

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Objections To Male Leadership

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In school you probably studied a lot of “-isms”—communism, socialism, etc. One of the “-isms” that has made great gains in our culture today is feminism. It’s a movement that is hard to define, even by those who promote it. But feminism is, essentially, the advocacy of women’s rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes. Some of the advancements have been noble (voting rights), while others have been degrading (overt sexuality). And as with most popular cultural changes, this movement as found its way into many churches.

Men and women in churches of Christ today are challenging the biblical

theme of male leadership. Here are some of the objections:

(1). *Women played key roles in the early church, so why aren’t they playing key roles today?*

There are significant, influential women in every church I have ever been associated with. But that does not change what the Bible says concerning the worship assembly (I Tim. 2:11-12; I Cor. 14:34—[notice Paul wrote that women should remain silent “in the churches”—not just the church in Corinth]).

(2). *Women should be able to demonstrate their talent in the assembly.* Worship is not a talent show. It is an exercise

in devotion to God. We should give Him what He wants, how He wants it. Every church has talented female teachers who use those talents in other areas of church life.

(3). *Male leadership assumes men are superior to women.* The Bible never teaches that men are innately superior to women. Rather, due to creation order (I Tim. 2:13-14), men are to lead their families and their congregations.

The church was never commanded to shift with culture. We are called to serve Jesus, not man.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Elizabeth Demonbreum’s grandmother, Carol Salings, has been in Vanderbilt Hospital this week with a bacterial infection.
- Dot Knight’s funeral visitation will be Wednesday 11 a.m. until the funeral at 6 p.m. at Anderson & Garrett Funeral Home.
- Jim Hoover, James Hayes’ uncle, is in the final stages of Parkinson’s Disease.

This Morning’s Sermon: “Baptism” Tonight’s sermon: “How To End Wars”

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: John Hayes

Pray: J. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Baker

Serve: J. Demonbreum, Gupton, Hovis

Pray: Brown

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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Philippians 4:9

“The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Be careful tomorrow during the total solar eclipse. There will be about a two-hour window in the middle of the day when the moon will cover the sun to some degree. The sun will only be completely covered for about 3 minutes. USA Today had a story about a man who still has vision impairment from the last solar eclipse in 1978. Sunglasses are not sufficient for looking at the eclipse. That is why special sunglasses have been distributed around the area. Be sure that your eclipse glasses meet the requirements. Or...just don't look at the eclipse!

Self-Control

Everything is regulated. Car engines are cooled by fluid and air so they won't overheat. School children are not allowed to scream all day. Legislatures write laws that put limits on what citizens can do.

The Bible teaches that people should be self-regulated. “Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit” (Prov. 25:28). “He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty. And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city” (Prov. 16:32). “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law” (Gal.

5:22-23). Here are some questions to consider regarding your own ability to control yourself:

- (1). *How often do you regret what you said?* You might not have proper control of your tongue if you are constantly regretting things you say. Do you tell secrets? Do you use bad language? Are you quick to criticize and slow to encourage?
- (2). *Do you overspend?* Is your wallet regulated by a family budget, or do you just purchase things on impulse? Are you swimming in debt? Do you control your finances, or do your finances control you? Reformation leader Martin Luther determined each year how much money it would

take for him to live. He gave away the rest. No matter how much he made, he only used what was necessary. I am not suggesting that all Christians use his method for reigning in their spending, but it shows that Luther demonstrated self-control in his finances.

- (3). *Do you demonstrate your values in public?* Do you allow yourself “exceptions” when it comes to your public behavior? Do you exhibit road rage? Do you shout unsportsmanlike things at ballgames? Are you rude to certain people?

Control yourself so others won't have to control you.

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