

***“The question is larger than what women can do in worship.  
The question is, what view of women shall we have?”***

Carroll Osburn; *Women in the Church (Reclaiming the Ideal)*

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Osburn considers two alternatives, egalitarianism and complementarianism, in light of relevant biblical texts. He argues that Genesis 1-3 and 1 Corinthians 11 are the key texts, rather than Galatians 3, 1 Corinthians 14, and 1 Timothy 2. He concludes that neither approach finds a mandate in scripture, but that “egalitarianism is preferable in terms of biblical exegesis and the ideals of the kingdom.” In practice, he suggests that this “means that women should be able to do anything of which they are capable and in which they are trained...”

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