

Whatever you do, shun the very appearance of evil.



Bro. William Branham

Message: 62-0713 - From That Time

41 Oh, of the stories of these thirty-one years around the world, and around, and around, hearing the confessions, and things, that'd raise the—the hair on your head.

To think of—of the things that, hear them confess of what they've started, how innocent they was, and how

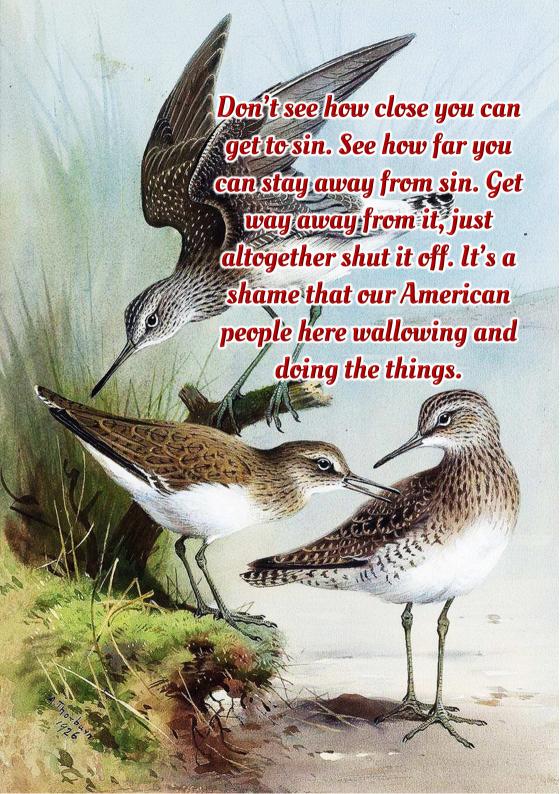
beautiful sin looks, and how attractive it looks to be.

But it's—it's a way of death.

Don't go in it.

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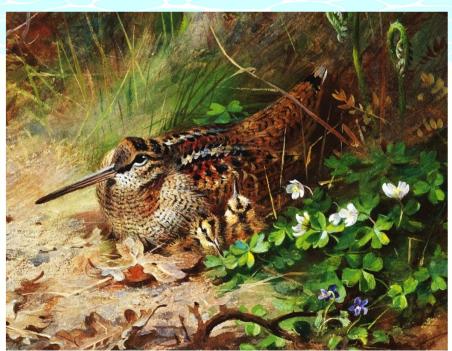
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Message: 50-0827A - Prodigal

22 Look at this prodigal this afternoon, where he was: worst place for a Hebrew there could be is a pigpen.



Notice, look at the drama now. There's an old-fashion country home. Let's just fix it in our minds for a moment. I can see, living there, a lovely old couple, worked hard all their lives and had two sons. Of course, the son always falls heir to the inheritance. And then this younger son, perhaps...Let's say they'd went to church every Sunday, and they loved God, and they served God with all their heart.



But one day, this younger son, let's say he would start going out with a group that he had no business going to. Listen young man, here this

afternoon, young lady, just as soon as you get out from under Christian influence you're in bad hands, you're on your road back, right then. Remember that, just as soon as you get from under the influence of the Holy Spirit. I don't care who the boy is or who the girl is, if they're not saved keep away from them. That's exactly right. And men, you too.

Somebody said, "Well, I can go into the barroom with a

guy. I can drink a Coke while he drinks beer and whiskey, and come back out and be the same person." I doubt it. That's right. The Bible said, "Shun the very appearance of evil." Stay off the enemy's ground. The old toboggan slide is SO slicky...?...toboggan, move around and all once before you knew it down the chute you went...?...

23 [Blank spot on tape— Ed.]...?...wondered if he hire somebody to take him around the hill. One said, "Well, I can drive these horses within two foot of the rim at a full gallop and never go off."



The other one said, "I can drive it within six inches and never go off."

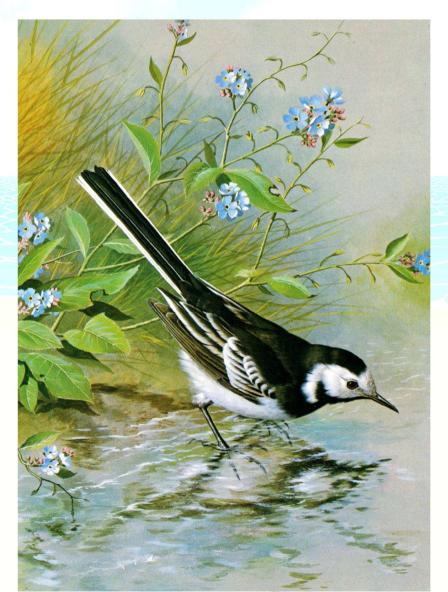
He said, "What about you?" to the next one.

