

Why should we look at the creation story of Adam and Eve and the plot of reconciliation through the cross when examining text on gender roles in the N.T.? What do they have to do with each other?

Answer: Everything!!

1 Corinthians 14:34 ESV - the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says.

1 Timothy 2:12-14 ESV - I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. [13] For Adam was formed first, then Eve; [14] and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

When interpreting Scripture there are numerous rules to follow. The top three are:

1. Context 2. Context 3. Context

We must interpret a particular text based on the context of the verse.

The context of the paragraph.

The context of the chapter.

The context of the book.

The context of the Bible.

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Simply put, we must, to the best of our ability, interpret scripture harmoniously.

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### Interesting Thoughts:

1. No known direct quote from the Law that says women should be silent or that women must be in submission.
2. Since when are we under O.T. law? 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
3. It is important to understand that if Paul is appealing to O.T. to teach a principle that has been in place since the O.T. then that principle, when understood correctly, cannot contradict what women did within the O.T.

Three examples from the O.T. of women's actions.

Miriam - Micah 6:4 "Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt And ransomed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron and Miriam.

Deborah - Judges 4:4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

Huldah - 2 Kings 22:14-15 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter), and they talked with her. [15] And she said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me...'

If the Law taught that women were to be silent, that they are not allowed to speak, and must be in submission, what do we do with the women God called to act in complete contradiction?

1 Corinthians 14:34-35 the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. [35] If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

Interesting Thoughts:

4. If they desire to learn, what are they suppose to do?

1 Timothy 2:11 ESV - Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.

5. If a woman is to keep silent, not permitted to speak, even shameful to speak in church, why did Paul grant permission for them to continue praying and prophesying in 1 Corinthians 11?