Questions And Answers

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Should a Christian woman wear simple jewelry, as necklaces or pearls?

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283. Brother Branham: Questions: Should a Christian woman wear simple jewelry, as necklaces or pearls?

64 Well, Sister, I know this means a lot to you, and it means a lot for me for you to place your confidence I'd tell you the truth. Now remember, the Bible said, "When you adorn, do not adorn with—with costly jewels, and pearls, and all kinds of wearing of jewelry, but let that be the adorning of a peace, and quiet, and meek spirit (which I just quoted), which is a great price before the Lord."

65 Now, I don't mean by that, Sister, that if you had a pin...Now, this is me not the Lord. If you had a pin that you wanted to wear, or a little necklace your husband give you, or maybe your...something like

that that you wore, now, to me, I don't think that's bad. Now, that's just me. Now remember, I make myself clear; that's my opinion. But I think it's the approach to it; it's the way you do it. See? It's the motive behind it. And when you see it's getting ahold of you, then leave the thing alone. But I think if you wore your wedding ring...

66 Now, I know you Nazarene people, it used to be that you wouldn't even baptize a woman with a wedding ring on. See? I—I don't believe, that as necessary. In the Bible they wore wedding rings, only it was a tablet they called it, around their head, nine pieces of coin in it. But I...to show that they were married. Now, I think that's all right.

67 If women want to dress and—and make themselves look decent, clean, ladylike, why, I think there's not a thing to that, to me. But when you get to going to put that thing into making it a little pride, then you're wrong. It's your attitude.

68 Do you women remember here not long ago they had what they called "scandal skirts"? I think they're coming out again, or they got worse. Be...Yeah, they're, "scandalous" now, instead of, "scandal." But they used to have a play back not long ago...They had the girls, young women...And course, the old ones would do it too, 'cause they're all want to be young. I

don't mean you sisters, I mean the women of the world. And they'd cut their—their skirt up high, about a foot high every time, then wear some kind of a underneath garment look pretty. And when they would make a step, it would show this underneath garment with the lace, and frills, or whatever it was on it. Which, you know...

69 There was a—a girl come to me, which was a Dunkard girl, had just received the Holy Ghost. She belonged to the Assemblies of God, and that was in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where I was married at. And she come to me, a fine little lady, and she said, "Brother Branham, I want to ask

you a question."

I said, "All right, Sister, what is it?"

She said, "Do you think it's wrong for a girl to—Christian girl to wear a 'scandal skirt'?"

I said, "Sister, this is one thing I—I just can't understand. What is a 'scandal skirt'?" And she told me what it was. I...

She said, "It shows the underskirt."

70 I said, "What—what is in a women that would make her want to show her underneath clothes to some man? What would...What—what business has a Christian girl got doing a thing like that? Could you imagine a Christian?"

71 Now, look, a man, there's not much to him when it comes

to a body. And he, if he went half naked, it would—there wouldn't be no scandal to it. Not holding for man, but they...You know that-what kind of a woman would be tempted by a man with his shirt off and shorts on or whatever he had? The big old burly-looking thing, it looks sloppy and sickly, I...horrible. See these men out here...Well, I think it'd make a woman vomit to look at such a thing. If she had...But now, you take a woman and put her like that,

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that's a different temple. You understand? All right.

72 But I think as far as a necklace, or...Now, if you go loading yourself up like you went through the ten-cent store down here with a magnet on you, I—I think that...Excuse that, I didn't mean to say that like that, but that—that's wrong.

73 If anything turned me the first time against my...made me ashamed of America, was...I was in Switzerland one day, and

Brother Arganbright and I had found a good place way down by Lausanne where we could get a big, fine steak, about so big around, weigh about threequarters of a pound, I think, for around thirty cents in American money. Oh, we were living like kings! Every day we'd go down there. And all of them there drink wine, you know; their water's no good. And I wouldn't drink that wine, so I got me a little jug from the...a drugstore that had distilled water. And I packed that

jug wherever I went. I guess everybody thought, "That boy carries his own brand." So I had it in my hand. We went down there to this place where all the—selling these steaks, and one day Miss America drove up. About a '28 model Chevy, had a poodle dog setting on the lap and brought that in there, and she had enough...Them two women had enough ten-centstore jewelry, great big, long things, and earrings, and hanging way down, and paint; and both of them fifty years old, as old as me. And you'd thought they wanted to be fifteen. But what are they trying to do? They're trying to drive life's road looking through a rear-view mirror, looking back to what they used to be.