He said, "I stay just as far over as I can."

He said, "You take me around."

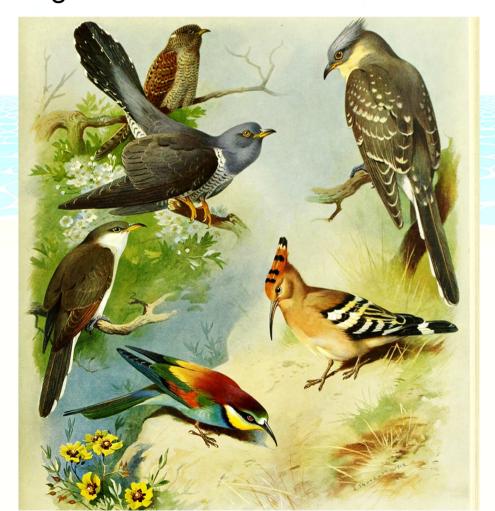
Don't see how close you can get to sin. See how far you can stay away from sin. Get way away from it, just altogether shut it off. It's a

shame that our American people here wallowing and doing the things.



You go to homes today...I've went into Christian homes, when they open the icebox and it would be full of beer cans; supposed to be Christian home. Christians don't fool with that stuff...?...We've traded the old-fashion prayer altar out of the house and made a card table out of it. That's what's got your children to turn into juvenile delinquents. It isn't juvenile delinquency, parent delinquency. If

parent would teach the child and see where they were at, take care of them, it wouldn't be...?...on that...?...That's right.



24 See these young ladies, laying down there on these beaches, bathing suit on before men. And out here on the streets with some of these vulgar clothes, and let somebody insult one of them, and you want to ...? ... You're the one. That's right. Send her out like that or let her go out like that...

So, I was talking to some little lady the other day; she said, "Well, I'm trying to get a suntan."

I said, "Look, I got a little girl at home; I don't know what will ever be her outcome, but if I ever catch her stretched out like that, she will get a son-tanning, but it will be Mr. Branham's son giving her the tanning with a rail or something behind her, just as hard as I get her home." That's right. She will get the right kind of tanning she needs. That's just exactly right. [Audience applauds— Ed.] Thank you. That's the

kind of tanning we need...?...My daddy...?...Ten Commandments, the golden rule...?...out to the woodshed. I think we'd be better off...?...Spare the rod and spoil the child...?...

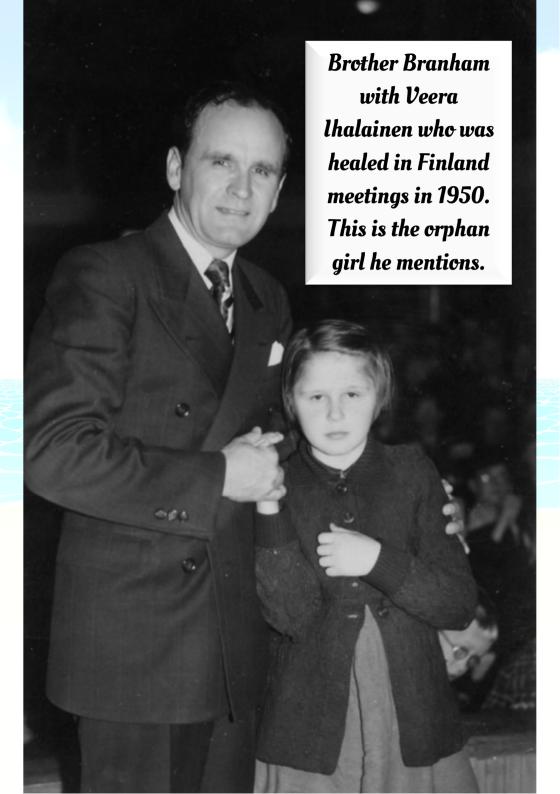
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And somebody got her these braces and things, that she was wearing (and then some charity affair), and then, when they took the braces off, here she come running across the platform with crutches and braces in her hand, screaming to the glory of God. Up-and-down the steps she went, just as hard as she could go.

Jesus Christ had made her well.



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Message: **52-0817E - Do You Now Believe?**

But that night, going through, there was a little girl stepped out of the girls, ladies rest room, and I heard something. And I looked around...Now you mothers...And she stepped out, a little Finnish girl, her little chopped up hair where she had cut it, probably with the scissors, and she had a

little skirt on, or a little skirts hanging down, rags, about that—that hanging from them. And she was on two crutches, and she had a big thing around her like this, and this one leg had no use at all; it hung free. And it was in a-a brace that run down through a shoe, and a latch was in the toe of the shoe, that come back and went over her shoulder, and hooked back here in this thing, that went around her. And then, how

she walked, she'd set her two crutches out, and take her little shoulder, and throw that leg, and it would go out like that, and the steel braces would hold her, and she'd make her step. I looked at that poor little thing. I—I tell you: my heart just bled. And she looked at me, and her little baby blue eyes. She ducked her little head down; she thought she had done something wrong.

