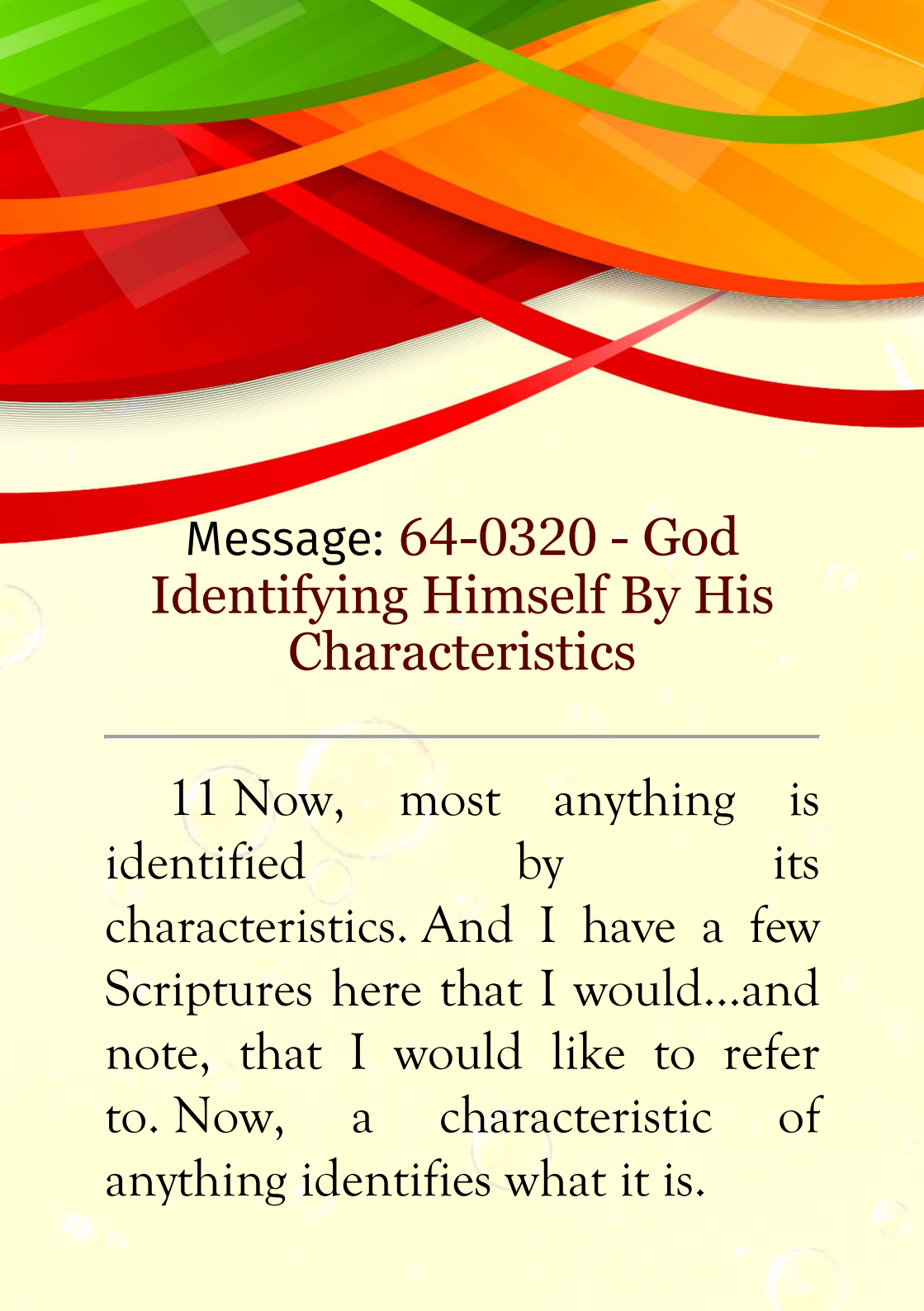


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Message: 64-0320 - God Identifying Himself By His Characteristics

11 Now, most anything is identified by its characteristics. And I have a few Scriptures here that I would...and note, that I would like to refer to. Now, a characteristic of anything identifies what it is.



12 Now, like in all nature, flowers are identified, many times, by their characteristic. If they're close together, of one specie to another, the characteristic of that flower will identify what flower it is. And in wildlife, many times...

13 I—I'm a hunter. And you have to know the characteristic of the animal that you're hunting, or sometimes you can be certainly deceived. For instance, like the Stone Sheep way up in British Columbia. I was just under the Yukon this last fall, a couple of

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brethren here now was with me,
and we were hunting.

