

# *The Choosing Of A Bride*



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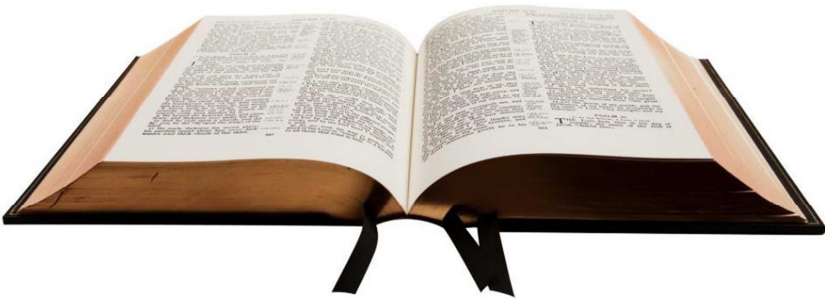


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**Message: 54-0403 - The  
Hand Of The Lord Came  
Upon Him**

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9 Our scene tonight goes back in the days of Israel when they were in the homelands of Palestine.

It was immediately after a great tragedy had happened.

Judah and Israel had broken up and had become two nations, as it was.

And Ahab, the king, who got out of God's will by marrying a woman that was not of the faith...

Do you know that's still a good thing, young man, to think about, young woman?

**Marry someone who is a Christian.**

**Don't marry unbelievers.**

**"Yoke yourself not up among unbelievers."**

**Paul said for us not to do that.**



**The Scriptures, all through, forbid us, for we...to yoke ourself with unbelievers.**

**But if you are already yoked up with an unbeliever, and he's willing to live with you, or she, in peace, don't leave them.**

**Just remain and live a Christian life, that you might win your companion to Christ.**

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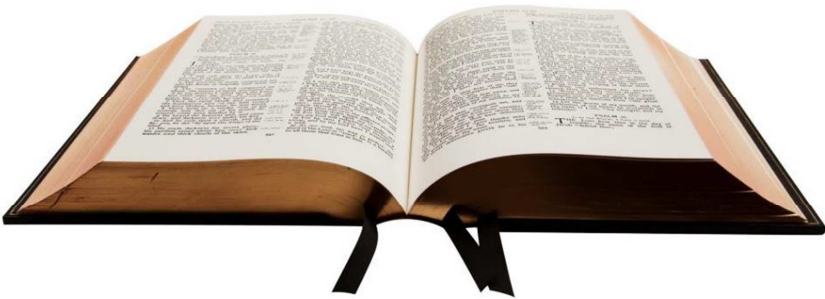
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Message: **55-0228 -**  
**Separation From Unbelief**

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16 Now, this borderline believer, as I called him a few moments ago, oh, he kindly had a mental conception of his theology, that he thought, “Well, there is a God, but maybe Baalim is god too, and the others is so forth.”

And his wife kindly got him mixed up in that.

**You know, boys, I'm telling you tonight, and you young ladies, be careful who you marry; you'll have a broken home the first thing you know.**

**And it's not good to—sinners and Christians to marry together.**

**Don't be unequally yoked together, 'cause that's what got Ahab.**

She was pretty little thing,  
yes, paint all over her face,

eyes like a lizard, but she was a...The thing of it was, that...

Did you know what? That's the truth. That's the...

Ahab just fell for her, because she was, perhaps, pretty, because he couldn't have fell for her for character, 'cause she was a murderer; she was everything else. That's right.

And Ahab fell for her because she was pretty.



And then, he got hisself infatuated with her, and then she just ruled him with her finger.

**17 Do you know, the wisest man in the Bible outside of Christ died a heathen idolater because of a bunch of pretty women? Solomon. Pulled him away from God. All right.**

**Don't yoke yourself up unequally.**

**And I've seen many people come to the platform, and be healed, and walk away, and mix up with unbelievers, and their sickness come right back to them again.**

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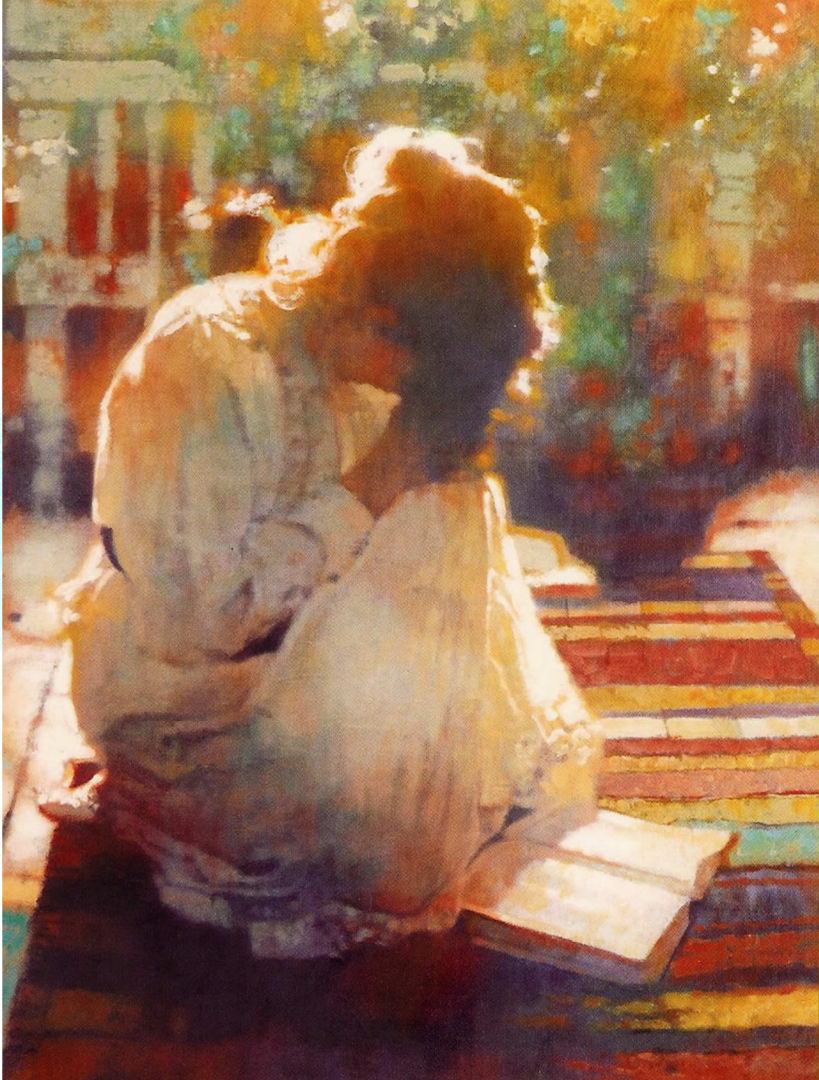
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46 Now, if the spiritual, or, the natural is a type of the spiritual, then, the choosing of a bride, in the natural, is a type of choosing a Bride, the Bride, in the spiritual.