29 Because they had warned, coming the down street, they'd just stand there, and the people'd just raise their hands, and tears running down their cheeks, when you just pass by: representative of God.

And today, a minister come by, say, "Hey, there goes that holy-roller." That's the difference between Finland and America in respect of Jesus Christ.

All of our songs out here, is all some kind of this old jazz music and everything, screaming out. You can't even go in a restaurant and eat without that stuff going on. It's a shame. I go in one, I see it, I turn around and go out, if I can, get away from there.

No, sir. That kind of stuff leads right down to destructions. The devil is in that thing, and it'll finally pull you into it. Shun the appearance of evil. Now,

you're going to think I'm a holy-roller, sure enough. But I'm telling you, brother, I'm warning you to keep away from all things that pertains to sin. That's right.

30 Now, then in there, their songs are even in minor. Everything, they trust God for everything. And the only nation that's respected us enough to pay the debt back, and even when they was in war with us, sent the check right on through, God-fearing.

God be merciful to Finland. Then...He is. He is.

Then when I seen that little Finn come out like that, she bowed her little head like that. I knew she wanted to come to me. But them Finns trying to push me on. I said to them, "Just a minute." And I looked at her. And she looked up, kind of like this, to see if I'd went on. I was standing looking at her: sweet little thing of about ten years old, about a little older than my little Rebekah, back there. All crippled up...

And I found out later, she was a little war orphan; her father and mother was killed. The—the Russians killed her father and mother. And she was just a war orphan, straying about. And there...When she...

31 I motioned for her like that. She couldn't understand nothing I said, and I couldn't understand what she'd say. So I motioned to her. And she

put her little crutches out like this. She threw her little limb like that. And I just stood still. The other two officers went up there and stopped, and looked back. But I was standing here, and the other two standing behind me. She walked right up to where I was. And I wondered what the child was going to do. She walked real close to me, about like this, and she stopped; she had her little head down. She set her little crutches out; she got a hold of my coat like that, raised it up, and kissed my coat pocket; and dropped it back down like that. And pulled, it was a very typical little Finnish...She pulled her little skirt out like that and said, "Kiitos" that means "thank you".

And I was...Looked at the little thing. I looked again. God would have to respect faith like that. Just couldn't go...And I looked, and I seen the shadow above the little

girl. And I seen her going walking off, just as normal.

32 And I said, "Sweetheart, you're—you're healed, honey. Jesus Christ has made you...And the Finns kept pushing like that; they thought I was taking too much time with the little girl, and they supposingly singing: "Only Believe," in there in the—in Finnish, and kept on.

And I thought, "O God, surely, someday she'll understand it." And I went on

in. That night, after the...Oh, they'd been called several times in the prayer cards. Then I was just about ready to go. And Something said to me, "Call again."

And my, my brother got me by the coat, said, "Come on."

I said, "Just a minute. Let's call ten more peoples." So I said, "Call for prayer card number so-and-so."

33 All, just then. And I said, "Now, while you're getting ready, I'd like to have drink." And I heard something rattle, and God in His all wise providence, the next little thing on the platform was that little girl. That was her card, she had a card in her hand, waiting. I didn't know where the little thing was. She'd got a card. Howard had give her card; after even the meeting had started, he give her the card.

And there she was next, and here she come, hobbling towards me; the tears running down out of her little blue eyes like that, hobbling to me.

And I said, "Sister Isaacson, repeat my words." I said, "Sweetheart, you was the little girl was out there a few minutes ago." She nodded her head, yes.

I said, "Jesus has healed you, honey. You go over there and have someone take those braces off. You can walk, all

right. You're healed. And so, while they went over, I said, "Call the next lady."

34 And Howard brought the next woman. While the Holy Spirit was speaking, the ministers were over there, unlacing these things. That leg, from childhood, from baby, infant, had absolutely been helpless, couldn't use it at all. And somebody got her these braces and things, that she was wearing (and then some charity affair), and then,

when they took the braces off, here she come running across the platform with crutches and braces in her hand, screaming to the glory of God. Up-and-down the steps she went, just as hard as she could go. Jesus Christ had made her well.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now I'm found,

I was blind, but now I see.

It was grace that taught my heart to fear,

It was grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

It was grace that brought me safe thus far,

It's grace that will take me through.

52-0817E - Do You Now Believe?

Rev. William Marrion Branham

Is it right for Christian man and women to kiss one another (Oh!) on greeting?



