

PART ONE

WILL GOD SEND ME TO HELL BASED ON THE LENGTH OF MY HAIR?

(1 CORINTHIANS 11:3-16)

Q: Is it a sin for a woman to cut her hair?

A: Absolutely not.

Q: Does your salvation depend on the length of your hair?

A: No.

The Short Version

- Even though Paul's epistle was written to the early church, the divine principles of veils, gender distinctions, and spiritual headship still apply to all believers throughout time.
- It is important to note that Paul is specifically addressing head coverings (veils) when believers “pray or prophesy.”
- However, two references are used: natural and spiritual.

- He begins with men. Even though God instructed OT priests to wear head coverings during specific religious duties, Paul explains that while praying or prophesying, Christian men should not wear head coverings (veils) as pagan occultic priests did. (Naturally, this does not exclude the wearing of head coverings to protect both males and females from the external elements of nature.)
- A woman, on the other hand, is encouraged to wear a head covering (veil) while praying or prophesying. He compares it to the fact that even nature testifies that a woman's head should be covered with hair, not cropped short or bald.
- And since it is unnatural and shameful for a woman to willfully remove her hair (a physical sign of disgrace, grief, or lewdness in the ancient world), it is also a shame for her to remove her head covering (veil) while praying or prophesying. It's that simple. Willfully removing the veil while praying or prophesying is not only an *outward* sign of immodesty, but also a sign of spiritual disorder. According to God's Word, she might as well shave her head.
- Paul uses a literary technique known as *Parallelism* to illustrate this point. He uses the word "head" both literally and figuratively. One's "head" also refers to one's source or spiritual authority.
- The source of Christ is God. The source of man is Christ. And the source of the woman (Eve) is the man (Adam).

“But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ” (NASB 1 Corinthians 11:3).

GOD (The Father)



CHRIST (His Human Incarnation)



MAN (Adam - Man)



WOMAN (Eve - Woman)

Let's consider 1 Corinthians 11:4-5 (NASB):

Every man who has something on his head [**literal**] while praying or prophesying disgraces his head [**figurative: i.e., Christ**].

But every woman who has her head [**literal**] uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head [**figurative: i.e., husband**] for it is one and the same as the woman whose head [**literal**] is shaved.

Our outward appearance (*and conduct*) is also a sign of our obedience and submission to Christ. Angels may not minister to those who willfully rebel against the spiritual order established by God.

THE SPIRITUAL LESSON

**“Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering”
(1 Corinthians 11:14–15)**

A woman’s hair is a glorious decoration given to her.

The veil is not her glory, it is a sign of her submission. Her hair is her glory.

Men, on the other hand, ought not to wear long hair. However, we must confess that the exact length of hair for both sexes is not directly addressed. Therefore, we can safely conclude that a clear distinction between the sexes is God’s primary concern.

The End

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PART TWO

(COMING SOON)

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