**Women Leadership Roles in the Church**

**Part - 2**

**Point - 2: Power and Authority between Man and Woman (God’s divine order)**

**Introduction:** From the beginning with Adam and Eve, God established his divine order between male and woman. Due societal cultures and values many of the saints has strayed away from the knowledge that God has established man to have power and authority over woman. This does not mean that woman is a second class citizen, nor should they be treated as slaves. It has always been God’s divine will that woman should be treated with dignity and respect. Woman is man’s counterpart (help meet) to assist and aid him with daily affairs in every aspect. This is clearly stated in ***Genesis chapter 1***. From part-1 of this lesson, we learned that all power and authority comes from God.

**Defining Authority and Power**

**Authority defines as:**

***Authority in Hebrew:*** original word is ***Taqeph***; ***Define*** as power, strength, energy.

***Authority in Greek:*** original word is ***Exousia***; ***Define*** as (a) power, authority, weight, managing domestic affairs, to include apostolic authority: moral authority, influence; (b) in a quasi-personal sense, derived from later Judaism, of a spiritual power, and hence of an earthly power.

**Power defines in Greek as** Exousia and Dunamis:

Power has ***two aspects;*** authority and movement

***Dunamis*** God’s authoritative power manifested in action. It is absolute power and is unrestricted. Spiritual powers, given by God through impartation to create, remove or improve.

***Exousia*** power is authoritative power or the right of disposal. This authority is delegated to man and from man to woman by God. God delegated exousia power to man to be over woman. This is God’s divine order for headship, which give us structure for church leadership, which is verified in ***1 Corinthians 11:3-12***. Man will always have preeminence authority as ordain by God.

***Authority equal Power***, which cannot be separated, because God, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost are one. They are the Trinity/Godhead, ***Romans 1:20.*** God authorized Adam and Eve to have dominion over everything upon the earth through divine order, ***Genesis 1:26; 28***. They also had dominion over Satan and the falling angles.

In ***Genesis chapters 1 and 2,*** we see God as the Father and creator of heaven and earth, the word is Jesus,

***In Colossians 1:15*** Jesus is the image of God and the first born of every creator.

In ***Genesis 1:1,*** the Holy Ghost (Spirit of God) moved upon the face of the water.

In ***Genesis 1:26***, God said let us make man after our image and after our likeness.

We can see the Trinity functioning and operating in **Genesis chapters 1, 2, and 3**

***What do the scriptures state about power and authority between a man and woman?***

We first must look at ***Genesis Chapter 2*** dealing with the origin of man and woman. This is God’s divine order for all mankind. Church leaders must start teaching God’s divine order so that the people can be blessed. Many church/ministries are out of order because they are not teaching and acknowledging God’s word concerning the roles of a man and woman.

**Man was form first**

***Genesis 2:7***, And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

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***Genesis 2:8-14*, 8**And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. **9**And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. **10**And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. **11**The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; **12**And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. **13**And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. **14**And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

**God taught and instructed man first**

***Genesis, 2:15-17*, 15**And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **16**And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **17**But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

**Man needed a Help Meet**

***Genesis, 2:18-20*, 18**And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him. **19**And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. **20**And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him.

**God made man a Help Meet**

***Genesis, 2:21-23*, 21**And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **22**And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **23**And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

**What is a Help Meet?**

To understand the meaning of this term, we must include terminology from the Hebrews dictionary since the original text of Old Testament is written in Hebrews.

**Help in Hebrew** is Ezer meaning to surround, i.e., protect or aid: help, succour

**Meet in Hebrew** is Kenegdo meaning corresponding to, counterpart to, equal to, matching to.

**Combined** - Ezer Kenegdo means one who is the same as the other and who surrounds, protects, aids, helps, supports. ( <https://www.howtopronounce.com/ezer-kenegdo/> )

**In the Physical** – We are different in body characteristics set in order by God that man is to be first in order and then woman.

**In the Spirit** – We are one in the same having the same the desire to please our heavenly father. ***Galatians 3:28*,** there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. There is spiritual equality for kingdom function.

**Man’s Responsibility to woman**

**24**Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Adam trained Eve everything God trained him. Their union was very important in having a successful dominion as God’s first world leaders.

**Headship Affirmed after Adam and Eve’s Sin**

**Genesis Chapter 3**

In Genesis 3:6-7, you first must notice that nothing happen when Eve ate of the fruit; but when Adam eat of the fruit both of their eyes was opened. Verse 7, they both recognized their nakedness because Adam, Eve’s covering had sinned against God his Father and Maker. Verse 8 when Jesus the Lord God came walking through the garden Adam and Eve were hidden

**Supporting Scriptures:**

***Genesis 3:9,*** **9**And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

***Genesis 3:16b,*** thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

***1 Corinthians 11:3,*** **3**But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

***1 Corinthians 11:8-12,* 8**For the man is not of the woman: but the woman of the man. **9**Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. **10**For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels. [She is to be subject to his authority and have a covering on her head/hair/husband/church leader amplified bible, as a symbol of submission] **11**Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. **12**For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

**Conclusion:** This training should have given you a better understating about the power and authority God establishes between man and woman. We can conclude that God ordain divine order with man and woman since the inception of Genesis. Please read ***1 Corinthians 11:1-12***, this gives us a factual understanding that God is the head of Jesus; Jesus is the head of man; and the man is the head of woman. This does not mean that woman is inferior to man because spiritually they are equal and intellectually. In the spirit and word of God, they are one in the same with power and authority to help each other to please God so he can get all the Glory.

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