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Message: 61-1015M - Questions And Answers

156. Is it right for Christian man and women to kiss one another (Oh!) on greeting?

120 No, sir! No indeedy! No, sir! You kiss one woman, brother, that's your wife (see?), or your—your child, or...See?

"Is it right for..." Let me see if I got that right! "Is it right

for Christian man and women to kiss one another on greetings?"



121 No, sir! No indeedy! That...Don't you never get

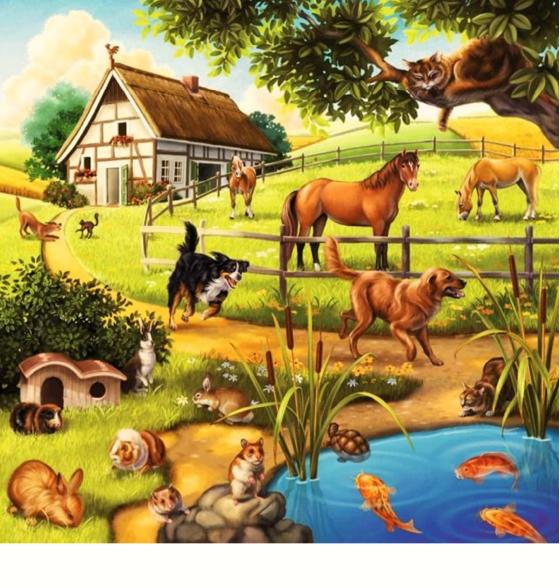
that started! Yes, sir! No, sir! You keep away from women! Shun away from them! Exactly right!

122 Now, they're our sisters, but don't...Now, they got that. That in...That thing even got over in Pentecost, and it's called "free love." And when you do—get anything like that, you stay away from it. That's right!

123 I don't care how clean you are...You're my brother, and I—I believe that

you're—you might be a good sanctified, holy man. I don't care how holy you are; you're still a man. And I don't care how holy she is; she's still a woman. Stay away from it 'till you're married. You just do that!

body...I'm going to speak double now, so that you older people will understand. It's a mixed group, but I'm your brother, and this is a question. See?



125 Each human being male and female have a different type of gland. A female has a female gland, sex gland. A male has a male gland, sex gland. And those glands lay in the human lips. That's right.

126 And here's another thing might be brought up, man kissing one another in the mouth. That's dirty! That's filth! And what does it do? It starts homosexuals. Stay away from that! You say...

127 A guy asked me not long ago, said, "Brother Branham, why, they greeted

one another with a holy kiss." They kissed on the back of the neck, fell upon their neck, and kissed them on the back of the neck. That was before handshake come in. It's a greeting. That's the way it is. They didn't shake one another's hands; they put their arms around one another and they kissed one another on the back of the neck, not on the lips, in the face. That starts a perversion. Stay away from it! Don't never do that!

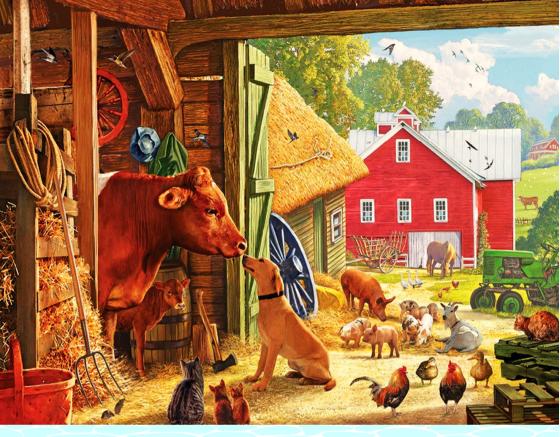


128 Nowadays, we shake hands with one another. If you want to...You got your arm

around your brother, and kiss him on the neck, or he kisses you on the neck, that's all right. But don't you kiss that woman, and don't you let that woman kiss you. See? That's right! You take her by the hand, say, "Wait a minute, Sister, just a minute here (see?); let's get this straight!" And so, now you do that.

129 Now what did I tell you a while ago when I first started? When you see any—a car coming down the road

ninety miles an hour, get out of its way. That's right! When you see the first twist in anything like that, get away from it; stay away from it! And just...That's the ground you should not be on Satan will present something to you that'll wreck your soul and send you to hell. Stay away from it! Shun the very appearance of evil. That's right!



