

The Choosing Of A Bride



FROM THE SERMONS OF
**WILLIAM MARRION
BRANHAM**

***And Christianity is not
beauty on the outside,
it's on the inside: of
peace, quiet, adorn
themselves in a
peaceful, quiet spirit,
which is a great price
before the Lord***



Bro. William Branham

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

59 Look, my brethren. Listen to this. Do you know many times you get the wrong mate here in the earth? Some pretty pair of brown, or blue, or gray eyes vamps you into a place that's you—that you shouldn't have listened. Many man realizes that.

60 A man getting married should first approach it prayerfully. You should not pick a women by being beautiful on the outside, but beautiful on the inside, one that'll be a mother to your children.

61 I know this is going to sound awful for a minister to say this at the pulpit. But I used to go with—with buyers of cattle when in the West. We'd buy breeder cattle, and they'd want to start a herd.

And I learned a whole lot there that...while I noticed those auctioneers and the things they were doing, those buyers. I used to go with an old fellow, come here to church with me, and I led to Christ, a perfect infidel to begin with, Mr. Jeverez. Many of you remember him, a rancher out of Colorado. We'd go, and they'd come into...a cow.

I seen a little breeder calf one day sell for eleven

thousand dollars, just a small calf; she had never been bred yet.

And I said...and Jeff said, "If I had the money, I'd place it in that calf."

And I thought, "Now, he's a rancher; he understands his business."

I said, "Jeff, why would you...What is the qualification? She's a Hereford. That one sold a while ago for three hundred

dollars, to me, looked like a bigger calf and everything.”

62 He said, “Look, Billy, there’s one thing you do not understand in cattle buying.” Said, “I think you ought to hold to your road preaching.”

But said, “You don’t understand cattle.”

He said, “Now, look at that calf down there.”

We walked down there. Said, “See that wild stare in her eyes?”

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I said, "Yeah."



Said, “Her children, and her grandchildren, and her great, great, grandchildren will still have that wild stare.” And said, “They’ll run theirself poor. They’ll never be a mother to their calves.” And said, “You never could fatten them; they’ll never make beef.”

He said, “Look at this little calf here that’s sold. Look how gentle she looks. Look at that peaceful look in her face, that

kind look, no stare in her eyes.”

Said, “She’ll be a real mammy to her calf; and her calf’s calf, and calf’s calf will continue to be that way.”

And said, “They’ll all of them be mammys, if they can get the right kind of a breeder bull to that calf (see?), that’ll make their children. But that starey look in the face will always make a poor herd of cattle, if a man’s trying to buy cattle.”

I said, “Yes, sir! Thank you.”

63 And the same thing applies by women.

You take one of them painted-faced and starey-eyes, look like some kind of an animal, trying to disfigure herself from a human being, she'll never make anything. She'll run all the time.

