

“The Head Covering” - A Way of Life for the Christian Woman

Notice, there are two kinds of covering in this subject - the hair and the veil. The two coverings are “even all one” in prayer. Some people marvel when they witness a real YaHWeH-fearing, virtuous woman in modest apparel, obeying from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered unto her (Rom. 6:17), when they witness her praying with her head covered.

I marvel sometimes when people ask this question, “I don’t see or understand that head piece. Why do they wear that thing on their head?” My answer is, “Of course you don’t understand. The word is manifested through preaching (Titus 1:3).” Do you know what that means? It simply means when it is preached by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and you hear and believe and receive it with thanksgiving, then as the Scripture says, *“the entrance of the word giveth light.”* But when you fail to get understanding the way YaHWeH gives it, and then you are relying on your own understanding, which the Bible forbids. Until you have heard it preached you will not understand it.

There are many other subjects that are hard for some to understand, but the preaching brings it to light. Some Pentecostals finally begin to see the purpose of the woman’s head covering, but say, “I still don’t feel good about myself. Would you pray for me?” My answer is, “No. It wouldn’t do any good! But I will tell you your problem. You didn’t ask YaHWeH to grant you repentance from mockery; making light of those who wore the head covering; speaking evil of things you were willingly ignorant of. You must make amends for all that and YaHWeH will bless you!”

Now, let’s get down to business on the subject. As I said, it goes way back, even when Rebekah saw Isaac in the field, soon to meet him face to face, therefore, she took a veil and covered herself (Gen. 24:26). You need not ask why, Paul asked the question in 1 Cor. 11:13, *“Judge in yourself, it is comely that a woman pray unto YaHWeH uncovered?”* If you were a Jew at that time, you would no doubt say, “It sure isn’t!” But a person such as you is most likely to say, “She is so peculiar, so different when she worships YaHWeH. What is the purpose for that veil?” Reading from 1 Cor. 1:12, Paul says that we remember Him in all things, and keep the ordinances as I delivered them unto you. So we can’t dismiss the subject, being void of understanding; but give it your undivided attention. Get your mind off the woman in the 4th verse, because it is about the man. Every man, praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head. A man is to remove anything on his head - cap or hat - when he prays. When it is really cold outside, I usually wear something on my head, but when I pray, I remove my hat, not my hair. If the scripture is referring to hair only, I would have to shave my head every time I prayed, and YaHWeH didn’t mean for me to do that.

Now if you understand the 4th verse on this order, you can easily understand the 5th verse. One is in contrast to the other, for now we are talking about the woman; just the opposite from the man. *“But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered, dishonoreth her head (husband): for that is even all one as if she were shaven.”* Now, I’ll ask you to forget about her hair at this point. Is it not referring to only when she prays or prophesies? Exactly!

Now, if you will notice the 5th verse where it says, *“For that is even all one as if she were shaven”*, what does that mean? The two, veil and hair, go together. Not all the time, but when she prays or prophesies only. One shouldn’t be without the other. It says in the 6th verse, *“For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn...”* which means if she is not covered with a veil, let her also cut her hair off (shorn). At this point I will ask those who teach that it is wrong for a woman to cut her hair, “Where in the Bible does it say that?”, and I am going to hold them to the word! I strongly believe a Christian woman should have long hair, and the Bible says so too, but long hair and cutting the hair are two different subjects. Some women have exceptionally long hair, even below their hips. They could cut 12 inches off their hair and still be acceptable with YaHWeH, because it would still be considered long hair.

Let us go back to the 6th verse, *“For if the woman be not covered, let her be shorn.”* Now that plain statement wouldn’t make sense to anyone if it was referring to her hair only. It simply means if she refuses the covering (veil); keep in mind now, only when she prays or prophesies, then let her also be shorn (cut her hair off). But if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered; which is to say, “If no veil, then no hair!” Then realize, one covering is not good without the other when praying. Judge in yourselves, is it comely that a woman pray unto YaHWeH uncovered? Paul isn’t asking is it comely that a woman prays unto YaHWeH without hair? If it was hair he was referring to, she would have to wait until her shorn head grows long hair before she could pray. Let’s get real. Wake up and be honest with yourself. The power on her head, because of the angels in the 10th verse, means she should have the power over her own will, and be subject to her head (husband). The 14th verse...Even nature makes us to know, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him. So, no long hair for the man, and when he prays, he should not cover his head; he must be bare headed. If it was hair the Scripture was referring to, then he would have to cut his hair every time he prays. The woman’s hair is her covering all the time, but only when she prays, she must have her head covered with a veil. Wouldn’t it be simple nonsense for Paul to write all about this subject (15 versus), if he was only talking about hair?

As for myself, it would be rather stupid for me to try to cover my head with hair. Nay, but even men of the world remove their hats when gathering for prayer, even at funerals. But as Paul said, “If any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.”

People must wake up. Faith cometh by hearing, not by reading. By hearing what? The word preached, as it said in Titus 1:3!

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