Why Not Women Preachers?

Tony Mauck · 1 Timothy 2:11–15

INTRODUCTION

- Let's talk about the value of women in the body of Christ.
- Several women are mentioned in this text who did positive things for the Lord's work. And many such sisters are among us, and we're blessed to have you here.
- Is there anything wrong with women preaching the message of the gospel of Christ like I'm doing tonight in this public forum?

1 Not About the Suppression of Women

- What I'm about to say is not about the suppression of women. I want women to do everything that God, by his scripture, by his teaching to us allows a woman to do.
- This is not about a second tier standing in the kingdom of God.
- We are all one in Christ Jesus. I'm not on a better footing with God because I'm male versus female.

2 Not About the Talents or Abilities of Women

- Do I think that a woman could get in a pulpit and deliver a meaningful, understandable, persuasive message about the gospel of Christ? My answer to that question is absolutely yes.
- Why not women preachers? And the issue is really this the proper handling of biblical instruction.
- This new covenant in particular, to which we'll be held accountable and amenable on the day of judgment, does not allow it.

3 A Body of Unity That Embraces Differences?

1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:3; Galatians 3:1

- Paul was not encouraging the embracing of differences when it comes to doctrinal matters.
- Speak the same things, be of the same mind and the same judgment.
- It's a unity on my terms. If I want to do it, you need to embrace it.
- You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? You see, you've got to come back to the standard.

4 I Have a Gift, I Ought to Use It

- If we're going to approach it like this, I have a gift, I ought to be allowed to use it. Instrumental music is coming.
- What started as one instrument in the 1800s has now proliferated into bands and rock concerts in the name of Christianity, and everybody who has a gift is exercising it.

- I have a talent. I ought to be able to use it. The bottom line is that the scriptures do not approve of the practice.

5 Paul Is Not Undoing the Rest of the Scriptures

1 Timothy 2:11–15; Genesis 3:16; 1 Corinthians 14:34–35

- Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.
- He's not talking about some cultural condition when he prescribes that males are to lead in an assembly.
- From the very beginning, when sin entered into the world, God established roles for the man and the woman, and headship and leadership was given to man in Genesis chapter 3.
- In the assembly of 1 Corinthians chapter 14, he does not allow women to speak to the assembly.
- There's no conflict between Jesus and Paul or Jesus and any of the apostles.

6 The Problem With the Cultural Limitation Argument

Acts 1:21; Acts 6

- Once you go down the culturally limited path, how far are you going to go with that?
- That doesn't pertain to 1 Timothy chapter 2, where Paul roots this all the way to the very beginning of time.
- Flowing from Genesis chapter 3, male leadership is clearly and consistently advanced in Scripture.
- This is the way he wants it. And we have to respect it whether we like it or not.

THE CHALLENGE

Whose heart do you trust? Whose peace? Whose peace are you going to trust?

MY NOTES