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Questions And Answers On **Women**



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62. **Do you think it is right for women to do personal work outside the church?**

434 Yes. That's just a question, just a...not a scriptural question, but...Certainly, I do. Yes, sir, we're all workers together. Women have their places, and certainly they do. Yes, sir. Just do all the personal work you can do, and God will bless you for it.

All right, now let's see:

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Hebrews #2*

155. Brother Branham, is it not Scriptural that women should not speak in the church?

105 He's got two questions here. That is true. That—that is true. It's not right for women to be ministers and—and speak in the church. That is right, First Corinthians the 14th chapter.

106 Of course all of the church here, you all know this. And this may be a stranger in here this morning; I don't know. But it's not right for—for women to—to be a—to minister. That—that is true.

I'll just read it to you here, and you—you can find out. And then you'll—you'll know: First Corinthians the 14th chapter I believe. I'll get it just in a minute, if I can find...Yeah, here it is.

Let your women keep silent in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. (Now, the law didn't permit women priest and so forth back in them days. See?)

And if they will learn any thing, let their ask their husbands at home: for it's a shame for a woman to speak in the church.

107 Now, if you'll notice Corinth here...Many of these Corinthian Christians and many of...The great goddess of the world in that day was Diana, which was a Roman goddess. And she was a goddess of Ephesus. And she was worshipped throughout all the world. And now, her ministers...Of course, her being a woman, then that made her ministers women. And when they were converted into Christianity by

Paul...Now, Paul was in prison when he wrote these letters, of course, at Rome.

108 Now, they wrote him letters, you see, after they'd begin to speaking with tongues and got great gifts working among them. Well, these women thought they should continue on their ministry.

109 Now, if you'll notice, you that's reading your Bible, the 36th verse he said.

What? came the word of God...from you? and came it from you only?

If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

But if...he be ignorant, just let him be ignorant.

110 Now, in otherwise, the women...Now, if you'll take the history to this letter (see?),

of the church, these women thought that they were...continue on with their ministry just as they was a—of the priest to the goddess Diana. God is not a woman; God is a Man. And there's only really One, and that is a Man. A woman is a by-product from a man. Man was not made for woman, but woman was made for man. See? If you'd just open up your spiritual understanding, you see. See?

111 Man—when man first come on earth, he was both male and female, feminine and masculine before he become sex. See? A feminine spirit, the lower spirit, it's the one that's timid. And then he was also masculine, man. But when He made and put him into different...In order to reproduce the world, He brought the feminine spirit off of him and put from him a rib from his side and made a female.

112 She was not to be ruler! When she first started that, she caused the whole human downfall. See? All, and even it was a...She was the cause of the fall. And then God taken her up and brought life back into the world through Christ by the woman. But nowhere was a woman ever permitted to—to be a minister in the church.

113 On over in Second Timothy the 3rd chapter, he said, “I suffer not a woman to

teach or to usurp authority over man, but to be in silence.” You see? And it isn’t right for the woman to preach; that is true.

114 Now, I know I’ve seen some women that were real preachers—they could preach too—like Aimee McPherson and many of those women there. But just put your hand on them just for a little while. See? It’s not...I know people who could speak with tongues this morning setting right in

this church. If there was no interpreter, they'd be daresn't to do so. See?

115 You got to remember them women was borned under a certain line, that when they are...Your birth has a lot to do with it. It's your name, your—all about you (you see?) has a make up to it, no matter what it is.

116 I could get out here and pull a trigger on a gun and kill a man this morning, but I'm daresn't to do it. But I

can do it all right, sure. See, I could kill a man the same as you could a squirrel; but you—you ain't supposed to do that. See? And that's the same thing. You've got to watch those things, now that you do not...This is the commandments of the Lord.

117 When they wrote over and said, “Why, the Holy Spirit told us!” (See?), Paul said, “What? came the Word of God out of you? And came It from you only? If any of you

all—if you got any prophets over there, they'll acknowledge that what I say is the commandments of the Lord. (See? That's right!) But if there's any man shows his—his—he wants to be contrary, if he wants to be ignorant, just let him be ignorant. (See?) Just let him alone and let him go on. (See?) Don't do any contrary to it." But remember, she's not supposed to speak in the church.

118 And therefore, there's where you can judge your pastor or whatever it is, whether he's spiritual or not. See? He said, "If any man be spiritual or a prophet, he'll acknowledge that what I say is the commandments of the Lord." See?

119 That's the reason I command the people to be baptized over again in the Name of Jesus Christ. Paul did that, and he said, "If a angel from Heaven come and

taught anything else, let him be accursed.” And this is what’s already taught here also. If any man comes...If a angel come from Heaven and said, “Let the women preach and be preachers, ordain them ministers!” the Bible said, “Let him be accursed.” This is the commandments of the Lord here.

61-1015M - Questions And Answers

**158. Brother Branham,
please explain—please**

make clear if women should testify or speak in tongues in the assembly.