74 Now, Christian don't do that. A Christian don't try to be what he used to be; he's not looking where he's been, he's looking where he's going. See, see? Don't pay no attention to what you was then; you've done

lived that out. You'll never return to it; that's in the past. And any man that drives life's road looking through a rear-view mirror will go to wreck; and so will you on this Christian road. Don't look back what you was, look what you're going to be. Paul said, "Forgetting those things which are in the past, I press towards the mark of the high calling."

75 Now, but it made you ashamed. They brought this little,

old stinking dog in there and set it upon the table! Now, that would make anybody vomit! And fooling with that dog right there, setting it right up there with their hands, and then going to eat with them same hands! And the waiter come over there, and blabbed off something. Dr. Guggenbuhl was with me; he started laughing, and turned his head.

I said, "What's-what'd say?"

Said, "The waiter said, 'Take that off!'"

They said, "No, she's an American; let her alone." In other words, "She don't know any better." See?

76 When I come to Saint Angelo at Rome (now, think of this), at the Vatican in Rome, Italy, they had a sign up at Saint Angelo: "To the American women: Before entering this catacomb, please put on clothes to honor the dead"; the Catholic church. See?



Wars are God's judgments upon the nations. Destructions are sent of God. The Bible said so. And God is a God of love, but God is a God of wrath also.

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24. One more question: Can... I can't believe that God sent wars as judgment. I can't believe that God sends wars as judgment. (Just listen a moment.) I don't believe, as some do, that God placed the sword in the hands of these butchers from ancient Babylon to Hitler, to slay innocent women and children among... along with the guilty, to carry out God's judgment. May God... my God of love would not do... my God of love (Pardon!), do this. Wars are the works of Satan, Please confirm this confusion.

167 Now, just a moment. I'd read this just a while ago, the reason that I laid this on the bottom. Now, I want you to just hold your peace a minute. Now, let—let's get this real straight, 'cause this is quite a question. And it must be approached reverently. Immediately after that, if you can bear with us just a little bit longer...

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168 I know it's getting late, but it's...Remember, what of it? Now, you used to go dance all night and think nothing about it (see?), set out to the worldly things, but when it comes to the Word of God over twenty minutes, brother, we got to get a new preacher. See? It's a shame. Paul preached all night. I preached right here years ago at two and three o'clock in the morning. And people be walking up and down this place here just praising God at two or three o'clock in the morning. You'd see as many as a dozen at a time receive the Holy Ghost at two

and three o'clock. God have mercy. I wished I could see it again. But we can't; the day's gone. The day is gone now; she's far spent now. Night's drawing near and people are..."Well, we just don't care no more, so...My, I wish they'd quit, so we can get ready to go in." And that's justjust about the way it goes.

169 Wait, I want to ask you something now. Now, I'm going to disagree with you, brother or sister, I don't know. It was laid here this morning. I had it in my Bible and was looking at it a while ago. Now, in a friendly way...And now, I don't want you to—to—to fly loose at me. I want you to listen closely.

170 And we...Remember, I would just as much like to agree with you on this—on your decision on this as I did with that woman, poor woman a while ago. Said...Her and her husband, they just run off and got married; and there it was. But she's take her vow; she's got to stick with it. See? And now, I've got to stick with the Word of God.

But now, I don't believe…But first, I can't believe that God sends wars as judgment.

171 Well now, friend, there's only one thing that's wrong with your belief, and that is, it isn't Scriptural. God does send war as judgment. That's right. I—I'm going to give you Scripture; I just ain't going to read it off here and then tell you. Look. I don't believe as some do that God placed a sword in the hands of these butchers from ancient Babylon to Hitler, to slay the innocent women and children.