47 **Now, it's a serious thing when we go to choose a wife, a man, for the vows here is "until death do we**

**part.” That’s how we should keep it.**



**And you take that vow before God, that only death will separate you. And I think we should...**

**A man in his right mind, that's planning a future, that he should choose that wife very careful. Be careful what you're doing.**

**And a woman choosing a husband, or accepting the choice of a husband, should be real careful what she's doing, and especially in these days.**

**A man should think and pray before he chooses a wife.**





48 I think, today, what's got so many divorce cases now, that we lead the world in America, in divorce cases. We lead the rest of the world.

**There's more divorces here than anywhere else, this nation, and supposed to be, and thought of, a Christian nation.**

**What a reproach, our divorce courts!**

**I think, the reason of it, is because that men has got**



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**away from God, and women  
has got away from God.**



**49 And we find, that, if a man prayed and a woman prayed over the matter; not just look at a pretty set of eyes, or big strong shoulders, or such as that, or some other worldly affection; but would look first to God, and say, “God, is this Your plan?”**

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51 And if we would study what we're doing when we're going to get married, when we choose our wife, our husband, if we'd study it over!

A man should pray earnestly, for he could ruin his entire life.

Remember, the vow is "until death do we part," and



he could ruin his life by making the wrong choice.

But if he knows what, he making the wrong choice and is marrying a woman that isn't fit to be his wife, and he does it anyhow, then it's his fault.

If the woman takes a husband and knows that he's not fit to be a husband to you, then that's your own fault, after you know what's right and wrong.

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So, you shouldn't do it until you thoroughly pray through.



52 The same applies by choosing a church. Now, you

must pray over the church that you are fellowshiping in. Remember, churches carry a spirit.

53 Now, I don't want to be critical. But I realize that I'm an old man, and I got to leave here, one of these days. And I've got to answer at the Day of the Judgment for what I say tonight or any other time. And I, therefore, I've got to be dead earnest and truly convicted.



54 But, you go into a church, and if you'll watch the behavior of that church, you just watch the pastor awhile, and you'll usually find that the church acts like the pastor. Sometimes, I wonder if we

just don't get one another's spirit in the stead of the Holy Spirit. You get to a place where a pastor is real radical and carrying on, you'll find out the congregation is the same way. I'll bring you to a church where I see the pastor stand, jerk their heads back and forth. You watch the congregation, they do the same thing. You take a pastor, just gulp down anything, usually the church will do the same thing. So, if I



was choosing a church, I'd choose a genuine, fundamental, Full Gospel, Bible church, if I was choosing one to put my family in. Choose. I looked...

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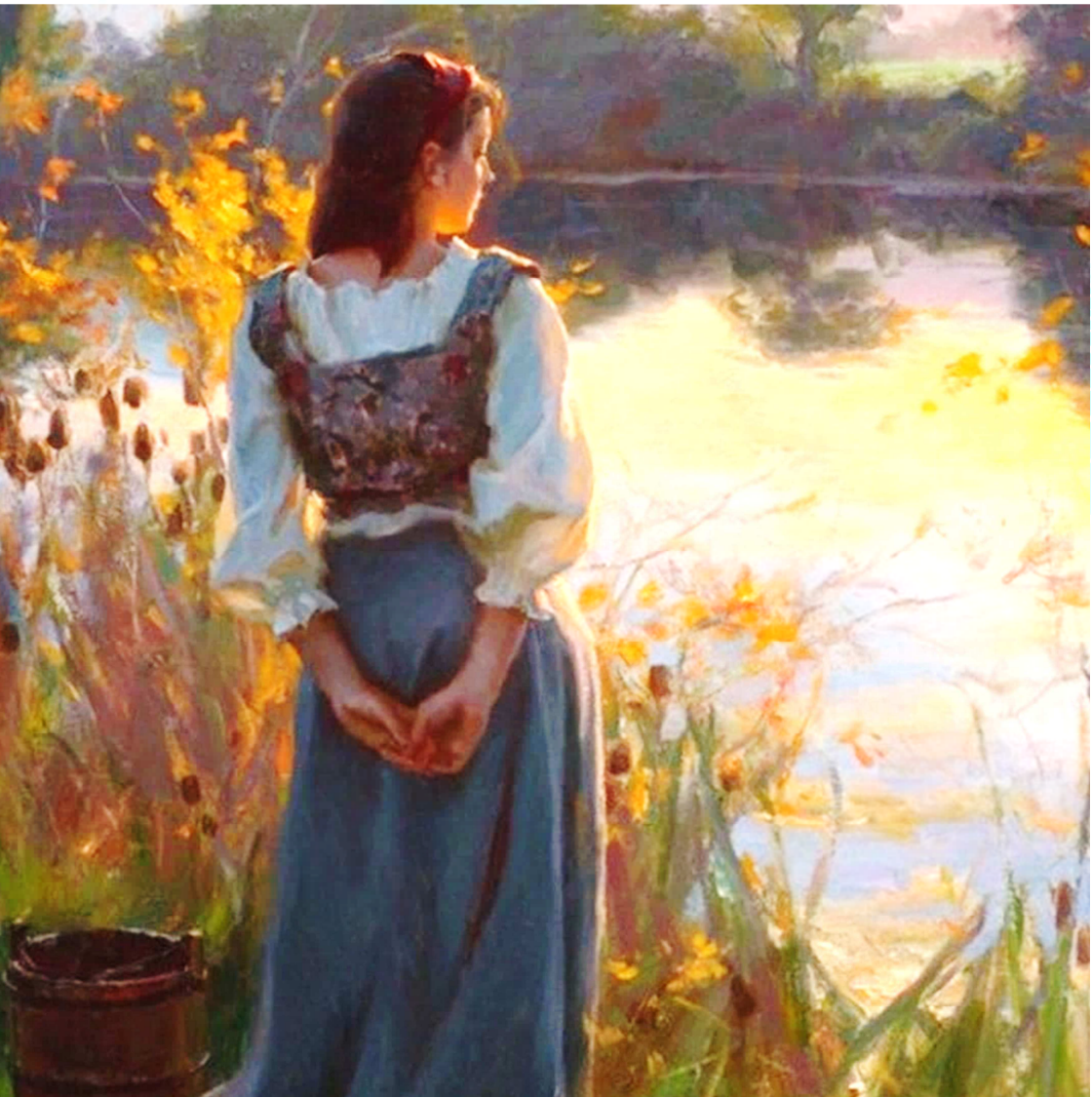
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Message: **65-0711 -**  
**Ashamed**

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48 My last meeting, last meeting I had, this will be my first Message, really, to preach since then.

I was preaching in Los Angeles, at the Biltmore Auditorium, and I was speaking on a man choosing himself a wife.





You probably got the tape of it. “It’s,” I said, “It reflects his character and his ambitions.”

That, when a man takes a woman, he takes a young girl, and to be his wife; he takes, you know, a modern girl that’s



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a common Ricketta, it—it just  
shows what he's...



If he marries a beauty queen or a sex queen, whatever it is, it shows his, what's really in the man.

But a Christian, he looks for character in a woman, because he is planning a future home with that woman.

He plan, he gets a homemaker.