161 Well, I believe that if the woman is a—a preacher in the assembly, she isn't supposed to be a preacher. But if she has a gift of tongues and speaks in the assembly, where there are—there are prophets and—and the gifts are gathered together, I believe she has a right to do that. Because in the Bible we find out that they

had prophetesses like Miriam and them, and they wasn't—they had no jurisdiction...If I get to my little sermonette here, I—I'll get that in there. See?

162 But the women, if they are gifted...Now, the correct way that I believe that when we come together pretty soon...When our church gets settled a little bit more...And—and by the way, there's a new group, a new—another church is going to unite

and...?...come with this church as soon as we get room here for them and things. Another church is going to come and unite with this church, not no organization, just come as a body, in a group, to the church. And—and they are a bunch of gifted people.

163 And now, when it comes together, the things to do, is these gifted people must get together on certain times for themselves, and see

what the Spirit says to them. And then it could be given out from the platform. And the people...It's for the edification of the church.

164 Now, if you speak with tongues, and you know, nobody interprets it...And then when you're in the meetings, sometimes it's so irreverent, you know. You find sometimes...I've been standing in my congregation making an altar call, and someone would raise up and

break the altar call speaking in tongues. Now see, now the person might've been speaking in tongues correctly; that might been the Holy Spirit, but see, without being taught to know what to do, how to hold that...

165 I've set right on the platform and hear a preacher preaching and see him get to a spot...My, I wanted to get up and help him so bad I didn't know what to do. And you've done the same thing;

all of us do that. But what is it? That's irreverent. Sit down. Regard my brother.

166 I heard—I heard Brother Neville preaching, and he's heard me preaching when we'd, no doubt, we'd...Brother J. T. here and all of them, or—and all of them, we can hear one another preaching, we think, “Oh brother, I believe I'll get up to help him out.” See? You just feel the Spirit pouring on you, but what do you

do? Hold your peace. See? Cause spirit of the prophets is subject to prophet. See? That's right, hold your peace. See? You do that.

167 But I believe if the woman...The question was if the woman has got a gift of tongues and she wants to speak, I believe that when that time comes on, she has a right to speak out in a gift of tongues, but not to preach or to usurp any authority over

man. When she's a preacher, of course she is over man.

61-1015 M - Questions And Answers

244. **Brother Branham, what do you think about our...**(Oh, oh! I remember reading this one. I wasn't...I was going to keep it back late, but I guess I might as well read it. Some woman's handwrite. She must be from Kentucky, 'cause she's got a—a Kosmos Portland Cement ticket here.) **Brother**

Branham, what do you think about our sisters in the church wearing such short dresses? Doesn't it mar our testimony and set the wrong example for our young people in this our church? It seems so i-n-...to see a young—to see a grown woman wearing a dress so short that it shows her knees when she walks.

135 Ever who you are, Sister or Brother, whoever it is, I agree with you one

hundred percent. It's a disgrace, but tell me what to do about it! I preach it just as hard as I know how to preach it; they do it the same. So it's their judgment, 'cause the Word's went forth. Yes, I'm certainly against them little old skintight dresses that look like...I constantly fuss at my kids, Becky and Sarah. I don't care how little they are, I...that...I just fuss at them all the time. I think they even wear their dresses...Meda

takes Becky apart every day about it. See? Dresses plumb up...Cause kids, you can expect that in kids, and you have to correct them; but when it comes to a woman, there's something wrong there. See?

136 Don't hurt feelings now, I'm just answering questions. You ask me from your heart; I'm telling you from my heart. If you find the solution, I—please come tell

me, I'll sure do it, if I can do anything about it.

137 Like somebody said the other day, he said, "Well, I tell you, Brother Branham," said, "I tell you what Adam and Eve..." Said, "It was just exactly; they had a apple!" And I noticed they changed that now; they said they had a what? I believe it was called a *something*? [Man in congregation replies, "Apricot."—Ed.] Apricot, yeah, it was a apricot they eat. Well,

it's time to pass the apricots again if it makes them realize they were naked. See?

64-0823M - Questions And Answers #1

298. Brother Branham, are women allowed to work in public affairs when they have a healthy husband and children? I am asking this question for someone else.

153 Well, I—I—I—I don't know about that. I can't say. But I—I just have this feeling. Let me say this: I

believe, if I was a—a woman and I knowed that my husband was healthy and had a good job, working, I believe it would be a—a great pleasure to me to stay home, take care of my children and make the...and—and—and take care of my children and raise them up, and to love the Lord. And if I had any time from my washing and things that I was going to do, I think I would

teach my children how to serve the Lord.

154 Now, if you've got a— a debt or something that you're trying to help your husband pay for, or something that you have to do that...Well, I think that's fine if you'll try to help him. And— and you live a lady. And I—I think it's hard. No man that's got good understanding wants his wife to get in a bunch, where there's a bunch of vulgar, dirty man and things

like that. But if the woman has to get in that, I think that she ought to—her husband ought to know that she's a genuine Christian that can be trusted, a trustworthy woman.

