

The Adorning of God's People

“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.” Malachi 4:4

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we embark on this journey of reflection and study, may our hearts be open to the wisdom of God's Word and the guidance of His Spirit. This work seeks to explore the adornment of God's people with a focus on righteousness, humility, and faith. Let us approach these teachings with a spirit of discernment, seeking truth above tradition and striving for a deeper understanding of what it means to live in holiness. May this message strengthen our walk with Christ and draw us closer to His will. I am grateful to those who participated in the preparation of this study.

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Brothers and sisters in the Lord, may peace be upon you, love and the grace of our Lord Jesus. There has come a time for us to consider our opinions in all our teachings pertaining to the doctrine of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

1st Peter 4:11 “If any man speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

God's oracles must be our guide wherever we speak. On most occasions, people pulpit things of their own. When this happens (and not among us), God is not glorified (might have happened among us). We've come a long way from the Gentile's dominion. We might have carried some beliefs and teachings to where we are. These things (beliefs and teachings) “have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh” **Colossians 2:23**

Brethren, I sometimes feel sad when one of us is challenged by the word of the truth. Being a believer in the truth, if truth or what seems to be new light comes and pushes away what you've held as truth; know that what you held is a lie.

The issue of adornment has been a thorn in the flesh. It has never been concluded. This issue touches on and can affect our faith. It has taken away the glory of our Savior; instead of letting it be in our daily lives, we can only be heirs in the kingdom through faith in the True Word of God, not a kind of adornment that can give away to life and eternity. **Romans 5:9-10** “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.”

We should reasonably know that justification is not through adorning ourselves, not through beauty, fancy dress codes, hairstyles, or wearing jewels. It does not mean one is righteous for not embracing the beauty in adornment; with or without adorning, the outward person remains the same.

Our inner person controls the outside person by the Spirit of truth. When our inner man is not corrupt, the outer man reveals the glory of our Savior. The corruption of the inner man puts the whole body under the bondage of Satan. **James 4:7** “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Our Adorning

How can one adorn himself and herself? Yes, how should the dressing, ornaments, use of perfumes, and hair plaiting be? What do we say about this? We have two views:

1. *Adorning should be done away with.*
2. *Adornment is not bad*

Let us address the first view:

Points of Support

- I. ___ Apostle Paul said our women should not adorn themselves (1st Timothy 2:9)
- II. Apostle Peter taught that women of faith like Sarah Abraham did not adorn their outside person (1st Peter 3:3-6)
- III. Those who practice adornment will face the bad side of judgment (Isaiah 3:17-18)
- IV. God saw everything He made, and behold, it was very good (Genesis 1:31); why should anything be added to that goodness, brethren?

Problems With the Above Points Of Support.

1. It is not true that Apostle Paul discredits adornment. Paul says that women should adorn themselves modestly; the adorning type he talks about cannot be achieved by braiding hair or gold, pearls, or costly array. Modest apparel is achieved through shamefacedness and sobriety. Looking at this verse, many see braided hair and close their eyes, not to see gold, costly apparel, and pearls. What a millionaire can afford, a billionaire can afford more. How expensive should an array be to a hustler and not costly to a millionaire, as opposed to the simple bill of a billionaire or a trillionaire?

Moses led the work of making the sanctuary as the Lord wanted it to be. Gold was on every side and on almost everything that was made. What's wrong with this sanctuary abode (our bodies), this temple having gold put on it? **Exodus 25:1-40, 1st Corinthians 3:16-17**. Paul taught the gospel of Moses and the prophets. We have not encountered any verse restricting God's people from braiding hair, wearing gold, pearls, and costly arrays. Have you?

2. **1st Peter 3:3-6** “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.”

