



Does the Bible Make Women Second Class Citizens?

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This is an age of liberation, an age of breaking down barriers that stood for generations, of finding equality where it never before existed and affirming the rights of those who previously had no voice. As we look at the progress made along these lines we feel a sense of justice and accomplishment. But what about the Bible - what about the Christian Church? Has it fallen behind on these issues regarding women and their roles? Should women be teaching in the church - essentially participating on a "same as the men" basis or does the Bible emphatically deny that opportunity to women?

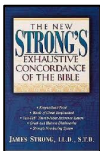
What was God's original design for the man/woman relationship?

Genesis 2:20-25: (NASB) ²⁰*The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.* ²¹*So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.* ²²*The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.* ²³*The man said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.* ²⁴*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.* ²⁵*And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

God knew ahead of time that no helper would be found and created man and women in this context to accentuate the interconnected relationship that was to be between man and women...

So, Eve was created as a "helper" for Adam. What does that really mean?

- A helper, as in one less experienced? An apprentice maybe?
- A helper, as in one with less authority?
- A helper, as in one who is inferior?



Helpmate: Strong's #5828 ezer (ay'-zer); help, succour, one who helps

Psalms 121:1,2: ¹*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my **help** <5828>.* ²*My **help** <5828> cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.*

We see that God is our helpmate as well! The original human design was certainly not one of dominance or inferiority inferred by that word. Instead, it was complimentary...



Male and Female differences, Male Brain Function, *Animal Planet*

- *Men and women think differently.*
- *The human brain is divided by two separate hemispheres. The way we use the left and right hemispheres influence the way we think. The male brain is structured so that the left brain is used for language and the right brain for emotion.*



Language and emotion are separate.

What happened? Sin!!!

Genesis 3:4-6: (NASB) ⁴The serpent said to the woman, You surely will not die! ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. ⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

The serpent deceived Eve. Part of the lie was true - they did begin to understand good and evil.

 Anglican female priest wants more women ordained, France24.com

- *Ever since the separation of the Church of England and the Roman Catholic faith, reconciliation has remained the impossible end goal. Rose Hudson symbolizes the biggest modern difference between the two churches. An Anglican priest, married with three children, she now dreams of women getting a more important role in all religions.*
- *We need to affirm our women - you have been called - we are ordaining you - you are part of the whole church and not just an excluded element...*

Does God agree that women play an important role in the church?

 Male and Female differences, Female Brain Function, Animal Planet

- *In the female brain, fibers connecting the two sides are 23% thicker than in the male brain. Women are able to use both the right and left hemispheres for emotion and language, which may explain why women find it much easier to talk about their feelings.*

Everyone is found guilty in some way, and God responds with penalties for each - Adam, Eve, and even Satan. Notice that all of the rules for living were now changed. Adam and Eve were now to live under severe restrictions instead of the previously enjoyed freedom of the garden.

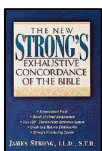
Genesis 3:16: (NASB) *To the woman He said, I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.*

Genesis 3:17-19: (NASB) ¹⁷Then to Adam He said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat from it; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Curse on the man: Hard work to provide. What naturally would bring forth good would now bring forth thorns and thistles.

Curse on the woman: Bearing children in pain AND that her husband will rule over her. That wasn't part of the original design!

Rule: Strong's #4910, to rule, have dominion, to cause to rule, to exercise dominion





What submission is not, John Piper, DesiringGod.org

- "Submission" does not mean leaving your brain and your will at the wedding altar. It is not inability or the unwillingness to think for yourself.

Were there any Old Testament exceptions to "the rule of men?"

Judges 4:1-3: (NASB) ¹Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ²And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; and the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. ³The sons of Israel cried to the LORD; for he had nine hundred iron chariots, and he oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years.

(Source: Matthew Henry's Bible Commentary on the Whole Bible) That these Canaanites had formerly been conquered and subdued by Israel, were of old sentenced to be their servants (Genesis 9:25), and might now have been under their feet, and utterly incapable of giving them any disturbance, if their own slothfulness, cowardice, and unbelief, had not suffered them thus to get (a)head. To be oppressed by those whom their fathers had conquered, and whom they themselves had foolishly spared, could not but be very grievous.

The Hebrews had conquered these people once already, but because they lost sight of God's way, these other people were allowed to rise up and dominate Israel with twenty years of severe oppression.

