

## ML207 Because of the Angels

*F*or this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels [1Co 11:10]. Paul wrote these words near the end of his lesson on head coverings.

Expositors admit their ignorance concerning what Paul meant. “*This cause*” does not relate to God creating the woman for the man [1Co 11:9]. Why not? Both the man and the woman need power on their heads because of the angels.

Men and women are “in the same boat.” The consequence of the man’s non submission to Christ is the same as for the woman’s non submission to her husband. Therefore, “*this cause*” refers to Paul’s entire lesson on submission.

Next in importance is the word “power.” Power is the same as authority in the Greek text [G1849]. Thus, the scripture also reads like this: “*For this cause ought the woman to have authority on her head because of the angels.*”

Paul has just taught that the man is the head [authority] of the woman. Now he says that she ought to have this authority on her head “*because of the angels.*” So then, angels will rule over her if she does not submit to her husband.

What are who are these angels? To answer this question, let’s ask another: “Why would a woman not submit to her husband? She may have many reasons, but the only one that agrees with the scriptures is rebellion.

Therefore, the wife who rebels against her husband’s authority opens the door for angels to replace him as her authority. And if she is in rebellion, these angels will be evil and not good. Now, Paul uses the woman as his example, but the same applies to the man. If he rebels against Christ’s authority, evil angels will take Christ’s place.

Now let’s summarize what no biblical expositor has explained. “*Because of the angels,*” the woman and the man must be under authority. The man must be under Christ and the woman must be under her husband. Her token and his image are outward indicators of compliance or non-compliance to God’s Chain of Command.

### The Consequences of Angels

Angels are messengers. Some messengers are mortals; others are ministering spirits. The angels of the seven churches are mortal leaders of the seven churches [Re 1:11]. John used the phrase “*another angel*” eight times to distinguish ministering spirits from mortal angels, i.e., mortal men.

In 1Co. 11:10, Paul refers not to mortals but to ministering spirits. There’s no mention of mortals having authority to bring sickness or death [1Co 11:30] on fellow worshipers in the NT.

Hebrews 1:14 says this: “*Are they not all ministering spirits,*

*sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*” So then, God sends good ministering spirits to wives and husbands who submit to their authorities [Ps 34:7].

But there’s another kind of ministering spirits. Satan sends evil angels [spirits] to minister to those who are not protected by good angels [spirits]. These come only to kill, steal, and destroy. And when they come, they often inhabit the bodies of those who walk in disobedience, those who don’t submit to God’s Chain of Command.

So, “because of the angels,” the woman and the man need to submit to God’s Chain of Command. And the children should submit to their authority of their parents. Husbands and fathers are figurative umbrellas that protect their wives and children from satanic attacks.

### Measures of Submission

The man must submit his life to Christ; yet he is responsible for his wife’s welfare, even to give his life for her if need be: “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” [Eph 5:25]. And the woman must submit her life to her husband, yet she must also submit her life to Christ. But how does a man or woman measure his or her level of submission?

To complicate this concept, both parents share the responsibility for their children’s welfare. Yet, this duty should not hinder them from bearing children, for this has been God’s will from the beginning [Ge. 1:28].

Yet, with all these complexities, there is a way to measure submission to authority. This measure is not of percentage, but of circumstance.

For example, if your neighbor needs help and the Lord impresses you to write a check for \$100.00, do you obey even though you can’t afford to? If you disobey, you have not been submissive to Christ. However, this failure doesn’t mean that you are 100% disobedient.

You could write the check for \$50.00 and consider yourself obedient. Grace allows for some imperfection. Not because God condones disobedience, but because the amount of the check is not the most important issue.

We are to love God and our neighbor, but sometimes we disobey because we lack faith. God wants us to grow to the stature of the fullness of Christ [Eph 4:13].

What about personal attitudes? These are like the furniture in a house. Prepare your living room to please the flesh and wicked, selfish spirits will inhabit your life. Prepare your life to please the Lord and His Spirit will sit in your recliner and His angels will camp around your house.

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You are the guardian of your life. You decide what and which attitudes you want to live by. Cain depicts your outer man; Abel depicts your inner man. Your outer man's life determines your inner man's fate.

After Cain killed Abel, the LORD asked, "Where is Abel thy brother?" Cain answered, "I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" The LORD did not answer, but the answer is yes. Your outer man is the keeper of your inner man. Command your outer man to live for Jesus and He will help you chose good attitudes and reject evil attitudes.

For example, suppose a "husband to be" leaves his "wife to be" at the altar. The embarrassment could leave her with an attitude to "never trust another man." The choice is hers. She can forgive him and be happy, or she can live with that furniture that rejects Christ and invites the devil.

Attitudes often become vows. Make righteous vows and good angels come to help you keep them. Make evil vows and evil angels will come to help you keep them.

I used the word "come" because "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" [Ps 34:7]. And because good angels camp around the obedient, we know that evil angels camp around the disobedient.

Now, the angels Paul wrote about are both good and evil. Because of both, the husband and wife should submit to God's Chain of Command to repel evil angels and to attract good angels. Evil angels bring curses; good angels bring blessings. Now let's open our hearts to understand the importance of good attitudes.

Figure-1 shows good angels surrounding those in Kingdom of God. Notice how Christ, man, and woman are under the full protection of good angels. Why? They are in complete submission to their authorities.

Figure-2 shows how a man's partial submission to Christ endangers him. But notice his wife has full protection from the darts of the wicked by remaining submissive to her husband.

Figure-3 shows the full submission of the man, but only a partial submission of the woman. Her husband is still responsible for her welfare, but only for those things she submits under his umbrella.

