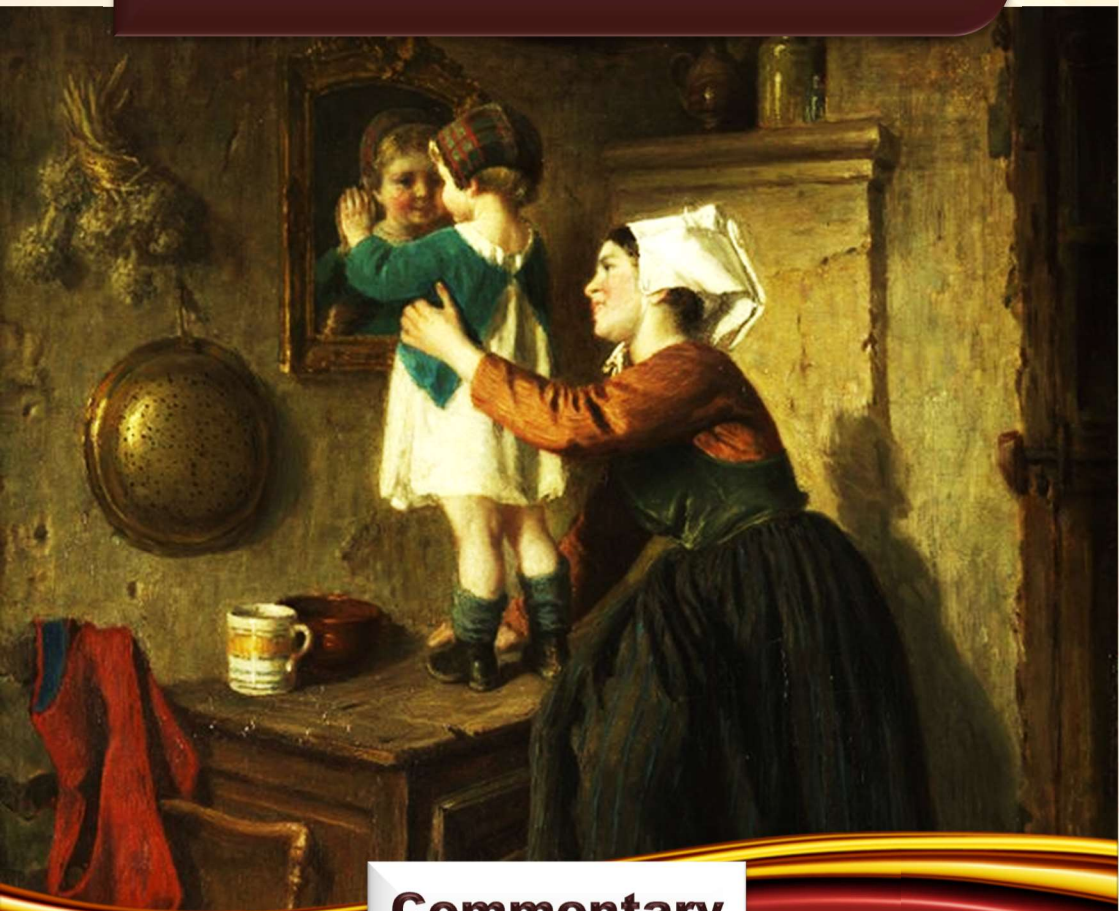


*The Woman Shall Not
Wear That Which
Pertaineth Unto A Man*



Commentary

From The Sermons Of
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Message: 56-0603 - The Lamb's Book Of Life

79 Now, the other night, I was discussing with a very fine person, on the doctrine of the Millennium. I said, "I believe in the Millennium, because there's too many shadows of the Old Testament that speaks that there will be a Millennium. There's got to be. Too many shadows!"

They said, "Will the Church go through the Tribulation?"