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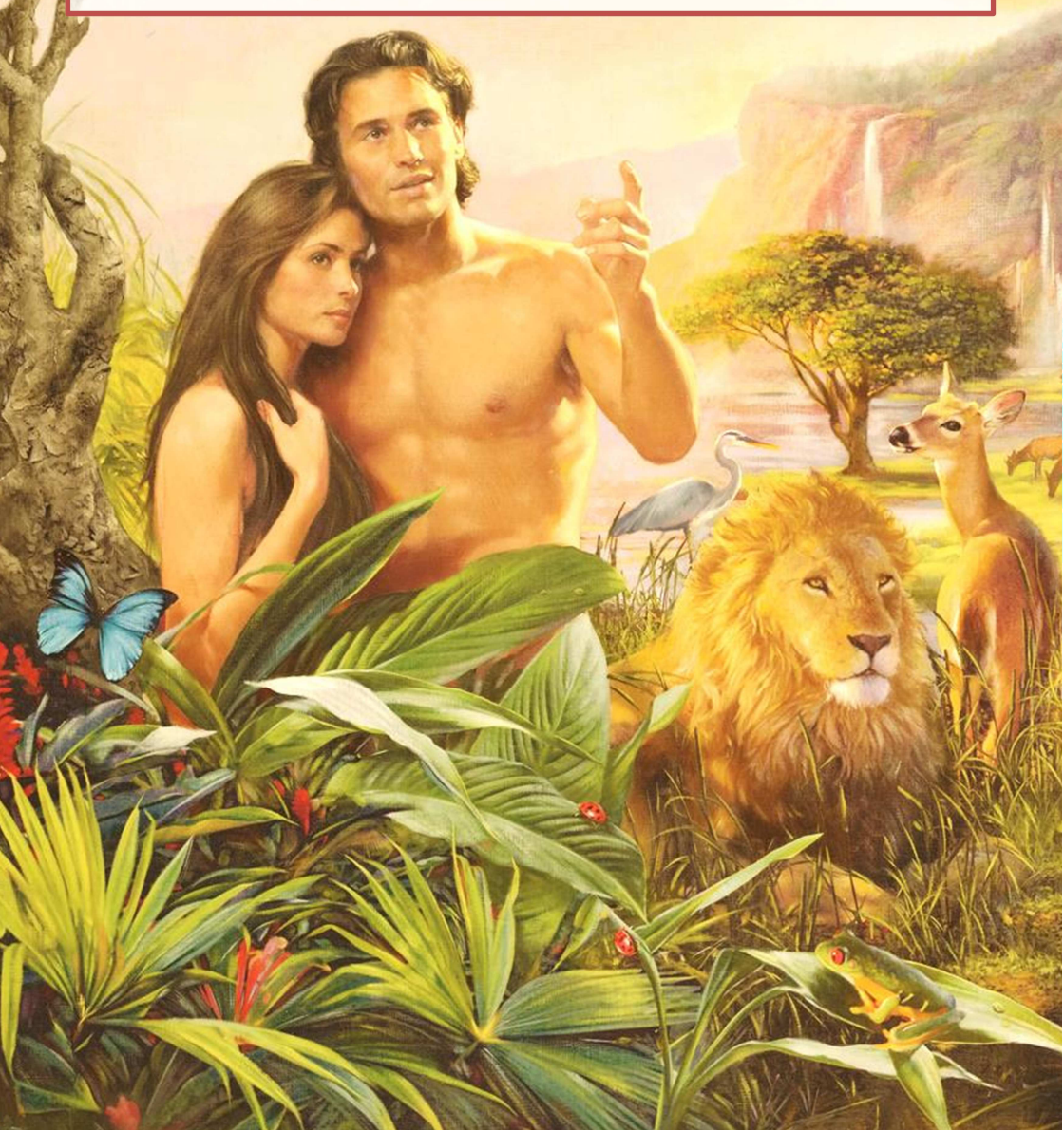
adorn themselves in a peaceful, quiet spirit, which is a great price before the Lord.

That's what we want to look for on women, and on man, and whoever it is. Now...

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And if you have embraced a woman to your bosom, and taken her for your wife, and you . . . She makes an imprint on you. We'll say it like this so you will understand. And any other woman against that bosom won't fit that print. And God will hold you responsible for it. And you just remember that



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Message: **58-0928E - The
Serpent's Seed**

113 And a woman is just a part of a man, a by-product.

A woman was not in the original creation.

God had done quit creating, for years and years and years, until He made the woman out of a rib out of his side.

Adam had done named all the creation, everything else, but he wasn't nothing for himself.

So, He made him a helpmate; took a rib from his side, closed up the gash, and made a helpmate to him.

And man, in his spirit, was both man and woman.

114 And a woman is just a part of a man.

And when a man takes to himself a wife, and if she is

correctly his wife, a God-given wife, she'll be just to him as part of him.

115 That's the reason you have so many scruples in the marriage, is because you go out and see some girl with pretty brown eyes or blue eyes, or something like that, and some pretty figure, and you fall for her.

