

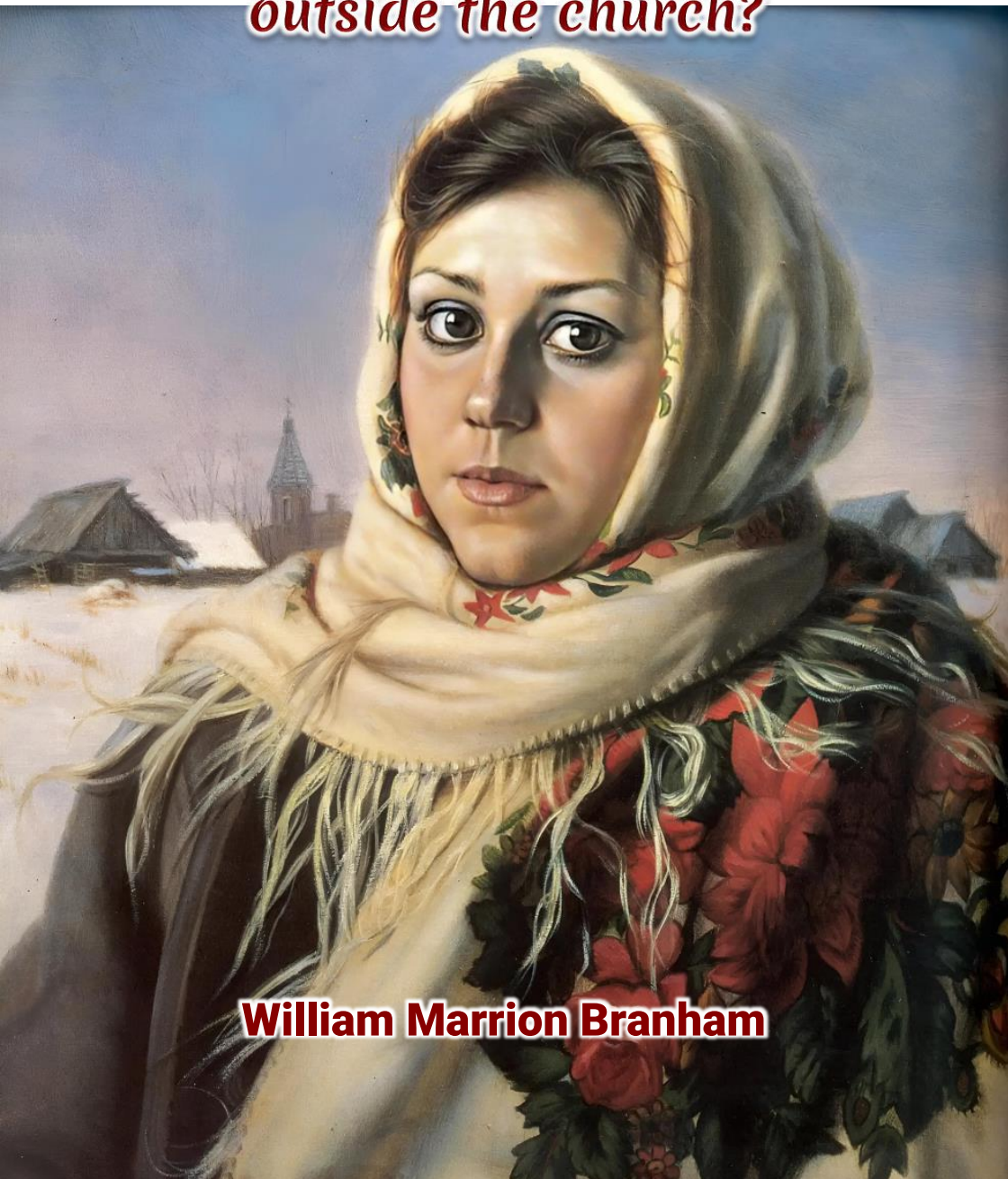
Questions And Answers On Women

A painting of a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a pink long-sleeved blouse and a blue skirt with a red undergarment. She is seated at a round table covered with a green cloth, writing on a piece of paper with a quill. On the table are a small inkwell and a basket containing various items. The background shows a window with a view of a landscape and some household items on a shelf.

From The Sermons Of
WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM



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



William Marrion Branham

*Title: 57-1002 - Questions And
Answers On Hebrews #2*

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:

Brother Branham, are women
allowed to work in public
affairs when they have a
healthy husband and children?