Mistakes like that which occur in understanding point A above arise again. We fail to note that Peter is talking about obeying the word. **1st Peter 3:1-2** talks to women about how to treat their husbands and trust the truth. He says many will be changed and saved by observing their chastised conversation coupled with fear. Then Peter says, “ Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart.” Apostle Peter reminds the Christians of that time and today that the innermost person should be adorned, but not with the kind that can be done to the outside man. It is true that they adorned themselves but forgot that the hidden man has to be more beautified by being saved. Peter says the hidden man should

not be adorned with plaiting hair, gold wearing, and clothes. Consider the last phrase of verse 3, which ends with “putting on of apparel.” Should we stop wearing clothes or how costly should our clothes be?

We can't rely on these points of support A and B, for they genuinely support the adorning of the hidden man, not forbidding the adorning of the outward man.

3. Those who adorn themselves will face a non-friendly judgment and will be lost (**Isaiah 3:17-18**). Now, we've been supporting this idea for no reason. Saying that God will punish the daughters of Zion for braiding hair or wearing gold and apparel. The Apostle Peter gave us a warning in **2nd Peter 3:15-16** “And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. “ We never understood **1st Timothy 2:9** and thus, could not even know what God said by his prophet Isaiah. The content should be understood.

Isaiah 3:17 reads, “Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.”

Isaiah 3:16 “Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet.” Zion's daughters have done the wrongs listed in verse 16. Their judgment due to these wrongs is now recorded in verse 17. Because they have given themselves to adultery, their beauty is now being withdrawn. This withdrawn beauty is with them in the way they have adorned themselves.

Let's go through this verse through these verses.

Isaiah 3:18-24 “In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon, the chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers. The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings. The rings and nose jewels, the changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, the glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails. And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well-set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.”

In verse 16, all this beauty is removed from the Zion sisters: if the beauty is removed from them to be righteous, their sin could be adornment, not what is said in verse 16.

And if verses 16 and 18 have a list of sins committed, then verse 17 could set up how the penalty of judgment is being done. By looking keenly at **Isaiah 3:16-24**, we see what a bilateral covenant holds. Its take is that you do this, and I will let you be like this. You fail, and I will withdraw it. God will not allow

people to enjoy His blessings forever as they continue breaking his law. Being loyal to the laws of Elohim, Zion's daughters are to enjoy their blessed beauty.

Exodus 3:20-23 “And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. 21 And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: 22 But every woman shall borrow of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters, and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.” The same God who walked with them having jewels and apparel (rainment) upon them, the same God liveth and is the true God.

4. The problem with point B is that God saw that whatever he had made was good. Unto man He said that he is to dominate the earth; to have dominion over the world means to have permission to use what is on the earth unless the Law restricts. Use of gold and silver plus other jewels is not prohibited. The law says that we should not and never make gods of jewels or anything else. God saw that it was and is suitable for man to have dominion over gold, silver, linen, and much more.

The Second View

Points of Support

Any verse, theory, or anything, way, or language that seems sweet in support of jewels and other types of beauty, with or without evidence.

Problems with this View

It leaves a person hanging, not being sure of what he does. **Ephesians 4:25** “Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.” Truth must be said, for matters cannot be left floating. **Galatians 5:13** “For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.” Liberty and truth bind together. When we know the truth, we come to Liberty. Liberty means freedom, and freedom means doing good. Without truth, we remain in bondage.

Psalms 119:127 “Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.” Gold and the commandments of Yahweh have they that love Him. What we must be sure is not to exalt gold above our Lord's commands. **Psalms 119:165** “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.” Woe to them that are offended by gold or silver and other jewels and perfumes.

The Truth of the Gospel

Psalm 119:142 “Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.”

Psalms 119:151 “Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them forever.”

Psalms 119:172 “My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.”

Psalm 119:5-6 “O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments?”

Psalm 119:33 “Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.”

Psalms 119:34 “Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.”

John 8:32 “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Romans 2:8 “But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

Romans 2:13 “(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.” Amen.

The law of God is the truth, and truth sets us free. Statutes direct us to do the commandments. Statutes are called the law. Try not to confuse these three:

1. The commandments
2. The statutes (the law)
3. Judgments

The commandments are expanded (explained) by the statutes (the laws), while the judgments unveil the punishment due to disobedience and good rewards for being loyal to our Master. Let's give an example.