155 But now, as to say that she shouldn't work, I—I don't know. See, there's no Scripture to back that up. I'm just—I'm just passing that opinion. But I think if a woman wants to work and she wants to work...

156 Now, I'm certainly against women working in these offices where all these business men...They carry on, tell them dirty jokes. And a nice, clean woman setting there, and all these smutty dirty things told around like that, I—I'm against that. I think you ought to come out from among such stuff as that.

157 But now, if a woman can hold herself as a—as a real lady and trying to help her husband do something to

meet—some clothes for the kids to go to school, or—or pay off a bill, or something like that, and she wants to work till that's over...Now, this not the Lord, 'cause I don't have no Scripture for this. I'm just saying that'd be my opinion; but otherwise, I wouldn't think just 'cause she wants to work just to run around and have—or—more money to spend, run around, and run to barrooms, or drink, smoke, and carry on; I don't

think she should do it. I think she should stay home, try to be a lady, and take care of her house.

64-0823E - Questions And Answers #2

408. **Why is it that we make so much of a big issue of women's dress** (Oh, oh, I'm getting it on this one, ain't I?)—**big issue of women's dressing and cutting of hair, and do...nothing said about the**

hair of the man or the way he dresses?

108 Well, sister, I'm going to agree with you one thing. First place, the Bible said that a man should not have long hair. And if he had long hair, I'd tell him, just the same as I tell you. He's wrong. But most men, lot of them's like me, don't have any at all. But most men cut their hair, look like men. And now, if they didn't do it, they'd be told not to do so, to leave their

hair grow out like a woman's hair. You'll get all of this in the marriage and divorce vows and things when we preach on it. The big issue such of man's...or woman's dressing...

109 Now, a man, the first place, a man's body is not a temptation like a woman. Now, man, he's big, old, hairy legs, knockkneed, pot-tummied, and everything, he's a horrible looking mess; and there's nothing

about him for temptation. And I think he looks the “gaumiest” looking sight to see these man come down the road, young or old, with a pair of these bikinies on, ever what it is, you know, walking down the road. I think that’s the dirtiest looking sight I ever looked at. That’s right. I think he—he don’t know what side of the race he belongs on (see? That’s right!), a man that’d do a thing like that.

110 And you know what? I just heard a few months ago, the American Army's going to dress that way. Yep! The Army's coming out next year, or year after next, all in shorts. How big a bunch of sissies can we get?

111 God made a man to look like a man, and act like a man, and dress like a man. He made a woman to do the same, dress like a woman, act like a woman, and be like a woman. About this morning,

about...The question come up about man...[Side one of tape ends incompletely and second side begins incompletely—Ed.]...If he wants to...

112 If a woman has got real thin hair, and she wants to wear one of those “rats” or ever what you call it, I think that’s...My wife wears it. It’s a...She says her hair’s thin, and she’s got some kind of a thing about that big around, looks like a great big, oversized biscuit. And she

wraps her hair around that and pins the pins in it. And now, the...As far as I'm concerned, that—that don't bother anything as long as your hair is long.

113 A minister said his wife was—was condemned, because she had a—a tint in her hair. And I found out from a question, that means a paint or a coloring in her hair. I can't say that's wrong; I have nothing about it. If she got

long hair, that's all that I can say about it.

114 And now, a man...This person said this morning taking off their hair, putting it back on. Now, this kinda got here too, about a haircut. See?

115 Now, if—if a man doesn't have hair, and his wife...I've heard women say, "Well, if I could just get John...I think he'd look better if he—if he wore a hair piece. What do you think

about it, Brother Branham? Is it wrong for him to do it?" No, sir! No, indeedy, it is not wrong, not at all. If he wants to wear it, that's fine, no more than wearing false teeth or whatever that come along.

116 By the way, I've got three false teeth myself. I wished I didn't have them. They're on a wire; it's always shortening my voice, and cutting my tongue, and everything else, but I have to have them to eat. And if

I...When I'm overseas on them outside meetings, I wear a hair piece; not because the looks of it, 'cause you know I'd stand right here if I didn't have a hair on top of my head or whatever it was. Wouldn't make me no different; I'm here to represent Jesus Christ. But when I stand out there, about the first night in one of them tropical storms, the next night my throat's so sore I can't get out there.

117 So then, if—if it was something I wanted to do it, and felt to do it, I'd do it. Yes, sir! There's not a thing says not to do it. Not a thing says, sister, that you can't wear a rat, or switch of hair, or something or another in your...That's perfectly all right, but let your hair stay long. And man, you cut yours off. What you got, keep it cut. See? Then, that settles that.

118 And woman, you dress like a woman. And man,

you dress like a man; don't try to be a sissy and wear womens clothes. And women, don't you try to be masculine and wear a man's clothes, because God don't want you to do it; the Bible condemns that.

