

CHALLENGING GOD'S WORD

The centrality of the feminist movement to contemporary pressure for the ordination of women was underscored by observations in an Australian newspaper:

She sees the scriptures as being so conditioned by the patriarchal nature of society at the time they were written that their language and underlying assumptions about society are . . . sexist. "I suppose the bible is going to have to be phased out; it is a post cultural- language," she says.

Sydney Morning Herald, August 27, 1987

Not only is there no scriptural basis for the ordination of women, but the pressure in this direction will continue to cast doubts upon the inspiration of God's Word. Surely God's faithful servants cannot yield to yet another satanic deception.

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And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the LORD thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the LORD; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried:

Deuteronomy 21:5



FATAL FEMINISM

A DANGEROUS REVOLUTION

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Fuelled by the sociological revolution of the post Second World War era, the feminist movement has all but destroyed the traditional, and more important, the biblical relationships between men and women. Home life has been assaulted in such a way that many of our youth no longer exhibit those secure patterns of life that once enabled them to bridge the gap between the learning years of childhood and the productive years of adulthood. The role confusion seen between men and women has also placed stresses upon marriages.

BACK TO THE BEGINNING

GENESIS 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and **he shall rule over thee.**

In the creation God had made Eve the equal of Adam. Had they remained obedient to God—in harmony with His great law of love—they would ever have been in harmony with each other; but sin had brought discord, and now their union could be maintained and harmony preserved only by submission on the part of the one or the other. Eve had been the first in transgression; and she had fallen into temptation by separating from her companion, contrary to the divine direction. It was by her solicitation that Adam sinned, and she was now placed in subjection to her husband. Eve had been perfectly happy by her husband's side in her Eden home; but, like restless modern Eves, she was flattered with the hope of entering a higher sphere than that which God had assigned her. In attempting to rise above her original position, she fell far below it. A similar result will be reached by all who are unwilling to take up cheerfully their life duties in accordance with God's plan. In their efforts to reach positions for which He has not fitted them, many are leaving vacant the place where they might be a blessing.

LOVE RULES

GENESIS 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

EPHESIANS 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

God had made Eve from Adam's rib. A part of man, bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, she was his second self; showing the close union and the affectionate attachment that should exist in this relation. "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it." "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one."

1 CORINTHIANS 7:4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

The equal rights of husband and wife, in the Scriptures, are everywhere maintained. They are to regard themselves as united in most intimate union, and in most tender ties.

FEMINISM IN THE CHURCH

1 TIMOTHY 3:2 A **bishop** then must be blameless, **the husband of one wife**, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

ISAIAH 3:12 As for **my people**, children are their oppressors, and **women rule over them**. O my people, **they which lead thee cause thee to err**, and destroy the way of thy paths.

There are those who openly declare that times have changed. Though women elders and pastors would not have been acceptable in the male-dominated societies of the past, the contemporary social climate is ready for this move. But such shallow research ignores the fact that during the Egyptian captivity, generations of Israelites saw the societal pattern of women priestesses as well as priests. It ignores the fact that many of the Canaanites around Palestine also had male and female priests. Pagan nations of the past developed society after society which had "ordained" female priestesses. But God's people were never authorized so to do. No godly woman desires to hold a post in God's church for which she finds no divine mandate.