Mark 7:21-22 “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.” The three articles of God's kingdom are interwoven, and statutes and judgments are there because of the commandments.

Commandment (Exodus 20:14)	Statute (Leviticus 18:5-6, 22)	Judgment (Deut 6:1, Leviticus 18:29)
Thou shalt not commit adultery.	Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments: which if a man does, he shall live in them: I am the LORD. None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD. Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.	Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them, shall be cut off from among their people.
Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.	Deuteronomy 4:19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.	Exodus 22:20 He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, shall be utterly destroyed.

Those who obey shall be judged righteous; their reward is eternal life.

- ☐ **2nd Kings 17:37** “And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.”
Watch out here!
- ☐ Statutes - guidelines for the commandments
- ☐ Ordinances - what man was to do to be cleansed (actually, what was to be given out)
- ☐ The law – here, the law of that ordinance
- ☐ The commandments – The ten commandments

This being our take, we cannot serve other gods.

None of the commandments or statutes prohibit ornamental jewels, headbands, braided hair, or other adornments. The Scriptures only state that they should be modest. The list in **Mark 7:21** outlines the statutes with the commandments.

The Chosen Nation.

What did the Lord our God do when he brought the children of Israel out of Egypt? **Exodus 3:21-22**

“And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: But every woman shall borrow of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.” This is a way to make his people rich. To make them possess gold, silver, and raiment pleased the Lord. What is more sweet is that they were to put them on their sons and daughters. You can see their beauty and riches while walking out of Egypt.

Under the leadership of Joshua, Israel encountered Jericho. The Lord fought for them, the walls of Jericho fell, and it was time for the chosen nation to do the necessary; they had instructions with them. **Joshua 6:19** “But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.” The house of the Lord had small rooms all around. They were from the ground to the third floor; find this in **1st Kings 6:5-8**. One of these rooms or some was the treasury stores. Remember that Israelites used these rooms for idol worship and commercial sex for Sodomites (gays and lesbians) (**2nd Kings 23:4-7**).

The undefiled temple of the Lord was so beautiful; it was marvelous, unexplainable, and couldn't be compared to any modern mansions. We are the house of the Lord; God's house should as well be consecrated to God, clean, pure, sanctified, and without blemish. Those sins done in the earthly temple could not be turned into righteousness for being done in the temple chambers. They were to keep holiness, not the temple for them. That beautiful house was of no value when nothing holy went in and out of it. **Jeremiah 7: 9-11, Luke 19:45-46, Mathew 21:12-13**. It is not the gold and silver that make the house of God holy. The same is true for us; faith in the word of Elohim comes to cause righteousness to be in us. Faith in gold and silver and other jewels is idolatry.

Israelites, as a chosen nation among other nations worldwide, left Egypt on the 15th of Abib (the first month). In the third month, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. **Exodus 19:10-15** “And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day, the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: There shall not a hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount. And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. And he said unto the people, be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.” Looking at these rules to meet the Lord, we believe that they prepared themselves as per these guidelines.

Remember that they had put on gold and silver plus raiment. The raiment and their bodies were to be washed, too. Are they told to remove those earrings and other ornaments? Did they not put them on

before they started their journey? See, now they stand before God. They receive holy oracles with ornaments on their bodies. They listened to our heavenly Father in that kind of beauty we have stood against.

It was simple to our Lord to have told them to put off their ornaments. He told them to put on so he could as well tell them to put them off. He watched them put on ornaments; it was fine, and they, he and them, started the journey towards Canaan. We and Him have begun the journey towards heaven and, later, the new earth. Our inner and outer persons must be worthy of the beauty we anticipate in due time to come. What should we be, and what would we look like if we met the Lord of Lords and King of Kings? A person who is to walk on the streets of gold, sit on gold chairs, wear fine linen, a crown, stand beside the sea of glass, and have dominion over this planet should not fear to dominate gold and silver.