Judges 4:4-9: (NASB) ⁴Now Deborah, a prophetess... was judging Israel at that time. ⁵She used to sit under the palm tree.. and the sons of Israel came up to her for judgment. ⁶Now she sent and summoned Barak...and said to him, Behold, the LORD, the God of Israel, has commanded, Go and march to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men...⁷I will draw out to you Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his many troops to the river Kishon, and I will give him into your hand. ⁸Then Barak said to her, If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go. ⁹She said, I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the honor shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hands of a woman. Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kadesh.

The prophecy came from a woman! God was still with them. But Barak, a commander in Israel, refused to go fight unless Deborah came with the army! The men in Israel had lost all of their faith and it took this woman to bring them back to center.

The consequence was humiliation in spite of victory, for a woman had to lead them. This was an exception to the rule but it brought humiliation because it wasn't the way it was supposed to be. Was this an exception to the rule?

What was Jesus' reaction to and treatment of women?

 Intro - women pastors at African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church, thegrio.com

- Reverend Kim Anderson: I think the church has always been run by women, it's just that the Pastor has always generally been men, and so I think women are beginning to mount the pulpit, but we've always been running the church - you take women out of the church, you don't have a church.

Jesus taught women:

Luke 10:38-42: (NRSV) ³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left



me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me. ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.

He taught women with purpose and focus, contrary to society at the time.

Jesus healed women:

Mark 5:25-34: (NRSV) ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶...²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸...²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease... ³⁴He said to her, Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.

He didn't discriminate against women in terms of healing.

Jesus spoke to foreign women: This was unheard of!

John 4:7-10: (NRSV) ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, Give me a drink. ⁸...⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria? ¹⁰Jesus answered her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, Give me a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

He not only speaks to her, but he offers her "living water," the Gospel! He stepped way outside of normal tradition.

Jesus treated women as respectfully as men:

Luke 13:10-16: (NRSV) ¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, Woman, you are set free from your ailment. (Then the Pharisees get all bent out of shape!) ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?

Did you know that the phrase "daughter of Abraham" is not found anywhere else in the Scriptures? This was a name of respect from Jesus. Is Jesus going against the punishment of the curse by doing all of this?

Jesus had women follow him:

Luke 8:1-3: (NRSV) ¹Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ²as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

This was another shocking thing - true followers provided for him out of their resources. A lot of these followers were women, which was unheard of!

Is the Christian treatment of women different than the Law of the Old Testament?

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- Men's brains are made up of little boxes. We have a box for everything...the car, the money, the job, for you, the kids, your mother somewhere in the basement...we have boxes everywhere. The rule is: The boxes don't touch.



- *When a man discusses that particular subject, we go to that particular box, we pull that box out, we open the box, we discuss only what is in THAT box, and then we close the box and put it away being very, very careful not to touch any other boxes.*

Women were present at Jesus' death:

Matthew 27:55-56: (NASB) ⁵⁵Many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee while ministering to him. ⁵⁶Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Jesus appeared first to a woman after his resurrection:

John 20:14-16: (NASB) ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking? Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. ¹⁶Jesus said to her, Mary! She turned and said to him in Hebrew, Rabboni! (which means, Teacher).

Jesus obviously respected women, yet did not call any women to be Apostles... why?

Because Jesus honored women within the context of the curse and punishment of Genesis, that the men would rule over them. The adjustment he makes is that he lifted their status to as equal a basis as possible, supplying them dignity but still honoring the "thus saith the LORD."

1 Corinthians 11:3: 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.

This adjustment was carried through in the early church as well:

1 Peter 3:1-5: (NASB) ¹In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, ²as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. ³Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; ⁴but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. ⁵For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;

Clothed with humility and Godly purpose:

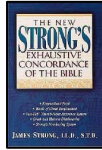
Titus 2:3-5: (NASB) ³Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, ⁴so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

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- *Women's brains are made up of a big ball of wire. Everything is connected to everything! It's like the internet superhighway and it's all driven by energy we call emotion.*
- *It's one of the reasons why women tend to remember everything. If you take an event and you connect it to an emotion, it burns in your memory and you can remember it forever.*



1 Timothy 2:9-12: (NASB) ⁹Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, ¹⁰but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. ¹¹A woman must **quietly** <2271> receive instruction with entire **submissiveness** <5292>. ¹²But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain **quiet** <2271>.