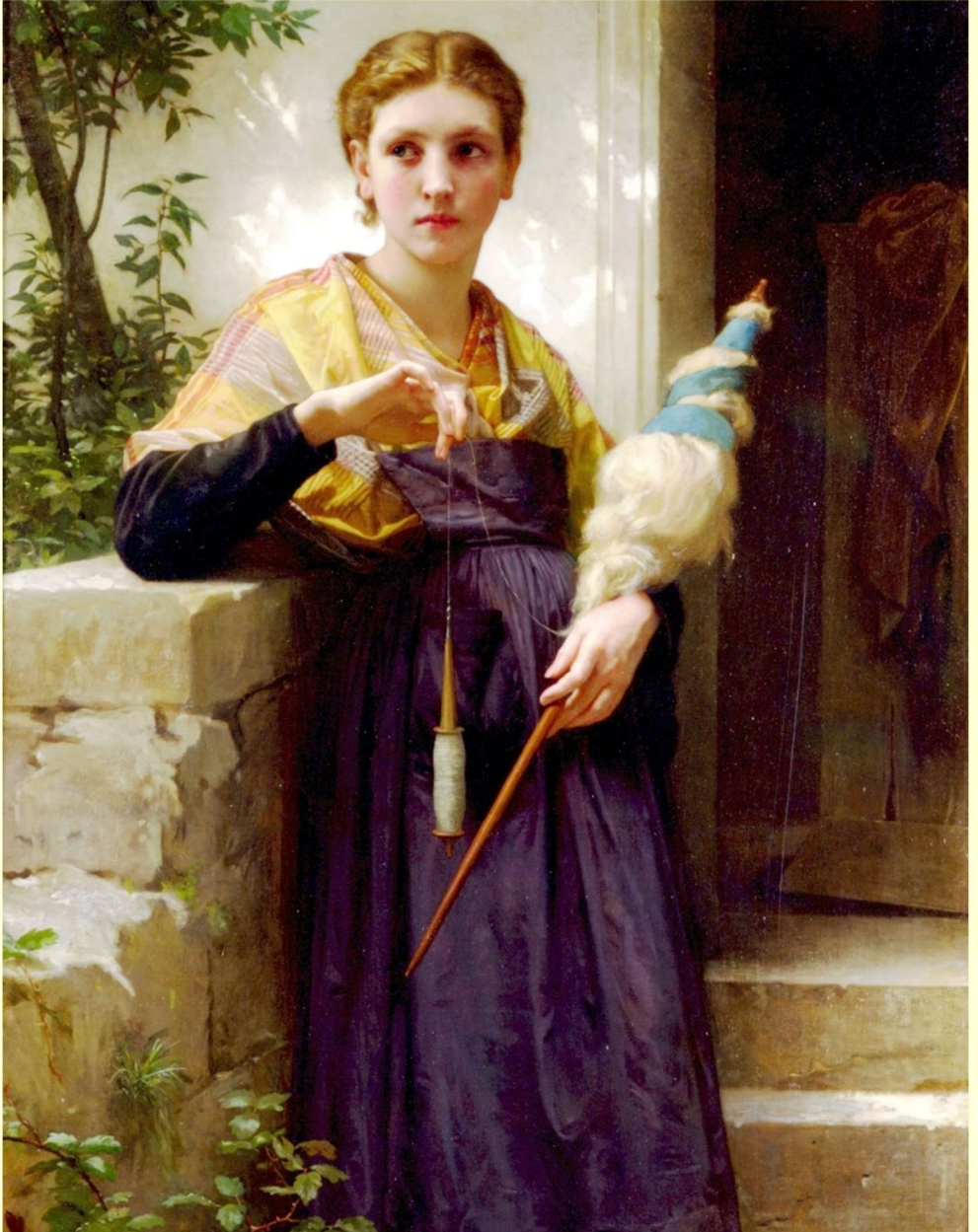


14 Now if you didn't know the
difference, when you was tracking
a sheep or a deer, you couldn't

tell the difference 'less you was a shrewd hunter. Because, they make the same kind of tracks; they bound when they run away. And then you see one standing at a distance, with his head hid, why, you—you would hardly know the difference. They're about the same size; across the rump part, it's white, just like the deer. It'd be very hard to tell them. But his horns identifies his characteristic, by them horns. The sheep has a horn that rounds, and a deer has prongs that run out. And another

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thing, a deer wouldn't go quite that high, to feed.



15 And then the goat, walking, also, there is a characteristic in a goat, and a sheep, that you would have to know the difference in them, when you were up high, because they both dwell high in the mountain. You have to know the difference. But if you notice, a—a goat stumbles himself as he walks; where, a sheep sits his feet down like *this*, as he walks. The characteristic of the way he makes his track. You identify your game by the characteristics of what it does, and how it acts, and what it feeds, and everything. It identifies itself by its characteristic. And

then you jump one, and watch what it happens, you can tell the way they go. You can tell by that characteristic of different animal.



