DIVINE ORDER TEACHINGS #20

GOD'S DIVINE ORDER FOR CREATION By Sam Fife



The Highest Purpose for Man

To be content with food and raiment, the necessities of life

To be in a place free from the influence of Babylon and free to exercise and grow in God

To find your place in the Kingdom of God which is coming on the Earth 1Co 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. 2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. 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. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head. 5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoreth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. 6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. 7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. 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. 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.

Here in verse three of the eleventh chapter of 1 Corinthians, we have the statement, by the Spirit of God, of God's Divine Order for His whole Creation. As He says: "The head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." Some time back, we published an article in our publication, THE WORD, titled, "Who is The Head? - taken from these Scriptures. In this article, we sought to point our to God's people that the immediate head of the Bride of Christ, here on earth, is Her Husband Ministry; the Spiritual Man that God had raised up to give Her Seed, the Word of God, that can bring forth the Life of Christ from within Her. This in no wise denies, of course, that Christ and God are the ultimate Head; but only points out what the Scriptures here teach: that God has provided an immediate Head for the Woman – Her Husband Ministry, who is the channel through which the ultimate Headship of Christ in God is manifested, until She comes to that point where She can come into perfect union with Him.

This created quite a controversy, as some precious Saints immediately rose up and affirmed that there is only one Head, Christ, and that they would not hear of there being any other. Those who proclaim this, however, have not made a careful study of the third verse of 1 Corinthians, Chapter Eleven. For it clearly proclaims that in the order of God's Divine Creation, there are three Heads that stand above the Woman: and those three Heads are the Man. Christ, and God: for it says clearly that the Head of the Woman is the Man, and the Head of the Man is Christ, and the Head of Christ is God. Therefore, it is easy to see that the Bible here proclaims that there is one Head that stands between the Woman and Christ: and that there are two Heads that stand between the Woman and God: the Man, and Christ. Any idea that those who are in the Woman, the Bride Congregation, can bypass the Head that the Word of God puts over Her and go directly to Christ without being under the covering of Her Husband Ministry, is just as unscriptural as the idea that She could bypass both Heads that the Scripture puts over Her, and go directly to God the Father, without going through Christ. For the Scripture clearly says that the Head of the Woman is the Man, and the Head of the Man is Christ. It does not say the Head of the Woman, the Church, is Christ; it says the Head of the Woman is the Man, and the Head of the Man is Christ; and the Head of Christ is God. Therefore, since the Scripture clearly states here that the Head of the Woman is the Man, and does not, in any way, say the Head of the Woman is Christ: the statement of those Christians who are still in the Woman realm, and who have not been

brought forth by the Spirit into the Ministry - that the Head is Christ - is clearly contrary to the statement, Scripturally, of 1 Cor. 11:3.

Now lest someone fears that we are trying to take away the Headship of Christ completely from the Woman, let us quickly say that we understand that the Scripture denotes here that when the Woman is under the covering of Her Husband Ministry, then through Her Husband Ministry, She is under the Headship of Christ. Therefore, in that Divine Order of God, Christ is Her Head, as well as God. But for the Woman, the Bride congregation, to seek to mount up into union with Christ, or God, without doing so through this Divine Order that the Word of God reveals is established by God, Himself - is to make the same mistake that Eve made long ago, when she came out from under the covering of her husband Adam whom God provided for her; and be as God, without doing so under the actual covering of the greater Anointing of her husband, Adam. It is understandable, because the Church has been down in captivity to Babylon, and the revelation of God's Divine Order for His Church and for His whole Creation has been hidden from the eyes of God's people; that the Woman, the Church, has been given the idea that Her only Head is Christ; because of this, She has been vainly trying to come into union with Him, without first coming into union with the Husband God has provided for Her in Her Husband Ministry. But now we are living in the hour of the restoration of all things, and of the reestablishing of God's Divine Order for the Family of God, and it is for this reason that the real Truth is being revealed in this hour that all things might be brought into Order.

Therefore, in order that those who would know the Truth might be brought into a clearer understanding of these things, we would like to unfold for you, clearly, the beautiful mysteries that are here, in I Corinthians, Chapter Eleven. In the first place, in order to understand them, you need to understand that in all Paul says in this chapter he is in no wise referring to the natural man and woman, in any manner whatsoever. Paul clearly understood, and taught, the great Truth that everyone and everything in the first creation was crucified on the cross with Jesus and no longer existed before God, both natural man and natural woman; and that in the New Testament dispensation, God is dealing only with a many-membered Spiritual Woman, the Bride Congregation, and a many-membered Spiritual Man, her Husband Ministry. Therefore, he was speaking only of this Woman and this Man, who are the Man and Woman of the New Creation.