And I said, "Then, Christ, according to His Word here, tells us what our future Home

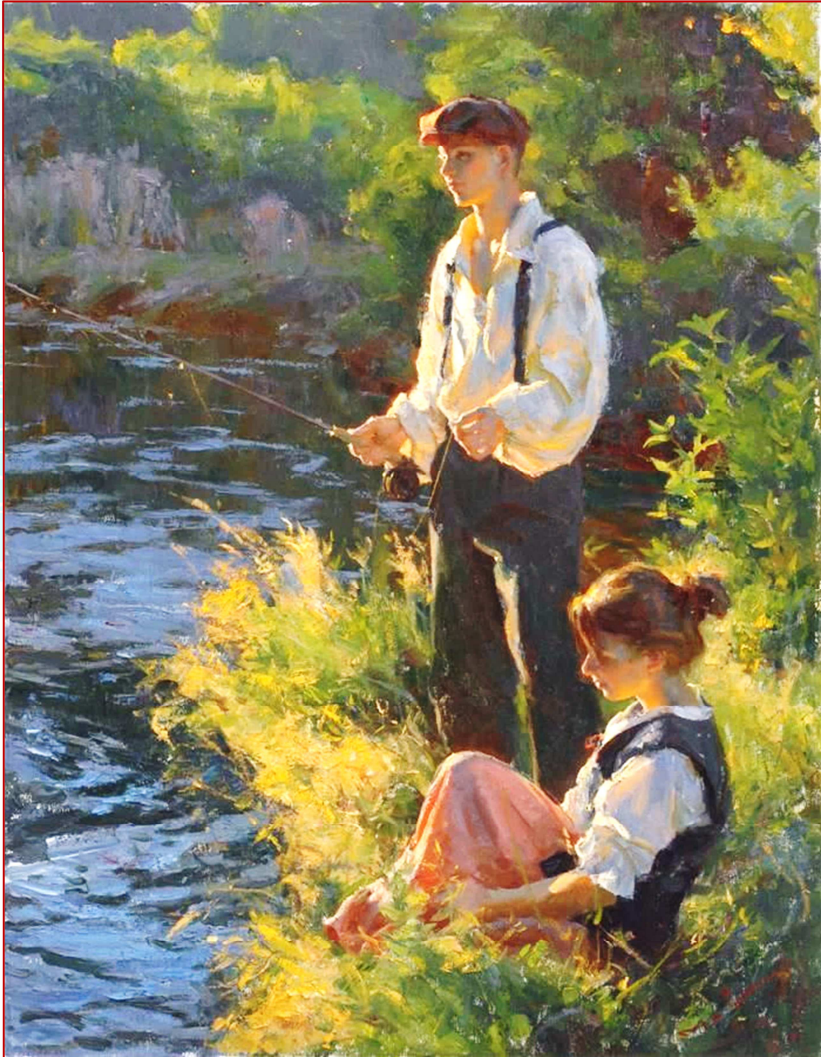
will be. What kind of a wife will He choose then, a denominational prostitute? Never! He'll choose a woman that's characterized by His Word, and that will be the Bride."

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*We've got to be so in love with Him,  
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## Message: **62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect Man**

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38 Excuse this expression. I told my wife, here not long ago, she...both getting old, and I said to her, I said, “Do you love me like you used to?”

She said, “I certainly do.”

39 And I said, “You know, I love you so much till I would like to take you and pull you



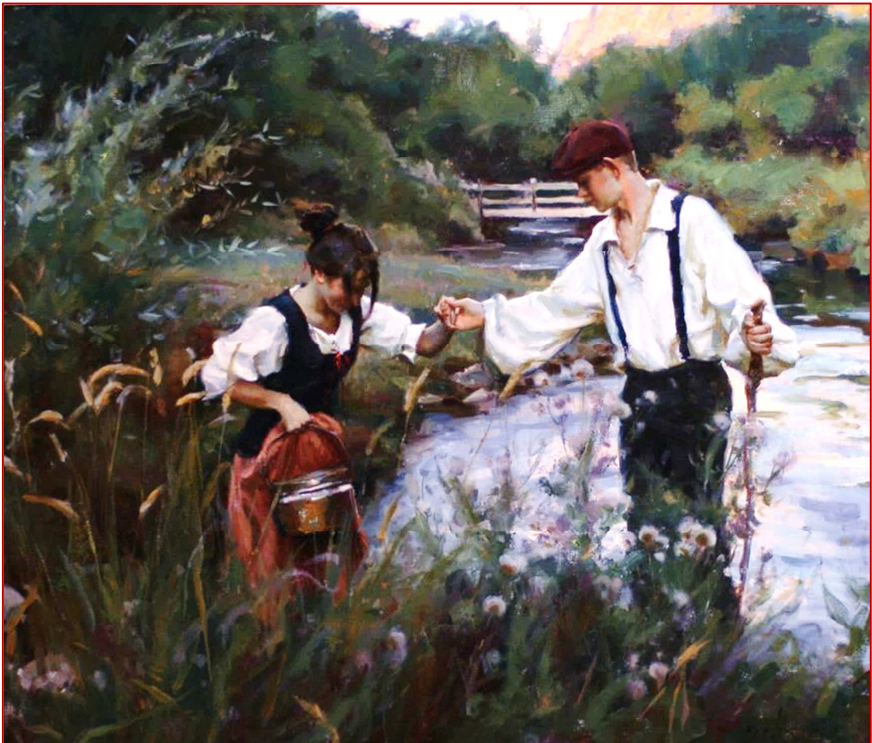
inside of me, so we could just be, really, be one, more.”

40 Now, that, multiply that by a hundred million, and then you'll find out how that the believer, who falls in love with Christ, wants to get into Him, because it's a love. And here He's going to show us how that, through these promises, we might be partakers of Christ's Divine nature. These, mortal body, how that we can be partakers.



41 I might say something here. The reason I believe...Now someone got me all wrong, here not long ago. I got a letter from the ministerial association, that said that I believed that there

was...“We were soul-mated. And we must leave our companions if we’re not soul-mated to them, to marry another one that we were soul-mated to.” Oh, my!



42 I said, “I’m not guilty of a heresy like that.” I’ve always been against that. I—I don’t believe in that. Certainly not. I believe that God gives us a mate. That’s true. And then we become part of each other. That’s right. And ’fore a man gets married, he should think these things over, study it.

43 A young man asked me the other day, said, “You think I could, ought to get married,



Brother Branham, to *such-and-such* a girl?”

