

1 Corinthians 11 (4-29-12)

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TEXT: 1 Corinthians 11:13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have **long hair**, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a woman have **long hair**, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

1 Corinthians 11:6 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.

"If one maintains the hair is the covering, then he is faced with an impossibility, namely, two successive removals of the hair. If the hair is the covering and she is uncovered, then the hair has already been removed. Why then add, 'Let her also be shorn'? What would be left to cut off?"

(Merle Ruth, *The Significance of the Christian Woman's Veiling*, Christian Light Publications)

Revelation 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: **I would thou wert cold or hot.**

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Matthew 23:31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

32 **Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.**

1 Kings 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, **How long halt ye between two opinions?** if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

"Those who claim that the hair is the only covering in view ignore the fact that in this instance the word *covering* comes from a different Greek word. The word translated covering in verse 15 is not *Katakalypto*, as in the earlier verses, but *Peribolaion*."

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"One does not have to be a Greek scholar to recognize where the two relevant Greek words are used!"

(Jane Worsley, Hazel Dixon, *Head Covering*, 2003)

Psalms 104:5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou **coveredst** it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again **to cover** the earth.

Genesis 38:14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and **covered [periebale]** her with a vail, and wrapped herself...

15 When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she **had covered [katekalupsato]** her face.