Now if one will honestly study the third verse of this chapter - forgetting all of his past traditions and seeking only what the Scripture itself says - he will discover that this Scripture reveals that there are four levels of Life in God's New Creation: Woman, Man, Christ, and God. He will also discover that the Scripture reveals that each level has a Head over it: as it says, "The Head of the Woman is the Man; (since, of course, the natural man has already been crucified in Christ, this could only refer to the Spiritual Man, the Husband Ministry) the Head of the Man is Christ; and the Head of Christ is God." This reveals God's Divine Order for Creation. And when we say, "God's Divine Order for Creation, we don't just mean God's Divine Order for the Creation's existence, but we mean God's Divine Order for the creation of New Life. For what the Bible reveals here, is that each level of Life, from the lower Woman level, right up to God, in submitting to its Head - not that its Head might rule over it, but that it might receive a ministration of life from its Head - then loses its lower, weaker level of Life; takes on the Life of its Head, and moves up into the Life of its Head. Therefore, as the Woman - those being in the Bride Congregation who, at the point where they come into Christ, are still moving in the Woman-flesh level - submits to Her Head - Her Husband Ministry - and loses Her weak, womanly characteristics, and is brought forth into the Ministry Herself: then, as a part of the Ministry, She has come forth in the Spiritual Man. Furthermore as the Ministry submits itself to its Head, Christ, it too loses the lower level of only Spiritual Man-Life; and grows up to the stature of Christ, and gets ready to go forth as the manifested Sons of God; having taken on the very Life of a full-grown, matured Son of God, the Christ.

Then as Jesus - as the Christ long ago, submitted Himself to His Head, the Father, and therefore laid down His Christ-Life and Christ-Nature, and rose again in the incorruptible Nature of Father God - the Ministry, in these last days, having come forth in the Life of Christ and gone forth as the manifested Sons of God, will then submit themselves to their Head, God, and even lose the lower Life of the Christ Nature - represented by silver in the Scriptures, and take on the eternal, incorruptible Life of Father God - represented by gold. So that in the end, the three lower levels of Life: Woman, Man, and Christ, shall be dissolved up; and God shall be All in All.

This is the great mystery that Paul was speaking of in Ephesians Five when he uses a whole chapter of Scripture to discuss the relationship between a man and his wife, and in the end, says, "This is a great mystery. But I am speaking concerning Christ and His church." Now the Apostle Paul was devoting this whole portion of his letter to the Corinthian Church, who was his Spiritual, many-membered Bride; to try to get this Truth over to Her. If you study very carefully verses two through twelve of I Corinthians eleven, you will find that in their context they refer to Paul's statement, in verse one, when he said to the Corinthian Church, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." The key to all that he says here is in his words: even as I am of Christ.

In order to understand that, you need to understand his words in verse eight, where he says, "For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man." Here, Paul is referring back to the time when God brought forth the first Adam and his wife, Eve. Paul knew that the order in which God brought forth the first Adam and his bride, Eve, was a type of God's Divine Order for the second Adam, Christ, and His Spiritual Bride, the Church. Therefore, Paul here reminds us that when God brought forth the first Adam and his wife, Eve was of the man. For in Genesis the Scripture clearly states that Adam was brought out of God; and that Eve, the woman, was brought out of Adam. Therefore, Eve, the woman, was not of God; she was of Adam; but Adam, her husband, the man, was of God. Therefore, it was her husband, Adam, who was under the covering of God - God was his Head; on the other hand Adam was Eve's head, as she was not under the covering of God, but was under the covering of her husband, Adam, who was her head. Thus, as Paul clearly states: "Adam (the man) was not of the woman; but Eve (the woman) was of Adam (the man); and Adam (the man) was of God: therefore all things were of God, as Paul says.

God's Divine purpose and Order for Eve was that she submit herself to her head. Adam and through him receive the seed which contained the Life of God that was channeled through him so that it might be propagated through her out into the world. But in seeking to by-pass her husband and attain to knowledge of Life without being under his covering and the judgment of his greater Anointing she was deceived by the angel of Light, Lucifer; and therefore instead of receiving a seed which would propagate the Life of God through her into the earth, she received spiritual seed - false doctrines and false knowledge -from Lucifer, the angel of light, which made her a channel to propagate the life of Satan into this earth, instead of the Life of God. Now at that time, the Bible reveals that there were only three levels of Life, in God's Creation: God, man (Adam), and the woman (Eve). For at that time there had been no fall, and no curse, and there was no necessity for Christ to enter in as a redeemer.

