

# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

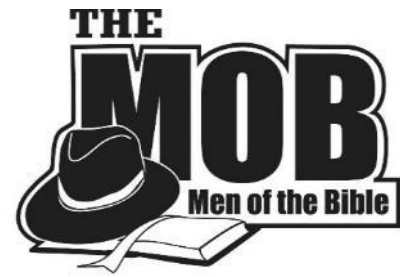
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

# Announcements

- Men of the Bible: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)
- IBC Women's Conference
- Easter Concerts 11 - 13 April
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday
- CREDO conference 1-2 May



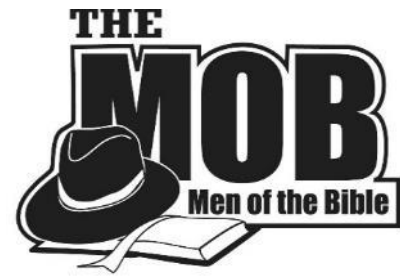
# Please Rise



- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Song:**

## Behold Our God

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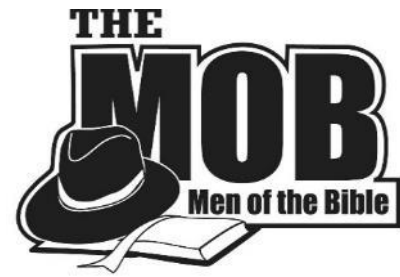


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Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

# Behold Our God



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Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him

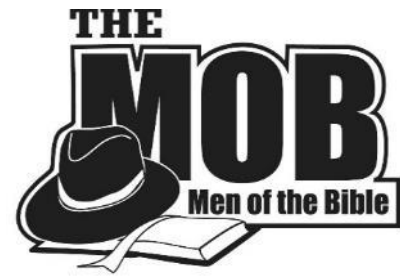
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Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

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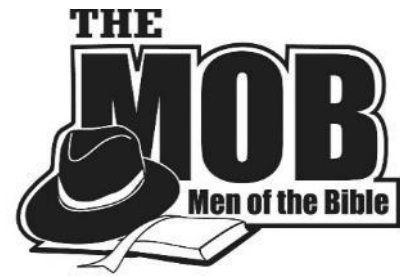


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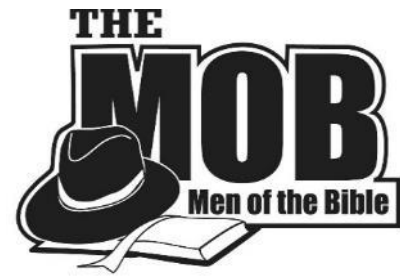
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Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign



# Behold Our God



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Behold our God seated on His throne  
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# Behold Our God

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You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill the earth)  
(REPEAT 4x)

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(Acapella)

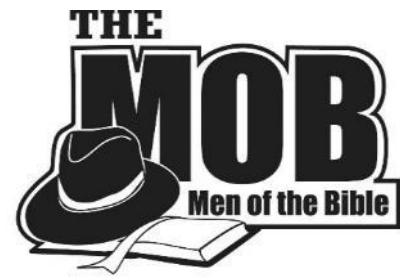
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# Memory Verse



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## 1 Cor 11:3 (ESV)

But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

# Our 1 Corinthians Study

## Last Meeting:

- First Corinthians 10:14-11:1
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31
- *Reading: Dr. Constable's Notes, pp. 182-192; MacArthur pp. 231-249*
- Refreshment Host - B

## This Meeting:

- **First Corinthians 11:2 to 11:16**
- **Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:3**
- *Reading: Dr. Constable's Notes, pp. 193-209; MacArthur pp. 251-263*
- **Refreshment Host - C**

# 1 Corinthians Outline

	1:1				4:21				5:1				6:20				7:1				16:4																			
<b>Divisions</b>	Report of Divisions				Reason for Divisions				Incest				Litigation Between Believers				Sexual Immorality				Counsel Concerning: Marriage				Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols				Counsel Concerning: Public Worship				Counsel Concerning: Resurrection				Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem			
<b>Topics</b>	Divisions in the Church								Disorder in the Church								Difficulties in the Church																							
	Concern								Condemnation																Counsel															
<b>Place</b>	Written in Ephesus																																							
<b>Time</b>	circa A.D. 56																																							

**You are here!**

# 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

## Introduction

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Order in Worship  
Submission to the God-Given Order  
Influence of Culture

Read Together

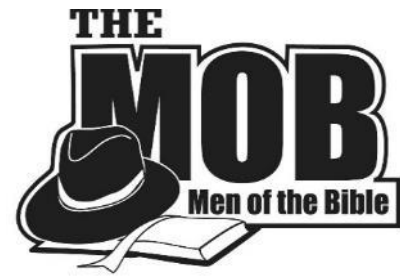
# Interpretive Challenge

## “head” - kephale

- Various meanings
  - Head (literal)
    - When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his **head** and gave up his spirit.”
  - Metaphorical usages
    - Source, beginning, origin
    - Authority over, ruler
    - Prominent, preeminent, foremost
    - Source AND authority?



# All Are Under Authority – 11:2-3



<sup>2</sup>Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you.