80 I said, "No. The Church can't go through the Tribulation, It has got to go before the

Tribulation. Too many shadows!" Look, that, Noah, in the beginning, Noah..."All the Old Testament, all the law, now, was a shadow of good things to come."

81 Now, before the tribulation period struck, first, Enoch, the...Noah, Noah was the type that was carried over, like the sleeping virgin, but Enoch was translated just before the tribulation struck. "And Enoch was took up, and was found not, because God took him," the type of the going forth of the Church. And Noah watched him. When he seen Enoch go, he knew it was time to enter the ark, for to

be carried through the tribulation.

82 The Bible said, “There was ten virgins went out to meet the Bridegroom; and five were wise, five were foolish. And they were all virgins, every one of them. But five was wise, and they had Oil in their lamp. And they went out to meet the Bridegroom. And the Bridegroom came, and the ones that had Oil went in.” See, the translation, going with the Bridegroom.

83 But those who were left behind, they come and wanted in, too. Just like those who come and knocked on the door of the ark,

“Noah, let us in,” but God closed the door.

84 And, oh, friend of mine, one of these days, God is going to give you your final call. Then the door is going to be closed, between mercy and judgment. Don't be left out. Get in now while you can. Don't pay no attention what the world says. Get into Christ. “For those that are in Christ will God bring with Him.” See?

Then, this wise virgin went away, in the translation.

85 And these others who came and knocked on the door, what happened? What taken place? The

Bible said, “They were cast into outer darkness, where there were weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

86 Israel, when the tribulation period hit Egypt, there wasn't one thing ever struck Egypt...the Israelites, because they were in God's provided place, Goshen. No tribulations at all. See? The rest of them was in the tribulation, but not this one.

87 Now, all those things being shadows, they've got to type something. And then as we see the forecoming of the Lord, we see how people walked in those days, and see how people got. “Heady, highminded, lovers

of pleasure more than lovers of
God.” That’s the way it is today.



Men are walking after their own ungodly lusts. It's become to the thing...Excuse this expressions, my sisters. But it's come, till, real moral decency is a thing almost of the past, among our people.

88 Yesterday, in Saint Edwards Hospital, I heard a doctor tearing a girl to pieces back there. He got up the steps where I could shake his hand, everybody in the hospital was listening, looking.

There was a girl back there, with some of these little, old ungodly clothes on, little britches like.



89 You know what the Bible says about that? He says, “It’s an abomination in the sight of God, for a woman to wear trousers like a man.” Right.

90 And there she was, walk-...The doctor said...A little, crippled fellow. I know him, but I can’t think of his name.

He said, “Do you mean to tell me that the sister let you get in this hospital like that?” Said, “Why, you’re a disgrace to the hospital. Get out of here.”

I said, “Boy, I want to shake your hand.” Certainly.



91 Said, “How did you ever get by the front? Ain’t you ashamed of yourself, to come in here dressed like that?”

92 I thought, “Oh, brother, that’s right.” I admire a man with enough courage to call right “right,” and wrong “wrong,” regardless of who he is. See? But, the thing of decency, oh, may I...

93 You’ll forgive me, won’t you? I want to stop here just a minute. Now, I want, might straighten this up just a little, my dear beloved friend. Don’t think that Brother Branham is trying to be rude. I’m not. I’m only trying to tell truth.



And what I know, that yonder in Glory, someday, if I'd see your life smutted out, and then I know that I was the cause of it, and knowing Truth and wouldn't tell It. No, I'll lay it off of my shoulders, unto yours. You make your decision.

94 Our women that dress like that, has an evil spirit. See? There's only one thing in the Scripture ever did that. That was the devil, stripped the people. Look. Now, I don't mean to say you're immoral; I don't mean that, my dear sister. But you're in the trend of the day, in such a way, until you just simply...You think it's nice

because the others do it, and you don't realize that that's the devil a doing that. Sure, it is. You're not popular. You're crazy. Excuse the expression. Well, that's right. I mean, you're crazing the thing away from God.