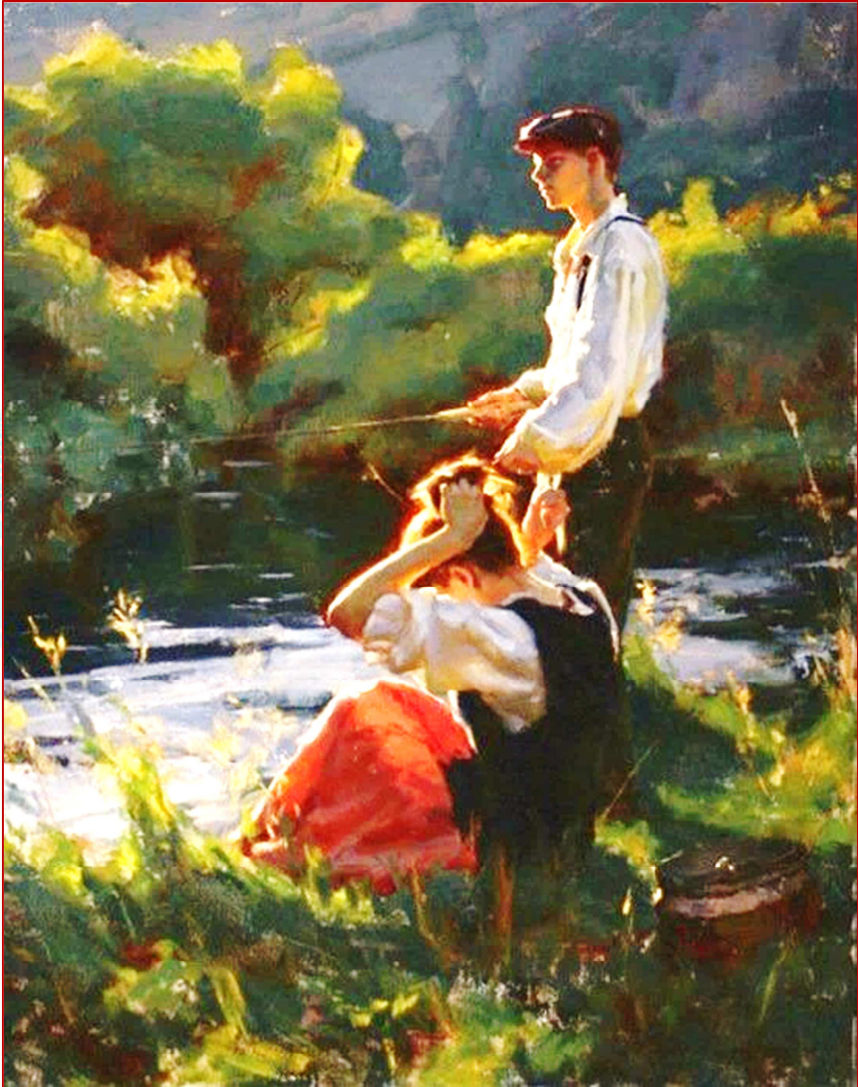
I said, “How much do you think of her?”

He said, “Oh, my, I just love her.”

I said, “Well, if you’re not going to live without her, you better marry her then. But if you can live without her, you better not. So, but if it’s going to kill you, you better—you better go ahead and get married,” I said. And so what I

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was trying to get to him, this,  
that, if you love her so much!



44 Now, right now, before you're married, everything is just fine and dandy. But after you get married, then the toils and trials of life come in. That's when you've got to be so in love that you understand one another. When you're disappointed in her, she disappointed in you, you still understand one another.

45 That's the way it is with Christ. See? We've got to be so in love with Him, till when

we ask for something, and He doesn't give it to us, that doesn't shake us a bit. See? See? Why? And the only way you can do that, is to become partakers of His Divine nature, then you'll understand the reason He can't give it to you. "Partakers of His Divine nature."



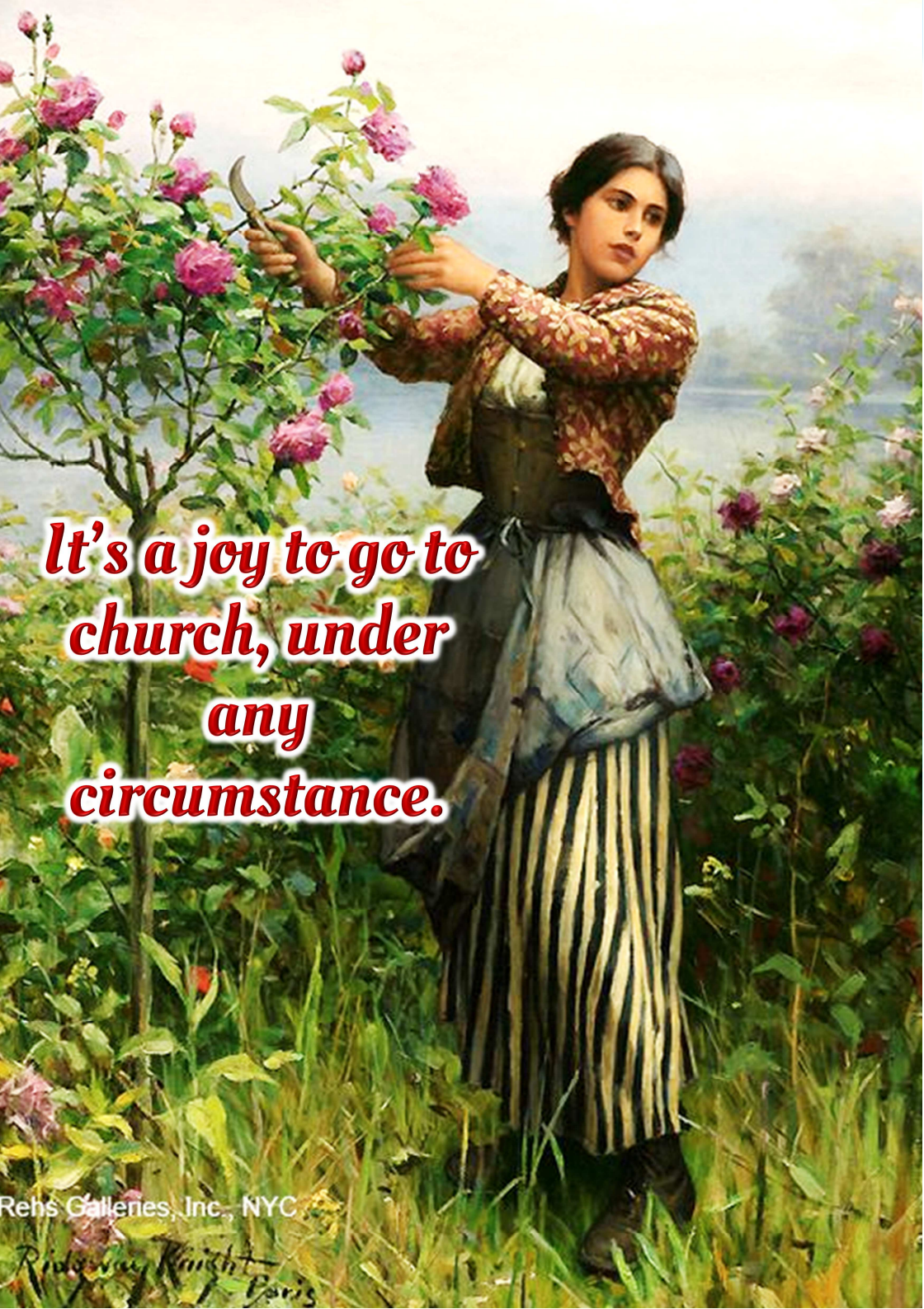
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# 62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect Man

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***It's a joy to go to  
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**Message: 61-0723M - The  
Ever-Present Water From  
The Rock**

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72 Just like a love affair. If you was going with a girl because you knew it was a duty, or you going with a boy, when you were young. “Mama wants me to go with this guy, but I just can’t stand him.” You don’t get nothing of him coming to see you. Or, if it’s

the same way about the girl to the boy, or boy to the girl. You go with her, she bores you; mama wants you to go with her because she is the type of girl that mama likes. See, it bores you; no love affair. But you don't care, you don't want to clean up, you don't want to go see her. And it's a...Why, it's a horrible thing. And when he is coming to see you, my, you just wish he would hurry on, go home.