First time she has her first baby, then teeth come out, and she gets wrinkled and old,

and then you want to kick her out.

And some of you women find some little boy with his hair slicked down, and his mammy's lard can half dumped on it, and curly.

And it'll all fall out; I know that by experience. But what happens? What is it? You fall for that.

116 You ought to pray, first, 'cause a woman is part of you.

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Message: **62-0707 -
Jehovah-Jireh #3**

14 She's a very dear person, my wife. If there's any credit to be give to the Branham family, let it go to her. She's the one that stood between me and the public. And all the things that's been done right, she's done it.

15 I hope that every young man here, when he gets married, he'll get a wife, and

you'll live as happy together as wife and I have these twenty-two years that we've been married.

16 **“He who has found a wife, has found a good thing.”** As Solomon said, **“A good woman is a jewel in a man’s crown. An unrighteous one is water in his blood.”** And his blood stream is his life. **So, an unrighteous one is the worse thing he can get a hold of. And a righteous**

one is the best thing he can get a hold of, outside of salvation. If God could have give a man a better thing than a wife, He would have give it to him, 'cause God just gives His children the good things. And He gave him a wife, and I'm thankful for it.

17 And to see the women, when I kind of cutting the other night, with the Scripture on way these Pentecostal women are dressing, wearing

their hair, and going. You say, “That don’t make any difference.” It sure does!

18 I want to ask you something. Brother Harrel is here, a missionary.

19 At Durban, South Africa, were women sitting there as naked as they come into the earth; never had one stitch of clothes, just a small, about four-, six-inch crown in front of them. And standing there just as naked as they were, and standing on the

ground after this great miraculous miracle had taken place at the platform. And there was in that group, was nearly ten thousand Mohammedans (at one time) accepted Christ in that same meeting. And then in there when...These women, standing up with these men, accepted Christ.

20 And Brother Bosworth said, "Brother Branham, I believe you ought to make

that call again. I believe they meant ‘physical’ healing.”

21 I said, course, fifteen different interpreters. You know, it takes...You have to jot down what you’ve said, time they...You say, “Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to save sinners.” And this one will go “blu, blu, blu, blu,” and this one go “nic, nic, nic, nic,” that’s “Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

22 You know, I—I used to hear people speak in tongues,

and I thought, “My, that can’t be right.” But the Bible said, “There’s not a sound without a meaning.” There isn’t. When I heard that, some of them clucks like birds, some squeak like bugs, and everything. But it means a meaning to them, if every sound was a meaning.

23 And when it went through again, and I said, “Well, then let those now that really knows that it’s not ‘physical’ healing, it’s accepting Christ as Saviour, a

Heaven to go to, you believe in the Son of God, accept Him as your personal Saviour, break your idols on the ground!” And they threw them down. And I said, “Right there now, raise up your hands to that God, and give Him praise. He’ll give you the Holy Spirit!”

24 And while standing on that ground, I seen women that was stark naked; and as soon as Christ struck them, they walked away from that

ground with their hands folded. And when you seen them again, they had on clothes.

25 Now, if Christ will make a heathen (naked) realize that she's wrong, being naked, and then women who profess to be Christians and every year stripping more off, I can't understand it. There's something wrong somewhere.

26 A raw heathen, just standing there, borned in this world and never knew she

was naked, she don't know she's naked. But let Christ come in her presence, she realizes she's naked, insomuch she try to cover herself as much as she can, to fold her arms and walk away. Two or three days later, you'll find her again, she's dressed.