Quietly: Strong's #2271 hesuchia (hay-soo-khee'-ah); stillness, i.e. desistance from bustle or language:

Strong's #2272: properly, keeping one's seat

Another use:

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12: (ASV) ¹⁰For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, If any will not work, neither let him eat. ¹¹For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies. ¹²Now them that are such we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with **quietness** <2271> they work, and eat their own bread.

This shows an important contrast in behavior - a humble one is becoming to Christianity.

1 Corinthians 14:31-35: (YLT) ³¹for ye are able, one by one, all to prophesy, that all may learn, and all may be exhorted, ³²and the spiritual gift of prophets to prophets are subject, ³³for God is not a God of tumult, but of peace, as in all the assemblies of the saints. ³⁴Your women in the assemblies let them be **silent**, for it hath not been permitted to them to speak, but to be subject, as also the law saith; ³⁵and if they wish to learn anything, at home their own husbands let them question, for it is a shame to women to speak in an assembly.

- Your women/silence/shame for women to speak (Corinth was a Greek society. The treatment of women was different from the Hebrews and the Roman society. The Greek Christian women were incredibly disruptive. They didn't know how to behave in public.)

Christian women are supposed to be humble and submissive. They are not supposed to be taking authority over men, which means they should not teach in the church. Their role was different but just as important.

All other admonitions towards the behavior of women are general.

Romans 16:1-2: (NASB) ¹I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; ²that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.

Was Phoebe a teacher? A Deaconess?

First to note is that the Apostle Paul speaks about her with incredible respect. She was entrusted with carrying the letters of the Gospel.

Next note that the word for *servant* did not necessarily imply a person elected to an office.

Servant: Strong's #1249: one who executes the commands of another, especially of a master, a servant, attendant, minister





Deacons/servants are rarely an appointed title, but more often cover a breadth of responsibility.

Here is another use of this word:

2 Corinthians 11:15: Therefore it is no great thing if his **ministers** <1249> also be transformed as the **ministers** <1249> of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

This is talking about Satan's ministers. This is the same word used for Phoebe. It means that they follow after their master in a trustworthy way.

Phoebe was a valuable servant within the church and had a great contribution.

 **Book - She just wanted to preach, AllNationsInPraise.com**

- *Right now God is calling for all of us to do the will of God. He said in Acts 2 that in the last day He will pour His spirit upon all flesh and your sons and daughters will prophesy, will preach. We are in that day. God is calling for you to step out by faith and do what He is calling for you to do.*

Acts 2:17-18: (NASB) ¹⁷And it shall be in the last days, God says, That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My spirit and they shall prophesy.

There is a difference between prophesying and teaching. The teaching role within the church is the role of authority. Prophesying is expounded on a point or two, but it is not the teaching role. Note, the timing - God's spirit has not poured out over all men, yet. This is future timing.

1 Timothy 3:1-2: (NASB) ¹It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. ²An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach...

Was this just the culture at the time? We don't believe so. We believe this was an admonition for Christians throughout the age. Of course God knew that women's rights would flourish in our time. He wanted it this way. This provides a picture of Christ and the church. The church is pictured as a bride. It is the application of this picture.

Surely women are capable of teaching and have great spiritual knowledge. But should they be teaching from the pulpit? According to the Scriptures, we do not believe so.

1 Timothy 3:8-11: (NASB) ⁸Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, ⁹but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. ¹¹Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

There is equality of opportunity and difference in responsibility at the same time.

Philippians 4:1-3: (NRSV) ¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion,



help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

There is equal opportunity for an equal reward! The followers of Christ are all precious in his site. Each member is so important. God designed the organization of the true church to be a certain way and we need to respect that.

Galatians 3:28-29: (NRSV) ²⁸*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.* ²⁹*And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.*

We all have the same opportunity and reward, just in different roles.

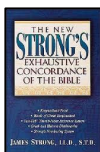
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Let's add verse 15 to our discussion:

1 Timothy 2:11-15: (NASB) ¹¹*A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.* ¹²*But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.* ¹³*For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.* ¹⁴*And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.* ¹⁵*But women will be **preserved** <4982> through **the bearing of children** <5042> if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.*



Preserved: Strong's: #4982 sozo (sode'-zo); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): KJV-heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

Bearing of children: Strong's #5042 teknogonia (tek-nog-on-ee'-ah); childbirth (parentage), i.e. (by implication) maternity (the performance of maternal duties): KJV-childbearing.