95 Oh, God's Holy Spirit, not always striving with man.

“Not willing that any should perish, but that all might come to repentance.” And God give us the courage, in the day that when preachers...Here is where it started from, is because your pastor, at the platform, puts up with it. That's right. You ought to be excommunicated. If I had a church, and women did that in the church, immediately would they go off of the church book. Yes, sir. Right there, till you straightened up, start correctly. God hold them responsible. But, today...



96 I went out to Saint Joseph. I'm constantly on these hospital calls, these emergencies. Went out there to see a little baby, dying, cancer...or kidney condition; taken out one kidney, only two or three days old. And

how that the poor little fellow...And there I noticed, in the Catholic hospital, so nice and generous.



97 I go to a Protestant hospital. There was a dying lady, and I walked over to put my hands on. The chaplain, standing there, said...And I let him know that I was the same denomination he belonged to. Said, "Huh! Naw! Don't, don't, don't! Don't do that. Don't put your hand on her."

I said, "The Bible said."

98 "Ah, get out!" Said, "That stuff is no good. No, we don't want you put your hands on a sick person in here." See how it is?

99 And that's the reason the Catholic church is swallowing them up, by the thousands. That's

right. Because, the Protestant hasn't went deep enough in God to have an experience, to know what real, old-time, heart-felt salvation, the Power of God, is. There is your mediocre class. And there is your filled class, waiting for the Coming of the Lord. Amen. There you are.

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Message: 64-0411 - Spiritual Amnesia

13 Now, this little fellow that we're talking about, Amos, just for a moment, to get our background before we get to the text. This was during the time of the great prosperity in Samaria. Israel had prospered. They had really went after the world and had prospered.

14 Not always prosperity is a sign of a spiritual blessings, but sometimes on the contrary.



People think maybe you have to own a lot of worldly goods, and shows that God is a blessing you. That's not true. Sometimes it's the other way.



15 But we find, him, we don't know much about this little fellow. He, we have no history, where he come from. We know he, according to the Scripture

here, he's a herdsman, but God had raised him up.

16 I can imagine seeing, on one hot day in Samaria there, the one of the great tourist cities of the world at that day. Is something on the order of, we'd say, Miami, or—or Hollywood, Los Angeles, some of them places like that, some great place for tourists. And we can just imagine seeing him. He had never been in such a city. But, he had the Word of the Lord, he was coming to this great city where sin was heaped on every side. The ministers had all got away from the Word of

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God, and they hadn't had a prophet in long years.



17 And so this little fellow, as he topped the hill, just kind of north of Samaria, I can imagine

seeing him, the hot sun shining down, and his gray whiskers over his face, and his little eyes narrowed, and his little, bald head shined, as he looked down upon that city. And his eyes narrowed.



He wasn't looking at what tourists usually see, to go to a city and see all of its enchantments of beauty. He looked and seen what a sight that that city had become, a city that once was the city of God, and had got in such a morally decay as that. No wonder...



18 This little, unknown fellow was Amos the prophet. And now we don't know very much about him. We don't know where he come from. Prophets usually come on the scene, unknown, leave the same way. We don't know where they come from, where they go, don't know about their backgrounds. God just raises them up. He wasn't much to look at, but he had **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. That's the main thing I see. Of course, he come to Samaria to begin his campaign. I'm sure he had no co-operation from nobody. He had no

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fellowship card from any denomination. He had no credentials to show what group he come from. And, but, he had one thing, he had the Word of the Lord for that city.



19 And I wonder, if we could transport Amos, today, down to our time, I wonder if he would be welcome in our city today. I wonder if we would receive him, or would we do just like they did. We find our cities in the same decay. And we find that sin is just great among the people, as it was then. And I wonder, if this little, unknown man, how is he going to start this campaign? How, where is he going to begin at? What church is he going to, or who is going to co-operate with him? He had nothing to show where he come from, he had

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nothing at all but THUS SAITH
THE LORD for the city.