27 Now there is something wrong somewhere, and I'm sure it is not with Christ. Oh, I think the Word is perfect!

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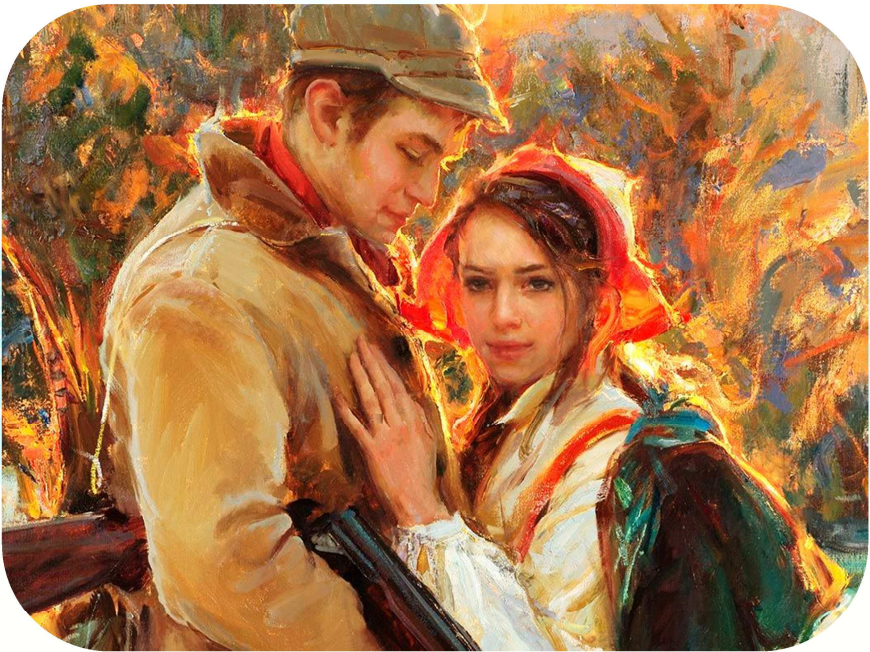
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39 Go right ahead and get married. See?

Go right on just like if you was going to live for another hundred years here on earth.

Just go right on; keep your heart set on Christ, not your hearts on these things of the world, but on Christ. See?



Go right on; get married, children. God bless you in your weddings.

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Sixfold Purpose Of Gabriel's
Visit To Daniel**

65 Then when he was there in his exaltation, or before his exaltation, his temptation. Remember, Joseph was put into prison because he was innocent. The Roman, or...

66 The Israelite general, by the name of Potiphar;

Potiphar went, and went away on a trip. He had a pretty wife, and his wife had Joseph come into the house to do something; and he tried to get Joseph to do something wrong. And he was loyal to God. I tell you, they always...

67 You women, I've hollered at you; now I'm going to take up for you, a minute. See? **The woman is the weaker vessel.**

I know there can't be a bad man before there's a bad woman.

But men who knows that, men who knows that you are a son of God, and take advantage of a woman, shame on you; no matter what she does. She's a weaker vessel, and you know that.

If she goes out, acting unladylike, take her by the hand and talk to her like a sister.

**You're a son of
God. Don't do them evil
things.**

**Look at Joseph, he was
an example to you.**



68 And when Potiphar's
wife, this beautiful
woman, honorable, highest,
one of the highest women
there was in the country,

begged him and persuaded him. And he turned, and she caught him and tried to hug him up to her. And he jerked till he even pulled his coat off, and run from her. Yes, sir.





And when he come in, they told a lie on him, said he come in to ravish her, and she left his...and he left his coat there. And for that he went to the dungeon. But, in the dungeon, God was with him, no matter where they put him.

69 He was a type of the Son of prosperity. Everything Joseph done prospered. And when Jesus returns in the Millennium, that's the reason the deserts will blossom as a rose. Everything He does will

prosper. He's the Son of prosperity. Wherever you put Joseph, it was blessed. Wherever Jesus is, it's blessed. So, get Him in your heart and be blessed.

70 So we find now, that, Joseph then was put into a prison. And in the prison there were two men; one of them was lost, and one was saved. Jesus, in His temptation on the cross, one thief was lost and the other one saved.

