

Women Preachers

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Prelude:

I. In my opinion,

A. King David would have made a great high priest,

B. perhaps the best one ever.

1. Can you find anyone in the Hebrew Bible

2. with more faith and zeal than him?

a) Doubtless he was a better man of God than some of them.

b) Yet, could he scripturally serve as a high priest?

(1) Remember in my recent series in Second Chronicles,

(2) that chapter 26 shows King Uzziah attempting to burn incense:

16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. 17 So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD—valiant men. 18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God.”

– 2 Chronicles 26.16–18

II. A man who would have served greatly as a king and a priest was Abraham.

A. Abraham was a man of such great faith

1. that God gave a promise to Abraham,

a) Genesis 12.3,

b) on which God built the rest of the entire biblical story.

2. Can you find a more qualified man
 - a) to be king and priest simultaneously
 - b) for the city of Jerusalem back in his day?

B. All I know is that the Lord had Melchizedek serve in that capacity.

1. Why not Abraham?
2. Here is the real question: Why can't we accept God's plan?

III. In Numbers 16,

A. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram challenged Moses and Aaron,

B. thinking that Moses and Aaron had exalted themselves over the congregation.

1. However, Moses said:

5 "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who is His and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to Him. That one whom He chooses He will cause to come near to Him."

– Numbers 16.5

2. Do you know the outcome?
 - a) God rejected those three men and all who followed them, and
 - b) he accepted Moses and Aaron.

IV. We have similar that also qualify and disqualify.

A. Who may serve as President of the United States?

B. There are three requirements:

"No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

1. It does not matter how intelligent you are nor

2. how likable you are,
 - a) if you are 30,
 - b) you cannot be president of the United States.

- C. If you were born in another nation,
1. you might be a great statesman, but
 2. you cannot serve.

V. Even as David had to follow the Scriptures,

- A. even as Uzziah had to follow the Scriptures,
B. even as Abraham had to accept the Lord's choosing,
C. even as Korah, Dathan, and Abiram had to abide by the Lord's choice,
1. so we have to do the same.
 2. That, my brethren, is the issue:
 - a) Whom has the Lord chosen for various positions in the church.
 - b) We may not like it and we may disagree with it, but
 - (1) the Lord knows what he is doing and
 - (2) we do well to accept his ways!

VI. What about women preachers in the church?

- A. What do the Scriptures teach?
B. Do we have to abide by what the Bible teaches?

Persuasion:

I. Women Did Speak

- A. However, it was restricted in every case.
B. Miriam spoke to the women
C. Huldah spoke to the men who were sent to her
D. Anna spoke to people who came to her
E. Deborah spoke with Barak

F. Acts 2.18

**18 “And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.”**

G. Acts 18.26

26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

H. Acts 21.9

9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied.

I. First Corinthians 11.5

5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved.

II. Some Will Say: The New Testament Has Pharisaic and Rabbinic Prejudices

A. This charge is often made against Paul in particular.

B. Why don't people say the same thing with all that he said about Jesus?

1. Is the New Testament pharisaical and rabbinical in other places?

2. How do I know when it is and is not?

III. What about Phoebe?

A. Romans 16.1–2

1 I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, 2 that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

B. She was a servant.

C. However, where is a First Timothy 3 passage for the women servants?

IV. What about Junia?

A. Romans 16.7

7 Greet Andronicus and *Junia*, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

B. Meaning of the Greek word for the name of this person.

C. It does not mean

1. Junia was an apostle, but
2. someone who was noted by the apostles.

V. The Holy Spirit Limited Public Speaking

A. First Corinthians 14.34–35

34 Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. 35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.

B. First Timothy 2.11–15

11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. 12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

C. Not simply accommodating the culture of the time

1. Creation
2. Satan deceived Eve

VI. Jesus and His Apostles

A. Some think that Jesus and the apostles

1. did not want to rock the boat?
 2. I think to myself: Really?
 - a) Jesus never went against tradition?
 - b) Paul never went against current opinion?
- B. Why didn't Jesus include women among his apostles?
1. He could have made himself clear by appointing 6 men and 6 women.
 - a) But then when history would come to our time,
 - b) the question would be, what about transgenders!
 2. Jesus set things up just the way that he wanted to set them up.
 - a) His apostles were official representatives of his.
 - b) What they said is what the Lord said.