

Women and Head Coverings

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

(series #41)

Introduction: General observations about the text

- 1) The issue is women praying and prophesying
- 2) It is assumed this would happen on occasion
- 3) There are reasons to believe this is not cultural
- 4) The most perplexing question is “prophesying”
 - a) Direct revelation in the 1st century - 14:30
 - b) Presenting the written word of God - 14:29

I. The Commendation to the Corinthians v. 2

- A. The negative use of “tradition” - Matt. 15:6, Col. 2:8
- B. The positive use of “tradition” - 2 Thess. 2:15

II. The Presentation of Divine Order vv. 3-5

- A. Equality in essence - Galatians 3:28
- B. Difference in function

III. The Instruction Behind the Principle vv. 6-16

- A. It is shameful to reverse God’s order v. 6
- B. The issue in focus is function v. 7
- C. The pattern of creation vv. 8-9
- D. The presence of the angels v. 10
- E. The equality of men and women vv. 11-12
- F. The natural order of affairs vv. 13-15
- G. The universal practice of the believers v. 16