

INTRODUCTION

In 1 Timothy chapter 2, we have been learning that our Lord Jesus Christ, through His apostle Paul, exhorts the the church to pray. In the last few verses we have considered, there is instruction on how to behave ourselves in prayer, both men and women: that the men lift up holy hands without wrath and disputing; that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, not with outward show, but with graces and good works. But these instructions on how to pray have been instructions that could apply more broadly to all of the church's worship, not just the element of prayer.

The church's worship consists of certain elements, to which we may not add anything of our own invention. Those elements are:

- prayer with giving of thanks
- speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord
- administration of the two ordinances: baptism and the Lord's supper
- the reading and preaching and teaching of the Scriptures, and hearing that reading and preaching and teaching so as to learn

And as we study further in 1 Timothy chapter 2, we find instruction from our Lord Jesus as to how women in the church should approach that element of worship that involves teaching and learning the Bible, the Word of God.

The most basic concept in this doctrine is that when the church at worship is teaching the Word of God, the woman is to learn.

TEXT

1 Timothy 2:8-15

BODY

When the church gathered for worship is teaching the Word of God, the woman is to learn.

- I. How Well the Woman Learning Agrees with Her Being a Disciple of the Lord Jesus
 - A. Meaning of “disciple”
 1. the Greek word for “disciple” is *mathetes*, which means “learner,” from our word for today, *manthano*, which means “to learn”
 - B. Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you, and **learn** of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
 1. religion that is man-made lays a heavy burden upon the sinner, to do the impossible: do enough good works to please God and earn His favor
 2. the Savior, Jesus Christ, calls to the sinner: “Come unto me...and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me...”
 3. so the sinner is called to learn of Jesus Christ
 4. and what will be the result? the sinner will find rest for his or her soul
 5. this was true for those who heard the Lord Jesus in person, and learned of Him from His own lips; but it also is true of the rest of us, who have learned Christ by reading the bible, or having someone else preach and teach to us from the bible: still we have heard him and been taught by Him (Ephesians 4:20-21)
 - C. Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.
 1. verse 19 says, “teach” or “make disciples” of all nations
 - a) those of all nations who are not yet learners
 - b) enroll them to be learners; make them learners
 2. verse 19 says, “teach” those learners

II. How the Woman Learning in the Assembly Agrees with the Ancient Ways of God from the Old Testament

A. Deuteronomy 31:11-12 When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. (12) Gather the people together, men, and **women**, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may **learn**, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: [keep your place here; we will continue from right here in a moment]

B. Process

1. appear before the Lord your God when and where He says
 - a) which in the Old Covenant was on certain holy days at the Tabernacle, or later the Temple
 - b) now in the Old Covenant is on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, wherever the church assembles
2. gather everyone
 - a) men
 - b) women
 - c) children
 - d) strangers
3. read the Bible in their hearing
4. hear and learn
 - a) take note of this; it is important
 - b) this simple two-part process appears many times in the Bible
 - c) e.g. faith comes by hearing
5. learn two things about the Lord your God
 - a) to fear Him
 - b) to obey all of His law

III. How The Woman Learning Affects Her Children

A. The children she brings learn also

1. Deuteronomy 31:13 And that their **children**, which have not known any thing, may hear, and **learn** to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.
2. e.g.
 - a) Bella - "Mommy, God is jealous for my heart!"
 - b) Ava - "Then He would have to die for His own sins."

B. What she has learned, she can teach her children

1. Deuteronomy 4:10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them **hear my words, that they may learn to fear me** all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and **that they may teach their children.**

IV. APPLICATION

A. Comfort: the Lord Jesus knows that you cannot sit quietly at His feet learning, and simultaneously nurse an infant and wrestle a 1-year-old and a 2-year-old

1. e.g. Susan stayed home from church almost a whole summer when the children all got chicken pox
2. He gives more grace
3. those most difficult days will not last forever

B. Duty for wife: if you are not making your children mind you every day, it will show up in that you and they can never hear and learn together

C. Duty for husband: you are responsible to see that the children mind, partly so your wife can have some opportunity to hear and learn

1. I remember sitting with little children, doing this duty
2. one of the children I had taught to sit still is the same one who so obviously learned

CONCLUSION

V. What Kind of Things the Woman Learns

- A. 7 1/2 years ago, starting in 2012 and going into 2013, in the Bible study class each Lord's Day, this church studied what the Bible says about how the Lord Jesus was symbolized in the Old Testament Tabernacle, especially in the furnishings inside the Tabernacle, and most especially the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat that covered it; a few of you remember that 4 years ago, starting in 2016 and going into 2017, we studied that same subject in the Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study
- B. I remember from that first time through, how delighted I was in my soul when I learned about the Mercy Seat that covered the Ark of the Covenant, and taught it to those who were in that Bible study class
 1. the Ten Commandments, which I have disobeyed, were placed inside the Ark
 2. right above the Ark is where God would show Himself
 3. God would look down and see the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept; in His perfect anger against sin, He would send me for the everlasting punishment that I deserve
 4. but God, being rich in mercy, ordered a lid, a covering, of pure gold to be placed over the Ark
 5. what's more, God ordered a sacrifice to be made, and the blood sprinkled on that pure gold covering
 6. so, when God takes His seat there above the Ark of the Covenant, there is something between His holiness and my lawbreaking
 - a) there is a pure gold righteousness for Him to see instead of my unrighteousness
 - b) there is blood for Him to see, shed on behalf of me, the sinner
 7. so, God, instead of being angry at me for my breaking of His commandments, is pleased with me, is propitious toward me, because of that solid gold covering sprinkled with blood
 8. so, God meets with me there, and I am allowed to come boldly into that place and commune with Him and seek His help in my time of need
 9. that solid gold covering sprinkled with blood, the Mercy Seat, symbolized our Lord Jesus Christ, the one Mediator between God and men, by whose righteous life and shed blood the sinner who trusts in Him is saved from God's wrath

C. My dear wife was there for those Bible study lessons

1. she had all our children with her

a) Amy was 19; Ava was 2

b) those of you who have little children and no teenagers yet can look forward to those days

2. she listened and took notes

3. she had tears in her eyes as she understood the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ that was so wonderfully symbolized

D. Then a wonderful thing happened

1. one Lord's Day afternoon, I saw my dear wife speaking fervently with one of the other women

2. that woman seemed to be having trouble understanding forgiveness of sins by God's grace

3. Susan was telling that woman about our sins being covered in Jesus Christ, explaining it in terms of the covering on the Ark of the Covenant

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Deuteronomy 5:1 And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

John 6:44-45 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. (45) It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Hebrews 5:8-9 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; (9) And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

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E. To praise the Lord

1. Psalms 119:7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

Prelude - Anna

Trinity 168 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” - Anna

Trinity 690 “Jesus Paid It All” - Allison

Trinity 596 “Jesus Lives and So Shall I” - Rita

Jeremiah - Call to Worship: Luke 2:8-14 and Opening Prayer

Dillon - Scripture Reading: Exodus 25:8-22

Thad - Congregational Prayer