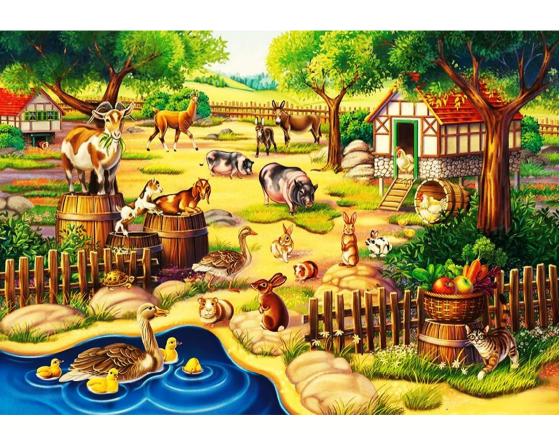
130 Be a man, be a woman, like...I'm going to take up for the women a minute. That's unusual isn't it? They—they say, "Oh, the woman caused it! Oh, it was the woman's fault. If she

hadn't got out of her place, well, the man wouldn't got out of his." That's true. That—we'll say that's right. She gets out of her place. A man can't be bad less there's a bad woman; but remember there can't be a bad woman without being a bad man. That's right!

131 And you who claim to be a son of God, where is your principles? If the woman ain't out of her place, aren't you a son of God? Aren't you the one that's a higher,

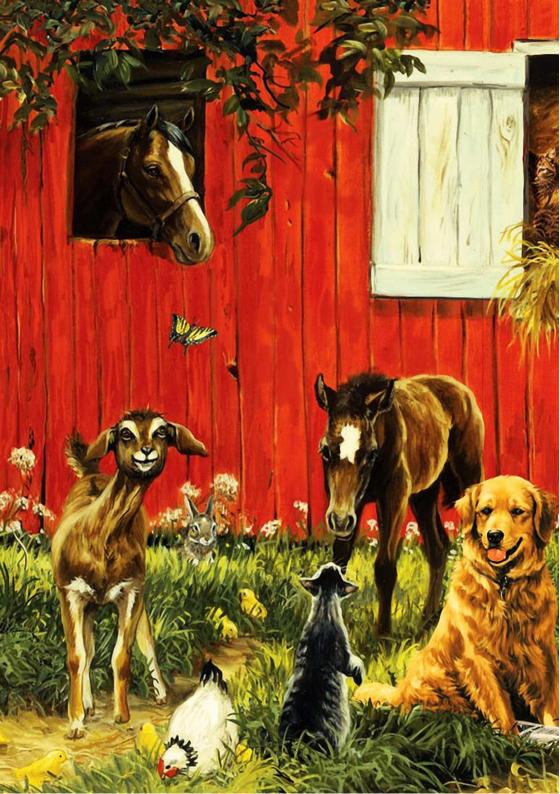
stronger vessel? As the Bible says she's weaker, then if she's weaker, then show yourself a man of God. Tell her, say, "Sister, you're in the wrong." That's right! I've done it, and other Christians has done it. And you'll always do it as long as you're a Christian, but show yourself. You're a son of God. You're—you have more power over yourself than the woman does. If she is weaker, recognize her to be weaker. Understand

mistakes, and things like that, or try to correct her. Say, "Sister, we are Christians, we shouldn't do that." See? Be a real man, be a son of God, and watch the women.



132 And there's where the great fall begin at the beginning. It was Satan with Eve. That's what brought the whole downfall of the human race is through that.

133 And if you're a son of God, be strong; be a real man. If you're not that way, stay at the altar till you become that. And shun the very appearance of evil. And don't start now greeting...



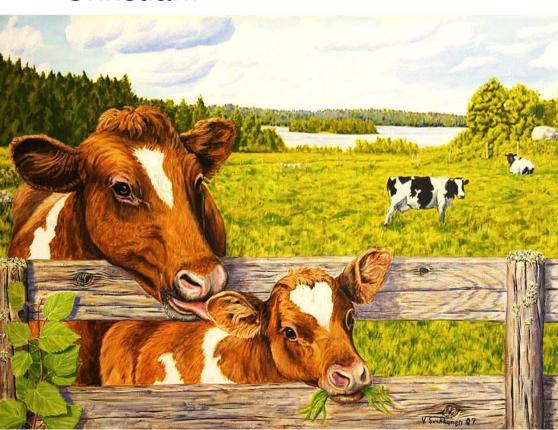
134 Someone told me some time ago about they'd seen that two or three times at my church here, of...Not here in the church, but people who come to the church. And if you're setting here this morning, I was going to dig this to you right good. See?

women, coming up and these man kissing these women. Don't you do that! Don't you...You keep away from there. You remember

that! If she's young, single, or whatever she is; she'll be somebody's wife someday. And you haven't got no business doing that. Stay away from her. If you want to greet her, then be a son of God, shake her hand and say, "How do you do, Sister." And let that settle it right there. See?