119 But now, about wearing a piece of hair or wearing a hair...Well, what is one of those "rats"? Did I make a mistake a while ago or is that a "mouse"? It—it's something—it's something

that a—a woman puts in her hair to make it look more...Ever what it is (see?), there's nothing wrong with that. Go ahead, it's all right.

64-0830E - Questions And Answers #4

416. Brother Branham, is it wrong for a woman to shave her legs?

135 Am I seeing things? Does that say that? I can't...I don't know. I'm going to leave that with you.

Is—is this day wrong to limit your family? Did it mean practice complete birth control?

136 I answered that, of course, to the...each individual. Let's see.

If a woman while in sin gets a divorce and remarries and...

137 I answered that. You remember I said, "Leave the divorce cases till..."

Questions And Answers **On** ***Virgins Foolish***

80. Now, here is another one; let's see what it is. All right. **Please explain the parable of the five virgins. Does a Christian sin?**

103 Now, the parable of the five virgins—or the ten virgins it is, please excuse me. The ten virgins is found in Matthew 25:1. Ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom (now notice!), and

five of them were wise and had oil in their lamps, five were unwise and did not have oil in their lamps. While they slumbered, the cry—cry come, “Go meet the bridegroom.” And the ones that had oil in their lamps, trimmed their lamps, the fire was burning, and they went out to meet the bridegroom. The others come to buy oil, and they told them to go and get from—oil from those who sold it. While they

were going, the bride come and the—and the—the wise virgin went in, and the sleeping virgin was cast out.

104 This is going to hurt, really hurt, but I've just got to say it. I never asked the question; I'm just responsible for answering it. Now, this comes so close to home, brother, so close, till I hope that it helps instead of hurts. Usually you have to hurt...As mama used to say when she give me a whipping,

she said, “It has to hurt before it does you good.” Well, that—that is right. See? I couldn’t see it then, but I—I see it now.

105 Look, the...All ten of them that went out were virgins. Now, there were ten virgins went to meet the Lord. Now, the word *virgin* means “sanctified (does anybody know that?), holy, pure, sanctified.” There were ten of them that went out to meet the Lord.

106 Now remember, they had been falling asleep in one watch, two watch, three watch, on till the seventh watch. But these really went to meet the Lord. And remember, as they went, the Lord came. That was the coming of the Lord's time. Not who was in the watch...

107 Jesus spoke where that some fell in the first watch, and some in the second watch, and some in...But at the coming of the

Lord they all awakened down. But on this case, it was the last watch, because they went out, ten of them, to meet the Lord. And five smoked out their lamps, and took no oil; five had oil.

108 Now remember, oil in the Bible is a symbol of what? Can anybody say? [Congregation replies, “Holy Ghost”—Ed.] Holy Ghost! Then you could be clean, and pure, and sanctified without having the

Holy Ghost. Cleansing is what you are...

109 Now watch, I'm going to take like this bottle. And it's laying out here in the chicken yard, and it's all full of filth. I pick it up; that's justification: "I'm going to use this sinner." And the next thing I do if I'm going to use it, I'll have to cleanse it. And then, if I cleanse it, what do I do to it? Sanctify it. The word *sanctify* made—means "clean," same thing as

holy. *Holy*—*holy* is a Hebrew word, *sanctify* is a Greek word. The word *sanctify* means “clean and set aside for service.” But then, blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled, then they’re put in service.

110 The vessels...The tabernacle of the Old Testament, the altar sanctified the vessels, and they were set aside *for* service. When they

were filled, they
were *in* service.

111 Now, there's where
you dear, precious Nazarenes
and so forth, left the mark.
See? We all...Why are you
failing? Why did Pentecost run
off and leave you. Because
you refused to walk in the
Light. That's exactly right.
See? That's exactly. The first
altar I ever knelt at was at a
precious, old Nazarene altar
down here. God bless them,
good, holy, clean church, but

you're so legalistic that you go, "You must do *this*, and you must do *that*. You must do *this*," and don't realize it's the grace of God and you're called by election. It's not he that willeth or him that runneth, but it's God that showeth mercy. See? God predestinated the Church before the foundation of the world (we got a question on that in a few minutes. See?), predestinated the

Church before the foundation of the world.

112 You cannot, taking thought, add one cubit to your stature. “No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first.” See? See, it was God that did the calling, God that did the pulling, God that set the Church. Now, now, you say, “Brother Branham, that’s pure Calvinism.” No, it isn’t. Now, wait! I don’t believe that God takes a man up and

just says, “Here, I’m going to pick you up and...”

113 All these Baptists and Presbyterians say, “Well, I believe on the Lord, I don’t have—don’t condemn my conscience!” No wonder, you haven’t got nothing to condemn. They say, “Well, dancing don’t hurt me. Drinking a little sociable drink wouldn’t hurt me.” Because there’s nothing in there to hurt. “Telling dirty jokes wouldn’t bother me.” Because

why? There's nothing in there to hurt.