73 That's the same way it is when you, "Why does he preach so long? What about all this stuff, and everything?" See, you're not in love.



74 But when you really hang on to every Word, as the Spirit gave you warning this morning, see, “Hanging on to every Word.” That might be what He has been talking to you about. Holding on! It’s Eternal Life, every Word of God. It’s a joy to go to church, under any circumstance. Whether it’s hot, cold, indifferent, whether the people are fussing, growling, whatever they are doing, it’s still a joy to hear the Word of

the Lord. Then you're in love  
then with Christ, see, you love  
to go to church.



75 “Well, honey, here it’s Sunday morning again, I guess we have to wash up the young’ns and get down there. My, it’s boresome!” See, you’re not in love.

76 But if you are really in love, you just can’t wait till Sunday morning comes, you’ve just got to get down there with them. And we get, and to leave...The people of God, they don’t bore you. Why, they are—they are brothers and sisters. As I used



to say, “You get as thick as Sorghum molasses on a cold morning.” It—it don’t run, it just stays together, you know, clings tight. Now, that’s a rude expression, but it’s—it—it’s trying to let you know what I mean, you see. You stick together. And the colder it gets, the tighter they stick. And that’s the way it ought to be with us. The colder...

When the earthly friends  
forsaken,



Still more closely to Him  
cling.



77 And what we love, each other, is not because that we're somebody; but it's the Christ in one another, that we love, you see. It's the God that's in our beings, that we love. Now we love to come together. We used to sing the old hymn:

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian  
love;

The fellowship of kindred  
mind

Is like to that Above.

See, the fellowship of  
kindred mind is like of that  
Above.

Before our Father's throne,  
We pour our ardent  
prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our  
aims are one,

Our comforts and our  
cares.

78 See? Yes, sir! When  
one has had a blessing, we  
are all happy about it. When

one is sad, we are sad with him. We, we want to all be together. Now that's the way we're supposed to be.

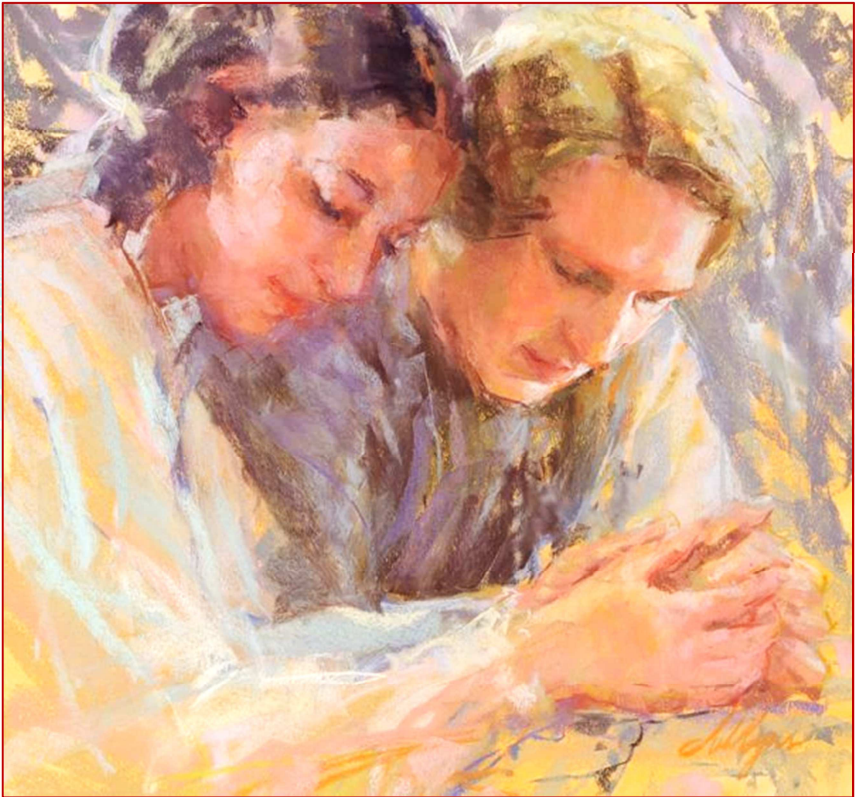
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61-0723M - The Ever-Present Water  
From The Rock  
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Message: **59-0125 - Be  
Certain Of God**

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6 And no believer should ever marry an unbeliever, under no circumstances. Should always marry believers.

7 But Ahab had done this evil thing. And no doubt but what Jezebel was a beautiful woman. And he had fell for what she looked like, in the stead of what she was. That's,

so many people make that same mistake to this day.

8 And she had brought idolatry in the nation, among the people. And the people, the priests, their ministers, had fell victim to this great popular demand.

9 And it's the very picture of our country today. We have fallen under the popular demand. No doubt that the priests thought it would be all right, as long as their government okayed it. But I

don't care what the government okays, it's got to be what God okays. And the people thought that it would be all right if they anticipated in some of their worldly things.

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# *That's an Eternal mate in Glory.*



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## Message: **60-1002 - The Kinsman Redeemer**

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45 Yesterday morning, we were lying in bed a little late, and the children didn't have to go to school, and we got to speaking about different things. And how...“What was hatred?”

46 I said, “Hatred had a beginning, so it has to have an end. Love had no beginning, so it has no end.



Hatred is forever. Love is Eternal. Hatred begins and hatred will end. Love never did begin and It never will end.” See? It was Eternal.



47 And when a man loves a woman and marries her because she's just pretty, there'll be an end to that. But when a man finds a woman that he loves, he don't know why, but he loves her. And she finds a man that she loves, no matter what he looks like. He loves her. She loves him. That's an Eternal mate in Glory. They'll s-...Death nor nothing else can ever separate them, because they are from Eternity. And they

stepped out, in the space of time, and will return back to Eternity. Eternity has dropped down in a body, called time, then goes right back up into Eternity again. It cannot perish.

48     A woman that's beautiful, that beauty will fade, just as sure. You give it a few years. Maybe, today, she's twisting down the street, some little half-dressed woman, sending more souls to hell than all the barrooms in the

country. But she'll twist herself down the street, thinking she's something. As the Bible said, "They'd have stretched out necks, wanton, mincing," (that means twisting) "as they go," in the last day. Fulfilling the Scriptures, and doesn't know it. They stand in the yard, with immoral clothes on, men looking at her, and don't know. She may be as virtuous, to her husband or boyfriend, as she can be; but, at the Day of the Judgment,



she'll answer for committing adultery with hundreds of men. A spirit on them, and they don't know it. The Bible said, "Naked, blind, and don't know it." The miserable part is, "Don't know it."

49 But did you know, that well-formed little figure, that God has given that girl, may be rotten by this time next Sunday? That tall, dark and handsome man may be nothing but just a pile of

rubbish, by next Sunday. That all perishes.

