

Women Pastors, and the orders of Creation and Grace

Some writers who advocate women pastors argue that Christians, who are under grace, are no longer bound by the old order of creation. The analogy is that Christians have been freed from the Law of Moses. Some, however, realise that redemption has not superseded the order that permeates all God's creation. They pay lip service to "the order of creation", but do not draw the proper implications. Since the beginning God has established order. Every creature on this earth is governed by God's design for order, and functions in specific ways. Being in Christ does not supersede the order God established in creation. Just as Christian children are required to be subordinate to their parents in the Lord, and servants to their masters, there is proper order within marriage, where the husband is the head, and a Christian woman is instructed to be subordinate to her husband. The order in Corinthians 14:33-40 is the principle of the headship of the man. It is not that women should not be noisy, disruptive, or disorderly in other ways. Headship is not expressly mentioned in 1 Corinthians 14:33-40, but is referred to indirectly in the reference to "the Law", and it is referred to directly in the principle of subordination.