114 But I don't serve the Lord because I think He'd send me to hell if I didn't; I serve Him because I love Him. I serve Him because there's something in me. If you go out and say, "We'll, I have to quit doing this because my church don't believe in it," you're just playing the part of a hypocrite. That's right. But if you do it because that you love it,

and—and it's a contribution to God, and something in your heart making the love of God so greater to you than these things, now you're on the right line. But if I didn't drink, smoke, chew, cuss, do nothing else, I'd still go to hell. Sure! I joined all the churches, was baptized, and had my name on all the books, and played a good part, and lived a good life, "Except a man be borned again, he can't even

see the Kingdom of God.”
That’s right!

115 Now these virgins, ten of them slowed up. What stumped the Nazarene people was this: Because the Pentecostals took the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues. They got them down at the altar and made them say something or another over and over till they spoke in tongues. A real, true Pentecostal wouldn’t go for that. The devil had a lot of

things in your Nazarene church too. See? And he's got a whole lot of things in the Pentecostal church, but as far as the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that's the Truth. That's exactly the Truth.

116 There's a lot of them, I know. I've heard people speak with tongues. I can't judge; I wasn't sent to judge. I've heard a whole lot of it; sounded like sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. But I know there's a real Holy

Ghost that speaks with tongues. And I know that's right. Yes, sir!

117 But they seen the people come in and say, "Glory to God, I got It." Well then, that's the same thing...Now, don't call that Pentecostal because they jumped up and down, and spoke in tongues, and you seen them out there with somebody else's wife or somebody else's husband.

118 You say, “Is that the Holy Ghost?” You Nazarenes shouted all over the floor and done the same thing. You said you had It when you shouted. See? There’s no way at all that you can prove it by—but by your life you live. “By their fruits you shall know them.” That’s the way it is. The godly life and Christ working with you confirming the Words, signs and wonders following with a godly life, that’s the real thing. Now, you

can have a lot of signs and not the life. You can impersonate the life without the signs, but when you see them both together, then that's it. That's the one.

Now! And then, remember, the Bride...Now I might finish this if you've got just a few minutes time, go on it.

119 Look, a woman is going to cut off a dress. She's got a large piece of goods. (Let's call it what? Calico, gingham, or something

another, some kind of a name that you got. Let's say it's silk.) And she's got a pattern. And she looks over this big piece of goods. Now, it's up to her where she lays this pattern. Is that right? She can choose it from any part of this goods, and the whole goods is sanctified, it's clean. See, it's election. God's election. So what does He do? God takes by election and places this pattern of Christ anywhere He wants to on the goods. Then

it's cut out. The rest of the goods is just as holy as this part was holy, but by choice God made His choice before the foundation of the world. Didn't Paul say in Corinthians—Corinthians 8, I mean, Romans 8, that, “Can the Potter...can the clay say to the Potter, why makest me thus?” Can God, Who is just, when He could say to Esau or Jacob before either boy was born or done right or wrong, “I hate Esau and love Jacob”?

It's because that by foreknowledge He'd knowed what Esau was and what Jacob was. He knows what's in man. Before the foundation of the world He knowed, He...

120 If you could explain the word of *infinite*...Why, the word *infinite*...I say there's been a hundred billion tons of gnats in the world (that wouldn't start it), a hundred billion tons of gnats in the world, and each one of them has batted their eyes a

hundred trillion billion times. And not one of them ever batted their eye but what God knew it before the foundation of the world. That's infinite. That's something on the word of *infinite*. See?

121 He is infinite. So before the foundation of the world He knowed just exactly what you'd do. And He sent Christ, not just to be...If somebody, "Well if I'll just quit my meanness and follow Him," or something like that,

that isn't it. He knowed who would be saved, so He sent Christ to save that what He foresaw would be saved. That's exactly right.

122 Now, the Church Itself has Eternal security. If you're in the Church, you're secured with the Church. But when you go out of the Church, you're not secured. See? Now, you stay in the Church.

123 How do you get in the Church? Joining hands, writing your name on a

book? By one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body; that's the Church. How? Through Holy Ghost baptism we are sealed in the Body of Christ. How long? Until the day of your redemption. Ephesians 4:30, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption." Sealed away until the day of your redemption. Now. Certainly, certainly, that's the Holy Spirit.

124 And now, that Church was taken up, and the remnant of the woman's seed who keep the commandments of God and have faith in Jesus Christ (see?), not the Bride, the remnant of the woman's seed. Then the dragon spurted water out of his mouth to make war with the remnant of the seed. That's when the protestant church under the Federation of Churches, which is the image to the beast, which is now

being formed...And there'll be a boycott upon all churches like this.