But in I Corinthians 11:3, we find the Bible reveals that in the New Creation, there are four levels of Life: God, Christ, Man, and the Woman. This is because, when the fall came, it was necessary for Christ to enter in as the Head over the Man, and be inserted as the Redeemer to bring Man back under the Headship of God, so that in the end, God might be All in All. And so we find that in the New Testament age and in the New Creation, there are four levels of Life: God, Christ, Man (the Spiritual Man-Husband Ministry), and the Woman, the Bride Congregation. For we find that in the bringing of this New Creation into being, God followed the same Order as He did in the old. Out of God came Christ; and out of Christ came the Apostolic Ministry, of which all the other four ministries are a part; and out of the Apostolic Ministry came the Woman, the Church. Therefore, Christ is of God; the Husband Ministry is of Christ; and the Woman, the Church, is of the Man, the Husband Ministry.

Now if we study the Scriptures carefully, we find that this is absolutely the Order in which God brought the New Creation into being. For we find that Christ Jesus, born of a virgin, conceived by the Spirit of God; came out of God. But then, Jesus did not walk out into the world and bring forth the Church out of Himself. He brought forth twelve Apostles - a Husband Ministry was birthed out of Him - and then that Husband, the Apostolic Ministry, went forth in the earth and the Woman, the Church, came out of that Man the Husband Ministry. So we see that Christ is of God; and the Man, the Apostolic Husband Ministry, is of Christ; and the Woman, the Bride Church, is of the Man, the Apostolic Ministry.

Therefore, since Christ came out of God, God is His Head; and since the Apostolic, Husband Ministry came out of Christ, Christ is their Head: and since the Woman, the Church, came out of the Apostolic Husband Ministry, the Apostolic Husband Ministry is the Woman's Head. But through the Ministry, Christ is the Woman's Head; and through Christ, God is the Ministry's Head; therefore, in the end, <u>ALL THINGS ARE OF GOD.</u>

Knowing this great Truth, the Apostle Paul could therefore say to the Bride Church in Corinth, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." Knowing that he was an Apostle, he knew that he came out of Christ; consequently, he referred to himself as being of Christ. Knowing that the Bride Church at Corinth came out of him, he could say to them, "Be ye followers who are of me," and try to get over to them the Truth that he, the Apostolic Ministry, was their Head.

When one is honest with the Scripture, he realizes that this is so, for the Bride Church at Corinth literally came out of the Apostle Paul's side, even as he came out of Christ. For before Paul trudged into the city of Corinth, singing in his heart, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of them that bringeth glad tidings," there was no such thing as a Church in Corinth; and there was no such thing as a Woman Congregation in Corinth. But a little Apostle trudged into that city, with seed in his side, and through his prayer and travail and ministration of that seed, the Woman Church at Corinth was brought right out of his side and into being, just as Eve was brought out of Adam's side. Therefore, certainly he was its Head -- its immediate Head. But Paul was having the same problem with the Church at Corinth that many of God's Ministry have with the churches they have birthed out of their side-because Her Spiritual gifts had begun to come forth in her, and as he says in the first chapter of his letter, She came behind in no gift. She did not realize that gifts were still in the Woman realm, and that She had not yet come forth in the Man realm. Many of Her members had decided that they did not need to be under Paul's covering any longer -- that She was fully capable, like Eve of long ago, of hearing from the Spirit of God Herself, without being under the covering and the greater Anointing of Her Husband Ministry, Paul. She, too, had decided that She could bypass Paul completely, go straight to Christ, and receive everything She needed through the Spirit from Him, without being deceived. She was in danger of being deceived by a false angel of light, just as Eve was long ago. Therefore, seeking to bring Her back under his covering, Paul sought to teach Her these great Truths concerning the true Divine Order for God's creation-which we have shared with you in this article-and to remind Her that She did not come out of Christ; She came Out of him. Thus he said to Her. "Be ye followers which are of me, even as I, also, am of Christ."

In the second verse, Paul told Her that he praised Her that She kept the rituals and the ordinances that he had taught Her-of baptizing people, and keeping the communion service-and so forth; he rejoiced that She remembered him, and sent him an offering once in a while. But then, in the third verse, he sought to bring Her to a deeper understanding of the mystery of God's Divine Order for creating Life, as he said to Her, "But I would have you to know the real Truth, that the head of every Man (the Ministry) is Christ; and the Head of the Woman is the Man, and the Head of Christ is God." He went on to explain that when the Woman, the Church, was praying or prophesying, She should have her head covered, and that She should have Her power on Her head because of the angels. When he said this, he was in no wise referring to the interpretation preachers give to this Scripture today: that when a woman goes to church, she should be wearing a hat over her head; or that she must have a little white covering over her head when she prays or prophesies as the precious Mennonite folk teach their women. Neither was he referring to the natural woman at all.

