

## WOMEN KEEP SILENCE in CHURCH Pt.2: ARTEMIS WORSHIP, FALLEN ANGELS, NEPHILIM, EPHESUS, FALSE TEACHINGS



Last week we learned about the patron goddess of Ephesus, Artemis. We got a pretty good idea of what she was worshipped for and how deeply devoted the city of Ephesus was to her.

In Scripture we don't see any mention of female angels, that is usually equated with New Age. We know the fallen angels mated with human women.

**Genesis 6:4** – There were giants on the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

The children of the unions of fallen angels with human women are called Nephilim and they would have supernatural power. Online says that Artemis did not have a human parent. The only way she could have been 100% a supernatural being is that she was an evil spirit taking on the persona of a female – remember spirits are genderless. God chose to relate to us as male in the form of Christ on this earth and with the pronouns used in His Word. The other theory is that Artemis was just a woman who served satan and the fallen angels and was endowed with higher level demons / more powerful demons and in that way she

presented herself to her worshippers as a supernatural being who could cause to happen the things she was venerated for.

The worshippers must have been receiving or experiencing some of the things she is known for but at what price? Those who never came to God in ancient times and never came to Christ paid the ultimate price which is damnation of their souls.

Let's take a look at some research regarding The Temple of Artemis who is also called Diana. This temple was located at Ephesus.



The temple of Artemis – one of the 7 wonders of the world. This is a modern day rendition of what her temple may have looked like.



Another rendition of what her temple may have looked like. The splendor of the Temple of Artemis was evidence of how much the people of Ephesus loved and revered their goddess. It served as a representation of their steadfast adherence to their religion and their desire to build a stunning place of worship

Her temple was described by Pliny as four times as large as the Parthenon<sup>1</sup>, and housed a large idol believed to have “fallen from the sky (**Acts 19:35**).” She was worshiped by “all Asia and the world (**Acts 19:27**).”

So by now we are getting a pretty good idea of the pagan worship and devotion to Artemis in the city of Ephesus where Timothy was pastoring a newly planted Christian church.

We have to first realize that the books of Timothy were pastoral letters written by Paul to Timothy. Paul was Timothy’s spiritual father in the faith. Apostle Paul was a preacher to the gentiles, those who were unbelievers, pagans who had not known God or His Word, did not know Christ but had served fallen angels. In the early church, Paul was always setting order and correction in the church. He was always working to weed out false teachings and pagan beliefs because he worked primarily with the gentiles who had been pagan worshippers. These are some of the things dealt with in the Scriptures covered in this sermon series.



This is Pastor Erustus and his wife Pastor Sarah of our outreach ministry in Kenya. I am going to read verbatim the letter I received from my spiritual father in the faith, Pastor Erustus, on this subject:

Pastor about women not being Pastors, many use 1 Timothy 2:12 to argue and hinder or stop women from being Pastors. For me just picking and sticking on one scripture in the whole bible and make it a rule, it's wrong. Secondly, it's good also to know in what context certain scriptures/books were written, I mean what was happening at that time in the church like Ephesus church where Apostle Paul was trying to bring order. Thirdly, Paul wrote the book of Ephesus during the Jewish culture in which women were not regarded for leadership position ie were not to have authority over men. Also shifting people's mindset from the Old Testament (Law) to start embracing New Testament (Grace dispensation) is a big challenge. As you mentioned through grace in Christ Jesus Galatians 3:28 .....In Christ Jesus there is no man and woman which means the Holy Spirit can fill and gift both women and men as He desires. Again in Ephesians 4:11 says He called some to be Prophets, Apostles, teachers, Pastors and Evangelists not mentioning gender here or restricting women in these callings. But it's good to connect several scriptures before making a conclusion.

\* We have women who were the first ones to evangelize to the apostles about the resurrection of Christ. \* We've got Priscilla and Aquila who corrected Apollos's bad theology. \* We have Phoebe who is the first expositor of the Book of Romans.

\*We have Junia who's esteemed among the apostles. \*We have women in history and today who are leading church plants and pastoring churches doing tremendous work. Apostle Paul says, "I do not allow a woman....." I think was specifically to the Ephesus church under Pastor Timothy who reported to Apostle Paul for direction. The challenge was about women usurping authority over men and not remaining silent to learn in church but arguing in meetings. So I think this was not an for-all-time command but for "that time" to bring order in the Ephesus church.

So I think Paul's message in 1 Timothy chapter 2 was for women to learn which was a present condition for the Ephesus church and not an all time condition across the board for all churches. Pastor, to me, I believe Apostle Paul was writing to Timothy, who was pastoring the Ephesus church and I don't think this passage was giving a general rule for all time and all places command that women should not teach because then that would contradict the rest of Paul's ministry and the New Testament, God's plan and purpose for both men and women. I read in a commentary somewhere that Ephesus had the Temple of Artemis and the Temple of Artemis kind of empowered a she-woman-man-hating club, could there be a possibility that there were some women joining the church, receiving education, and trying to usurp authority over men? Please, you are good in doing research, try this and let's see what was happening in Ephesus.

