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But there's no excuses with the Holy Ghost. It's there to make it so. It'll follow the Word just exactly. That's what the Holy Ghost is to do.

It's to make you man turn your head from them half-naked women, and quit lusting after them, and a church members. That's what It's to do.

WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM

Message: 59-1217 - What Was The Holy Ghost Given For?

100 "Men and brethren, what can we do to be saved?"

...said, *Repent,* every one of you, and be baptized *in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of* your sins, *and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and

to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God will ever call. (Amen.)



101 As long as God has got a people, God has got a Church, God has got the Holy Ghost marching with It. That's what God gave the Holy Ghost for. Intellectuals will rise; always have. But God got a minority has somewhere. God's got a little Church that'll move right on with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, to claiming the Light. And they'll be the ones that, through their testimony, will judge the world.

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Don't the Bible say Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart; they shall see God"? And don't It say, that, "The just, the saints, shall judge the earth"? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Sure.

Your testimony today will bring judgment against this city. Our testimony of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Power of God, a holy life, will bring judgment against the city. When this...



102 "Them that are first will be last; them that are last will be first." I won't know nothing about Sankey and Moody, in their resurrection. They'll not know nothing about me, in this

one. But I'll stand in this one, to give testimony; so will you.



And through that, by the scattering of your Light, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and by the lives that you lived, and the things that God has done to prove that He's moving here; and with their intellectuals, walked away from It; they'll be judged by the saints. They're already judged. They've already passed it. Oh, my!

103 I was talking on Power of prayer, Power of speech, Power for a holy life. Amen.

That's what the Holy Ghost is to do.

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104 Some of you people walking along, saying, "Well, I just can't quit drinking. I just can't quit *this*."

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The Holy Ghost comes to live in you, to make all these can'ts get away from That's right. Make you. women stop cutting their hair, make them quit wearing shorts and slacks. No excuses. Make them quit tattling. Oh, yes, that's what It's for, to make you a holy

life. It'll follow the instructions of the Bible every time.



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106 It's to quit making you smoke and drink, and be...want to be a big shot. It'll take that out of you. It'll humble you when you do that. That's what the Holy Ghost is for. It's for a holy life. That's right. Make you quit gossiping. Make you quit playing cards, shooting craps, and all these other things that you do around the corner.

It'll make you quit your carrying on the way you're doing, living untrue to your wife. That's what It'll do. That's right.



It'll quit making you want to marry somebody else's wife. That's exactly right.

That's what It is. It's to make you live a holy life. That's what the Holy Ghost is Power for, "to set your affections on things Above," where God stands at the...?...the mind of Christ in you. You can't help from seeing those things; when you look at them, you turn your head. That's right. It's to make you.



107 You say, "I can't do it. Oh, I just can't do it." Sure, *you* can't.

But the Holy Spirit come for that purpose. That's what It did. It come to take it out of you, all of them old habits and things that you're doing.



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That old back-biting, separating yourself, saying, "Bless God, I'm a Methodist, I won't have nothing to do with them old holy-rollers." The Holy Ghost come to take that out of you.

108 "I'm a Baptist. I'm Presbyterian. I wouldn't go to that little old holy-roller bunch." The Holy Ghost come to take all that starch out of you. That's what It did. It washes you in the Blood; irons you out. That's what It come to do.

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It come to straighten you up. He said, "Make the crooked places straight." That's what It come to do; straighten it up. "Make the high places low; make all the mountains look like they're all dancing like little rams, and all the leaves are clapping their hands, to you." [Brother Branham clapped his hands together four times—Ed.] The birds sing different. Joy bells a ringing. There is no excuses. That's what It come to