He was saying that the Spiritual Woman, the Bride Congregation, when She is praying or prophesying should be under the covering of Her Head, Her Husband Ministry, and of His greater Anointing; because of the angels - since there are still false angels of light, fallen angels, today who are waiting, hovering over the Woman, the Bride Congregation, to deceive Her, as Lucifer deceived Eve long ago. They want to bring Her under their covering, instead of the covering of Her Husband Ministry, and to cause Her to begin prophesying under a false spirit, praying for things that are out of the will of God for her, under the leadership of a false spirit. In verse four, Paul goes on to say, "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head." And again, we must say here that Paul is in no wise referring to a natural man, but he is referring to the Spiritual Man, the many -membered Ministry; and to the fact that when He is prophesying, praying, or ministering a Word of Truth, His Head should not be covered by any earthly organization or denomination. For Paul says He is the image and glory of Christ and of God. Paul was saying this out of his

knowledge of the fact that when Adam was brought forth out of God, there was nothing in this world-no organization, no denomination, no official office or authority-that was to hover over his Head between him and God. For he was brought forth out of God, and was to manifest the Life of God, and be the image and glory of God; therefore, his Head was to be uncovered at all times so that the glory of God might shine forth through him. Even so it is with the Spiritual Man today, God's Husband Ministry. If they are called by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, then they are brought forth out of Jesus Christ: and it is not the will of God for any earthly organization, any denomination, any official authority to stand between them and Jesus, to hover over their Head between them and Jesus, for they were brought forth out of Jesus to be the image and glory of Christ and to manifest His Life.

If they have any earthly organization, or denomination, or official authority hovering over their Head, they will not manifest the Life of Jesus, but they will manifest the life of that organization, be it Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, Assembly of God, Church of God, or whatever. That is what we have seen in the Church world of our day; a weak Ministry brought forth, not fully out of Christ, but out of the organizations and denominations that trained them in the life of their system. They have not manifested the Life of Christ, for Their Head has not been uncovered, but it has been covered by the organization or denomination that brought them forth. Therefore, they have not been a true covering for the Woman Congregation, who has often been praying or prophesying and not being under the covering of Her True Husband Ministry; and as a

result has come under the covering of false angels of light which is why we have seen so much falsehood in the Church of Jesus Christ of our day.

In verse six, Paul goes on to say, "For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven; let her be covered." While ministering in Africa, I have sometimes seen women whose heads were shorn or shaven; there is no object more ridiculous looking than a woman whose head is shorn or shaven and who is no longer under the covering of the crown of glory that God gave her, her hair. For those who walk in the maturity of God, and in the deeper wisdom and knowledge of the things of the Spirit that God has brought forth in this hour, there is nothing more ridiculous looking than a Church Congregation, a Spiritual Woman that is trying to go forward in the things of God without being under the covering of a plural, Spiritual Husband Ministry that God has raised up and Anointed to cover Her. Time and time again, we have seen such a Congregation come under the covering of false angels of light, that tore them and ripped them; divided them and led them out into dead end streets that, for a little while, they were quite sure were great leadings of God; but then found they only led to disappointment, sorrow, misery, and suffering.

Those who have come to maturity, and wisdom, and understanding of the deeper things of the Spirit have come to know that any Church Congregation, or Woman Church, that feels qualified to move forward in the things of the Spirit of God, as Eve did long ago, without being under the covering of Her Husband Ministry and that seeks to tell Her Husband Ministry, as Eve did long ago—concerning the things of the Spirit instead of being in subjection to their judgment, will be shorn; Her Head will be shaven; and soon She will find Herself with no covering at all and subject to coming under the covering of false angels of light. The one thing that I have noted, as I have seen women in Africa whose heads were shorn or shaven, was that it was very hard to distinguish them from a man.

The Word of God says a woman's hair is her crown of glory which, for those who understand the mysteries of God, means it is a symbol of the Woman, the Church, being crowned by the covering and the greater Anointing of Her Husband Ministry; Who, as Adam did, has communion and contact with God, and therefore, is the covering by which the Glory of the Life of God is brought forth to Her and propagated through Her into the world. God gave a woman her hair to symbolize the great Truth that, though she is not the source and fountain from which the Life of God springs forth in the earth, as the man is; nevertheless, through being under the covering of her husband ministry, she is the channel through which that Life of God, which comes from man, is propagated and propelled forth into the earth. Her hair is given to distinguish her from the man and to signify that she has a distinct ministry unto God of her own, completely distinct from the man's ministry.