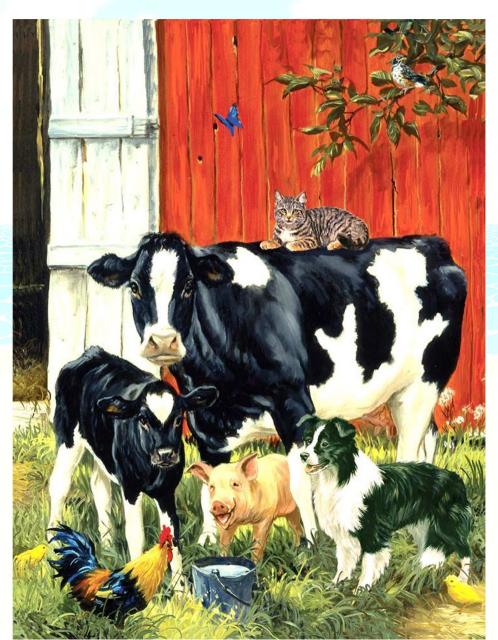
136 Stay away from those things; it's filth. And it'll soon get you into trouble. You just...Oh, that's just...Sin is so

easy, and it's so appetizing, and so pleasant. It's so easy to fall right into it. The best thing to do is, the very even appearance of it, stay away from it! Get back! Be a real Christian!



137 And for man kissing one another, if you kiss your brother on the neck, and you want to do it, that's all right. Don't kiss no man in the lips, and on the mouth, or anything like that, because that's—that's not right. See? No, that—that shows there's a little something wrong to begin with. See? So just stay away from there, shun that. Don't—don't start that around this tabernacle

here. No, we'll certainly won't stand for that at all. See?



138 You—if you want to see your brother, if you want to kiss him on the neck, well, you go ahead and do it, but don't kiss people in the mouth, 'cause that won't work; that's not right! And it only starts a perversion. It starts homosexuals and things.

things that'll do in them things like that...If you start, let the men...I've seen, oh, many times amongst the people, they'll come down. I've seen

the churches, and the preacher'd come in, reach and grab every sister, and hug and kiss her and set her down. "How do you do, Sister, Hallelujah!" Reach over and get this one and kiss her. Go right down through the church like that. To me that's wrong!

Finland, we was all over there...You might know this, we was having meetings, and I was at the Y.M.C.A. There was no soap, no

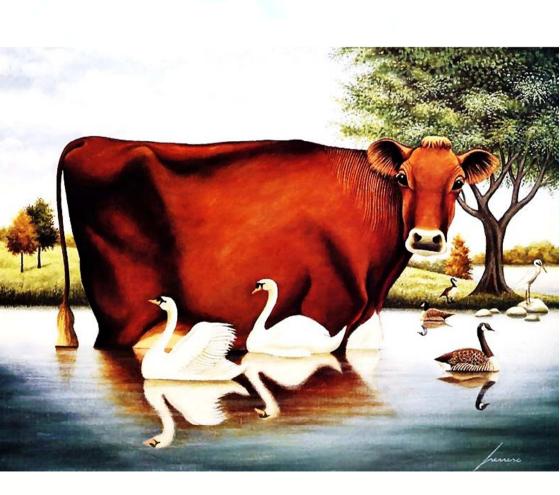
detergents in Finland. And only...



I had some shaving soap, and every one of us had to stand up and take a spit bath, you know, with this shaving soap. Only had one piece with us, and we had no soap in Finland. And they just washed with some kind of a compound, and it'd nearly take the hide off of you.

told us they was going to take us over for a Finnish sauna. And we went over to the Y.M.C.A. And we went over there to take a sauna. That's that Finnish, famous Finnish bath. And I'd had

them before, and they were nice. But I thought "Well, we're going to...at the Y.M.C.A., so it'd be fine."



142 But when I started over there, the Holy Spirit said to me, "Don't you do it." Oh, it's so good to have the Holy Spirit. "Don't you do it."

Well, I just right then, I said, "I don't believe I want a bath this morning."

Doctor Manninen and them said, "Oh, Brother Branham," said, "my, there is some big glass rooms, and," said, "it's beautiful." Said, "It ain't..."

Usually, when they do, they throw this water on these hot rocks and make you all steamy, and beat you with birch leaves like that, and then—and then you run right out and dive into cold water. Them Finns go right into snow and ice, and things like that. But, of course, they're used to it; great, big, sturdy men. And then they come back and—and get in this hot bath again, them hot to cold, quickly like that. But they just let me stand where the cool air was, and then get back, 'cause I couldn't. I was afraid it would stop your heart, to do that, and wasn't used to it.

So I—I liked them real well, but Something told me not to take that one up there. Well, Howard my brother, and Brother Baxter, and all of them going up there, and brethren, all the rest of them, you know, all talking, you know, going

up. So I kind of got a little skittish, you know, 'cause the Holy Spirit said, "Don't do it."

