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WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT WOMEN'S HAIR

This article is dedicated to all who want all of the truth and who will make application in the fear of God accordingly. Our standard is the Bible and should you know additional Scriptures on this subject we would be happy to hear from you.

I. Song 7:5: "...and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is held in the galleries (captive in the tresses thereof ASV). Tress--"especially a long lock of woman's hair" (Dictionary)

II. Ezek. 16:7: God, in speaking to the Jewish nation compares it to a woman. Hear Him, "...and thou art come to excellent ornaments, thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, where thou was naked and bare."

"Excellent ornaments" means the attractiveness of a girl growing toward womanhood and one of these God-given ornaments is grown hair.

III. Luke 7:36-44 (v. 37,38): "...a woman in the city, which was a sinner...began to wash his feet with tears and did wipe them with the hairs on her head..."

Miss modern woman could no more do this than she can please God by advocating "Women's Lib". But someone says "She's a sinner". Note the next Scripture.

IV. John 12:3: "...Mary...anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair..."

Mary was a righteous woman and had the excellent ornament of grown hair. Do you?

V. I Cor. 11:2-16: There are three lengths of hair mentioned here, "Shorn" (v. 6), "Shaven" (v. 5-6) and "Long" (v. 14, 15). Since hair which is "shorn" or "shaven" is distinguished from hair that is "long" it is therefore evident that long hair is neither shorn nor shaven.

Shave--"To cut or pare off by the sliding or drawing movement of a razor; specifically, to cut off or remove (hair, as the beard) close to the skin by a razor" (Webster's New Collegiate, p. 778) Hence long hair cannot be hair that is "cut close to the skin by a razor."

Shear--"To cut off the hair from; to shave; as with shorn. 2. To cut, clip, or sever from something, esp. wool from sheep...4. To deprive by or as by cutting; as, shorn of power. 5. To cut with shears or a similar instrument, as a bar of metal" (ibid, p.778) Long hair should not be shorn (cut, cropped, clipped, shingled, severed, polled, or bobbed) or shaven (cut close with a razor). With all godly women this should settle the question.

Paul said in I Cor. 11:15 that a woman's long hair is a glory to her. Therefore, if a woman cuts off her hair she is thereby shearing herself of that which God Himself says is her "glory". She is robbing herself of the glory which God has so beneficently bestowed upon her.

VI. I Tim. 2:9: "...women adorn themselves...not with broided (not even with braided ASV) hair..."

Braided (Broided): "PLEGMA,--signifies what is woven (from PLEKO, to weave, plait) wheather a net or basket (Josephus uses it of the ark of bulrushes in which the infant Moses was laid), or of a web, plait, braid. (2) "Broided" is to be distinguished from "broidered" which means

to adorn with needlework (not to plait). Vine
Braid--"to weave or intertwine; plait; (2) to arrange (the hair) by
interweaving strands.." (Dictionary)

VII. I Pet. 3:3: "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning
of plaiting the hair..."

Plaiting--"EMPLOKE, intertwining the hair in ornament." Vine

VIII. Rev. 9:8: "And they had hair as the hair of women.."

The hair style of men and women as God would have them are to be radically different one from the other but today we sadly observe this is far from the case. In rebellion to each other perhaps women clip their hair and men forsake the barber...and both become displeasing to God.

If you have learned the truth from a study of these verses why not begin today to obey it...only good can result.

"ITS UNCOMFORTABLE"

I know that women complain that long hair is uncomfortable and its easier to wear it short. Of course anyone would agree that long hair on a hot day would be uncomfortable to some. But if God says for a women to wear long hair why not be content with pleasing your Maker? False churches claim immersion is to inconvient so they practice sprinkling in plain rebellion to the Bible. This same quibble is chiripped by the advocates of semi

nudism. They claim that it is just too hot for men to wear shirts and the women to wear skirts. So the men go bare chested and the women wear shorts and halters. I can conceive of wordly people with no profession of following the Word of God making such a wicked dodge, but I confess that it is somewhat disconcerting to see members of the blood-bought body of Christ making the same argument in attempt to justify some perverse practice. And I notice that the very ones who claim that long hair is too uncomfortable in the summer will hot-foot it to the neighborhood beauty shop in the dead of winter and get their hair (what little is left) cut even shorter. Hence, they show that they do not intend to do what God says -- summer or winter! Also, these same women do not mind wearing a heavy fur coat on a warm autumn evening. The reason is obvious: The long hair--they don't like, the fur coat--they do. Dear friend, let us develop enough love for God and His word that we will be happy to do anything and everything he has spoken regardless whether it is the most comfortable thing or not.

Then there are women who think that long hair is out of harmony with middle and old age. They say they are not young enough to have long hair. So rather than have long hair and look like old women, they cut off their hair and look like old men! But to an individual who says she is too old to wear long hair I only reply that God says a woman should have long hair and that a person never gets too old to do what he or she ought to do.

--God's Truth On The Covering, p. 29,30--

Finally, brethren, let us heed the words of John, "And now, my little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." I Jn. 2:28

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." (Prov. 31:30)

* ORDER OF SERVICES *
* Lord's Day: 10:00 a.m. Worship *
* 7:30 p.m. Worship *
* Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study *

NEWS & NOTES: We rejoice in that the following made confession of sin and requested the prayers of the church. Bro. Nick Royster, Sises. Pauline McCleese and Linda Vaughn.