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# **Presentations by Dr. Reta Halteman Finger**

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## **How Patriarchy Pervades the Bible and What To Do About It**

When dealing with women's roles depicted in the Bible, or women's roles in church life, we must confront the sexism that characterizes the cultures represented in the Bible, as well as the underlying good news of gender equality.

## **The Feminine Face of God**

What texts in the Hebrew Bible remind us that God is our mother? How does the Gospel of John highlight feminine characteristics of Jesus? How does the Bible present Jesus as Sophia (Wisdom Incarnate)?

## **The Complexity of Gender: Women, Men, and LGBTQ "Clobber Texts" in their Cultural Contexts: Then and Now**

When the seven brief biblical references interpreted as negative to homosexuality are examined in their cultural contexts, we can see how they relate to issues of gender, male dominance, and social status. Things are not what they seem on the surface.

## **Truth in the Face of Power: The Trial of Jesus before Pilate in the Gospel of John**

In our current era of fake news and alternative facts, what can this literary masterpiece tell us about political power and ultimate truth?

**Dr. Reta Halteman Finger** edited the Christian feminist magazine *Daughters of Sarah* for seventeen years, then got her Ph.D. in Biblical Studies and taught Bible at Messiah College near Harrisburg, PA, for fourteen years, until she retired. She now writes "Reta's Reflections," a Bible study blog for *Christian Feminism Today*, examining topics drawn from various books of the New Testament from a feminist perspective. She has also written a series on biblical interpretation, emphasizing gender issues. Her most recent book, *Creating a Scene in Corinth: A Simulation* (Herald Press, 2013), uses role-play to highlight the cultural situation behind Paul's letter.



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