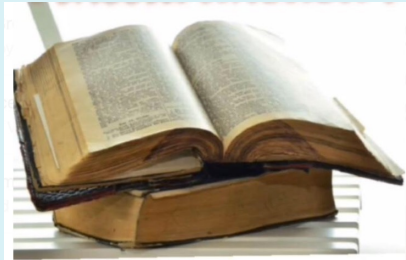


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# PRAYERS

Who. Why.

# WHO to pray for?

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; (1)

**Pray for all men** ... everyone could use prayer support!

**Supplication** – prayer requests

**Prayers** – communion with God

**Intercessions** – prayers for others

**Thanksgiving** – prayer of gratitude

# WHO to pray for?

<sup>2</sup> For kings, and for all that are in authority;

**Pray for Kings and those in authority** (President, VP, Governors, Mayors, Congress, Senate, etc.)

Government is ordained by God (Romans 13:1-7)

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Pray even if we don't agree with their ideology.

Pray even if they are cruel and oppressive (Nero was the Roman emperor when Paul wrote; Nero persecuted Christians).

Persecution is also part of God's plan for believers.

Mathew 5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:

## WHY pray?

2... that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

<sup>3</sup> For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

<sup>4</sup> Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

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It is in God's will and pleasing to Him

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So that government does not oppose our practice of faith and lifestyle of godliness

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There is peace in society

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So that those in authority maybe saved (God, not Jesus. , addressed as savior)

# God's Desire & Man's Decision

Who will have all men  
to be saved, and to  
come unto the  
knowledge of the truth.  
(4)

## God's desire is that 'all' should be saved (4)

- 'all' Challenges 'predestination' of a few chosen ones'
- John 3:16 also challenges salvation of a few
- Lord is delaying his return so that more may be saved (II Peter 3:9)

## Gift of salvation is not given at birth.

**Man's Decision:** He must choose to receive salvation gift by believing and confessing sins

### **JOHN 3:36**

- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him

### **Romans 10:9-10**

- <sup>9</sup>That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- <sup>10</sup>For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation



# Mediator to God & Titles of Paul (5-7)

## ONE MEDIATOR

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;  
<sup>6</sup> Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

## THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD

### THERE IS ONLY ONE MEDIATOR TO GOD (LORD JESUS CHRIST)

- JESUS came to give himself as a ransom
  - His sinless precious blood was the price paid for redemption
- **JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD** (not angels, or Mary, or works)
- All roads/religions do not lead to true GOD



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## HEBREWS 9:15

And for this cause **he is the mediator** of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

# Paul:

## Preacher, apostle, teacher

<sup>7</sup> Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

**Preacher** – messenger of gospel, sound doctrine, inspired messages

**Apostle** - preacher + leader + church planter + counselor to church

**Teacher** – Expositor of the Word

**TRUTH** ... hallmark of a believer (Devil is father of lies, John 8:44)

Paul - Messenger of sound doctrine (nothing added/subtracted from truth)

**Romans 9:1** I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

**II Corinthians 11:31** The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

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# Men & Women in church setting (8-15)

## 2: 8-15

<sup>8</sup>I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

<sup>9</sup>In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;  
<sup>10</sup>But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

<sup>11</sup>Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. <sup>12</sup>But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

<sup>13</sup>For Adam was first formed, then Eve. <sup>14</sup>And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

<sup>15</sup>Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

# Prayers of Men

<sup>8</sup> I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

## Men to lead Prayers in mixed setting of men & women

- With holy hands (blameless life)
- Lifting up hands (maybe cultural practice)
- In faith
- Without wrath/strife/anger

**PSALMS 24:3-4** Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

# Beauty of Women

<sup>9</sup> In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;  
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## Women's Beauty is in Modesty and Spirituality

- Women should not try to impress or draw attention with attire
- Instead impress with Character (godliness and good works)
  - Improper dress *maybe* a reflection of corrupt heart and sinful motives
  - Excessive Jewelry *maybe* an indication of pride or be a stumbling block to other believers.
  - However, we must be cautious and not judge based on externals.

**Proverbs 31:10** Who can find a virtuous woman?  
for her price is far above rubies.



Excessive  
?

## Beauty of ~~Women~~

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themselves (which  
becometh ~~women~~  
professing **godliness**)  
**with good works.**

*Can we apply the beauty principle to men?*

Yes

~~Women's~~ Beauty is in Modesty and Spirituality

Godliness + Good works  
is beautiful for everyone, men & women!

# Ornament of great price!

1 Peter 3:2-5

<sup>2</sup> While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

<sup>3</sup> Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

<sup>4</sup> But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the **ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.**

<sup>5</sup> For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:



# Silence & Subjection of Women

<sup>11</sup> Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.



**In church setting (with mixed crowd of men & women)**

Women not to shout and disrupt church proceedings/messages with questions

Learn in silence under the appointed authority



**It is good to ask questions ... but there is a time and a place**

[1 Corinthians 14:34-35](#) Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

## Teaching by Women

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

In church setting (with mixed crowd of men & women)

- Women should not teach men

Women play an important role in

- teaching children (II Timothy 1:5),
- Discipling younger women (Titus 2:4)

# Subjection of Women

Subjection of women (to husbands at home) or elders at church does not make them inferior or less intelligent or less talented  
... **but it is God's divine order, which we must honor and follow**

When we move away from God's divine order (for church, families, nations), it leads to confusion and losses.

# Subjection & Leadership of Women

## Can women be leaders in local church? (YES)

Bible does not say women cannot be leaders at church for appropriate ministries ... they can be leaders, but must be under the subjection of elders

## Can women lead men in outside world? (YES)

Bible does not say women should be subject to men at work ... they can be leaders/CEOs at work!

# Subjection of Women ... why

<sup>13</sup> For Adam was first formed, then Eve. <sup>14</sup> And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

- Order of creation ... Adam created first
- Entry of sin ... woman deceived first

**Genesis 3:16** Unto the woman he said, ... and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. (such authority/leadership comes with responsibilities)

Adam is blamed for the first sin as he had the authority/leadership role

- **Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world,

## Saved in childbearing?

**15** Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

Challenging verse to interpret ... saved from what? What about women who do not have children?

Saved ... not 'from sins' but 'recognized' (or restored) in childbearing

- Godly men birthed and raised by godly women
- Jesus born of a woman
  
- Qualities expected - love, faith, holiness, self control

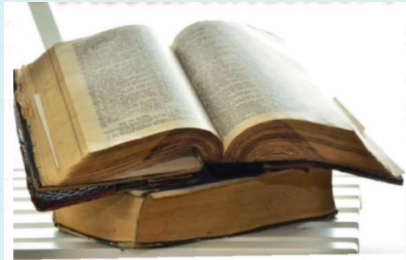


# Reflection

**Do you pray for those in authority over you + leaders of the country?**

**Do you agree with the role of men & women in church?**

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