### **Commentary:**

Apostle Paul raised once and for ever Christian women out of the position of degradation and intellectual inferiority they had occupied in the various pagan systems of the East and West, and taught with all the weight of an Apostle--of an accredited teacher of divine wisdom--that woman was a fellow-heir with man of the glories of the kingdom,--where sex would exist no longer.

Paul was not a sexist, we must look at what he taught to see that he was not trying to put women in their place with what he said in Timothy.

**Galatians 3:28** - There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

This is what is meant about sex, that is male or female not existing anymore. This is what Pastor Erustus referred to in regards to The Holy Spirit filling willing

vessels as He sees fit and He does not discriminate against gender. So the Word of God had reached men and women. Being born of God supersedes being male or female. Apostle Paul was not against women, remember in Corinthians he wrote that the women should have power over their own heads and that meant whether they wore a head covering or not as these were pagan customs and traditions he was dealing with there. He wanted the women to prophesy and speak in tongues also, but he was about the business of keeping orderliness in the church services.

As Tom Brown said, "I think those who have kept women in bondage to this passage of Scripture need to be willing to admit that we don't know everything, and be willing to side in with grace. Let The Holy Spirit guide us when we are confused about certain passages." Do not be ashamed to do research and pray for clarity.

For those that argue about what a man can do or what a woman can do in regards to pronouns used in The New Testament regarding service within the church, I want to point out that here in America, in the English language, when something applies to both sexes, often times it is written in the male gender. Ex: brethren = men and women. When Scripture is addressing both men and women it defaults to the masculine gender. This is the very same thing that books did in school when I grew up, everything defaulted to the masculine but I understood that I, being a female, was included in that. Here's a perfect example of this very thing:

**John 1:12-13** – But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

The Greek word used for sons means a child of either sex. (Greek 5043) Sons of God applies to males and females alike. Those who say, "well Jesus didn't pick women disciples" – are exactly wrong. Those who say only men can preach because Jesus didn't pick women...Well He didn't pick gentile men either. He only picked Jewish men so how can you justify preaching if you are not a Jew. See the non-sense in all this?

Initially, back in 2016 I taught that the passage in Timothy related to a husband and wife relationship and was about authority in the home. But now looking at

the chapter and these verses more closely and after further research, I have a different view. I believe it was meant specifically for the problems going on in the Ephesus church at that time. Ephesus was home of the cult and temple of Artemis who is called Diana in the KJV – they are one and the same but since this was a Greek city, Artemis is what should have been in the KJV, I believe this is a Mandela Effect. There were many false teachings spreading in that city and Apostle Paul was advising Timothy to make sure to get those false teachings out of the church and to guard against them coming in. The false teachings that were making their way into the church were affecting the witness of the church. Some of the false teachings also involved wealth and that too was turning people away from the gospel.

## **FALSE TEACHINGS**

Let's look back in 1 Timothy to see what is being addressed in chapter 2 where it seems like Paul tells women to shut up.

**Timothy 1:3** – As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightiest charge some that they teach no other doctrine.

Charge here means to instruct, so Paul advised Timothy to stay at Ephesus to pastor and teach the church to hold to the pure gospel message and to instruct them not to teach or entertain false doctrine.

## **CLOSING**

Let's hear part of Apostle Paul's farewell to the church of Ephesus from the book of Acts:

**Acts 20:29-30** - For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

He is warning the church to guard against false teachers and false doctrine even from within the church! The church of Ephesus was dealing with false doctrine right in the church and it seems the women were big propagators of the false

teachings. Apostle Paul is addressing wrong behavior and false teachings that have made their way into the church at Ephesus.

**1 Timothy 2:8** – I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Paul begins by speaking to the men because they are not conducting themselves properly in church worship and prayer. They were fighting and arguing and this has no place in the church. We are to be a peaceful people. You should not even be praying if you are angry. God knows the state of your heart and you do not want to come to Him in an angered state.

We have to get a hold of the false teachings Paul was dealing with when he wrote Timothy before we are ever going to understand what he said in regards to women. Next week we are really going to start digging into the false teachings and where they came from.

Sister Patricia shared to me that God had laid it on her heart to be praying for Sudan, and other areas like NC, Georgia and Texas where they are using chemical and weather warfare weapons against us. They are using them world wide – I pray against them. Please join us in praying for these places and against weather and chemical warfare. Just to share a little about what is going on in Sudan: SUDAN – Two different militaries fighting each other there. Sudan was already facing a humanitarian crisis due to extreme weather shocks, social and political unrest, and rising food prices that continue to drive poverty, hunger and displacement. It is hard to get humanitarian aid in to the people. Their infrastructure and healthcare system is collapsing. People are fleeing trying to find refuge.

## **PRAYER**



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