So we went up to the Y.M.C.A., and they come in, all those men there greeting me. And, oh, they had the—the headlines in the paper, first and second page, every day, the meetings. And they were around.

I went into a little room and sat down, and they all went into the room to undress. And while they were in there un-

...to undress, here come a lovely-looking, little, Finnish, blond-headed girl; and they're a nice people, they're as clean, moral people as they can be. Here she come, the towels over her shoulder, started walk in the room. I said, "Hey, hey, hey! Stop! Psss!" I tried to stop her. She looked around and laughed, went on in there, and give each one of them (and them men, no clothes on) a towel. Each woman come

down and got a man, took them back in there, scrubbed them like that. I seen what the Holy Spirit meant.

So then when I come back out, I said, "Dr. Manninen," I said, "how does that come? You being Christians, and go in, taking those saunas with them..."

"Oh," he said, "them's scrub women, Brother Branham."

I said, "I don't care what they are. It's wrong. It's not right." I said, "And nature itself teach you."

He said, "Why, Brother Branham, they're raised up from children, to scrub. Just like your nurses in America, things like that, they're raised up that."

I said, "I don't care what they are, that's still wrong. Absolutely. It's male and female, and they're to be separated, and clothed from one another." Amen.

I don't want to start on that, I would be preaching that after a while, wouldn't I? All right.

61-1015M - Questions And Answers Rev. William Marrion Branham

And if sin of the world will make a man realize that he's wrong once, to make him repent, it'll do it the second time. So why not keep away from the thing anyhow. If it made you sick and you got rid of it, stay away from it. Keep out of the very appearance of evil.



Bro. William Branham

Message: 61-0428 - Getting In The Spirit

19 Now—now, in the the—back in the political world, there had been a great change also. There had been a—a man by the name of Ahab had died. And his son, Jehoram, reigned in his place. And he was just about like, oh, I guess his father Ahab, he'd straightened up a few

things, but got bad in some more.



And so, that's about the way it is too. When we make

up a new system, why, we take out a few things the old system didn't have and put in something maybe worse. And we just keep moving on like that. But that's the way it had happened during this time.

So a few nights ago, I spoke on Jehoshaphat coming down to meet Ahab, and made an alliance with him. And he got in wrong company.

20 Now, it's strange that Jehoshaphat, still king in the

eighteenth year of his reign. When Jehoram taken over Ahab's place, Jehoshaphat came down—or Jehoram sent up to him, because he got in trouble.



And Jehoshaphat come right back again into the wrong company. Isn't it strange that we do those things? They jump right out of the frying pan into the fire. You find that people will, if...They'll come right out and start to serve God, and then the first thing you know, they'll go right back into the world again.

The Bible says, "As a dog goes to its vomit and a sow to the wallow..." And the dog

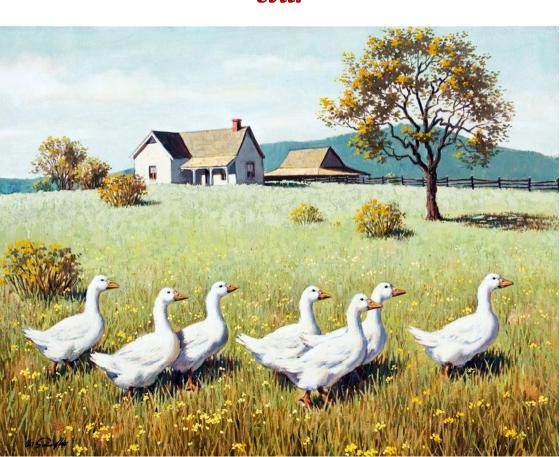
ought to know if the vomit made him sick enough to-to get it out the first time, it'll do the same thing the second time. And if sin of the world will make a man realize that he's wrong once, to make him repent, it'll do it the second time. So why not keep away from the thing anyhow. If it made you sick and you got rid of it, stay away from it. Keep out of the very appearance of evil.

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You're going to be guilty of committing adultery, Jesus said, "Whosoever looked upon a woman to lust after her, has committed adultery with her already in his heart." And if you present yourself to a man like that, who's guilty? You or the man? Be right! Shun the very appearance of evil!



Bro. William Branham

Message: 60-1205 - The Ephesian Church Age

126 Here not long ago, if it hadn't been the Oral Roberts' meeting, I sure would have called a bunch out. I was-I was at the Business Men's convention and it was held...we didn't have...that night I was going to speak. They couldn't hold it over there in the hotel, and they

took me to-to Oral Roberts' building. And when I was setting in Oral's study, there was a bunch of Pentecostal children (oh, young men and women, sixteen, seventeen years old, eighteen) all standing out there; about thirty or forty of them going to sing kind of some little...sounded to me some kind of an overture by someone like Becky talks about, Tchaikovsky or some of them kind of things like that;

I don't know, some of them kind of a songs, classical song. And here they was, the brethren was going to take up an offering out in the meeting, and each one of these went along and had them a little cup, act like they were blind and all the jokes and carrying on you ever heard, between them boys and girls, and talking like everything. And them girls with enough paint on them, could have painted Oral's building, almost. And

there they was like that, and calling themselves "Pentecostal." They lost their first love!