172 If I would tell you in the Name of Jesus Christ that He did do it, and would prove it by the Bible, would you believe it then (see?), that He did do it? All right. And He's going to do it again. All right. And listen to this.

173 I don't know. This might be my bosom friend setting here for all I know; for God Who is in Heaven knows I don't even know the handwriting. I couldn't tell you. But I want you to listen this. "My God is a God of love, my God is love and wouldn't do this. Wars are of Satan." I'll agree with you that wars is of Satan. That's exactly. He's a prince of this world. Every kingdom and every nation in this world belongs to Satan. God said they did in His Word. Satan said, "They're

mine." Jesus admitted that they were his. But He's going to fall heir to all of them afterwhile, Jesus will. We'll have no more wars then. But God permits Satan to do this for correction and for judgment.

174 Now, I want to ask you something just before we start. I want you to answer me this and find out. If you don't believe that God is a... (You said)... that wouldn't do these things. Just to start it right from the beginning... Now, give me your undivided attention if you can. Listen. Why did God Himself chastise His Own Son and murder Him on the cross? God killed His Own Son at the cross. "Yet it pleased God," said the Scripture, "to smite Him, and to bruise Him, and to wound Him." God did His Own Son that way to save you.

175 I want to ask about Saul, the great king of Israel. God told him to go down and to take King Og and everything he had and utterly destroy everything down there, men, women, children, and everything... And Saul... even the cattle to kill it, not to let nothing live. And Saul went down there and spared some of the cattle. And God took the Spirit off of him and separated him from Him; he become God's enemy.

176 Why did Elijah stand there when God give the old King Og into Ahab's hands? And he told Ahab to kill that king. And Ahab refused to do it. And Elijah the prophet had a sentry to… Said, "Smite me with your sword." He realized he was a prophet.

He said, "I won't." And he lost his life. Then he told another one, said, "Smite me." And the man hit him with the sword and cut him. And he wrapped himself up in disguisement and he stood there. And here come Ahab riding in on his chariot.

He said, "What—what you standing here about?"

He said, "Well, I was a sentry; I was given a care over a man. And he smote me and run away," He said, "and I let him go. And they told me if I did, I have to pay with my own life."

He said, "Well, you will have to pay with your own life."

He unwrapped himself and said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, because you didn't murder that king down there, you'll pay for it with your own self." That right? That's exactly right. ~16~

177 Let me read you something here. How about Babylon, when Joshua... when God sent Joshua over across there, and he utterly destroyed little babies, children, and everything else. And if he let one thing live... He wiped everything out. Little Philistine babies, he just destroyed them. God commanded him. And if he didn't do it, it was his own life.

178 I'm going to fix it up in a few minutes. God is love, perfect
love; but you don't know what love is. That's why today people don't know what faith is. God is love. He has to be in love; He's sovereign to His Word. And He has to keep His Word. He has to love you. And if He loves you, He's got to protect you.

179 Listen here. You talk about the falling of children. Just a minute, let me show you something here in the Scriptures, what—what the Bible says about these things here. Let's get over here and just listen to this just a minute and see what God said. Now, I'm reading from Ezekiel the 9th chapter, if you want to put it down. Listen close:

And...He cried also in my ears with a loud voice, and saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near,... every man with their destroying weapon in his hand. (Now, this is God speaking.)

And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which are towards the north, and every man a slaughtering weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with white linen, and a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood by the... beside the brasen altar.

And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherubims, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to me...to the man clothed in white linen, with the... had the...inkhorn in his hand—or side;

And so... And the Lord... (Capital L-O-R-D, which is God.)... the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem,... set a mark upon the forehead of the man that sigh and... cry for... the abominations... done in the midst thereof.

And to the others he... (The Lord.)... said in my hearing, Go

ye after him through the city, and smite: and let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: (Watch, 6th verse.)

Utterly—Slay utterly old... young... maidens,... little children,... women:... (God said so. God said so!)...but come not near any man that has the mark; and he begin at the ancient...at the sanctuary—and begin at the ancient man...were before the house.