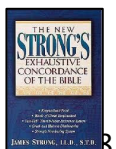
Preserved: to be made whole to be complete

Child-bearing: childrearing

So women will be completed in the raising of their children as opposed to feeling left out because they are not to teach.

Luke 2:33-38: (NASB) ³³*And his father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about him.* ³⁴*And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed—* ³⁵*and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.* ³⁶*And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,* ³⁷*and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.* ³⁸*At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.*

Prophetess: Strong's #4398 prophetis (prof-ay'-tis); a female foreteller or an inspired woman: KJV-prophetess.





- Anna was obviously a Jew and not a Christian.
- Anna was always in the Temple and always under the tutelage of the teachers of the Law.
- Anna did not assume any authority over anyone - she simply spoke of the blessing of Messiah that was revealed to her to everyone around her.

Let's review these texts deeper:

1 Corinthians 14:31-35: (YLT) ³¹for ye are able, one by one, all to prophesy, that all may learn, and all may be exhorted, ³²and the spiritual gift of prophets to prophets are subject, ³³for God is not a God of tumult, but of peace, as in all the assemblies of the saints. ³⁴Your women in the assemblies let them be silent, for it hath not been permitted to them to speak, but to be subject, as also the law saith; ³⁵and if they wish to learn anything, at home their own husbands let them question, for it is a shame to women to speak in an assembly.

There were specific cultural reasons for this pointed instruction:

(Source: C. Russell, Biblical Commentary) We pass from the citizen women [the wives] of Athens to the other class of free women— the strangers or courtesans. These stranger women could not marry. They might do anything else they liked. The citizen women were confined to the house and did not dine with the men; but the men refused to limit their associations with women to the house. Accordingly they selected these stranger women as their companions; and 'Hetairai,' or companions, was the name by which the whole class was designated. The citizen women had to be mothers and wives, nothing more. The stranger women had to discharge the duties of companions, but to remain outside the pale of the marriageable class. *They were the only educated women in Athens.* From the writings of Professor Becker, of Germany: At this time, and in the very focus of civilization, the women were regarded as a lower order of beings; naturally prone to evil, and fitted only for propagating the species and gratifying the sensual appetites of man. There were no educational institutions for girls, nor any private teachers at home. They were excluded from intercourse, not only with strangers, but also with their own nearest relations, and they saw but little even of their fathers and husbands. The maidens, especially, lived in the greatest seclusion until their marriage, and, so to speak, regularly under lock and key... In Athens it was a thing unheard of for any free woman to make purchases in the market.

From these observations it is clear that when Corinthian men became Christians, and, disregarding the prevailing public sentiment, brought their wives with them to meetings of the Church, the women were very ignorant and lacking in essential decorum and were inclined to disturb the meetings by asking unprofitable questions, which the Apostle instructed them to inquire of at home of their husbands, who could give them the simple instruction which they needed; for it was an improper thing for those women to speak in the Church and to disturb its proper, orderly worship, etc.

Dr. Smith, in his Greek and Roman Antiquities, says: The position of a Roman woman after marriage was very different from that of a Greek woman. The Roman wife presided over the whole household, and shared the honor and respect shown to her husband.

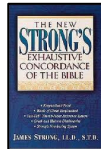
The Corinthian church was a total mess - they were so pagan in their upbringing that the Apostle had to "reboot" their Christianity - he had to help them restart nearly everything to get them to a level of spiritual behavior where they could grow as a body and have a positive effect on one another, rather than a negative effect.



1 Corinthians 3:1-3: (NRSV) ¹*And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations?*

We can see that women were not the only ones being disruptive...

1 Corinthians 14:27-33: (ASV) ²⁷*If any man speaketh in a tongue, let it be by two, or at the most three, and that in turn; and let one interpret: ²⁸but if there be no interpreter, let him keep **silence** in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. ²⁹And let the prophets speak by two or three, and let the others discern. ³⁰But if a revelation be made to another sitting by, let the first keep **silence**. ³¹For ye all can prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be exhorted; ³²and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets; ³³for God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,*



Silence: Strong's #4601 sigao (see-gah'-o); to keep silent