But that on the inside, God, love, lives for Eternal. So, watch the inside. Keep your eyes on the goal.

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60-1002 - The Kinsman  
Redeemer

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*That little, loyal Bride will fly  
away into the arms of Jesus one  
of these days, be taken to the  
Father's House.*



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Message: **63-0323 - The  
Sixth Seal**

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68 Cause, see, She, She has not one sin, not a thing against Her. The grace of God has covered Her over. And the bleach has took every sin so far away, there is not even ever a remembrance of it; not a thing but purity, perfect, in the Presence of God. Oh, it ought to make the Bride get

down on Her knees and cry out to God!

69 I think of a little story; if I'm not taking too much of your time now, in this preliminary. I'm...I—I do this for a purpose, to feel, till I feel the Spirit just right, to start.

70 This is a—this is a sacred thing. See? It's, see, who knows them things there? Nobody but God. And they're not supposed to be revealed, and proved in the Bible that they would not be revealed, till



this day. That's exactly right. See? They was—they was guessed at; but now we're supposed to get it exactly, the Truth, vindicated Truth. See? Notice.

71 Now, there was a—a little girl in the west, that how she had—she had fell in love with a...A man had fell in love with her. As a buyer of the cattle, come out there for the Armour Company. And—and they had a—a great...

72 The boss come one day, the boss's son from Chicago, and, course, they put them on a regular, western frontier. The—the girls there, they dressed up; each one was going to get this boy, sure, you know, 'cause that was the main man's boy. So, they dressed in their western frontier.

73 And—and they do that out west. They just got through one of those episodes. And Brother

Maguire, I think he's here now, they caught him downtown without his western clothes on, and they threwed him in the—in the jail. And put him in a kangaroo court, and made him pay for it, and then made him go buy a western outfit. And I seen the rest of them walking around with guns about that long, hanging on them. They just go native out there. They're trying to live in something in the back-gone

days, bygone. See?

74 And then, in Kentucky, you're trying to live in a bygone days of the east here, still back in Renfro Valley and things. You like to go back to the old days. There is something causing that.

75 But when it comes back, to go back to a Gospel in the original, you don't want to do that. You want something modern, you see.

Goes to show that, see, you—  
you...there's a...

76 And what makes a—a  
man do wrong? What makes  
him drink and carry on, or a  
woman do wrong? Is because  
she is trying to...There is  
something in her, thirsting.  
There is something in him,  
thirsting. And they're trying to  
quench that holy thirst with the  
things of the world. When,  
God ought to be that quench.  
He made you that way, to  
thirst. That's the reason you



thirst for something. God made you that way, so you would turn that holy thirst to Him. See? But when you try to quench that thirst...How dare anybody to do that! You have no right to do that, to try to quench that holy thirst that you thirst for something, and, then, and you turn it in to the world, try to satisfy it with the world. You can't do it. There's only one thing will fill that up, and that's God. And He made you that way.

77 So, this—this young girls put on a—a regular western carry-on for this boy when he—he come out. And each one of them was sure they was going to get this boy.

78 There was a little cousin there on the ranch, and she was an orphan, and so she just done all the—the work for these. Cause, they had to have their fingernails fixed, you know, and they couldn't wash the dishes for

the hands and things. And she done all the real hard work.

79 And then, finally, when the boy came, they went out and got him in an old western style, the buckboard. And they come in, shooting their guns and carrying on, you know, and acting up. And that night they had a great big dance out there, on a—on an old-fashion dance, and all the ranchers around, about, and coming in with their dancing, and so forth. And, first thing you

know, why, this went on, was jubilee for two or three days.

80 Then, one night, this boy stepped out, till...of the place, just to rest a while from the dance, and got away from these girls. And he happened to look, going down towards the corral. There went a little girl, kind of ragged-looking. And she had a dishpan full of water, she washed the dishes. And he thought, "I never seen her before. I—I wonder where she come from?" So he just

puts it in his way to go around beside of the—the bunkhouse, and go down there and come back, side of the corral, and met her.

81 She was barefooted. She stopped. She held her head down. She seen who it was, and she was very shy. She knew this great person. And she was just a cousin to these other girls. Their father was foreman on this big Armour outfit, so they kept...She kept looking down.



She was ashamed of being barefooted.

82 He said, “What’s your name?” She told him. Said, “Why ain’t you out there to the...where the rest of them is?” And she kind of made excuses.

83 And so, the next night, he watched for her again. Finally...He was sitting out there. And they all got to carrying on, everything. He—he sit on the corral fence and watched for her to come,

throw the dishwater out. And he watched her. And he said to her, he said, “You know my real purpose of being here?”

She said, “No, sir, I don’t.”

84 Said, “My purpose of being here is hunting a wife.” He said, “I find a character in you that they don’t have.” I was thinking of the Church, you see. Said, “Will you marry me?”

She said, “Me? Me? I—I can’t think of such a thing, me.”

85 See, that’s the main boss’s son. He owned all the companies and ranches throughout the country, and everything, you see. Said, said, “Yes.” Said, “I—I couldn’t find one in Chicago. I—I want a real wife. I want a wife with character. And the thing that I’m looking for, I see it in you.” Said, “Will you marry me?”

She said, “Well...” It startled her. And she said, “Yes.”

86 And he said, “Well...” Told her he would be back. Said, “Now, you just make yourself ready, and a year from today I’ll be back. Well...And I’ll get you, and I’ll take you away from here. You won’t have to work like this no more. I’ll take you. And I’ll go to Chicago, and I’ll build you a home like you’ve never seen.”

87 She said, “I don’t, never—never had a home. I’m an orphan,” she said.

88 He said, “I’ll build you a home, a real one.” Said, “I’ll be back.”

89 He kept in track with her, during the time, the year. She worked everything that she could do, to save enough money at her dollar-a-day, or whatever she had with her board, to buy her wedding dress. Perfect type of the



Church! See? See? She got her garments ready.

90 And, you know, when she displayed this wedding garment, her—her cousins said, “Why, you poor, silly kid. You mean to think that a man like that would have anything to do with you?”

91 She said, “But he promised me.” Amen. Said, “He has promised.” Said, “I believe his word.”

92 “Oh, he was just making a fool out of you.” Said, “If he’d have got somebody, he’d have got one of them.”

93 “Yes,” said, “but he promised me. I’m looking for it.” Amen. I am, too.

94 So, kept getting later and later. The day finally arrived, certain hour he was to be there, so she dressed in her garment. And she hadn’t even heard from him. But she knowed he would be there, so

she dressed up in her wedding clothes, got things ready.

95 Well, then they really did laugh there. Cause, the main boss had sent up to the—to the foreman, or—or to...Ain't none of the girls had heard nothing about it, so it was just all a mysterious thing to them. That is, too. It sure is.

96 But this girl, just in face of all of it, upon the basis of

his word that he would be back for her.

97 So, they got to laughing. And put their hands around one another, and dancing around her. Said, “Ha!” Laugh, you know, like that, said, “Poor, little, silly kid!”

98 She just stood there, not a bit of blush in her. She was holding her flowers. And her wedding garment all fixed; she had struggled, you know. “His Bride has made Herself

ready.” See? She kept holding her flowers, waiting.