180 In other words, God said to these people, "Now, wait; I'm going to mark the people first, those that are really consecrated to God ... " And He put a mark upon them. He said, "Now," to these men that have the slaughtering weapon, "you go through and don't you spare women, children, or nothing, but you utterly slay everything."

181 In the antediluvian world in the destruction, when millions times millions and billions of

people was upon the earth, and God sent a old holiness preacher out by the name of Noah, and preached a hundred and twenty years, and told them to come into the ark, and all that didn't come in that ark would be destroyed...And God Almighty, who had the controls of the heavens, sent down the rains that utterly destroyed millions of old people, of young people, of little babies, strangling and perishing in the waters.

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182 Almighty God, and He's correctly the God of love. And that's true. He has to. He loves His Own. He has to be sovereign to His Word. So not to...for a controversy, but disagreeing with you. Your God of love...

183 Here not long ago I was talking...It's perhaps maybe a Jehovah Witness. The man come up and said, "Brother Branham, do you mean to tell me that you believe there is a burning hell?" I said, "It's not what I say, it's what the Bible says."

He said, "Do you mean to tell me that a loving Heavenly Father would burn His children up? Why," said, "you wouldn't burn your child."

I said, "No, sir!"

"Well then, if you as a human has that much love (see, how people can twist the thing around?), if you as a human have that much love, you think that a loving Heavenly Father would destroy His children?"

184 I said, "Never!" He don't destroy His children, but whose child are you? God don't destroy His children. He's trying His best to get them in. But it's the devil that's turned loose will destroy his children. So God just permits Satan.

185 Look. Who was it that permitted the evil to come down and Satan to go out and destroy the most perfect servant of God until Jesus Christ, his children and everything he had, Job? And God sent a wicked spirit out there and destroyed all of Job's children and everything just to test His servant. Is that right? Sure.

186 Oh, I could stand here for an hour and just showing you them, my Brother, Sister. That's right, ever who you may be. Don't you get this Spirit of God mixed up. Wars are God's judgments upon the nations. Destructions are sent of God. The Bible said so. And God is a God of love, but God is a God of wrath also. And you're not going to stand before a loving... That's been the thing that's hurt the church today.

187 "Some loving Father, of course He wouldn't mind me doing this." If you want to do it, you might as well go on and do it, because the love of God's not in you to begin with.



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201. Where is the Scripture that shows that the...that Catholicism will deceive the Jews and get their wealth?

289 Now, "Just where does it say that—that—that the beast will deceive for the wealth?" It doesn't say that. But we're presuming that that was... Now, the other night, you remember. You can look at the tape real close. I never said that's what they would do. I said... See, the Catholics is the richest group in the world. There's nobody like them. And what they don't have, the Jews has the rest.

290 That's where the economics of this country now... We're right now living on tax money, according to *Lifeline*, that off of taxes (that's come right from Washington, DC) that'll be paid in forty years from today. That's what we're spending now. That's how far back we are, giving notes, see, on taxes that will be paid in forty years from now. The nation is broke. She is done.

291 Now, Castro, the only sensible thing that he ever done, was when he counterfeited the currency and paid off the notes, the bonds, and burned them, and—and changed the currency. That's the only thing he could do.

And there's only one thing left for this United States to do. Now remember, this is William Branham, see, speaking. This is my idea. It's only presuming, just looking at it in the natural standpoint, which may be a million miles off. I do believe that right there, in that money... "The love of money is the root of all evil." And I believe that right along in there will start the ball rolling.

292 Now, the Catholic church back there, from charging for mass, and so forth, holds the wealth of the world. You remember, the Bible said, "She was rich," and how she was. And, remember, not only just on one nation. She is rich on every nation there is under Heaven. She reaches out. She has the money. Now, what they don't have, Wall Street has, which is controlled by the Jews.

293 Now, and you remember, he got the money when Jacob returned (last night we find out) and become Israel. He really had the money. But his money wouldn't buy him nothing, see, to Esau. Esau had it, too. See, both anti, and—and the one...See, it's just as perfectly.