After a good sermon on the mount, they were told to return to their tents. Moses tarried, and they could no longer wait. They came to Aaron and demanded a god that they could behold. Aaron gave in, but due to fear, yes, due to fear. **Exodus 32:21-22** “And Moses said unto Aaron, what did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them? And Aaron said, let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.” **Exodus 32:24** tells us that the people gave Aaron the gold ornaments they had put on. The anger of God came upon the people, not for having put on the ornaments but for worshiping that idol. Silver and gold are God's property bestowed to man in his dominion. What you can do to brass, iron, and a sheep is what you can do to gold and silver. The purposed mind in the use of that in our dominion, is the measure equaling to our being judged. **Leviticus 19:15** “Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment ...” Righteousness in judgment is not only to others but to what we do. We must have and make proper judgments about what we do. We do not do things just for the sake of it, but we do to praise our God. Things to make ourselves happy and not God is sinful.

They ate, drank, and woke to dance to music. Yes, in praise to the idol. Eating, drinking, and dancing to music are not sins. In proper judgment, these are good things to do, but to do so in praise of an idol is otherwise. God cannot be equal to the gold he created; he is not a gold material, but other gods are. After they conducted this feast, God was angered. He told Moses to tell them to put off their ornaments. Oh, yes, that implies they had given Aaron a few. They still had ornaments on them. **Exodus 33:5** “... therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.”

Does this apply as a temporary or permanent restriction or injunction? God tells them, “Put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.” No sooner had he known what to do with them than they were free to resume their everyday lives. Looking up verse four of Exodus 33, this was a mourning day as they mourned their mischief. **Exodus 33:4** “And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments.” At those times, people did not mourn with beauty on their faces; they even put off raiment, put on sackcloth, and poured ashes on their heads. Remember Nineveh and Job, and many more. The Israelites mourned until the end of that day. They returned to their beauty as usual, and punishment had stricken them as God desired.

God, through His servant, Moses, blessed his people. Looking at the blessing of God to Joseph, he said: in **Deuteronomy 33:16,19**, “And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the goodwill of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren, ... They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.” What are these precious things of the earth? It is gold and silver and other metals, some of them are hidden in the sand. Think of oil hidden under the sand, gas, and other valuable stones. They are under our dominion.

After mourning their mischief, the Israelites went ahead on their journey to Canaan. They won over Jericho and collected all the ornaments of Jericho, putting all in God’s treasury. We now get to this time of Gideon. Gideon, a man of God, had favor and won the war against their most significant enemy of that time. It was God in him. They took the precious earrings from Midianites, who were Ishmaelites (**Judges 8:22-25**). Why they took the earrings is because they were to use them later.

On the final day in the world's history, God will take away all the beauty of anybody unfit for His kingdom (**Isaiah 3:16-24**). Moreover, the Lord says, “because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: ... In that day, the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, ... the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands... The changeable suits of apparel ... shall be burning instead of beauty.” Those who love the Lord will receive a more valuable beauty. **Revelation 3:5** “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” **Revelation 2:17** “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.” Hey! Yea! A white stone, a name written in it, not on it. And no one knows the name but the owner.

Revelation 21:2 “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” The city is prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Note, a person is to adornment, but a town, a car, a house, etc, is to be prepared. We prepare a room by decorating the walls, door, etcetera. We adorn a girl, a boy, or a woman using good clothes, making the hair, and putting ornaments upon them. So, the city is prepared in such a way that it looks like a bride. So, a bride is to be adorned. The silver and gold, brass and iron, and braided hair are of the little that we know. We shall dwell in a beautiful city in white raiment and with a white stone with a name written in it and crowns on our heads.

Revelation 21:5: “And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write, for these words are true and faithful.” **Revelation 21:7** “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”

Revelation 21:18-21 “And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall was of Jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the city's wall were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gates was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.” This is amazing beauty.

As we prepare to inherit all things, we should keep knowing that everything in this world is under our dominion if we put the gold and silver, pearl and modest hair, and raiment (clothes) in good use. Christ will have to say or has been saying these things to us.