99 They said, “Now, I told you it was wrong. See, he ain’t coming.”

Said, “I got five more minutes.” Said, “He’ll be here.”

Oh, they just laughed!

100 And just about time the old clock ticked up to five minutes, they heard the horses galloping, sand rolling under the wheels. The old buckboard stopped.



101 She jumped from between them, and out the door. And he jumped out of the carriage, and she flew into his arms. He said, “It’s all over now, honey.” Left her little old cousin denominations sitting there, looking. She—she went to Chicago, to her home.

102 I know of another great promise like that, too, yet. “I’ve gone to prepare a place for you; coming back to receive you.” They might be saying we’re crazy. But,

brother, to me, right now, and these Seals breaking like this, under this supernatural thing, I can almost hear the sound, as that clock of time ticks away into Eternity there. I can almost see that Angel standing there and saying, at the last of that seventh angel's Message, "Time shall be no more." That little, loyal Bride will fly away into the arms of Jesus one of these days, be taken to the Father's House.

Let's think of these things as  
we go along now.

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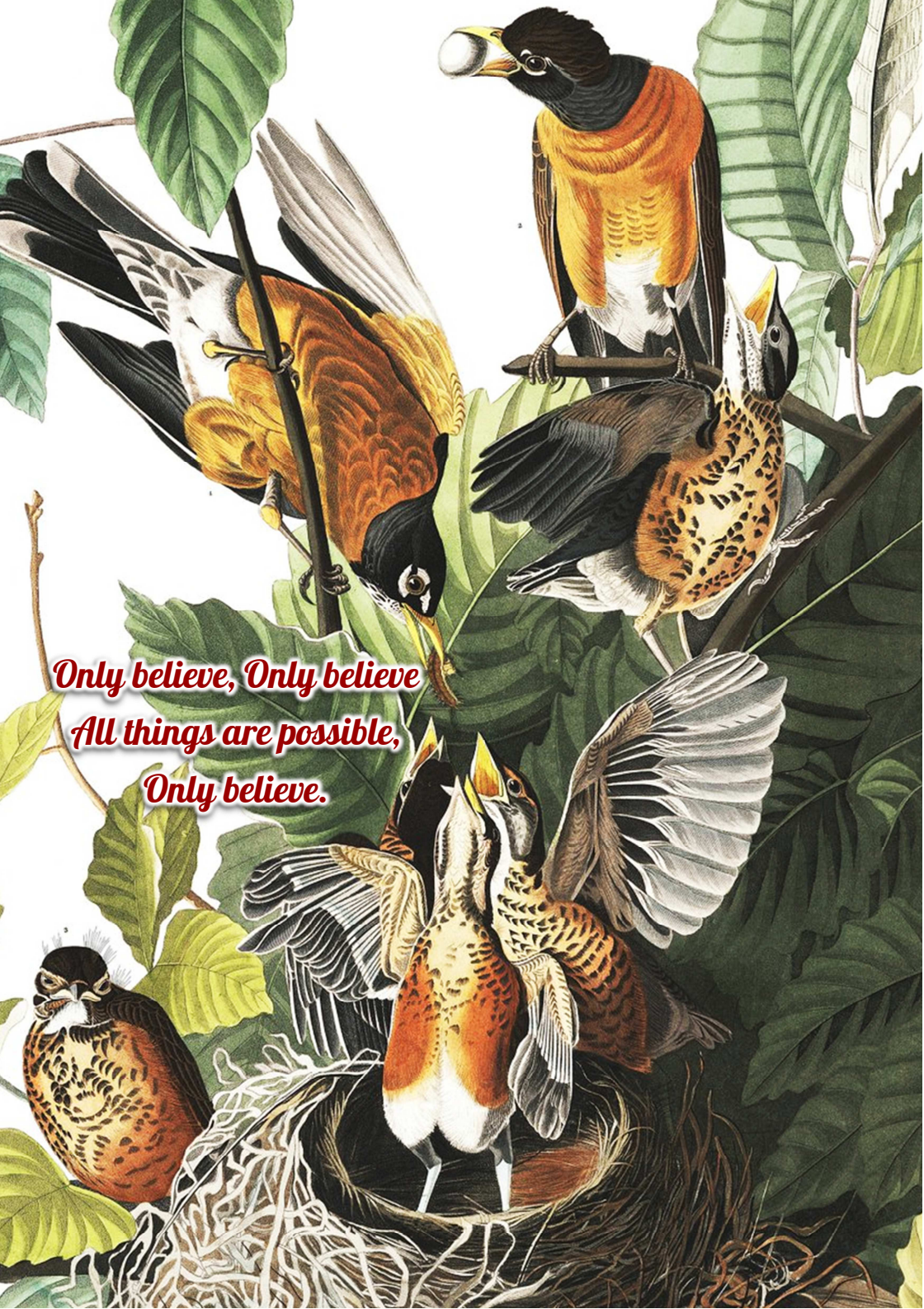
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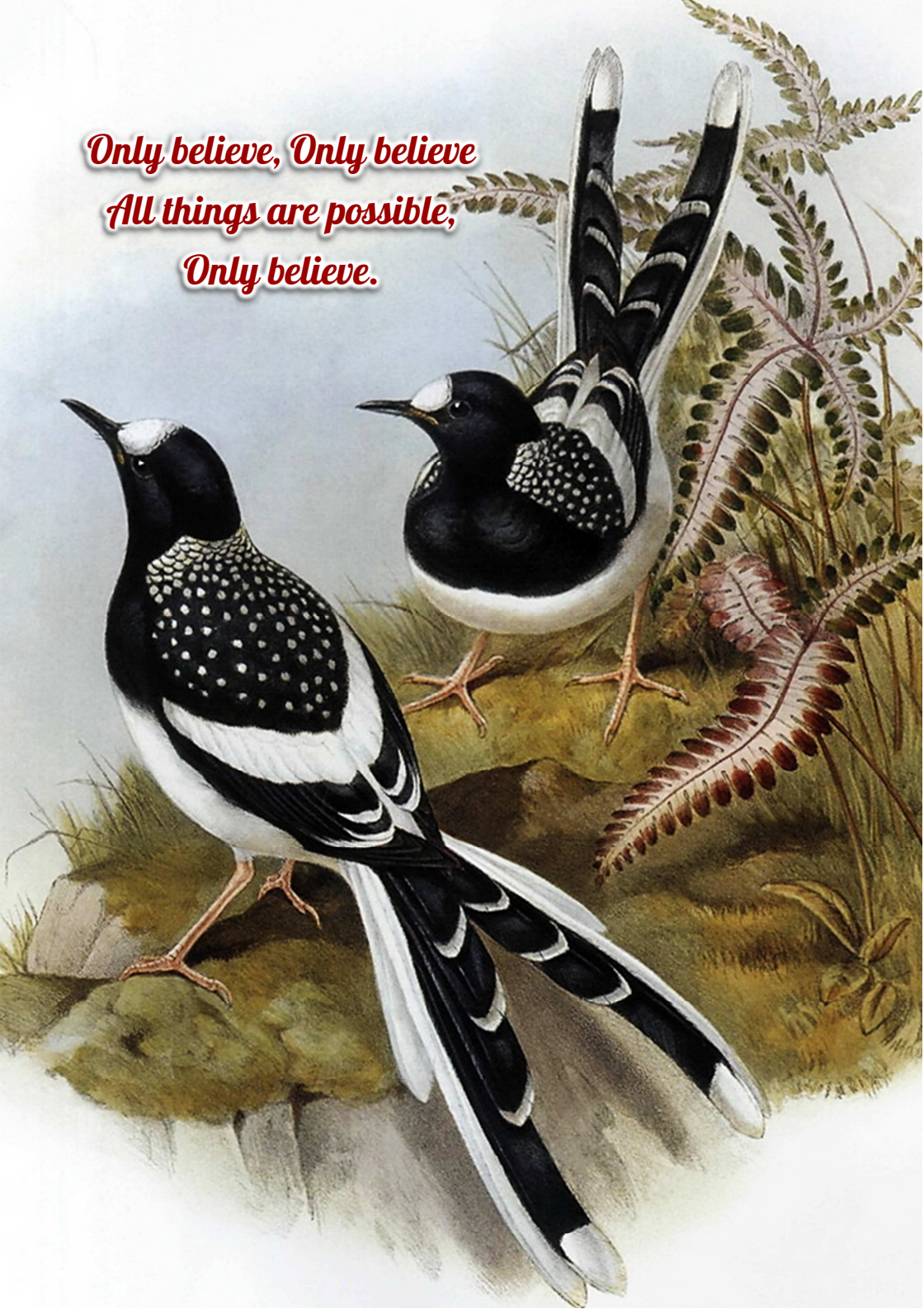