294 Now watch here. I said they might want to consolidate together on the money, and the—and the Roman power take the Jewish power, and of money, breaking the covenant. That might not be so. See, I know they'll break it, but I-I don't know what reason, 'cause it's not revealed to me about what they'll do

295 But look. Now, if today, now what if today, the only thing that we can do, would be to do? If we are drawing taxes (if that statement is right) off of the currency, off of the tax money of forty years from now, you see, our gold is...We've done spent it. We're broke. We don't have any money. And we're only living off of a past reputation.

296 That's what the church is doing today, the church; not the Bride. The church is living off of a past reputation it got back ~9~

yonder under the ministry of the lion time. "We are the Church! We are the mother Church! We started..." That's right. See? It's living off of reputation!

297 Methodist is living off of their reputation. Baptist is living off of their reputation. And Pentecost is living off of theirs. "Glory to God! A long time ago, when the saints used to dance in the Spirit, and how they... The Lord done *this* and *that*." That, that's something past. "We all got big now, brother." Oh, my! See? All past reputation!

298 This nation is living living off of a past reputation of what the forefathers was, see, and that's the reason we think we'll be saved. God never respected Israel on what they was, what they had been; what they was then! Notice.

299 But, now, here is what I think, what I—I think will take place. Now, it may not be so. I believe the time will come when

we're forced to make the issue. And when it will be, that, instead of us changing the currency... What would that do to the Philip Morris? What would that do to the-the whiskey companies? What would that do to the steel industry? What would that do to all the commerce? What would that? It would break them. They would be broke. But, if, "We can borrow that money." You see how smart he is?

300 Then the nation sells out to the church. And then church

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and state is united again, and there she comes. See? That's it. Notice. All right. Now, in this:



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Title: 57-1006 — Questions And Answers On Hebrews Part III

65. When Adam and Eve had their children in Eden, was there other people on earth at this time? In Genesis the 5th chapter and the 16th verse, Cain dwelt in the land of Nod and knew his wife.

576 Now, that's a—a wonderful question. Now, we are taught in the Bible...And many ~ 3 ~

times these...sometimes we have carelessly...I used to put on a little slip of paper, and say, "Ask. Answer any Bible question."

577 And someone said, "Well, who was Cain's wife?"

578 Oh, I'd little joke with it or something, I'd say, "Oh, that was his mother-in-law's daughter," or something like that, you know, or—or "She was Mrs. Cain." But that don't answer the question. There's...

579 There Cain had a wife, because the Bible said he did. And if Cain had a wife, he had to get her somewhere. And this would line right into it here:

Was there other people on the earth when Adam and Eve had their children in the garden of Eden?

580 Now, if you notice, in the Bible it's very seldom ever

recorded about a woman being born. It's always the man child is the one that they record in the Bible, not the woman. Seldom is it ever mentioned about the birth of a girl baby, in the Bible. Or, frankly, I don't know as I can recall one right straight off now, in mind, where it ever recorded the birth of a baby; said, "They begot sons and daughters."

581 Now, the Bible only gives record of three children being born to Adam and Eve, and that was Cain, Abel, and Seth. Now, if all three of those being men, if there wasn't any females borned, and then when the only female (Eve) died, the human race would have ceased to exist right then, because there'd been no way for them to-to have any...the human race to have furthered, because there would been no females left. Eve would have been the only one. But, you see, they don't record the-the births of girl babies, in the Bible,

so therefore they had to have girls the same as boys.

582 Now, the old writer, one of the most ancient writers we got, Josephus, claims they had seventy children, and Adam and Eve; one of the oldest writers, "seventy children, and they were both sons and daughters."

583 Now, if...And then if Cain went to the land of Nod...Now, if you notice, the writer was very, very brilliant writing here. Did you notice how he quoted it?

In Eden, when they had their children in Eden...Now, not in the garden of Eden, the writer knew that. Ever who wrote the note here, said: When Adam and Eve had their children in Eden...

584 Not in the garden of Eden, because they'd been driven out of the garden of Eden. But they were still in Eden, and ~ 9~

the garden of Eden laid east in Eden. But Eden was like a county or—or what…or a state, and then Nod was another state or county next to it.