Songs of Solomon 1:10-11 “Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold. We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.”

Songs of Solomon 4:1, 9-10 “Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves’ eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead ... Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck. How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! How much better is thy love than wine! And the smell of thine ointments than all spices!”

Songs of Solomon 6:5- 6 “Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair is as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead. Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof everyone beareth twins, and there is not one barren among them.”

Songs of Solomon 7:5 “Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is held in the galleries.”

Solomon uses metaphoric language, comparing their tradition in adornment to geographical sites or beasts of wealth. Mount Gilead, sheep, and goats were of great value, and so is that beautiful person in the Song of Solomon; Christ is the bridegroom, and we are the bride. Christ is speaking out our beauty in the song. This beauty is so powerful when we are loyal to him.

Judgment

James 4:12 “There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?”

Paul and Peter, faithful apostles of Christ, were true gospel teachers. They have shown us that the adornment of the inner man is to be taken care of. As with the outer man, our body must be adorned but not put first. Christ's righteousness is to come first. We must be smart, well dressed, and modest in our adorning. Apostle Paul is not judging those who braid their hair; if yes, which law or command can he

use? We found no command, law, or statute by the prophets that disregard men of God to adorn themselves.

As Christ's followers, we cannot judge our sisters and brothers. We are not to set boundaries on any of Christ's flock. Those who break the law are sinners; braiding hair is not breaking any law. Covering a woman's head with a piece of cloth, cap, hat, or any garment is not a law nor a commandment. No one should judge those who don't cover.

God did not indicate anywhere on how far one should adorn apart from the commandment. He just gave his people the credit to do so in measure to that commandment. Then, who are we to put measures to what extent one should adorn? Others think of brethren going extreme. Why do you think of such? Why don't we, in this case, think of keeping the righteousness of God instead of looking around to see whether others are saved or justified? Being extreme is idolatry. The commandment should dictate how far adorning should be, not any of us. Then, should we talk about the extent of adorning, let it not come from us; we should not be judging our brethren.

Matthew 7:1 "Judge not, that ye be not judged." The Lord, our God alone, is the judge and has given that seat to his son. Let brethren be what God wants them to be and look like what God permits.

James 4:11 "Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge." For so long, we have proclaimed the law of God. But at that time, we have judged many just because of their adorning. We have messed up the law, being teachers of the law. Thanks to our God, we are now forgiven. The blood of Jesus was meant for that.

Dear brethren, we have no law for or against:

1. Head covering
2. Braiding of hair
3. Apparel
4. Jewels

Modesty of apparel should be considered; miniskirts and tight clothes are not modest. A dress that goes to the foot is not modest. It is unhealthy and life-risking to the wearer. We don't mean that we change to adorning and uncovering; we are saying that we should stop judging our brethren; going extreme is idolatry; we should be at our standard of capacity. **Proverbs 16:16** "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!"

Temperance

Galatians 5:23 "Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Temperance is a fruit of the power of God in us. Yea, the Spirit of God is the power of God unto salvation (**Romans 1:16**). Our only measure against extremism is temperance. With Christ in us, the hope of glory, we shall be modest and

not fancy. We have been called into liberty. We should not use freedom for an occasion to the flesh, but by love, we should serve one another. God works in us to will and do His good pleasure. We are to do all things without murmurings and disputing. That we be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke, amid an unsaved/sinful and perverse world, among whom we shine as lights in the world.

Stand fast and hold the gospel of Jesus as you have received, for we have been taught by Him, through Jesus, by men of faith, which he has seen it better to tire for our salvation. Now our Lord Jesus, Christ Himself, and God even our Father, who loved us and gave us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

Finally, brethren, pray for us (teachers of the word) that the word of the Lord may have a free course and be glorified, even as it is with you. We pray this teaching has blessed you. Remember, continue to test everything. Shalom.

May God bless you in walking in the whole word of truth.

Yours in Christ,

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