not permitted to teach nor have authority over men under any circumstances! Thus sayeth the Lord. The Lord is not confusing in his order or commandments.

1 Corinthians 14:33-35: “[33] For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. [34] 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.”

Through the spirit of the Lord, Paul makes it clear how women are to conduct themselves in the Church, especially married women. When congregating ourselves to serve the Lord (Hebrews 10:25), the married women are to learn in silence and their questions should be directed to their own husbands in the privacy of their own homes. The married women are to be an example to the younger women (Titus 2:3-5). Single women with no hedge (brother in the Faith, uncle or father) are permitted to ask questions by the order and discretion established by the elders of their respective churches. The elder women again had the authority to teach and guide the younger women and their children. If a sister has a mate who is unbelieving she should try to get that man to the Church to learn and repent to Christ so he can lead her righteously. However, if he refuses, she must continue her path and seek truth (1 Corinthians 7:13-14). Even though a sister may claim she is called by the Lord with a deep revelation allowing her to go outside the order of the scriptures, it is important for you to remember that obedience is esteemed higher than whatever sacrifice of yourself you have been doing. (II Corinthians 10-4-6).

Let's get back to being obedient to what the Most High established and shun away all manners of falsehood and disorder (Galatians 1:6-10; II John 9-11).