16 Then did you ever notice, I don't know whether you have them here or not, yellowhammers; well, flicker is the right name for them, and a jay bird. A jay bird is about the same size of a yellowhammer. And you see the two flying, they're both about the same kind of bird. If you can't see the color, but just watch them, you can tell which is the yellowhammer. The jay bird flies, more or less, in a beeline. But the yellowhammer, flopping his wings; as he flaps his wings, he goes down and then up, down and then up. See, he makes himself

in a bound, like *that*, and you can tell that's the characteristic of the yellowhammer, the way he flies.



17 If you notice the—the quail when he comes out, the way he comes up. And then watch if you're in a swamp, where quail might be, and a—and a snipe. You hunters know that. The Wilson's snipe and the jacksnipe, they identify themselves by the way they come out and the way they go. They identify by their characteristic of flying, of what kind of a bird they are. Therefore, if you just heard them, you can just tell what it was, the way he went out, what he is, by the characteristic of his flying.



18 Like a man and a woman.
They're both human beings, but a
woman has a different
characteristics to a man. I was
reading here, some time ago,
about Solomon and the queen. I've
never got around to preaching

my little Message here, to you, on the queen of the South, coming up to see Solomon, and seeing that gift of discernment. I was reading about that, here not long ago, and they said, that, “One of the puzzles that was put before Solomon, was, this queen took a woman, or women, rather, and dressed them like man.”

19 Now, that was foreign in that day, but it certainly is up-to-date, today. And—and you know that’s wrong. The Bible said that a woman shouldn’t do that. “It’s an abomination for a woman to put on a garment pertains to a

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man.” And the unchangeable God said that, so that is true.



20 So we find out that Solomon, no more than watched them, he had them to walk or do

something, and immediately says, "It's women." See, he could tell by the characteristic of that woman, the way she handled herself, that she was woman and not man.

21 And then most anything that way, with its characteristics. Just like many people are left-handed, and right-handed. They are characteristic of the way they handle themselves. You can tell whether it's a right- or the left-hand person, by the way they conduct themselves, the way they reach out always with that left hand or right hand.

And remember, Jesus had something like that, that...



22 Two hands are just almost...They are the same. They got the same kind of thumbprints, fingerprints, five fingers; small, index, and so

forth. Just as the right hand and the left hand has the same kind of fingers, normally, same size hand, just exactly. And the only difference there is, in them, is one is left and the other one is right. That's the only difference you can tell. One is left, the other one right.

23 So then in that, Jesus said...I might drop a little point here. Jesus said, in Matthew 24, that, "The characteristics of the Spirit would be somewhat alike in the last days, so close that it would deceive the very elected if it

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was possible.” See, they would just...



24 You take your hand and just hold it up. See, if you don't notice, one of them looks like the other, in every way, but one of

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them is left and the other one is right.



25 That's the way the spirits are in the last day. They are somewhat alike, but they have a characteristic that identifies them. One is right, and the other one is wrong, and it can be identified by its characteristic.

26 The Spirit of God can be identified by Its characteristic. See? The Spirit of God, and the spirit of the church. There is a church spirit, and a Spirit of God that's absolutely not like the church spirit, at all.

There is a denominational spirit.



27 There is a national spirit. There is a spirit of the nation. Every nation, when I go into, you walk in there, you find a different spirit. I went into Finland, fine people, but there was a Finnish spirit. I go down

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into Germany, there is a German spirit.



28 Here not long ago, I was going with the wife, when we still lived in Indiana, a couple years ago, over to the little supermarket. I just come home. We had to go get some food. And on my road over there, we...It was the summertime, you might not believe it, but we found a lady had a dress on. And it was so strange, I...It shocked me. I—I said, “Look at there, that looks strange, that woman is wearing a dress.” The rest of them was wearing clothing that didn’t...not becoming to the woman. And—and she said...I said, “Well, that’s

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just the American spirit, see, the
spirit of America.”



29 Now, spirit of America, it's a...supposed to be a Christian nation, but the spirit of this nation is not Christian. It might be called a Christian nation, but it's a million miles from it, in characteristic. So, this woman, I said...

She said, "Well, aren't we Americans?"

30 Said, I said, "No. We live here. This is our country. We—we—we stay in it. We love it. It's the best nation in the world. But, yet, we're not Americans." I said, "We are born from Above. The Holy Spirit come down, and we

belong to a Kingdom. It's not of
this world."



I said, “That’s the reason that our sisters wear dresses, wear long hair, don’t wear make-up. See, their characteristics identify them as ‘holiness unto the Lord,’ from Above.”

31 Therefore, we are seeking a Kingdom. We are seeking a King to come and receive His subjects to His Kingdom. And they are identified by their—their characteristics, that their treasures are not of this earth or of this nation. It’s of above, in Glory. Therefore, they, “They look for a City Whose Builder

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and Maker is God.” They are properly identified.

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