The Spiritual Man with His Head uncovered is to be the glory and image of God, and the very fountain from which the Life of God springs forth into the earth; that is His ministry unto God. But the woman, under the covering of Her hair, the covering of the greater Anointing of Her Husband Ministry, has the unique, distinct ministry of being the channel through which the Life that is in that Man is brought forth, and poured forth into the earth. Therefore, God never intended that her head should be shorn, or shaven in the natural and He never intended for the Bride Congregation to seek to do the Husband Ministry's work, or to look like the Husband Ministry, or to be like the Man: but to be under the covering of His Spiritual hair, under the covering of the Anointing of Her Husband Ministry so that the unique calling and ministry that She has unto God, to be the channel through which the Life of the Man is propagated in the earth is always made manifest

Thus the Apostle Paul says in I Corinthians11:11-12, "Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God." With this statement, Paul reveals the unique place and calling and ministry both of Man and of Woman. Again I remind you, I am not speaking of a natural man and woman, but like Paul, we have left them behind, crucified on the cross of Calvary. We are speaking, as Paul does here, of the Bride Congregation and the Spiritual Man. When Paul says, "Neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord," he means that though the Man, being brought forth out of Christ and out of God, is the source and fountain of the Life of God in the earth, without the Woman as the channel through which to propagate that Life into the world, He could not fulfill His calling and ministry in the Lord. And the Woman, though She is given the glorious privilege of being the channel through which the Life of God that springs forth out of the Man, the Husband Ministry, is channeled out into the world; without the Man, Her Husband to whom alone, and through whom alone, God is going to bring forth His life into the world - to receive Life from, She could not be the channel which births the Manchild and propagates the Life of God into the world.

Therefore, it is so true, the Woman is not without the Man, in the Lord, and the Man is not without the Woman but as Paul says in verse twelve, the Woman is of the Man. Just as Eve was of Adam, so the Woman Congregation in our world today has come out of the Husband Ministry, being literally birthed by the Husband Ministry, for there is no congregation that has ever been brought into being that was not brought into being through the Husband Ministry.

And so, the Woman is of the Man, but the Man is of God. For, just as Adam long ago came out of God, but Eve came out of Adam, the Husband Ministry in the age that we live in was birthed and brought into being by the Spirit of Christ; and came out of Christ, and therefore out of God; it follows that the Man is of God. But Paul goes on to say that the Manchild who propagates the Life that springs forth from the Man into the world is by the Woman; thus signifying that though She is of the Man, the Manchild that is born of Her union is propagated into the world through Her, and therefore, She is the channel by which the Life of the Man is propelled and propagated into the earth. Paul concludes that all things are of God, for the Manchild comes through the Woman; the Woman comes out of the Man; the Man comes out of God. Hence we find that all things are of God.

Furthermore, we find, according to verse three of 1 Corinthians 11 that when we lay aside the traditions of the past and honestly face what it says, though God is the Head, Source and Fountain of all Life, nevertheless the Woman, the Scripture reveals, has two sub-Heads over Her through which She will ultimately grow up into God- Christ and the Man. For no one can deny that there are three Heads mentioned in verse three of 1 Corinthians 11: "The Head of the Woman is the Man, One head; the Head of the Man is Christ, two Heads; and the Head of Christ if God, three Heads.

God grant that each one of us can come to that humility where the Spirit of God can show us where we are in this great Order; if we are in the Woman, let us submit ourselves to our Head- the Ministry, not that they might rule over us, but that we might receive the ministration of Life- our womanly characteristics- and be brought forth in the Man, ourselves. Then, as the Man let us submit ourselves to our Head Christ, that we might lose even the lesser characteristics that the Husband Ministry has, and grow up to that hour, in these last days, when we will be ready to go forth as manifested Sons of God having taken on the Life of our Head, Christ. Finally in that state, as Jesus did long ago, when He was here, let us submit ourselves to our Head, the Father that we might receive that ministration of incorruptible Life form Him that will cause us to lay down even the Christ Nature and be raised again in the incorruptible, eternal, immortal Life and Nature of Father God that in the end, as 1 Corinthians says, God might be <u>ALL IN ALL.</u> Even so, hasten that day, Lord Jesus. Amen