



The Caller

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Confidence Corner John F. Board

As we continue on our life long journey of building our faith, let us consider the role of the preposition in the interpretation of a passage often cited in the discussion of the woman's role.

Prepositions appear over 10,000 times in the New Testament text and a proper understanding of their use and function is essential to exegesis. Prepositions basically serve as extended adverbs, but in governing a noun, show the connection between the verb and various objects. Greek prepositions, then, must not be translated and interpreted in isolation but with the verb factored in considerably.

In 1 Timothy 2:15 the preposition *dia* connects the verb "save" to the genitive noun "childbirth" and this connection has been interpreted several different ways. Thayer notes regarding *dia*, that it is a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act.

Some have tried to ease the difficulty of the passage by giving other meanings to *dia* which are not probable. The idea that a woman shall be saved "in spite of" or "even though" having children is novel but it also involves going beyond the Semitic usage of the word. The idea that the woman will be saved "in the experience of childbirth" is nothing more than commentary of belief; it is not a rendering of the Greek.

1 Timothy 2:15 teaches spiritual salvation for the woman who fulfills her God ordained role and who continues in godly living. Paul indicates that a woman can be saved by fulfilling the domestic role God intended since creation. Childbearing is a way that women are entirely distinct from men. By using this concept, Paul is not likely to be misunderstood. It is through the adhering to one's proper role and through the practice of continued Christian virtue, that the woman will find salvation.

Ray's Ramblings Ray Pack

Horizon's 2008

Eleven of our young people, 5 during Senior week and 6 during Junior week, spent time at Horizon's on the campus of Freed Hardeman University. During the week time was spent in classes discussing the book of James. The guys also spent time in speaking and song leading classes. The focus

for the week was based on the song *In Christ Alone*. Phrases from the song served as topics for morning and evening devotionals. Consider the words of the song.

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Brought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Thanks to the Elders and each member of the congregation for supporting our young people by making it possible for them to attend.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *How Shall the Young Secure Their Heart? Daniel 3:13-18*

P.M. - *Questions & Answers*

ALLEGED ARGUMENTS FOR AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR WOMEN PART II

Last week we began a study on the claims of the egalitarians regarding an expanded role for women in the Church. As we noted last week, one way they attempt to explain Paul's teaching in 1 Timothy 2:11 is to examine the setting of the city of Ephesus in an attempt to prove that Paul was simply addressing a local limitation to women in the Church at Ephesus. As we continue our study this week it should become more apparent that the egalitarian's arguments are not valid.

Examine if you will what the evidence actually shows the background situation to be in Ephesus. While some have claimed that the Amazons were the original founders of the city of Ephesus and have from such argued that this would explain the feminist character of the city, such cannot be substantiated. Consider the following from S. M. Baugh:

The Ephesians themselves, however, officially ascribed the foundation of their city to a Greek hero named Androclus. An oracle directed him to found the city at the site where he killed a boar while hunting. The Ephesians called Androclus "the creator of our city" and celebrated the city's foundation annually as "Androclus day."

Clearly, the historical records of Ephesus provide no support for the theory that the Ephesians held to the view that their city was founded by the Amazons.

What about the view that Ephesus was a democratic society that allowed for equality between men and women and as such should be considered a feminist society? Again the evidence does not support such a conclusion. Since the sixth century BC when it fell under domination from King Croesus of Lydia, on past the time of Paul, Ephesus was under foreign rule. In the time of Paul, the city was under Roman Rule. As Baugh notes, "At the time of Paul, the political climate was Roman—not feminist." Although William Ramsay is often used to support the egalitarian position, consider a conclusion from an article written by Edwin Yamauchi in which he reexamines the claims made by others regarding Ramsay. He notes that Ephesus never did have a democratic ideal that would allow for the inclusion of women in public offices and certainly the evidence did not support the notion that Ephesus was a feminist society.

The temple of Artemis also does little to add to the argument of Ephesus being a feminist society. One might assume in reading about Ephesus that there were few other gods in Ephesus. Nothing could be further from the truth. While it is true that Artemis was the dominate goddess of the city, other evidence proves Aphrodite, Apollos, Poseidon, and Zeus also were worshipped in Ephesus. As one writer has said "...the Ephesians were ordinary Hellenic polytheists."

One might think that since Artemis was a goddess, that following the tradition of Greek cults, she, because she was a goddess, would have a priestess officiating at her temple. This would especially be the case if, as the egalitarians claim, Ephesus was a "bastion and bulwark of women's rights." Again the evidence does not support such a conclusion. As was noted above, there were other gods/goddesses worshipped in Ephesus besides Artemis. The interesting information regarding these deities though is that the majority of the gods/goddesses were served by male priests in Ephesus. How odd if as the egalitarians claim, Ephesus was a leader in feminists' rights.

