

Are women to keep silent in the church? | Corinthians 14:34-35 | Paul's problem verse

Should the woman keep silent in the church? Is she really not permitted to speak? Does the Bible promote a sexist worldview and was the apostle Paul a misogynist?

In this lesson we evaluate the Problem verse in 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 and see what the bible really teaches us. A few things are to be kept in mind when interpreting the scriptures:

- * We need consistency of interpretation
- * We must observe and satisfy context
- * Everything taught must be filtered through the cross of Christ

The key pointers in this sermon are:

1. We need to understand that there was a particular people who were the intended audience when this was written, but there was a unique and real situation. So we need to do our proper hermeneutic and hermeneutic is simply the art and science of the interpretation of Scripture.
2. Now we have to rightly and adequately interpret the Scripture in this instance. So we didn't get to we have the book of First Corinthians and seven Corinthians, but in actual fact, there were four books of the Corinthians, two epistles, two from the Apostle Paul and two from the Church of Christ. It was a correspondence. And if you take time to study the books, you will realize that the correspondence.
3. So the first thing which is important to understand is that the real First Corinthians, we don't have any more. We only have Paul's response to them. And Paul's response is, what we call, First Corinthians, he's just pointing to the letter they wrote to him. And then we'll also have a second correspondence from them, which is the third Corinthians, but we don't have that as well.
4. So Paul is not bipolar. Paul cannot say one thing in another book and another in a separate book. We need consistency of interpretation.
5. The emphasis here is the word "brethren." This like brethren, it is the Greek; What? "Adelphoi." It means companions. It means brothers and sisters. It is in what we will use as believer. You know, or comrade compatriot. It applies both to male and female, adelphoi. So I don't find the term used for both male and female. He says, I urge you, brethren, you don't sit around. Doesn't make sense, right? It is, brethren.
6. They had men made laws. This is the Talmud and the mission of the Talmud. It carries the oral traditions of the fathers. These are the traditions of the father's head. And Paul is addressing these. And in the Talmud, these are spoken and Paul is referring to them now. And then we also have the Mishnah, the mission of the writings and the traditions of the fathers.
7. So Paul says, Do not forbid anyone to prophesy. Do not forbid anyone to speak in tongues. Even the woman can speak in the church, but all things must be done decently and in order. So Paul's intent was never, ever to suppress the woman from speaking, because throughout the book of Corinthians, he is allowing it and then all of a sudden to forbidding it wouldn't make sense at all