585 Now, the only person that Cain could have had, or married, would have had to be his own sister. He had to. Because there's only one male and female that they could have come from, see, and he had to marry his own sister. Now, that was legal in those days. ~ 10 ~

586 And Isaac married his own first blood cousin, Rebekah, ordained of God. Sarah was Abraham's sister, his blood sister; not by his mother, by his father. See, a blood sister that that Abraham married; a different mother, but same father.

587 So, you see, to marry in relation then, before the—the stream of blood was weakened in the human race, it was legal and all right. Now it isn't. If you'd marry your sister today, and have children, they'd probably be...well, they'd just be deformed and everything. Even down to a first and second cousin should never be married, see, because the bloodstream becoming low and running low.

588 But the only thing then that Cain could have done, would been, marry his own sister. And that's where the children was that...He got his wife, went to the land of Nod and knew her, and
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from there come the—the children. See, the...

589 And if you notice, out of the line of Cain come the smart men. Out of the line of Seth come the religious men, I mean, the—the vine of righteousness. Right there, those two, brought forth the very line that we're living in today.

590 If you'll notice today now (just in finishing this question): that lineage of Cain still exists, and the lineage of Seth still exists. They both come down just the same. Cain's children is here in Jeffersonville tonight, and Seth's children is here in Jeffersonville tonight. As the bloodstream weakens and goes out, but that lineage still hangs on.

591 Now, watch. Cain's children were always...and before the antediluvian destruction, they were the smart people: the scientist, the

educators; and very religious, but the condemned bunch. was See? Now watch, they were just like their father Cain. Cain, he was a religious man. He built a beautiful altar, and made a beautiful church, and tried to make it look prettier than that little mission that Seth had down there. Did you know that? He sure...He decorated the altar with flowers, and fixed it beautiful, and made it pretty; and made a great, big, swell church, because he thought that he

could find favor with God by doing so.

592 And Abel went over and got a little lamb, and started pulling it over to the altar, and laid it on a rock and killed it.

593 And now, if God being just, if all He required was worship, Cain worshipped God with just as much sincerity as Abel did. Both of them were sincere. Both of them was trying to find grace with God. They were neither one of them infidels. They were both, absolutely, believers in Jehovah. Now, there, that gives us something to think of.

594 Some here tonight I've never seen, people; I've never seen you before. But you must realize this, and keep this in your mind. See? No matter how religious you are, that don't have one thing to do with it. You might live in church, you might be ever so sincere, and you're still lost! See?

595 And you say, "Well," you say, "our pastors are the smartest, they come through the seminaries to get the best education. They're theologians, they know all—all the theology and so forth. And they're smart, trained, the very...the elected best that we know of." And they could still be lost! See?

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596 Now Cain, on his line: they were, every one, very religious; a very famous people; and they were scientists, and doctors, and builders, and workers, and smart men. But all that lineage was rejected, from Cain all the way down.

597 And on Abel's side: they wasn't builders nor educators or smart man; they were a, more or less, humble, sort of sheep raisers, and peasants, that just walked by the Spirit. ~ 19 ~

598 Now, the Bible said, "There's no condemnation to them that's in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." The spiritual man has a spiritual soul that can never die. And the carnal man has a religious atmosphere around him (and wants to worship and so forth) but is carnal; not an unbeliever, but a carnal believer; and it was the kind was rejected.

599 Now, from there, Cain went and married his wife in the

land of Nod. Now, it doesn't say who Seth married, or who others married. And the very beautiful thing of that is to know that that, Cain marrying, we have the answer to it. Cause he had to marry his sister, or he...or there'd been a...

600 There was no more women on the earth, but just had to come from Eve. She was the mother of all living. That's, all the people that was living, she was the mother of it. That's the reason that she was...The word *Eve* means "the mother of the living." So she came and brought this child. And Cain married his own sister, would be the only way that I could see out of it. So there was people living in that day, truly. See? Well, and...

When Adam and Eve had their children in Eden...Now watch, that's the question: When they had their children in Eden, was there other people on earth at this time? No! Then in ~ 22 ~

Genesis 5:16, you see, Cain dwelt in the land of Nod and knew his wife. Sure. See?