71 When He was exalted, He went to the right hand of God. When Joseph was exalted, he went to the right hand of Pharaoh, and no man could speak to Pharaoh without speaking to Joseph first and getting permission.

And when Joseph left the palace...Oh, my! [Brother Branham claps his hands together once—Ed.] When Joseph left the palace, trumpets sounded, and men run ahead of him, saying,

“Bow the knee! Joseph is coming!” Amen!

And when Jesus leaves the right hand of the Majesty above, the trumpets will sound. And every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess, “Jesus is Coming!” Sure! But if...

72 And, remember, when he was rejected of his brethren, what did he do? He got a Gentile wife; he got an Egyptian wife. When Jesus was cut off from His brethren

back there, the Jews, He married a Gentile Bride. But now, after years, after children had been born, Ephraim and Manasseh, he had a family.

73 Then, one day, his brethren come to visit him. Watch. We know the story, how he put the little thing in there, to send back. And act like he couldn't even speak their language; had an interpreter, for the Hebrew, when he was a Hebrew himself. And their

brother had come down. They didn't know him. He was a mighty prince.

And right now, Christ visits the Jews, heals their sick and stuff, and they still don't know Who He is, that Messiah.

Let's begin at the 27th verse of the 44th chapter.

And thy servant my father said unto us, You know that my wife bare me—my wife bare me two sons:

And one of them went out from me,...

That was Joseph, the very one they were talking to.

...and I said, Surely he is torn to pieces; and I saw him not since:

And if you take this also from me, and mischief befall him, you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

74 They had a little Benjamin down there, his little

brother. You know who Benjamin represents? This new bunch of real, genuine Jews that's gathering there now to make that hundred and forty-four thousand, this—this race that's coming up. Not these Wall Street crooks, no, no; that's more cannon fodder. Them ain't Jews. Them ain't Jews. The real Jews are these little Benjamins coming up from down in here, and never even

heard the Word of Jesus Christ.

Now therefore come unto me...and thy father...and my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

75 God's own Life is bound with Israel. He is married to her. We're going to get to that in a few minutes, if the Lord willing. He is married to Israel. His Life is bound to her. Just as I'm bound to Mrs. Branham back there, my wife,

and you're bound to your wife. Your life is wrapped in it. And God is married to Israel. And what was it? Jacob said, "My life is wrapped and bound in this child. I shall..."

And it shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us,...

Joseph was going to keep the lad, you know. We know the story.

...and *that he will die*, his daddy: *and thy servants shall*

*bring down the gray hairs of
thy servant our father with
sorrow to the grave.*

Listen to that plea that
Reuben is giving now.

*For thy
servant become surety that th
e lad unto thy...unto my
father, saying, If I
bring not...bring him not unto
thee, then I shall bear the
blame to my father for ever.*

*Now therefore, I pray thee,
let thy servant abide instead
of the lad...*

Oh, my! See, he is standing right before Joseph, his brother. This is Joseph, and he don't know him. Oh, wait till that Millennium starts, brother!

*...now instead of the lad
a bondsman to my lord;...*

Listen at him, confessing him, "lord."

...and let the lad go up with his brethren.

For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall become on my father.

76 Pleading, giving his own life! How them Jews will stand there with their hands out! Watch. Watch now the 45th, verse...Listen close, don't miss it. "When Joseph could..."

*Then Joseph could not...-
frain him—refrain himself
before all them that
stood with him;...*

Brother, that's when sin is
going to be made an end to.
The unbelief is going to
scatter.

*...and he cried, and he
caused every man to
go...from me. And there stood
no man with him, while
Joseph made himself
known to his brethren.*

77 What is it? Even his own wife went back to the palace. Oh, my! The Bride in Glory, while Jesus returns (we'll get into it here) to make Hisself known.

And he wept aloud:...

Joseph just couldn't hold it any longer, and he screamed out.

...and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it.

