

THE REBELLION OF WOMEN PREACHERS



Biblical Facts

Fact 1

Adam was made before Eve.

Fact 2

The serpent deceived Eve.

Fact 3

God created women to bear children.

These facts led Paul to declare that a woman should not be permitted to become a preacher or leader in the church. Let us read the whole passage in context.

I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. (1 Timothy 2:12-14)

Paul's command was not based on cultural things that only applied way back in the year 100 A.D. Indeed, Paul reached back to the Law and pulled it front and center into the New Testament reminding the church in Corinth that women should remain silent.

Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says. (1 Corinthians 14:34)

Let us look at these facts in greater detail.

Details of Fact 1

Adam was made before Eve.

The fact that God made Adam first then created Eve is a reality that we cannot alter. Indeed, Eve was not even present when Adam named all of the animals. The role of Adam was one of leadership towards his soon-to-be-wife, Eve.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. (Genesis 2:15-20)



God created Eve to be a helpmate for Adam's work. When a man and a woman switch positions they sin. Eve did not exist when God told Adam not to eat from the tree of good and evil. She would have to trust Adam's leadership and obey what he told her.

Details of Fact 2

The Serpent deceived Eve.

Taken in by the Serpent's words, Eve believed his lies. The Scriptures do not permit a woman to teach a man because she was taken in by the words of the Devil in the garden of Eden. Women today remain too vulnerable to words that lead them astray and therefore are not allowed to teach or pastor a church. Every man who has taken advantage of a woman knows how easily she is deceived by words. Although Eve knew that God stated they would die, she chose to believe the lie—seduced by the serpent's clever use of words.

"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. (Genesis 3:4-6)

Adam, on the other hand, knew full well what was happening but he wanted his sinful desires fed. Therefore he willingly allowed his wife to fulfill that desire (Genesis 3:6). This is one reason men seem far more visual than women in their enjoyment of sin. Men like to watch sin take place. Eve was the first woman pastor and Adam was the first congregation listening and following a woman.

Details of Fact 3

God created women to bear children.

The Lord designed women with wombs for a specific purpose. He had a perfect plan—man in leadership and women raising children at home. But Eve took the position of leadership over Adam in the Garden of Eden. She became driven to find her calling, to be as god, and to gain attention for herself. Men became lazy, willing to sit back and let sinfulness roll over them. Because of this, Paul told Timothy when writing about women pastors that women will be "saved through childbearing."

But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety. (1 Timothy 2:15)

Even more, Paul wrote to Titus that sound doctrine will include a teaching that women must be "busy at home."

[women] . . .to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. (Titus 2:5)

When a married woman works outside the home, whether in ministry or in the world, she maligns the Word of God. Indeed, the church has lost its power and influence in the world because women no longer stay busy at home but in the workplace.

Deborah

The story of the female Israelite prophetess invariably comes up in this discussion. God put the Israelites under judgment because of their sin. Therefore the book telling of this time period is named Judges. Men refused to lead so God had to use a woman to lead Israel. God used a woman to judge the sin in the men because they would not take charge.

Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. (Judges 4:4)

If God cannot find any men to lead, He will use a woman, but that is not His perfect plan. In fact, if you claim that you have no men in your church qualified to lead, then give our ministry a call and we will gladly send one. But let us now look at the heart of Deborah. She rebuked the men because they would not lead. God tried to use Deborah to shame the men into fulfilling their leadership roles.

She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead the way to Mount Tabor. I will lure Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.’” Barak said to her, “If you go with me, I will go; but if you don’t go with me, I won’t go.” “Very well,” Deborah said, “I will go with you. But because of the way you are going about this, the honor will not be yours, for the Lord will hand Sisera over to a woman.” So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh... (Judges 4:6-9)

After the victorious battle, Deborah rejoiced not in the fact that a woman led Israel, but in the hope that the “princes,” the men, would lead.

When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves—praise the Lord! (Judges 5:2)

Deborah would have willingly and joyfully given up her leadership because she loved the Lord more than her own selfish ambition.

Full Submission

Such examples from the Bible gave Paul a basis to write that a woman should “learn in quietness and full submission.” Let it be repeated, “learn,” not preach with full submission.

A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. (1 Timothy 2:11)

Because of sin, women must be silent in church. And until Jesus comes back, men must “rule over” their wives. After all, Christian women still must suffer pain in childbearing and in giving birth. Until labor pains cease, the command to women that a husband must rule over them stays in full effect.

To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you. (Genesis 3:16)

This is part of the offensive message of the cross. God did not set down a cute, blessed rule that a woman must submit to her husband. Because of her sinful nature she must now be ruled over.

Partner In Life

Because of the weakness woman demonstrated in the garden of Eden, a husband must be wise

about this and treat his wife with greater protection and care. Only an unloving, uncaring, and selfish man would ever let his wife teach, preach, or have authority over a man. Only a selfish and lazy husband would allow her to lead. And only a congregation of spiritually dead men would let women lead them.

1 Peter 3:7 commands men to love and appreciate true godly women, and such women provide tremendous help in spreading the gospel. For this reason, we read in Acts that Priscilla and Aquila invited a man into their home, not the church, and shared their lives and what they knew of Jesus with him. It was not a church service, or class but the sharing of their hearts in their living room.

He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. (Acts 18:26)

Women have a huge role and work in the church. Older women must teach younger women how to be busy at home, how to love their husbands, and how to serve in quietness. How to work hard and how to enter God’s rest. How to put to death the desire to be like god that drives a woman to work, control, and drip. In their service to the church they must be honored and are worthy of support and help (1 Timothy 5:9-15). Women who contend for the faith, helping the men in their leadership for the gospel, have their names written in the book of life. Those women who find their life in working outside the home or in ministry are rebels against God’s creation plan.

Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. (Philippians 4:3)

Judgment

Make no mistake about it. Any church with a woman pastor stands under judgment. A church that does not show women how to be busy at home only begs God to punish them. His hand will soon judge them. When you see a home, church, or nation ruled by a woman, there you see the judgment of God just waiting to happen.

Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them! They will be paid back for what their hands have done. Youths oppress my people, women rule over them. O my people, your guides lead you astray; they turn you from the path. (Isaiah 3:11-12)

Any church that has a woman pastor teaching men, there you find a church led astray from the path of life. For God’s Holy Spirit does not fill that woman, nor does He fill the men who listen to and obey her. The signs of this sin are everywhere. Youths oppress us while women rule over men, churches and countries. God considers it no minor sin for the church to have women pastors or teachers leading men. Indeed it was Satan’s scheme, not God’s blessing and He will soon crush Satan and his schemes. Women preachers, in the fruit of rebellion, are why God created hell.

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