

# **Role of Women: What Does God Say?**

**Primary Exegesis of 1 Timothy 2:11-15**

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# Introductory Thoughts

## Role of Women

- I don't understand everything about the role of Women in the Church
- The Bible doesn't inform us of the Women's role in every aspect of church life
- Our Goal is to understand this subject matter from how God sees it
- Although the church's primary source of direction is doctrine, the church has always felt the influences of custom, culture and tradition
- Sometimes to help the reader to understand better, the writer may have mentioned some of these external influences

# Exegesis vs Eisegesis

## Biblical Interpretation Methods

- Eisegesis- the interpretation of a biblical text by reading one's own ideas into the text. Putting your own ideas in a text.
- Eisegesis- it is the ability to make every text point back to the subject you want to talk about, most of the time separating the the text from the context
- Exegesis- the interpretation of a biblical lifting up the one true meaning of a text. At the most basic level of understanding, letting text interpret itself
- Exegesis- is having an open mind without prejudice to hear what God is saying to us

# Influencers of our Hermeneutic

- **Doctrine**- what does the Bible say we should practice ie commandments
- **Traditional**- what have we practiced ie sequence and times of worship
- **Culture**- what does the world currently practice ie moral standards
- **Custom**- what the world has practiced ie Christmas

# Scripture on God's Word

- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God..Romans 10:17
- Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path..Psalms 119:105
- Study to show thyself approved to God, a workman that needed not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God...2 Timothy 2:15
- All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction and righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished all good works...2 Timothy 3:16,17

# Augustine

## Early Church Father: I matters of biblical interpretation

- Whoever thinks he understands the holy scriptures or any part of them, but puts an interpretation that does not build up..... this love of God, and our neighbor does not understand the Scriptures as he ought

# Hermeneutical law of first Mention

First mention of a subject in the Bible lays the foundation for its understanding

- Adam and Eve
- The first time a woman is mentioned in the Bible is when God created Eve as the helpmate for Adam
- There are more than 200 bones in the human body, while Adam was made from the dust of the Earth, Eve was made from a rib bone from Adam
- This symbolizes the position of Eve next to Adam, not a bone from the foot or head but from his side
- She was not created as his servant but helpmate, but to do what?

## Genesis 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup> ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.



**What was the woman to help Adam with?**

**Genesis 2:15**

**And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.**

**Adam and Eve were the image bearers of  
God**

**Then came sin in Genesis 3&4**

# The woman's role in the Garden of Eden

## Genesis 2:15

- **Assist Adam in:**
- **To work-Abad (Hebrew) labor with one another**
- **To Keep-Shamar (Hebrew) keep guard over**
- **To subdue it, rule it, serve it and protect it**

# Women Helpers in the Bible

- **Jesus helped by Mary of Bethany**
- **Paul helped by Phoebe**
- **Timothy helped Lois and Eunice**
- **Apollos helped by Aquilla and Priscilla**

# 1 Timothy 2:11-15

- **Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. 12But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 13For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 15Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.**

# **3 mandates of 1 Timothy 2:11-15**

**Is this in the absolute?**

- **Not to teach**
- **Not to usurp authority**
- **Be in silence and learn in silence**

# The context of 1 Timothy 2:11-15

Interpreted by surrounding scripture

- The following verse is chapter 3:1

**1This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 2A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;**

## Titus 2:3-5

**The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5*To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.**



# Biblical mandates

- **Jesus commands all Christians to go into all the world in the Great Commission... Matthew 28:18-20**
- **Paul commands the older women to teach.... Titus 2:3-5**
- **Aquilla and Priscilla taught the great eloquent speaker Apollos... Acts 18:2**