

dispensation. That has no relevance to us. You cannot do that. All the Bible is of value for all of God's people, but in order to interpret it, you have to see something about the particular time and condition under which it was given. Paul wrote to people in Greece under a situation in which it was considered very very wicked for any woman to go out without a veil. If you saw a woman without a veil, you knew that she was an immoral woman. And it was utterly wicked for any woman to go without a ~~veil~~ veil. And Paul says, Let the women not be in the church without a veil on. And he was talking for a specific condition there in Athens where it would be misunderstood. If I were ~~not~~ writing to somebody going to Germany, I can't say so ~~much~~ much about it lately, I didn't notice, but going to Germany back when I was a student there, 25 years ago, I ~~was~~ would say, If you are going to stay in Germany any length of time, don't put any paint on your face, and don't wear a fur coat. I would say that very definitely, because when I was in Germany you would walk down the main street, and you would see a hundred women with fur coats on and painted faces, and every single one of them was a prostitute, every single one. And I never saw a German woman in those years with either a fur coat on, or a painted face, who wasn't a prostitute. And then you would enter the American Express Company and you would see 200 American women standing around, all with fur coats on, all with painted faces. I took a German in their with me once, and he was shocked to death, at what he saw. The custom differed in the two countries. That which was an indication of something in one country indicated nothing of the kind in another country. And Paul gives certain specific statements in relation to a specific situation. We have to know the situation as far as we can, in relation to things in the Bible. There are cases where you get a principle, and the principle is valid and important for us, but particular situation differs, and there are other cases where the situation is the same at all times. That's the nature. We have to interpret the Bible in relation to the situation for which any part of it was written. But it all has value for all of God's people at all times. So if you use dispensational in the sense that some part of