

SCRIPTURE: 1 Cor. 11

SINGING: 227:1-3 – 182:1-3, 5 – 265:1-3 – 372:1-2

Worshipping our Head with our head uncovered or covered (2)

Intro:

A. The language of symbols!

B. The language of charity!

II. The Subject of Headship (vs. 3)

A. Why did Paul begin with writing on ‘authority structures’ in vs. 3?

B. The structures of God’s ordained order of authority as related to His Kingdom

1. Christ’s headship of every man: Matt. 28:18; Ps. 2:6

2. Man’s headship over the woman: Gen. 2-3; 1 Cor. 11:7-9

3. God’s headship over Christ: Heb. 5:8-9; Phil. 2

C. Definition of head: *origin or authority?*

1. Authority: *God’s wise and good arrangements*

2. Authority – submission *is not equal* to superior – inferior

III. The Reflection of Headship (vs. 4-6)

A. The ‘praying and prophesying’ defines setting as the worship service

1. God stipulates His will how to reflect *symbolically* acceptance of either headship or submission

B. Paul does not explain *how* head uncovered/covered *dishonors* the head!

IV. Reasons for this reflection of headship (vs. 7-10)

A. Though both male/female were made in image of God, yet both were given different positions or roles (vs. 8-9)

B. Different roles according to the Creator’s will: vs. 7

1. the man (taking and carrying out his position in church) is glory of God

2. the woman (taking and carrying out her position in church) is glory of man

C. Conclusion of vs. 10

V. Headship doesn't cancel interdependence (Vs. 11-12)

A. Paul's caution to men: *don't take your position as independent – superior!*

1. Women weren't created to *compete with men* but to *complete men*

VI. Concluding Appeals and Warning (Vs. 13-16)

A. Vs. 13: What is the conclusion on all I wrote before?

B. Vs. 14-15: What does even nature teach us?

1. "Nature" (used 15 x by Paul) always refers to *created reality*
2. What does nature teach? (vs. 14)
 - a. that long hair for a man is a *shame as related to his status or position*
 - b. that short hair for a woman is *dishonorable to her status or position*
3. What is purpose of the long hair for a woman?
 - a. it is a 'glory to her'
 - b. it is 'given her for a covering'
 - c. summed up: *the woman's long hair is **naturally created outward glory** of her position and her joyful and willing acceptance of that position and role are to be expressed in public worship by the **symbol** of the head covering*

C. Vs. 16: Closing warning to *contentious people in Corinth*

FINAL THOUGHTS ...

A. How rich & important can in meaning can seemingly minor details be!

B. Take note that Paul didn't specify any details about the head-covering

C. To God the *outward appearance* isn't unimportant but not all-important