

Headcovering

God is interested in tangible physical signs if they represent reality. There must be a discernible connection between the symbol and the reality or it is of no value. God loves outward expressions if and only if they represent an inward reality.

1 Cor 11:12 — The veil was worn in the early Church (11:16). In Joel 2, it is written that men and women would be prophesying. In order to do so, woman must be equal to man — woman must be able to hear from the Lord as well as men do and this can only be through headcovering, or the veil.

The Jews have a prayer thanking God that they were not born a woman. It is a good prayer only for those that do not know headcovering. Only through headcovering is dignity and equality found for women. Observe uncovered women and you will see how they know they don't have dignity. They try to dishonor themselves. They try to draw attention to themselves. They glory in what is a shame to them. Satan has badly deceived them, robbed them of their rightful place in creation. There is no touchstone for them to rest on, no place for them to get their bearings, no safety, no way for them to know who they are. Gen 2:15 — The headship of man over woman issues from the relationship of man to God. If this headship is destroyed, confusion arises. There must be headship in order for there to be peaceful cooperation in work. Without headship there is war. Our Master said, "The Father and I are one." He also said, "The Father is greater than myself." He is at the same time equal and submissive.

When a sister covers her head, she stands before God on the basis of Messiah's position before the Father and man's position before Messiah. Headcovering is a reminder of God's order and God's government here on earth. She wears the sign and seal of it in headcovering — it is as if Messiah is covered by God and Messiah.

Now God is receiving from the Church what he wanted from Israel. God's authority is made manifest through the Church. Everywhere else God is rejected and no one seeks his will. Obedience is the life of the Church, and it exists for the purpose of upholding obedience.

In headcovering Woman says, "I submit myself to God's government. I accept God's appointed position. I do not nullify God's government" (Jn 5:19; 6:38).

At his resurrection Yahshua appeared first to a woman, thus appointing womankind first in the restoration of His authority. Since woman destroyed God's order in the Garden, only woman can bring about the restoration of that order; and subsequently, the restoration of God's purpose. In the same way, only the man, Messiah Yahshua, the second Adam, could regain what Adam lost. God became a man in order to redeem us. This is God's righteousness. Sisters are saying that no one should expose her head. As Messiah is the second Adam, so the Church is the second Eve. That is why they must all be covered.

Why was woman created? To be a helpmate to her husband. She was to have a part in the dominion of the earth (Gen 1:27; 2:18-20; 1 Cor 11:11-12). As woman is not independent of Man, neither is man independent of woman. There is equality and headship but not independence. This is because there is work to be done and a purpose for our living. This purpose and work can only be done in order because of men's headship. God gives men grace to be the head of women. It is not that men are able to hear from the Lord more perfectly because of a greater capacity they might have, but men and women alike all have the Holy Spirit and are equally capable of serving and hearing from God. The difference comes through headship, through God's order and plan in creation. Apathy causes us to sit back and let someone else carry the load while we hide in the shadows. We will be judged; we must all stand before God and give an account of what we've done.

What is most noticeable when someone meets the Body for the first time? It is our Godly women. Since the incident with Eve, God has been looking for a woman who would cover her head.

Man is God's highest thought, His greatest creation, made in His image — His glory. In the same way woman is man's glory. What more dignity is there than to do God's will — to fit into His intention? So this dignity is reflected on the head in authority and if woman will cover her own authority (her own strong opinions, ideas, feelings, intuitions, gifts, etc.) by the authority of man, then she can say with

confidence when she faces the Lord that she was submissive to His will on earth.

Eve, in making the first choice, was not considered unimportant because she was a woman. In fact, her choice was so significant that it brought about titanic and historic results. God treated woman with fairness and as important in the history of the universe.

God said to Satan, "I will put enmity between Satan and woman." It even seems that women cooperate with Satan because they are more easily deceived than men (Pr 31:3). Woman is Satan's number one tool to destroy God's order. That's why the Jews pray that prayer mentioned at the beginning of this teaching. Look at the state of woman today. There is no enmity between Satan and woman because headcovering is not received with respect, dignity, and honor (even among Christians). The only possible thing this could mean is that Messiah will restore His order on the earth through woman, through her obedience. It is just like God to use the weaker vessel to defeat the enemy. So the promise even in Genesis that what the woman lost she will regain even now as she wears the headcovering with dignity and honor. Messiah came from woman as did all the mighty men of God who stood against Satan and the world system throughout history. Remember! When Messiah was resurrected He appeared first to a woman. This is very significant!