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*Title: 64-0823E - Questions And
Answers #2*

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.

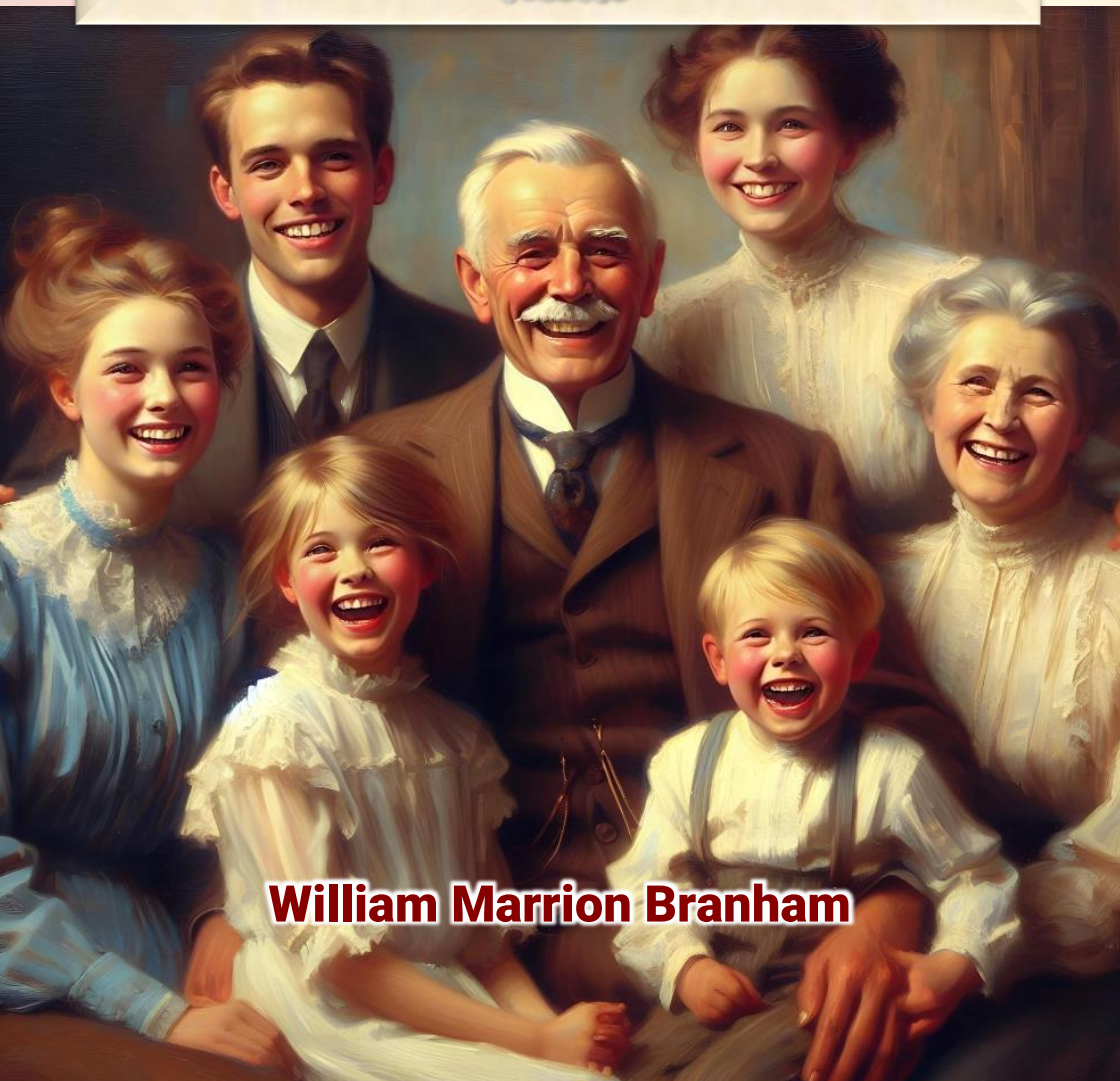
157 But now, if a woman can hold herself as a—as a real

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.



*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.*



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*Title: 64-0830E - Questions And
Answers #4*

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.

