

1 Corinthians 14:26-40 - Order and Authority in the Church

How has the book of 1 Corinthians been shaping your thinking as a follower of God?

Tradition and Order

Order does not equal tradition

When you come together

V 26 ... hymns ... words of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation.

i) Tongues

... the least of the gifts

If they are not interpreted then the person with the gift of tongues is to remain silent. ... if interpreted ... two or at the most three

What are tongues in the bible?

- Acts 2

- 1 Corinthians 12 & 14 t

... both these types of tongues are referred to in Acts 13:1

ii) Prophecy

... two or three prophets should speak AND what they say should be weighed carefully by others.

...they need to wait to the first one has stopped then they can speak.

... the biblical prophecy he is speaking about is NOT ecstatic and uncontrollable.

What is the prophecy it is speaking about here?

1 Cor 14:3-4 ... strengthens, encourages and comforts the church.

1 Cor 14:24-25 ... conviction of their sin and conversion

= lots to do with the application of God's word

v 30 ... if a revelation comes ... prophecy.

Prophecy in the Bible

1) ... telling us what God is going to do

= foretelling.

2) ... calling God's people back to obedience to his word.

= forthtelling.

.. a difference between OT and NT prophecy

Deut 18:18-22, ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.'

²¹ You may say to yourselves, 'How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?' ²² If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed.

1 Cor 14:29... where the prophecy needs to be weighed and no one is put to death.

... in Corinth, prophecy is NOT recorded as scripture

OT prophecy ... not restricted to only two or three speakers

= a lot to do with application of God's word to our lives today

Silence (v34)

1 Cor 11:5 ... expects women to be praying and prophesying

Who?

= wives

See Eph 5:22

1 Cor 14:34 = submission to their husbands not to all men.

When?

.. his wife is NOT to be part of the weighing of that prophecy

... as a sign of her submission to his authority

... she is free to ask about it and discuss it with him when she gets home.

For us today

1) A loving use of gifts

What gifts has God given you and are you using them in a loving way in our church body.

2) A fitting and orderly gathering that edifies us with God's word.

... do we pursue edification from God's word that is done in a fitting and orderly way?

My one thing