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Bible Study: Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Topic: Letter to the Corinthians Parts 11

I Cor 11.

INTRODUCTION: It is been falsely regarded by some that I Corinthians 11 was written by a man who is prejudiced against women. Others say it was written to create restrictions for the female gender in spiritual activities. Some think that the instruction given in chapter eleven was only applicable to Paul's day. Some have decided to simply obey even if they do not understand its basis. Having read I Corinthians 11, I came to the conclusion that it is not true. We must understand the social cultural background of the setting where this epistle was written. The issue being addressed in chapter 11 is similar to that being addressed in chapters 8 and 10 which is understanding personal freedom with regards to the needs of others. Or that we should learn to use our freedom to glorify God. The focus was not the woman.

We must realize that I Corinthians was a response to the discussion between Paul and a member of the church in Corinth and what was told to him by some brethren who visited him. The best way to understand I Corinthians 11, is to think of orderliness and authority in church.

I have asked questions myself which I have not been able to answer in this chapter.. For instance I Cor 14:34-36

Discussion:

1. **What is the main issue in I Cor 11?** THE MAIN ISSUE OF DISCUSSION IS TRADITION (The way of doing things which Apostle Paul had established while he was with them at Corinth). Vs 2. I Cor 11:17-19.
2. **What did Paul want the people to understand in vs 3?**
3. **Why probably prompted Paul to suggest that women should cover their head while praying or prophesying?**
4. **Why do Christian men not challenge this matter of not covering their heads and why is it challenging for Christians ladies cover?**

5. **Apostle Paul was still emphasizing his point in verse 8 and his point is true:** How many women still agree that they came from the man? Can we say that Paul is right here? I Tim 2:13, Gen 2:18, 22.
6. **In Verse 10, what do you think Apostle Paul is insinuating?** Heb. 12:22,
7. **None superiority of gender:** Men and women together are interdependent. They complement one another to bring God's glory down. None should be independent or think themselves superior to the other. Vs 11-12
8. **Discouragement of contention in Church:** I Cor 14: 37-40 and 11:16. Why is there contention in church?