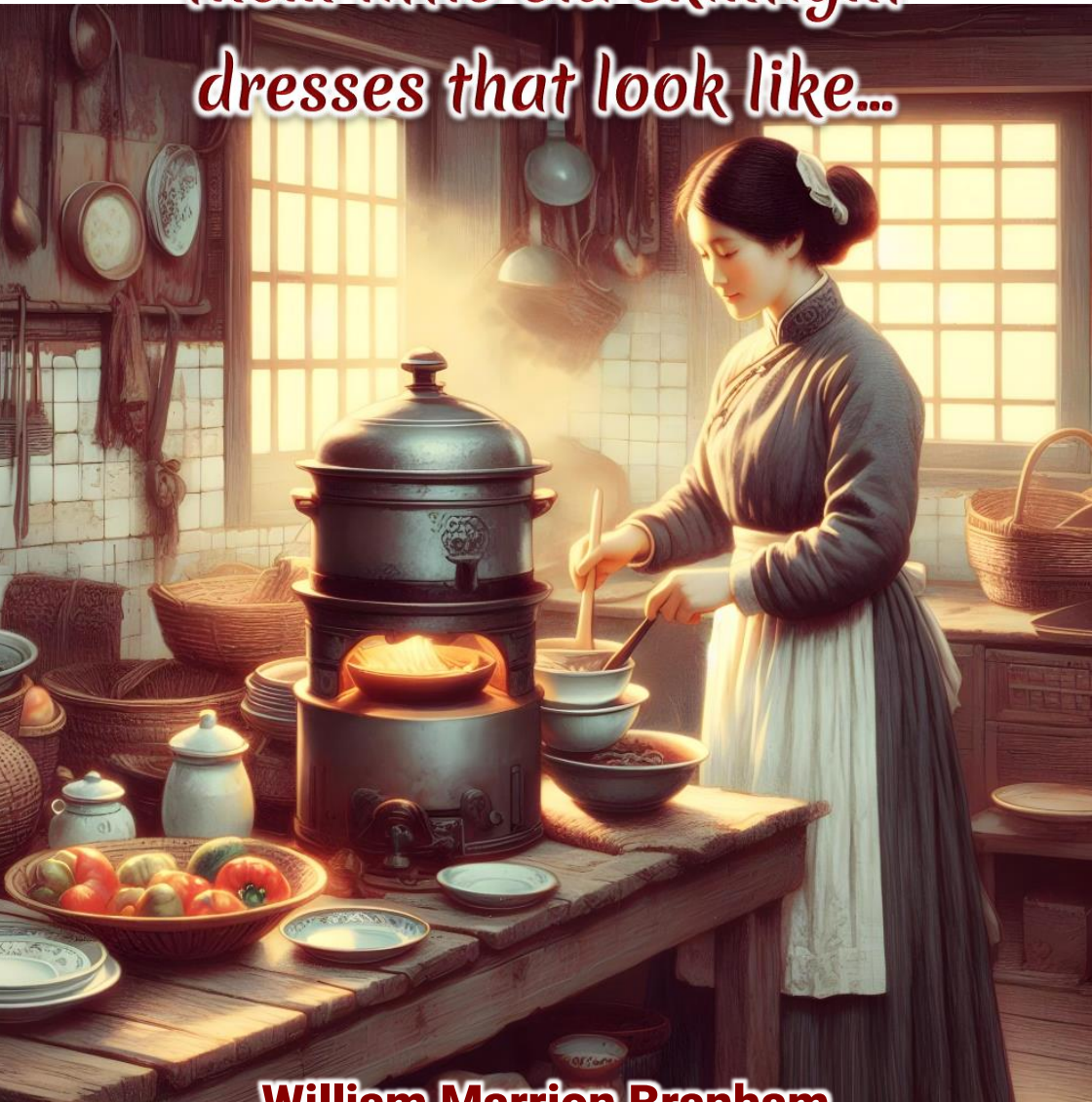
118 And woman, you dress like a woman. And man, you dress like a man; don't try to be a sissy and wear womens clothes. And women, don't you try to be masculine and wear a man's clothes, because God

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.



*Yes, I'm certainly against
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dresses that look like...*



William Marrion Branham

*Title: 64-0823M - Questions And
Answers #1*

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.

