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I Corinthians 11:1-16 "Equal In God's Eyes, Yet Different"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Whether women today in church services should wear hats depends on whether the custom of headcoverings in the first century is to be understood as a practice also intended for the present day. Many Bible students see that for today the principle of subordination (not the command to wear hats) is the key point in this passage. The intent of the custom of women wearing hats today, for fashion, seems far different from the purpose of the custom in the first century. *Lowery, D. K.*

Complementarianism = (**Genesis 2:18-24**). The man and woman compliment and complete one another. Equal yet different.

Egalitarianism = (**Galatians 3:28**) taken out of context is often used to promote modern feminism within the church that rebels against the order that God has given to mankind. *Please take time to look over the article, What does the Bible say about feminism? by Elizabeth George at www.gotquestions.org for a deeper understanding of the history of this movement. Another good article on this subject is, Are men and women equal in God's eyes? By Wayne Grudem at www.gotquestions.org.*

Male chauvinism is no more biblical than feminism.

Subordination and authority are indispensable elements in God's order and plan. *John MacArthur*

Even if a woman is a better Bible theologian or speaker than any of the men in her church, including the pastor, she will willingly submit to the men and not try to usurp authority over men whom God has placed over them in this capacity.

You may say this is so strange or maybe not fair, but remember Jesus submitted to the will of the Father even though He is just as much God as the Father. Jesus did this willingly in His role as Savior and Redeemer. Jesus did this as an act of humble obedience in fulfilling the divine purpose. Of these three submissions one cannot accept one or two and reject the other. *John MacArthur*

Special revelation refers to specific truths that can be know about God through the supernatural. This includes physical appearances of God, dreams, visions, the written Word of God, and most importantly through Jesus Christ our Lord. Note that the Bible is a form of special revelation.

Natural/general revelation, how God has chosen to reveal Himself to humanity through nature. (**Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:20**)

APPLICATION:

God has a wonderful design for men and women. Both are equal in value to God, (**Matthew 10:31**), one is not more important to God than the other, yet, He did create them differently to **compliment** one another. Men and women are assigned by God to different roles. Let each person celebrate and embrace the God given role they have from our loving and wise Lord.