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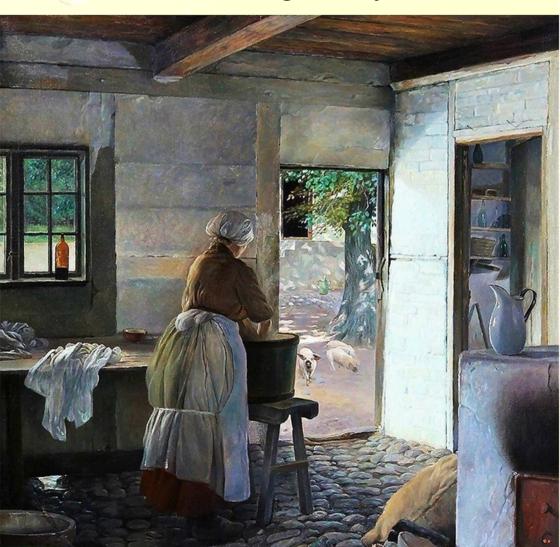
do. That's the purpose of God sending the Holy Ghost, so you would do these things, that you would work...walk after Him.



109 Now I don't want to hurt you, but I told you I'm here with the deepest of sincerity. To keep from pinching you, once in a while I'd jump off on a line somewhere; and staying with the Truth, but staying there and making it such a way it won't pinch you too hard.

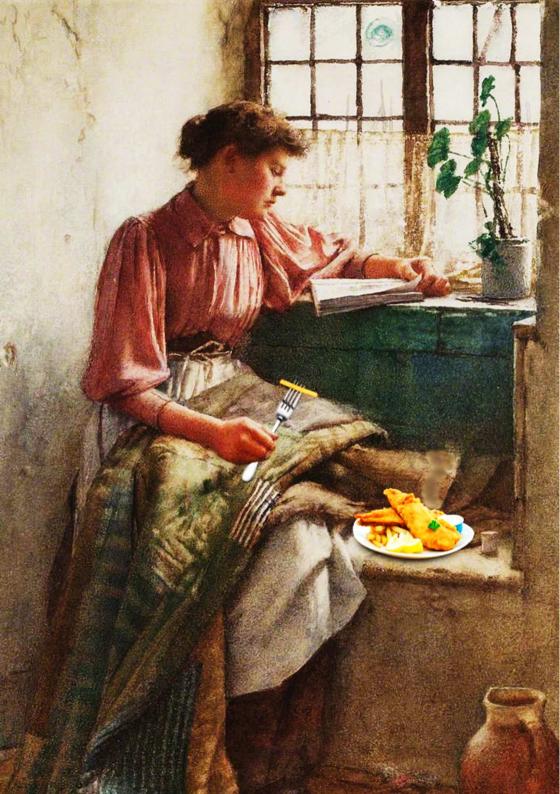
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110 But I want to tell you something. If the Bible says that it's wrong for a woman to cut her hair, and you say you've got the Holy Ghost and then cut your hair, I wonder if you have. Don't get mad; if it does, that still shows there's another mark against you.



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111 If the Bible says it's wrong for a woman to put on a garment that pertain to a man, and you wear these little old overalls and slacks out here on the road, you grown women! Guess a little baby would be all...thing, that they play with little boys and things. But, look, when youwhen you grown women, fifteen, sixteen, eighteen years old, up to grandma, out here on the road!



And the Bible said, "It's an abomination in the sight of God," for a woman to wear those things. And you wear them, anyhow, and say you got the Holy Ghost? I wonder sometime. The Holy Ghost will follow God's Word to the letter.

And a preacher behind the pulpit, that ain't got grace enough to preach It, I doubt he's got It. That's just exactly! Well, that's what the Holy Ghost is for.



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112 It's to give unction to the preacher. It's to give holiness to the group. It's to set the Church in order. It's to bring a unity of Spirit. It's to unite us together with Power. It's to unite us together with love, brotherly love.

I don't care if you're Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, whatever you are, if we've all been by one Holy Spirit baptized into one Body, and become members of the Body ~ 31 ~

of Jesus Christ, there's not...there's nothing present, nothing future; hunger, starvation; nothing can separate us from the love of God, the love of Christ, "love God that's of in Christ," because we are borned of His Spirit, washed in His Blood. We are a new creature. That's what God came to do. That's what the Holy Spirit is for. Yes, sir. That's what.

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