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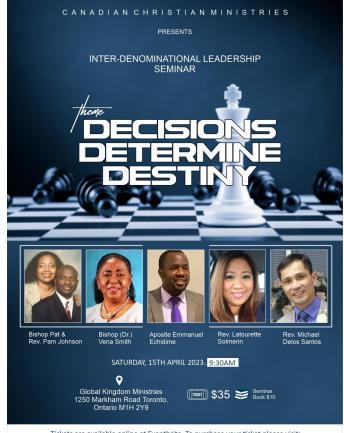


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"THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY" By: Bishop Pat Johnson, CCM General Overseer

The command to rule the earth and have dominion was given not to man alone, but to woman also.

"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

There was no church at creation when this command was given and there will be no church in eternity. The church will cease to exist after the Judgement and things will return to God's original intent, which is for both men and women to rule and have dominion. This has not changed. God's original intent will be fulfilled. Both men and women will rule. God has never lost a battle.

Today, we do not live in the same culture that existed 2,000 years ago that forbid women to speak in church. We cannot make a then cultural norm into a major doctrine. We are operating under the law of grace. Every man and woman has been chosen to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While men have authority to be the head of the home, when it comes to the church, Jesus is the head and has supreme authority; Jesus and Jesus alone.

And when it comes to local churches, a pastor of a church

does not have supreme authority over that church; that authority belongs to Jesus. Therefore, the pastor can be a man or a woman. 'Pastor' simply

means 'shepherd' so allowing a woman to become a pastor has nothing to do with her having authority over men, but everything to do with taking care of a flock of people.

How many times in the New Testament did Jesus, who has supreme authority over all things forbid women to preach the Gospel? The answer is never. While sections of scripture appear to place women below men when it comes to spreading God's work, God said in the book of

Acts 2: 17, 18, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy."

God specifically said that in the last days, "He shall pour out His Spirit on His daughters and maidservants and they shall prophecy."

God's Spirit binds us and runs through us all. We are not living under the law; we are living under grace. The Apostle Paul's word to the Corinthians was specific to the Corinthians at that time and in that place.

Note: This article was taken from the book "Transcending Denominational Barriers – The TRANSCENDING DENOMINATIONAL BARRIERS

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Making of Canadian Christian Ministries" by Pat & Pamela Johnson.

HEY, WATCHMAN, WHAT TIME IS IT? By: Minister Margaret Knott



Isaiah 21:6 KJV For thus has the Lord said to me: "Go, set a watchman, Let him declare what he sees."

Ezekiel 3:16-21 KJV ¹⁶ And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ¹⁷ Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

¹⁸ When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. ¹⁹ Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. ²⁰ Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. ²¹ Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

What is the purpose of the watchman? The watchman is responsible for guarding property especially after hours. He watches for intruders and for anything that could be destructive; anything that could cause a fire, water damage, anything hazardous. So the watchman must be able to see, hear, and discern well. The watchman is not allowed to fall asleep on the job, he must always be alert and extremely sensitive.

Whereas gatekeepers see things when they are close up, the watchman is able to see when something or someone is approaching, and is still some distance away, and can sound the alarm to intercept enemy manoeuvres. The watchman is equipped to be able to discern from a

distance, and from the vantage point of the watchtower, and to warn of anything out of order. He must therefore remain vigilant against possible threats. He stays on the watchtower, an elevated place, and is at his post day and night. The most important, as well as the most dangerous time of the watch is between midnight and day break, because enemy attacks usually come in the night while people are sleeping, and while darkness is all around. Under the cover of darkness intruders are not easily be detected (unless you are bearing equipment for spotlighting).

Think of a sentry guard whose responsibility is to ensure that there is no unauthorised entry. They would also sound an alarm from unauthorized exits, as in the case of prisoners trying to escape. The job of the watchman is demanding. As servants of the Most High God, we have the authority to allow or not allow entry into our jurisdiction. The Holy Spirit gives insight, clarity and instructions for us to be effective. At this time of our lives we not allowed to say that what takes place in our church, in our city, in our country or in the world it is not our business. As representatives of the Kingdom of God we are duty bound to be on guard all the time. We have power and authority to make a difference. A lot is riding on our shoulders; however, we are not alone. He who called us to this great task is the One to whom we are accountable, and He gives directions to function effectively. Casualties can occur if we nap on the job or are not at our post. Let us discern the times, and exercise the authority that we have been given. Let us sound the alarm, call for the backup as needed, and remain faithful.



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