78 Plumb back over into the palace, they heard Joseph

screaming. Now, that was a type of Christ meeting the Jews, that, He knows He blinded them so that we could have a chance. But when He comes to them again, sin of Israel will be over.

And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph;...

What do you think Jesus will say? “I am your Messiah. I am the One that you crucified.”

...does *my father yet live?*
And his brothers could not
answer him; for they were
troubled at his presence.

79 Oh, I got to stop here
just a minute. Let's turn over
to Zechariah the 12th
chapter. Turn with me now to
the Book of Zechariah, the
12th chapter of
Zechariah. And maybe I'm
taking a little too much time in
starting preaching on this, but
I—I hope not. And I—I want
you to get it, so bad.

80 Zechariah, let's get the 12th chapter of Zechariah, and see what He's going to say now when He stand before His brethren. Zechariah 12, and the 10th. "Make an end of sin," now. All right, 12th chapter and 10th verse.

81 Notice. And now he's speaking here of the remnant; the siege of Jerusalem; the beast and the armies is took away, and so forth; all things are become to

the end now; this is almost to the Millennium, fixing to start the Millennium right now.

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the habitations of Jerusalem, the spirit of (what?) grace...

Amen! Amazing grace!

...upon the house...inhabitants of Jerusalem, (Daniel's "holy city"), the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they

have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

82 Listen, what a mourning that will be when He's standing there, making Himself known to them, like Joseph did! Listen.

And in that day shall there be such great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadad-...

I can't pronounce that
name, H-a-d-a-d-r-i-m- -o-...

*...Hadadrimmon
in...Megiddon—Megiddon.*

*And in the land shall be
mourning, every family apart;
the family of the house of
David apart, and their wives
apart; and the family of the
house of Nathan apart, and
their families apart;*

*The...house of Levi...and
their wives and*

families *apart*;...and Simeon
and theirs *apart*;

*And all the families that
remain, every family...and
their wives apart.*

83 They'll be so ashamed
of theirselves, when they stand
there and see that that very
One that they crucified and
denied, standing there, their
own precious Joseph. There
will be such mourning! And
they'll say, "Where did You
get those scars?"

84 He said, “In the house of My friends.” See what I mean? To make an end of sin, of unbelief, that’s what He’s coming for.

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Of Gabriel's Visit To Daniel
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But so amazed at the...our little teen-agers this morning, the little, you know, little “fefe” and “fifi,” the little, the...you know, sixteen’s. And they come in the church, you know, about...Little girls, about that age, they want to look pretty, you know. Them, you know,

hair is all curled up, on top of their head; I noticed them, as I was preaching, just kept wilting down, wilting down. And, after a while, they was blowing it back out of their face, the curls all straight.

2 Sister Downing's little girl, and—and I noticed her. And little—little—little...Brother Collins' little...What's her name? Little...[Someone says, "Betty."—Ed.] Betty, little Betty. I kind of just laughed a

little bit, to myself. But I seen
all the pretty, you know, all
fixed up, and then directly it
was...



3 Well, bless your hearts, honey, you're pretty, to me, anyhow. That's right. Pretty, is—is a pretty spirit that will come and set in meetings like that, and listen to the Gospel. That's what makes a girl pretty. And I think any real boy, that's worth marrying, thinks the same thing. [Brother Neville says, "Amen."—Ed.] Thank you, sir. That's good. Somebody agreed with me. That, that's

right. All right. I believe that
that is the Truth.

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Purpose Of Gabriel's Visit To
Daniel

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***You better look at her
character, whether she's pretty
or not pretty***



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Message: **65-0429E - The Choosing Of A Bride**

58 Again, the kind of woman that a man would choose, will reflect his ambitions and his character. If a man chooses the wrong woman, it reflects his character. And what he ties himself to, shows truly what's in him. A woman reflects what's in the man when he

chooses her for wife. It shows what's down in him. No matter what he says outside, watch what he married.