125 Like we're in a great tax gathering right here now, a dispute, trying to say that we're not a church, and we got Constitutional rights to say that we are a church. As long as the Constitution stands there, no amendment to that, then we absolutely have the rights, just as much right as anybody. Our forefathers stood for that. But what have

we done, we've broke every Constitutional laws that they can break, and soon the Federation of Churches, which all the churches and denominations are invited into, and the devil's got in and making worldiness and everything in local church members and so forth like that, and great congregations, and class, and society, when the little old church is still down yonder being borned again in a mess like any birth

is, still paying the price, still getting down and dying out, acting the same way they did when they first got born at the day of Pentecost, same kind of a church down there...They'll be closed and shut out under the Federation of Churches. It'll be a boycott like a union or something. You'll either come in or you'll go out.

126 The mark of the beast is on today, and the—the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. To

reject it is the mark of the beast. Ever who sees the Holy Ghost, that you're supposed to receive It, and don't do it, automatically you take the mark of the beast, because there's only two classes to exist: all that didn't have the Seal of God had the mark of the beast. So to receive the Seal of God is to receive the Holy Ghost. To reject It is to have the mark of the beast. There's the whole thing. That's exactly right.

127 Now, the Bride went up, the remnant left here. And she is the one who come in the second resurrection. “Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection, on which the second death has no power.” That’s right. The second resurrection will be the White Throne Judgment, then the church... “Don’t you know,” said Paul, “go amongst the unbelievers and the lawyers and so forth when the

saints shall judge the earth.” These matters should be judged before the Church, not before the unjust magistrates and so forth, but before the Church our matters should. Dare you take one another to the law. And God pity a man that’ll take a Christian to law. That’s right. Paul even dared them to do it.

128 Now, that’s the Bride, and there goes the sleeping virgin, left on earth. The wise

virgin goes into Heaven with oil in her lamp.

I know we could spend a lot of time on that, but I got—I'm going to hurry to get through this.

129 “Do Christians sin?” Absolutely no! There is no Scripture where a Christian sins. He cannot sin. I know there's a resentment to that. Well, we'll just go to First John 3 and see what the Scripture says. A Christian does not sin.

130 Did you ever see a black, white bird or a white, black bird? Did you ever see a drunk, sober man? No! You never did see a sinner, saint either. There's no such a thing.

131 Now, if this gets just a little touchy, you just put a lot of balm in, you know, and it'll—it'll cure up just in a little bit now.

132 Now, the Scriptures is our absolutely, infallible proofs of what we are speaking

of. First John 3rd chapter and the 9th verse. All right, listen to this!

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was made manifest, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Listen, are you ready? Got your jackets on, the armor all buckled up? Listen close, 'cause this is shocking.

Whoever is borned of God does not commit sin;... (How's that?)...for his seed...(His seed, God's.)... remaineth in him:...(The man!)...and he cannot sin, because he's borned of God.

In this the children of God are made manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither...that loveth not his brother.

How can you have denominations and draw barriers and things like that, and say you're borned of God? No such a thing. It's a mock of the—Satan. That's right. But a man that's borned of God cannot sin; it's impossible for him to sin.

133 Watch! Just let me take this crucifix just a minute if it'll come off of there. Who was the sin offering? Jesus Christ. How do we get in Christ? Who died for us?

Christ. What did He die for? Our sins. He took my punishment. Is that right? And then how do I get into Him? By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body. And when in this Body, we're covered by the Blood and free from the judgments. He cannot sin, because there's a Blood sacrifice laying for him day and night. Hallelujah! He can't sin. He has no desire to sin. If he does it—if he does do something wrong, he don't

mean to do it. The Bible said in Hebrews the 10th chapter, "For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the Truth (and He is the Truth), there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin. He that despised Moses' law died under two or three witness, how much more sorer punishment suppose, though worthy, who's trod the Blood of Jesus Christ under his feet and counted the Blood of the covenant wherewith he was

sanctified with an unholy thing, and done despite to the works of grace.”

134 For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body and are free from sin, and we cannot sin. There is an atonement waiting for us. And if there's still desire in your heart to sin, you have never been baptized into that Body, because you are dead and your life is hid in Christ through God and sealed by the Holy Ghost. Christians

don't sin. They make mistakes, but they don't sin. Amen! That's the reason they don't, for he cannot sin.

135 How can I have a...If I go down through the city here, and the mayor of the city says, "Mr. Branham, I know that you make sick calls. There's speed limits. The highest speed limit in the city is about thirty miles an hour. But I'm giving you permission to run ninety if you want to, 'cause I have faith in

you that you wouldn't do it unless you had emergency call or somebody dying yonder in a wreck. And I'll give you permission, as the mayor of this city, that you can run any red light, do whatever you want to, just go right on." How could a little two-bit officer ever arrest me out here making forty miles an hour in a thirty mile zone? He can't. I cannot break any speed laws in this city, because why? I'm

above the speed laws. Amen!
I hope you see it.