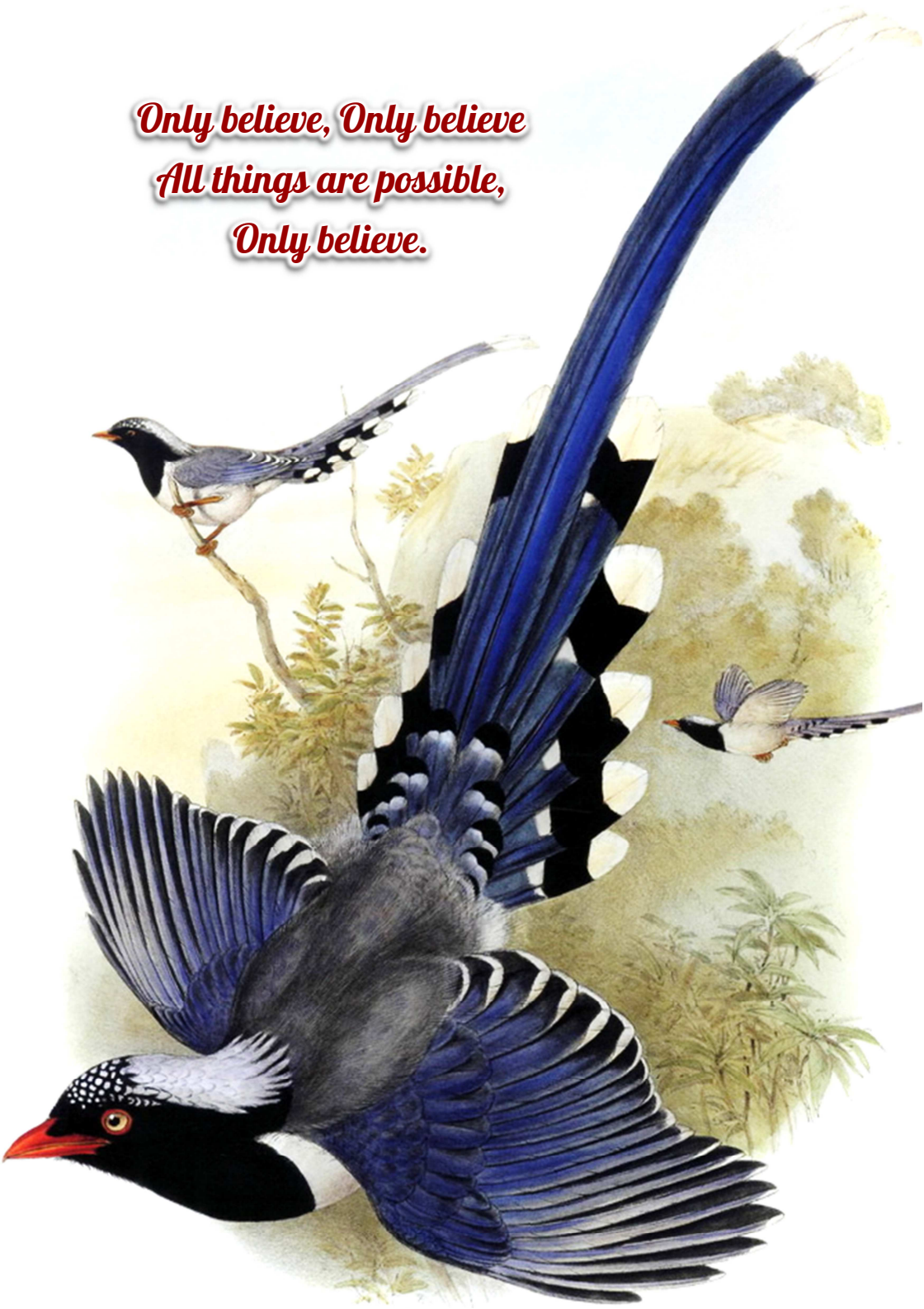
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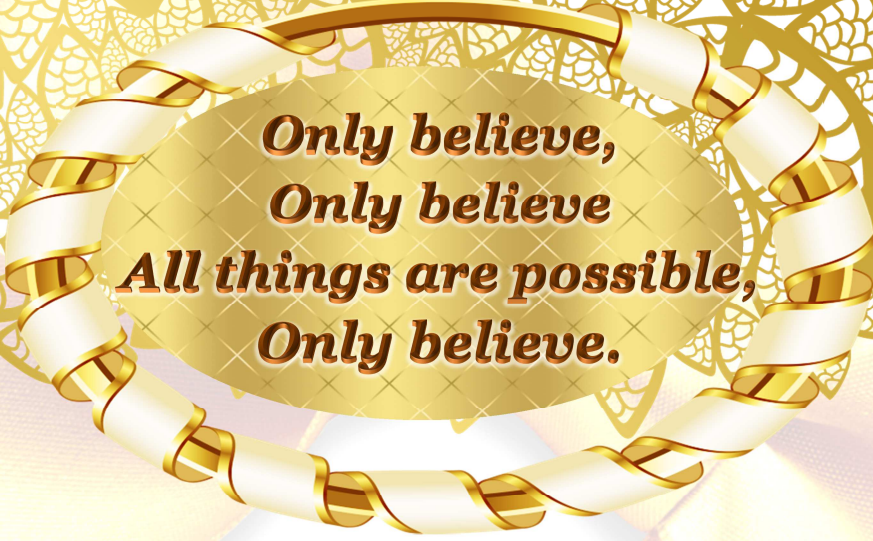






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