59 I go to a man's office, and he says he's a Christian; pinups all around on the walls, that old boogie-woogie music going on. I don't care what he says. I don't believe his testimony, because his spirit is feeding on them things of the world. What, say, if he would marry a chorus girl, or what if he would marry a sex queen, or just a pretty, modern ricketta? It reflects. It shows what he has in his mind, of what his future home

is going to be, because he's took her to raise his children by. And whatever she is, that's the way she'll raise those children. So, it reflects what's in the man. A man that takes a woman like that, shows just what he's thinking of the future.

60 Could you imagine a Christian doing a thing like that? No, sir. I could not. A true Christian will not look for such beauty queens, and chorus girls, and sex queens.

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He'll look for Christian character.



61 Now, you can't have all things. There might be one girl that's real pretty. And the other girl, maybe she's a...her stature looks better than this one.

And you might have to sacrifice one for the other, but, if she's not the stature of a lady, of a woman. And, she...I don't care whether she's pretty or not. You better look at her character, whether she's pretty or not pretty.



62 **Now, for, it is becoming, if a Christian would choose a wife, he ought to choose a genuine,**

born-again woman, regardless of what she looks like. It's what she is, what makes her. And then, again, that reflects his own godly character, and reflects what's in his mind and what's going to be in the future, for his family will be raised by such a woman, for the future plans for his home.

63 If he marries one of these little modern rickettas, sex queens, what could he

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expect? What kind of a home
could a man expect to have?



If he marries a girl that ain't got enough moral about her to stay home and take care of a house, and wants to work out in somebody's office, what kind of a housekeeper will she be? You'll have baby-sitters and everything else. It's true.

64 Now, I'm not much of this modernistic taste, of women working. When I seen these women with these uniforms on, riding around in this city, on motorcycles, as

police, it's a disgrace to any city that will let a woman do that. See? See? As many men that's without work, it shows the modern thinking of our city. It shows the degrading. We don't have to have them women out there like that. They ain't got no business out there like that.

65 When God gave a man a wife, He gave him the best thing He could give him, outside of salvation. But when one goes to trying to take a

man's place, then she's about the worse thing that he could get a hold of. Now, that's right. See?

Now we can see the spiritual application.



66 I—I know that's bad, you think it's bad, but it's the Truth. We don't care how bad it is, we got to face up to the fact. That's what the Bible teaches. See?

67 Now, we here see plainly the spiritual plan, of God's planning for His future Home with His future Bride, comes into view now.

68 If a man marries a sex queen, you see what he's looking for for the future. If a man marries a woman that

won't stay home, you see what he's looking for in the future. And I one time...

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***Jesus making love to the
Church, His Bride, whispering
secrets to Her.***



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Message: **63-0728 - Christ Is
The Mystery Of God
Revealed**

397 But God's great mystery, what the Eternal God had as a mystery, has now been unfolded in Jesus Christ, then given right down to His Church.

What was once in God's mind is now in the Body of Christ.

Jesus making love to the Church, His Bride, whispering secrets to Her.



398 You know how you tell your wife things, you know, the little girl you're going to marry.



You love her so much, you just tell her the secrets, and get her up next to you, and love you and everything. You know how it is.



399 That's what God, Christ, is doing to the Church. See?

He is letting Her know the secrets, just the secrets. Not these flirts; I mean His Wife (See? All right, now look.) knows, by having the revelation of His secret made known to them, by His grace! How the grace of God! People, I know it...I hope you don't think this sounds personal, to a—a bunch of people, or this, that; but the

secret that God is sharing with the whole Church, if they would just receive it. See? It doesn't mean just me or just you. It means the Church, that He—He is trying to get into it.

