



The Covering

1 Corinthians 11:5

But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved.



What Is The Covering?

- Vss. **4-7** - The Greek word translated “covered” is “katakalypto”, which means “having (something) down the head.”

2 Corinthians 3:13

unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.



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- Vss. **10, 15** - One covering represents her submission, the other her glory



What Is The Covering?

“But how severe a chastisement will they likewise deserve, who, amid (the recital of) the Psalms, and at any mention of (the name of) God, continue uncovered; (who) even when about to spend in prayer itself, with the utmost readiness place a fringe, or a tuft, or any thread whatever, on the crown of their heads, and suppose themselves to be covered? Of so small extent do they falsely imagine their head to be!”

--Tertullian (145-220 AD)



What Is The Covering?

“They veil their heads in the presence of heathens... outside the church. They fear strangers: let them stand in awe of the brethren too; or else let them have the consistent hardihood to appear without veils...in the streets as well, as they have the hardihood to do in the churches.”

--Tertullian (145-220 AD)



What Is The Covering?

“Let the woman observe this, further. Let her be entirely covered, unless she happen to be at home. For that style of dress is grave, and protects from being gazed at. And she will never fall, who puts before her eyes modesty, and her shawl; nor will she invite another to fall into sin by uncovering her face.”

--Clement (150-200? AD)



What Is The Covering?

- The earliest “fathers” uniformly thought women should be veiled in public worship
- None of them viewed the veil as part of worship *per se*
- They all viewed it as a part of modesty and decency in society



Command or Custom?

- Vs. **2** - Traditions (ordinances) is from the Greek word, “paradosis” which speaks to what is handed down
- Vs. **16** - Custom is from the Greek word, “sunetheia” which refers only to a habit - cf. **John 18:39; 1 Corinthians 9:19-22**
- Vs. **6** - “If...”
- Vs. **13** - “Judge among yourselves”?
- Vs. **14** - “Does not nature itself teach you?” **Ephesians 2:3**



Command or Custom?

- Foot Washing (**John 13:14**)
- The Holy Kiss (**1 Corinthians 16:20**)
- Therapeutic Use Of Ointments (**James 5:14**)
- Medicinal Use Of Wine (**1 Timothy 5:23**)
- Circumcision (**1 Corinthians 7:18-19**)
- Meat Sacrificed To Idols (**1 Corinthians 8; 10:18-33**)
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Principles Taught

- Submissiveness (9:19-23; 10:32-33; 2 Peter 2:4, 11)
- God's Divine Order (12:13)
- Respect For Local Customs

Are You
Submissive?