Hopefully these articles are serving a couple of purposes. The most important purpose in my mind is to show how far one can stretch the imagination in an effort to avoid the plain teaching of the Bible. Next week we will examine further evidence and conclude our study.

*John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY*

News and Notes

BRADLEY LACKEY had outpatient surgery last Friday at Hardin Memorial to remove his tonsils and adenoids. **OWEN SOLOMON** was admitted to Hardin Memorial Hospital, Room 212, Sunday afternoon, and underwent an MRI Monday. He was released Tuesday.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Diane Lewis
Neil Burden	J Martin
Elonda Crafton	Tom Morgan
Dana Fox	Herb Pence
Joyce Fulkerson	Marie Rose
Howard Gardner	Terry Showers
Bernard Gillim	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Harry & Wilma Stull
Nellie Hart	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
David Keister	Lawrence Wells
Kent Lane	Dyrena White

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Dave Fulbright, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan McClain, Willie Mitchell, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Delsie Axton, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Joyce Cecil, Michael Clymer, Lillian Coleman, Betty Davis, Sydney Dover, David Fant, Berna Jean Goff, Priscilla Gratton, Renee Green, Terry Griffin, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Bruce LeFevre, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Susan Moller, Julie Murphy, Lynn & Carla Parsons, Joe & John Pawley, Ann Peters, Patsy & Joe Richter, Tony Scott, Jr., Paul Jacob Sells, Sara Sharp, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates, Bobby White, Chris Paul

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Joe Brothers and his family in the death of his brother, Roger Brothers, who passed away last weekend. His funeral was held in Shelbyville, Tennessee Tuesday. Also, our sympathy is expressed to Rick Whobrey and his family in the death of his aunt, Jane Hack, who passed away early Monday morning. Her funeral was held Wednesday in Leitchfield.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 7/27/08

Canned fruit

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**, Sunday, **July 27**, 4:30 p.m. Study Chapters 11-13 of Mark.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **July 27**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **JULY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **July 27**, in the South Wing. CSG #3 & #4 will host.
- **CANE RIDGE RESTORATION LECTURESHIP**, **July 31-August 3**, at North Lexington Church of Christ. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board with the schedule and speakers.
- **MEN'S CAMPING TRIP** to Cumberland Falls, **August 1-2**. Fees need to be given to Jerry Carter or Mike Chandler by July 27.
- **MADISONVILLE BIBLE BOWL** for 5th Grade & Under, Saturday, **August 9**
- **AMANDA WOODRING/JOE DIXON WEDDING**, Saturday, **August 9**, at 2:00 p.m.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **August 11**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **YOUTH RALLY**, Saturday, August 16, with Steve Higginbotham as the featured speaker.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER TRIP** to see the Louisville Bats baseball game, Saturday, **August 23**. Cost is \$6 per person. A sheet is posted on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.
- **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, Tuesday, **August 26**, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the South Wing.

Mission News

Things are going well at the Fort Gay Church of Christ. We have had three baptisms and two restorations in the recent weeks. Jim Martin is doing a wonderful job, and we enjoy listening to him. We appreciate your help and encouragement and hope you will come for a visit soon.

*With Christian Love,
Bill Marcum, Fort Gay Church of Christ*

Prayers Requested

Three of our young people (Brooke Bartelt, Caitlynn Parks, and Alen Fox) requested prayers for strength during their week at Horizons. Shane Muncy came forward last Sunday morning requesting the prayers of the congregation.

OUR RECORD FOR July 20, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	126
Sunday Morning Assembly	196
Sunday Evening Assembly	130
Wednesday Bible Study	125
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,309)	\$6,197

**Elder/Coordinator for July
Ron Carter**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What did Elisha do to the Syrian army which surrounded him at Dothan?

Last Week's Bible Question: For what strange offense was a man killed by a lion? The correct answer is refused the request of another prophet to hit him, 1 Kings 20:35-36. Kay Thomason, Rick Eiler, Bloria Taylor, Joyce Pack, and Edna Ashlock correctly answered last week's Bible question.

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to ray.pack@kvnet.org by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:	
Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Tuesday	
Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
Wednesday	
Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.

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Are You Part of the PARTICIPATION

- July 26 — Youth Devo, J & A Carters
- July 27 — Singing at Atria
- July 27 — Birthday/Anniversary Get-together
- July 31-Aug. 3 — Cane Ridge Restoration Lectureship
- Aug. 1-2 — Men's Camping Trip
- Aug. 9 — Madisonville Bible Bowl
- Aug. 9 — Woodring/Dixon Wedding
- Aug. 11 — Church Workers Workshop
- Aug. 16 — Youth Rally
- Daily Bible Reading Schedule**
- 1. Proverbs 8:12-11:11
- 2. Proverbs 11:12-13:25
- 3. Proverbs 14-16
- 4. Proverbs 17-20
- 5. Proverbs 21-23
- 6. Proverbs 24:1-27:10
- 7. Proverbs 27:11-30:33

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