136 And when we are
dead, and God has
recognized our repentance,
He's recognized our
baptism, He's recognized the
Blood of His own Son, which
by faith has been applied, He
recognizes His foreordination,
and knowed that I'd do it, and
has recognized me in Christ,
dead...And Christ died in my
place when He was slain
before the foundation of the

world. My name was put on His Book as a Christian. Hallelujah! Christ died my death. Christ is my Sacrifice. And God could not impute to me sin anymore. He's give me the Seal of the Holy Ghost as a witness that I've passed from death unto Life. Whew! That does it.

137 Then they that are borned of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin. In the Old Testament each year there was a

remembered of sin. But Christ, by one sacrifice He has perfected forever the worshipper. “The—the worshipper once purged (Hebrews 10)—the worshipper once purged has no more conscience of sin.” So you take these people that run in the church and jump up and down, and shout, and speak with tongues, and act just exactly like a Christian, and run out, and the next year they got to come

back again, next
week. They've never come
anywhere to begin
with. They're only
impersonating, for the Bible
said that the Holy Spirit seals
us into Christ until the day of
our redemption.
Hallelujah! That's what makes
me rest assured, 'cause God
promised it.

138 No more sin. The sin
question's settled. That's the
reason sin looks so dirty to a
Christian. That's why women

out here with these shorts on
look so dirty to a
Christian. That's why
vulgarity, that's why dirty
things, that's why smoking,
drinking, gambling, all these
uncensored programs on
television, all that stuff seems
filth. Why? You're of a
different Kingdom. You're
borned into the Kingdom of
God and sealed by the Holy
Ghost until the day of your
redemption.

139 He that's borned of God commits no sin, for he can't sin. The seed of God is in him, and he cannot sin. As long as that Holy Ghost is in there It takes every desire of sin away from you. Amen! You can't sin; there's no more desire.

We could take a long time on that, but let's hurry. We ain't going to get through them, I'm afraid.

140. Now, were the five of the virgins lost?

56 I presume that they are asking the question's, "the five virgins," the five wise and the five foolish. Now, if you were with us in the last teachings in Revelation, you find out there that those virgins, the—the five foolish virgins were not lost; but they were not permitted to go into the Wedding Supper, but they suffered persecution and was martyred, and raised again at

the general resurrection in the last day. Those are the people where He separated the sheep from the goats, see, they stood before Judgment.

57 You say, “Well, Brother Branham, don’t we stand, the Church?” No, sir! We do not stand before the Judgment.

58 We are now standing before the judgment, God put our sins upon Christ, and we... “He that heareth My Word” Saint John 5:24 “and believeth on Him that sent Me

has Eternal Life, and shall not come into the Judgment but has passed from death unto Life.” No more judgment for the Church. It’s took up in the Rapture, and comes back to pass judgment upon the people who did not receive the Holy Spirit. Does not Paul say that he dares any of us to take a—a matter to the court, to the unjust magistrate, when, “know ye not that the Saints shall judge the earth?” We will sit with

Christ and judge kings and priests, and judge these people that we preached to and told them about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and they refused to receive It. Think of it!

59 No, they were not lost, but they will never be in the Bride. They were come in the second resurrection, but never be in the Bride, and be judged according to the way they treated the Light that they received. Now, that part will

be up to Christ. They were not lost, though.

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164. Let's see. **Brother Branham, what happens to the people that are—are considered the sleeping virgin when they are judged at the judgment?**

189 Well, the sleeping virgin will be saved of course. She'll be saved at the judgment. She'll never be the Bride, but she is a saved

group of people that will come in the judgment, that will not be included in the Bride. But as long as they are virgins, they are before God. See? They are to be saved. He separates... They'll be the sheep on His right side. And the unsaved will be the goats on His left at the great White Throne Judgment.

I could spend a lot of time on that, but I—it's getting a little late.

306. After the Bride is raptured will any of the foolish virgin be saved or will they all be lost?

173 No! See, everything will be finished for the Gentile church when the Bride is taken from the earth. The Spirit of God leaves the earth: "He that's filthy is filthy still; he that's righteous is righteous still; he that's holy is holy still." In other words the

sanctuary becomes smoky, where the—the Attorney stands to plead the case. Christ leaves the sanctuary; His day of mediatorial is over. The rapture comes; He leaves from the sanctuary, goes forth and takes the Book of Redemption, and claims everything He redeemed. There's no more mediatorial work. How many understands that? I've got it on one of the Seals—or one of the...Yeah,

the Seals, I believe it was, that Christ comes forth to claim His mediatorial work.

174 Now, just a minute. “Will the foolish virgin be saved?” No! Whatever happens she—happens now. After that time she’s in the state...Now, she will have to go through the tribulation period. And the reason of it is, is because she has rejected the Atonement in its fullness. She is a believer, a professed believer, but she

will have to go through the tribulation period. The Bible said, “And the rest of them, the dragon spurted water out of his mouth to go and make war...” And what an hour that is. The...