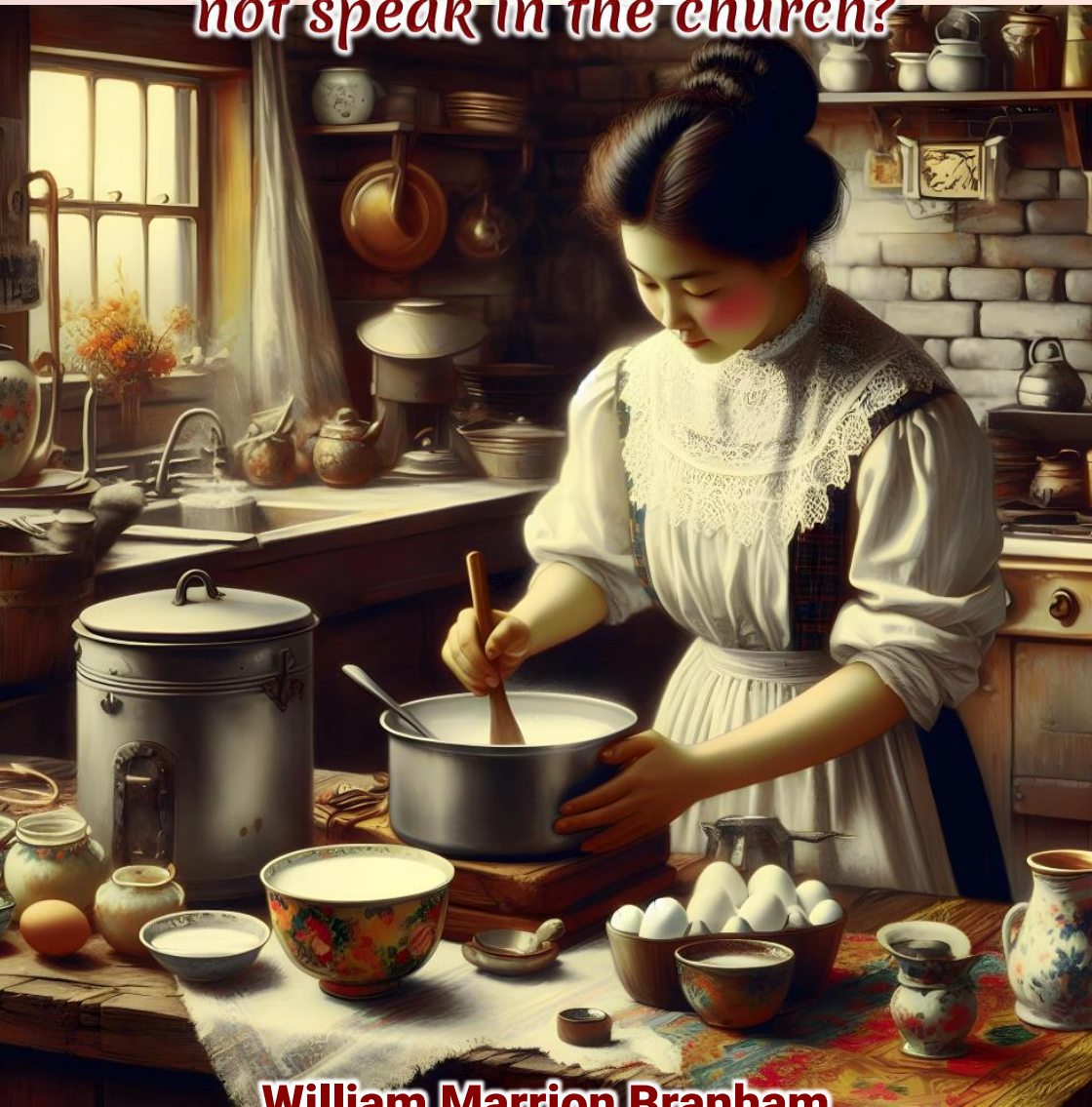
137 Like somebody said the other day, he said, “Well, I tell you, Brother Branham,” said, “I tell you what Adam and Eve...” Said, “It was just exactly; they had a apple!” And I noticed they changed that now; they said they had a what? I believe it was called a *something*? [Man in congregation replies,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

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it makes them realize they were
naked. See?



**Brother Branham, is it not
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not speak in the church?**



William Marrion Branham

*Title: 61-1015M - Questions And
Answers*

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.

*Brother Branham, please
explain—please make clear if
women should testify or speak
in tongues in the assembly.*



William Marrion Branham

*Title: 61-1015M - Questions And
Answers*

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



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