601 That's Genesis 1, where He created man in His Own image, which was in the theophany. And in Genesis 2, He made man out of the dust of the earth, which was the human man that we have now. And then, in 3 was the fall, and was kicked from the garden of Eden; and then the children begat children. And Cain took his wife and lived with her in the land of Nod, outside, because God had separated him from the fellowship with his own brother (because of the death of—of Abel). And that's who he had, his own sister, and married her; is the only way that I can, myself, can see how that—that he married.

602 Now, it's been said...And I hope that my colored friends that's in here will excuse this remark, because it's absolutely not right. The first time I ever met

anyone in my life, after I had been converted... was...met Brother George DeArk and them down there. And I was walked, and the Lord led me to a little place. And they was discussing where the colored man came from. And they were trying to say that the colored man, that Cain married an animal like an ape, and through there come forth the colored race. Now, that's wrong! Absolutely, that's wrong! And don't never stand for that. Cause there was no colored or white, or

any other different, it's just one race of people unto the flood. Then after the flood and the tower of Babel, when they began to scatter out, that's when they taken their colors and so forth. They're all come from the same tree. That's exactly right. Adam and Eve was the father and mother, earthly, of every living creature of human beings that's ever been on the earth. That's right. Black, white, pale, brown, yellow, whatever color you might be, that's absolutely the place

that you live in, and the way that—that the...Just like...

603 I think I might express this while I'm on it. The people here now in these segregations and laws and things they're passing, I think it's ridiculous. I really do. Listen, just let those people alone, they know what they want. God made a man a colored man, and he's happy about it. Absolutely! If God made me a colored man, I'd be happy about it; if He made me a brown man,

I'd be happy; if He made me a white man, I'm happy; if He made me a yellow man, I'd be happy. God made us in our colors, and He made us the way He wanted us, and we're all His children. Absolutely! And they oughtn't to fuss and carry on like that. That's wrong to do that. They shouldn't do it. God made us...the way we want it.

604 And the colored man, he don't want to get out there and break up his—his generation or his color, and mix it in the white and everything like that. I don't blame him. I don't. The colored man has things that the white man don't even possess. Absolutely! That's exactly right. And God never intended them to be that way.

605 Well, look. The colored man is...he's—he's a...he's got a—he's got a disposition about him that the white man never does have. He's got a happy-golucky, a "trust God, and just let the rest of it go"; whether he's got it or whether he hasn't, he's happy anyhow. I'd like to have a whole lot of that, tonight, I sure would. Well, he's got it, and that's his possession; they don't want to mix it up with some other race and break it out, either. That's exactly right.

606 I think the lady down there at Shreveport made one of the best—best comments I ever heard in my life. She made a comment, and they put it in the paper. She walked up, she said, "The way these things are going in here, in this segregation, I don't want my children going to school over at that white school." Said, "They won't get the attention they'd have if they had colored teacher." That а woman's a smart woman. She knowed what she was talking about, they get a better education. That's exactly right. So I think the people do wrong by doing that.

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607 And then they say, "Cain and Abel..." and so forth like that. No, sir! The color had nothing to do with it. It's the spirit inside of there that has something to do with it. That's exactly right.

608 So Cain knew his wife, and that was his sister. And they...he took her to the land of Nod, and there come forth the great tribes of the earth: the religionists and worshippers. ~ 32 ~

609 And just think today, friend, just stop and think just for a moment. That there are tens of thousands times tens of thousands and thousands of thousands, of absolutely churchgoing people, just as sincere and consecrated to that church they can be, that's just as far lost as Cain was. See? It's God Who chooses! It's God Who elects! See? God Who gives mercy! The clay can't say to the potter, it's the potter over the clay. That's right.

610 Now here's a beautiful one, the next one here:

In Second Peter 2:4—2:4…

611 Somebody got a Bible, want to turn to these Scriptures right quick while I'm reading Them, if you want to, and kind of help me along here, while we get this question.

612 Now, on this Cain and and so forth, if that don't satisfy it now, you just let us have it. We'll be glad... $\sim 34 \sim$

613 Now Second Peter 2:4. All right, sir, here we are:



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