127 I sure go with David duPlessis, "God has no grandchildren." No, sir! We got Methodist grandchildren. We got Baptist grandchildren. got Pentecostal We grandchildren. But God don't have any! You're sons and daughters. You can't come in on your mammy or your daddy because they were

good men and women, you've got to pay the same price they did. You got to be born just like they was. God don't have no grandchildren at all. You're a son or daughter; or, you're not a grandson, that's one thing sure.

there, and they there...to a fine Pentecostal Assembly church. Boy, you ought to see them women scatter when they see me coming in; with that short, bobbed hair, and

those little ol' half-dressed, like a weiner almost, you know, skinned down in those dresses like that, Pentecostal women, dressed so sexy.

129 You're going to have to answer for it, the Day of Judgment. You're going to be guilty of committing adultery, Jesus said, "Whosoever looked upon a woman to lust after her, has committed adultery with her already in his heart." And if you present yourself to a man like that,

who's guilty? You or the man? Be right! Shun the very appearance of evil! See? So there you are.

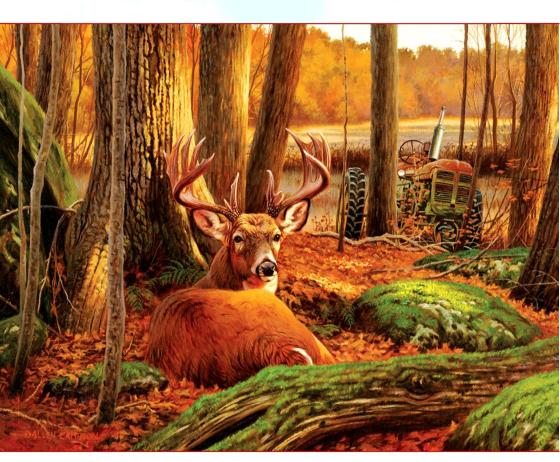
130 What'd you do? Lost their first love. Oh, you couldn't get them on a corner with a tambourine to clap their hands and praise God. Oh, no! They'd sing some kind of classical something with a bunch of robes around them. See, they lost their first love. That's what's the matter with the first church. See?

131 They just have to act like the world. They have to dress like the world, look like the world, act like the world. have their favorite television star, you know, they just can't keep from seeing it. We Love Susie or something another, you know, they just have to see it. They'll stay home from prayer meeting and everything else to see it. If they don't, they give their pastor a good bawling out, to let them out in time till that

program comes on so they can get home to see it. The love of the world more than the love of God!

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23 Now, a long line of kings had come down. Ahab, the wicked one, had been shot by a bow and killed. And Jezebel was throwed out of the room as she tried to—to make love, or dance. Or Jehu, when he drove down, and he had the eunuchs to throw her out the window into the street.



And did you know what? Let me tell you, Life Tabernacle. Seeing some of you women begin to wear your makeup and stuff like the rest of the women of the world, that nearly killed me when I walked in here the

other day and saw that. Look. There's only one woman in the Bible that ever painted her face. You don't paint your face to meet God; you do to meet men. And the woman that did that, God fed her to the dogs. So when you go to wearing that, just remember, God's turned you over to some dog meat, when you see anybody doing that.

24 Now, now, keep away from it. Shun the very appearance of evil.



You may think I'm giving you a scorching, but, brother, I believe it needs it down here. There's something that is wrong. There's something...Now, I don't want you to get angry with me; I'm your brother. And God's going

to make me answer before you at the day of judgment. That's right.



And the whole Pentecostal world, if they do let down,

don't you do it. You stay true to God. Pray up. Live right. Associate yourself with God and His people. And come out from among the worldly, ungodly things, that the Bible said. The Holy Spirit calls the people out. No matter what your neighbor does and how good she is, what this fellow does, don't associate with that unbelief. It'll leap right out on you. Amen. "Come out from among them. Be

separated," saith God, "and I will receive you." That's right.



That's the reason it's so hard to have a tent meeting

down here. That's the reason it's so hard to have a meeting of any type, is because that we let down those things. We ought to have a real meeting here. Sure we ought to have, with such fine people. And you preachers, if you don't tell them that, God have mercy on your sinful soul. That's right. Sure. There's something wrong. And you got to get the world out before Christ come in. He just won't associate

with unbelief and things of the world.

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