

“This is Philip Payne at his best. Skillful, thorough, and kind, Payne makes it clear that ‘biblical womanhood’ has never been biblical. His careful analysis provides unshakeable ground that we can believe both in the Bible and in the full freedom of women to serve however God has called them.”

Beth Allison Barr

“No scholar of the New Testament and church has spent more energy in examining and explicating the role of women in leadership and teaching and preaching than Phil Payne. His scholarship is well-known and impeccably fair-minded. This book judiciously and pastorally unravels the tight threads woven by complementarians and weaves them into a fresh, new tapestry that is both biblical and pastoral. It will be for me the go-to book for lay folks who need a response to the complementarians.”

Scot McKnight, Chair of New Testament, Northern Seminary, Jesus Creed

“Philip Payne does the job of a careful exegete in explaining the difference between a biblical view of women in God’s purposes and an artificial and alien view listing all the things that women purportedly cannot do by jaundiced modern interpreters. Payne has done the hard slog of a detailed reading of the text and he’s got the receipts for how his rivals have misspent their efforts in treating the Bible as a mirror of their own patriarchal subculture. Payne is arresting as he is persuasive!”

Rev. Dr. Michael F. Bird (Ph.D University of Queensland) is Academic Dean and Lecturer in Theology at Ridley College in Melbourne, Australia.

“A glorious blend of biblical history and theological analysis, Payne systematically dismantles the logical failures used to distort God’s Word intended for human flourishing. This book will bring enormous healing to the body of Christ.”

If you need a book that quickly and clearly exposes the failed teachings of male-headship arguments, *The Bible vs. Biblical Womanhood* is it! Respected by Christians the world over, Phil Payne’s research opens new doors of leadership for women.

Mimi Haddad Ph.D., President of CBE International.org

“I have read most of the books written by complementarians and evangelical egalitarians and I think Philip Payne’s are the best. It is the fruit of fifty years of study by a first-rate biblical scholar who does not avoid any difficult issues. The scholarly depth and the clarity of his writing is exceptional.”

Kevin Giles, Anglican pastor and theologian

“Profound scholarship broken down to be made lively, clear, and understandable for any reader who wants to know what the Bible says about one of the most challenging issues facing the church today.”

H. G. M. Williamson  
Emeritus Regius Professor of Hebrew, University of Oxford

“A compelling and highly readable case for the full equality of women and men. This remarkable book presents the best in New Testament scholarship for non-specialists.”

Harold Netland  
Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Intercultural Studies  
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

“Philip Payne has produced a most readable book on a most controversial topic which brings clarity with lucid writing, careful explanation, and good organization. It contains new research that has yet to appear in print. While his exegesis of scripture (starting with Genesis) is most helpful (without bogging the intended reader down with Hebrew and Greek), the question and answer section at the end of each topic is a brilliant way of getting at the erroneous thoughts his readers may have absorbed. While this is intended for the typical Christian reader, one wishes that this type of clarity could be brought to the table in academic discussions. I warmly endorse this work as a most helpful contribution for helping evangelical Christians find their way through this thicket of controversial teachings. For an up-to-date, readable, and enjoyable presentation of the egalitarian case, this is the book to read.”

Peter H. Davids  
The Reverend Peter H. Davids, Ph.D., BSCD  
Chaplain, Our Lady of Guadalupe Priory

“Seeing well-developed arguments in this brief and non-confrontational format is an eye-opening experience. The Bible comes alive as a book written for men and women who are more alike than has traditionally been acknowledged by much of Christendom.”

Rev. Dr. David Instone-Brewer

“A readable, well researched, well-reasoned book, demonstrating God’s consistent support of women throughout the Bible. Comprehensive, logical, and clear, this book is an indispensable treatment of women in the Bible. I enthusiastically recommend it to anyone eager to hear God’s high regard for women or anyone who wrestles with the Bible’s teaching on women.”

Rev. Dr. Grace Y. May, Association Professor of Biblical Studies and Director of the Women’s Institute, William Carey International University

“If any reader wants to understand the egalitarian view of subjects such as head covering or a woman’s submission to her husband, this is the book to read. This is an easy-to-read and must-have book for any serious reader on the equality of man and woman in Christ.”

KeumJu Jewel Hyun, Founder and President, Matthew 28 Ministries, Inc. and Adjunct Professor of Theology of Work, Bakke Graduate University, Dallas, Texas.

“I highly value Philip for both his integrity and profound scholarship. *The Bible vs. Biblical Womanhood* is readable and easily understood. I give this book my highest recommendation.”

Dr. Felicity Dale: author, *The Black Swan Effect*

“Philip Payne’s work has been among the most recommended resources for explaining and defending evangelical gender egalitarianism. This new volume is written for a broad readership.”

Jeff Miller, editor of *Priscilla Papers*

“Philip Payne’s work on this subject has been an invaluable resource to me. His own authentic journey on the topic makes him an excellent guide. I am deeply grateful for his scholarship!”

Dr. R. Scott Lisea  
Campus Pastor at Westmont College

“I heartily recommend this new book. You will be challenged by its careful exegesis and thoughtful exposition.”

Randy Colver, Fairburn, GA

“This is a great gift. Its popular rhetoric contributes to clarity and makes the argument even more persuasive. Payne’s disciplined study brings us ever so close to the original texts of scripture.”

Richard F. Kantzer, Holland Michigan

“Though significantly shorter in length than Payne’s renowned *Man and Woman, One in Christ*, I find this book equally satisfying. There are new insights, including Old Testament passages, and even the most difficult New Testament passages are explained with significant and convincing scholarly depth.”

Janet George, Author *Still Side by Side*, Producer *Biblically Side by Side*

My training from a complementation seminary taught me that scholars who argued for the full inclusion of women in the church were suspect. But then I read Dr. Payne's excellent work; it caused cognitive dissonance. Throughout his book, we see his humility and intellectual acumen as he adheres to the authority of Scripture. His biblical arguments provided a road map for any man or woman wondering about the role of women. The bottom line, Dr. Payne's book reinforces that Jesus is good news for women.

Reverend Dr. Jackie Roese, Founder, and President of The Marcella Project