175 There's never been a time in history where that the nominal churches has become so hungry to find the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I— I speak for the Christian Business Men. Constantly, it's Presbyterian, and Lutheran,

Catholic, and all, Baptists by the hundreds, Church of Christ, Nazarenes, Pilgrim Holiness, Seventh Day Adventist, every one of them flocking in trying to—to find...See?

176 Now, this is a striking thing. Please don't take it as a doctrine, but do you understand what the Scriptures said would take place when that did? Time was over. For look, there was seven virgins—or ten virgins

went out to meet the Bridegroom, and half of them had oil in their lamp, half of them didn't. That's the part of the Body that's dead and the part that's alive. The five's wise, when they—the cry come, “Behold the Bridegroom...” they all trimmed—woke and trimmed their lamps to go into the wedding supper. But when the foolish virgin said, “Give us some of your oil, our lamps is gone out. (See?) Give us of

your oil.” They said, “Not so, we just got enough for ourself. Go buy it.” And while they went to buy it, the Bridegroom came.

177 When the proclamation went out, the decree, “The Bridegroom’s coming,” everybody wanted to get right, right quick. Ain’t that the hour when the handwriting’s on the wall?

178 “Oh, we want the baptism of the Holy Ghost.” “We want *this, that*, or

the *other!*” But while they went to buy it, the Bridegroom came. The wise went in, and they were left outside where there’ll be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

179 I got just beautiful questions in here to go with that: “Who was the man with the robe on that come in, that didn’t have the wedding garment on?” And all those questions that tie right into that.

406. Where are the foolish virgins during the Millennium?

106 In the Millennium they're in the grave. "The rest of the dead lived not for a thousand years."

Questions And Answers **On** ***Thoughts***

387. Brother Branham, please explain how a person knows if he is thinking his own thoughts, or if the devil is placing thoughts in his mind to make him think wrong, especially, if you know you do not want to think them.

67 Then, if it's contrary to the Word, it's the devil's

thinking. If it's with the Word, it's God thinking. If it's the wrong thoughts, it's the devil. If it's good thoughts of the Word and of God, it's God's thinking.

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388. If the case may be that the devil is placing thoughts in your mind about a certain thing, how may it be overcome or got rid of?

68 Take the very vice versa from it. If the devil makes you think that—that—that you are...If you know you're a Christian, and he tries to make you think you're not

a Christian, just take the versa, say, “I am a Christian.” As long as your experience matches in God’s Word say, “I’m a Christian.” Anything else, the same way.

When you answer this, please pray for me to overcome this, as I am not by myself.

69 God grant your overcoming, ever who you are. May your thoughts just go right back the other side and say, “I am a Christian; I am a believer. Satan, you have no hold on me.”

70 Frankly, I’m standing right here now saying the same thing, keep from fainting right here at the pulpit. That’s right. Four or five

times I've almost pitched over on the pulpit. That's the truth. God knows that's right.

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362. Please explain the mystery of the translation of the Bride.

242 Just a change, see, our bodies. Now, let's say *our*. You know what I mean when I say that? I don't mean to be sacrilegious. I don't mean to say *ours*; I don't mean to say this church; I mean to say every believer.

243 Abraham, He was looking for a promised son, that was promised him. Is that right? And the Church is looking for a promised Son. The Bride (is that right?), the Bride is looking for the promised Son.

244 Before the promised son could come to Sarah and Abraham, their bodies had to be changed. Is that right?

245 She was too old to have a baby. She had no milk veins in her breast; her breast was dried up. Her womb wasn't fertile; she was sterile. She could not have the baby; her heart was too old to stand labor. So what happened? God changed her back to a young woman. And He did Abraham the same thing, 'cause He said his body was as good as dead. See? And He had to change their body in order to receive the promised son.

246 And we cannot receive the promised Son that's promised us today in these bodies that we live in; these bodies are sin.

247 This first conscience controls this body with see, taste, feel, smell, and hear, and has just got us all scrupled up; we reason and everything else. But that new body, that comes from this borned again (not this first conscience, it'll pass away)...It's that inside something that lives. Everybody understand it say, "Amen!" [Congregation replies, "Amen!"—Ed.]

248 It's not this outside see, taste, feel, smell, and hear. It isn't. It's subject to death and will die, but the inside part of you, down in here, inside, that is the, person that cannot die. See? And that's the person that the new life starts from, from this new birth; and it builds another person in the image of this person you are, around that life. You get it?

249 So potentially it's in here, and what is it? The Word promised before the foundation of the world. And around there, this only reflects the negative; that will reflect the positive, the Word. See? And the same thing is...Or, the translation of the Bride will be the same thing. The Word that's in you, the body will materialize around that Word, and the same thing did by Sarah.

250 Before...When that old body she had, that first body, it had to be changed in order to produce a son. You get it? That body could not do it. This body cannot do it, so it'll have to be changed the same way to receive the Son.

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