<sup>3</sup>But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

- Paul's encouragement – "I commend you..."
- Traditions
  - "that which is passed along by teaching"
  - divinely revealed teaching
- Key Importance – "but I want you to understand"
- Authority modeled in the trinity
  - Jesus yielded to the will of the Father
  - Luke 22:42 (ESV) <sup>42</sup>saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

The authority and submission in each of these cases is based on love, not tyranny. - MacArthur

# Woman / Wife

## ESV

**3** But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

## NAS

**3** But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

This Greek word for “woman” (Gr. *gune*) is very broad and covers women of any age, virgins, married women, and widows. ... In this chapter it evidently refers to any woman who was in a dependent relationship to a man.

Findlay (from Constable’s Notes, pg 194)

# Dishonoring the “head”– 11:4-6

<sup>4</sup>Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, <sup>5</sup>but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven. <sup>6</sup>For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head.

- Pray / prophesy – likely in the context of public worship
- Head (literal) dishonoring the head (metaphorical)
- “...for a man to cover his head would be a disgrace, because it suggested a reversal of the proper relationships.” - MacArthur
- Jewish practice of head covering was not likely in place until the 4<sup>th</sup> century

As with meat that had been offered to idols, there was nothing in the wearing or not wearing of the head covering itself that was right or wrong. It is the rebellion against God-ordained roles that is wrong, and in Corinth that rebellion was demonstrated by women praying and prophesying with their heads uncovered. - MacArthur

<sup>7</sup>For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. <sup>8</sup>For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. <sup>9</sup>Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup>That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

- Image -> Genesis 1:26-27
- Man as glory of God
  - A subordinate glorifies the one responsible for originating him or her just by being in a subordinate position. (Constable)
- Woman as glory of man
  - Eve glorified Adam because she was created (originated) from him
- Eve was created to complete Adam as a perfect helper for him (Genesis 2:18, 2:20)
- Angels: They are submissive and observe the human worship of God

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- Normal
- Literal
- Grammatical
- Historical
- **Systematic**

- Constable calls out a view of the reference to verse 10
  - Some view that a woman “should have authority” to mean that “the woman has authority over her head (man) to do as she pleases”.
  - However, Constable quickly points out that the aforementioned view is in contradiction with Scripture

# Interdependence – 11:11-12

<sup>11</sup>Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman;  
<sup>12</sup>for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.

- God ordained a dependent and complementary relationship
  - Woman came from man
  - Man (all mankind) come from woman (in birth)

Lest men abuse their authority over women, Paul reminds them of their equality and mutual dependence. Man's authority over woman is a delegated authority and a derived authority given by God to be used for **His purposes and in His way.**

# Paul's Defense – 11:13-15

<sup>13</sup>Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? <sup>14</sup>Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, <sup>15</sup>but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

- To do so [pray publicly] would be equivalent to claiming the position of a man in God's order. The apostle did not think it wise for Christian women to exercise their liberty in a way that would go against socially accepted behavior, even if they were personally submissive. (Constable)
- Woman's hair as her glory / honor

# Out of Step – 11:16

<sup>16</sup>If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.

- It was the Corinthians that were out of step with the proper practice of worship in the church
- Are there any areas where we are “inclined to be contentious” with what God has said in His Word?



# Conclusion

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**Honoring God's Design**

**Submission to Authority**

# Discussion & Application

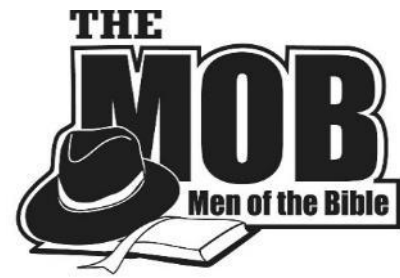
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- Why would the apostle Paul move so directly from his emphasis on “Christian freedom” to the issue of a man and women’s role and relationship in God’s design?
- Might there actually have been a “feminist movement” at work in the culture of that day which somehow found its way into the church, and raised the questions, such as we see happening in our culture--and how does this happen?
- What basic principle does Paul give that defines a Biblical relationship between a man and a woman?
- How does the relationship between God the Father and God the Son establish and exemplify the divine order of authority and subordination?
- What does this passage have to say about the overall equality and worthiness of a man and a woman, and why is this so vital for all of us to understand, and honor?
- Why is it important, according to this passage for a man to have his head uncovered “when praying and prophesying in the church”?

# Discussion & Application

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- Why is a woman instructed to cover her head in a similar situation?
- What does this passage have to say about a “a man with long hair,” and how might that apply to us today? Does it matter? Aren’t we “free”?
- In what sense is a woman “the glory of a man”?
- How are “angels” involved in all this, according to this passage, and other Scripture, and how might that affect our thinking?
- How does Ephesians 5:22-33 and I Timothy 2:11-15 add to your understanding of this passage—and what does “love” have to do with it?
- How do these passages conflict with the “spirit of the age”—and how should we respond to the inquiring minds of unbelievers (and even our children) in order not to drive them further away from church and the Bible, while not compromising Biblical truth?
- Does anything you learned from this lesson change your view about this “controversial issue,” and how will you respond?

# Next Meeting 2/11

## Review

- 1 Cor 11:2-16
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 11:3
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 193-209; *MacArthur*, pp. 251-263

## Next Week

- 1 Cor 11:17-34
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 11:28-29
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 209-225; *MacArthur*, pp. 265-275.
- Refreshment Host: Group D

# Closing

- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