63-0728 - Christ Is The
Mystery Of God Revealed

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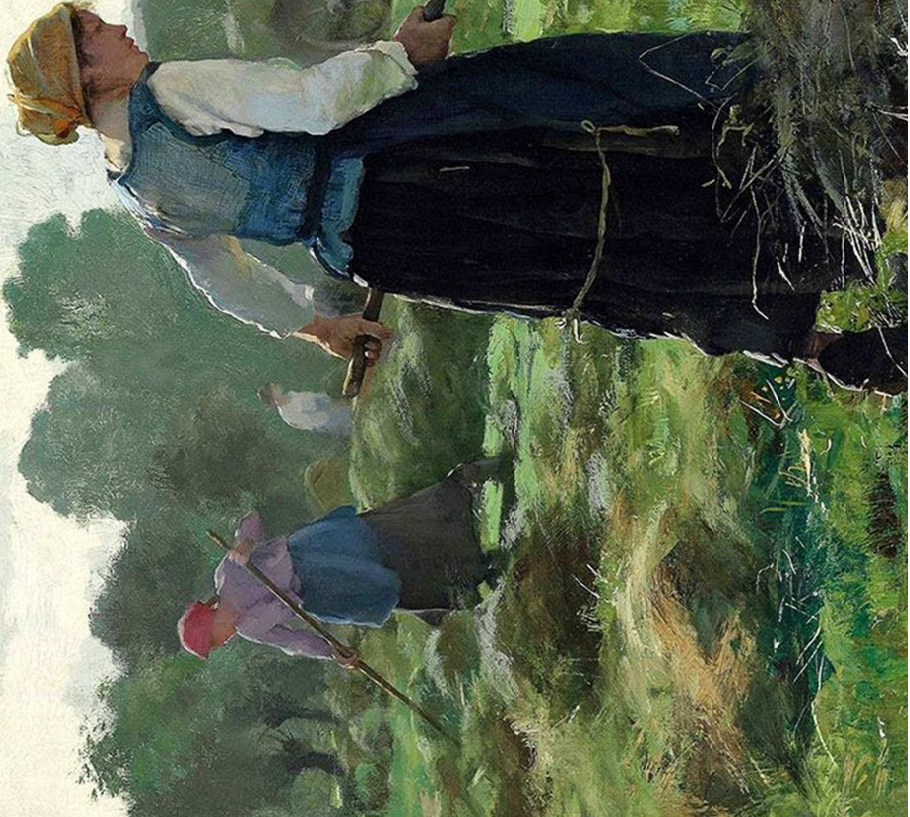


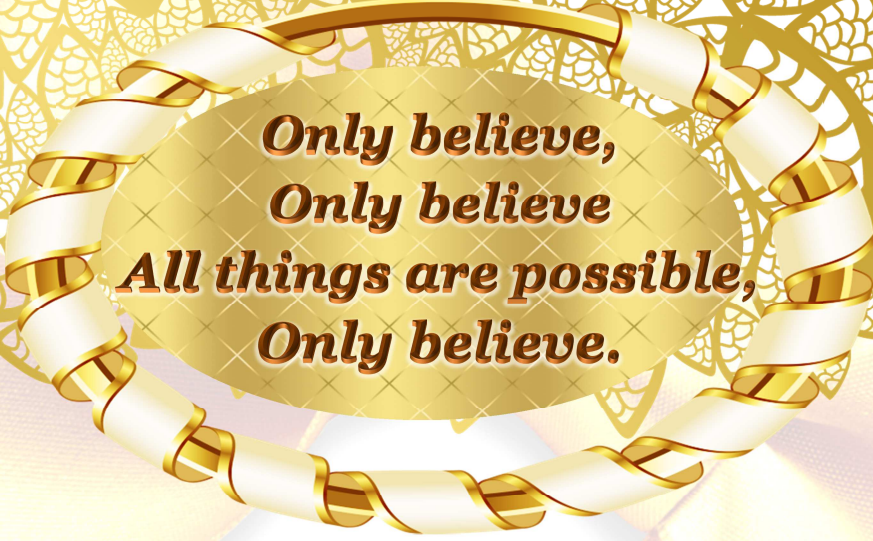
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***Only believe,
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All things are possible,
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