



## Week 1

Sermon Series: Rich Spiritual Worship

Sermon Title: *"Bringing Honor To Your Head"*

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Study Handout Week of: September 5, 2021

Group Week of: September 12, 2021

Sermon Date: September 19, 2021

## Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

Day 1	Christ the Head – Ephesians 1:15-23
Day 2	God the Father – John 6:35-40
Day 3	Creation of Mankind – Genesis 2:4-35
Day 4	Wives and Marriage – Ephesians 5:21-24
Day 5	Husbands and Headship – Ephesians 5:25-33

## The Text

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe Everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

<sup>2</sup>I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the traditions just as I passed them on to you. <sup>3</sup>But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. <sup>4</sup>Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. <sup>5</sup>But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as having her head shaved. <sup>6</sup>For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should cover her head.

<sup>7</sup>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 did not come from woman, but woman from man; <sup>9</sup>neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup>It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels. <sup>11</sup>Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is

man independent of woman. <sup>12</sup>For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.

<sup>13</sup>Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? <sup>14</sup>Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, <sup>15</sup>but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering. <sup>16</sup>If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice—nor do the churches of God.

### **Textual Questions**

- 1) What is the message God and Paul are speaking to the Corinthians (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) What is the key issue Paul is addressing in the Corinthian Church?
- 3) What does it mean for God to be the “head” of Christ? What does it mean for man to be the “head” of woman?
- 4) Is man’s (husband) headship over a woman (wife) rooted in God, Creation, and/or Culture? Prove this from the text.
- 5) What is the connection between head-coverings and headship in this passage?
- 6) Why, according to this text, should women wear head-coverings? And should they still do it today?
- 7) How do verses 11-12 effect “headship” in the relationship between man (husband) and woman (wife)?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Headship is an important Biblical concept. It has its foundations in the Trinity; and because humanity is made in God's image, it is also part of the created order in the relationships between men and women here on earth. How have you understood the concept of "headship"? Explain your thoughts on what it means that God is the head of Christ, and that man is the head of woman.
  
- 2) In our society and even in the church, there is a deep rejection of male "headship" within family relationships. Why do you think this exists in society and even in the church? How should we as Christians respond to this rejection?
  
- 3) Why is it important to bring glory and honor to one's spiritual head, rather than shame or dishonor? How does this play out, not only in Corinth, but in all the early churches?
  
- 4) How does Christ model for us submission to God in headship? How does Christ model being the head of man? What lessons can be learned and applied to your life (man or woman) from the example of Christ?
  
- 5) Today, in much of the Christian world, women continue to wear head-coverings. However, in America and Europe women started to forgo the head covering in the late 1800's and almost completely removed them in mainstream denominations in the 1970's. This means that until very recently, women have worshipped with their heads covered. How should we understand the historical position of the church as it relates to us today?
  
- 6) What is one application that you can bring into your own life from this text? Write it out below and pray for God to help you put it into practice this week.