20 He found them so decayed and so morally corrupted, it was a great time. The women in that city had become almost like they are in the United States. They had become corrupt. Everything that God had expected out of them, they had went right the other way. And—and we find that it was a great place where they had dancings on the street, the women immorally stripping their clothes, and so forth, like striptease. Course, that was a public amusement in them days, now it's every day. Just let the weather get hot, and you don't

have to go to any show. They're
all on the street, anywhere,
anyhow.



Shame on you women, to do a thing like that! Aren't you ashamed of yourself?

21 And then—and then I said that to a woman here, not long ago, and she said, “Why,” she said, “Brother Branham,” said, “that, that's—that's just like the rest of the women.”

22 I said, “But we're not supposed to act like the rest of the people. We are different. We are a—a different character.”

23 Reminds me of a woman, said, “Well, Brother Branham,” another one said, “I—

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I—I don't wear those shorts." Said,
"I wear slacks."



24 I said, “That’s worse.” Uh! “God said, ‘It’s an abomination,’ in His sight, ‘for a woman to put on a garment pertains to a man.’” That’s exactly right.

One said, “Well, they don’t make any other clothes.”

“They still make sewing machines and have goods.”

25 There is no excuse. It’s just what’s in the heart. That’s what shows out. It—it identifies itself.

26 And now we find, in this city, it become morally decayed.

The preachers was afraid to say anything about it.



And, but they had a little, this little old fellow coming up over the hill, was coming to tell them THUS SAITH THE LORD, “Clean this thing up, or you’re going to go into captivity.” And he lived to see the days of his prophecy fulfilled. He prophesied in the days of Jeroboam the Second, which was just a outcast, anyhow; he—he favored the other nations.

And—and this little Amos prophesied and told them, he said, “The very God that you claim to serve, He’ll destroy you.” And He did.



27 And if His voice would be here tonight, in the...in Birmingham, it would claim the same thing to the churches. "The very God that you claim to have served, will destroy you someday." I'm not speaking to this audience

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here. These tapes go around the world. Now, remember, that is true.

64-0411 - *Spiritual Amnesia*



And how can your heart look upon that, and not be concerned? When, you see your own nation, your own people, human beings shaking in the torment, going into hell, and you can't do nothing about it. Let me scream as long as I got a voice to scream.



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Message: 62-0118 - Convinced
Then Concerned

171 And any man or woman that ever meets God, face-to-face, and can walk away and take it a light thing, to see people on the streets, carousing in sin, it kills you.

172 I said to my wife, some time ago, and some of my brethren. I said, "Have I gone insane? Am I a madman? Why do I keep bawling the people out? Why do I say this? And I fast," I

said, “fast and pray, to get away from it.” More I fast, the uglier sin gets. See? It just makes it worse, till, honest, you can’t even go out.



173 My wife wanted me to go with her to some kind of a store, the other day. I went to the door, and here come a lady through there. And I know where the woman goes to church at. And, she, it was horrible. I hollered, "Go back, boogeyman. I'll be good." I seen that great, big hair fuzzed out like *that*, with blue-looking green paint around *this* way, and down *that* way. Come staggering out through there, looked like a tightened, skinned wiener, out there in them clothes. I'm telling you, oh, it was terrible. Right.



174 I was in a Business Men's breakfast recently, over in Los Angeles, and I was standing there waiting for Brother Arganbright to come in. And a lady walked in. I never seen anything like it. I thought, "Oh, my, look at that poor thing! She, something wrong with her." So I start, I—I started to walk away.

175 I said, "No. I'm a minister. I ought to speak to her. I—I—I've seen I—I have seen cancer. I've seen leprosy. I never seen anything like that. She's all green under the eyes." I started. I walked over there.



Now, human beings don't look like that, 'less they're dead or something, or cankered. So, I went over there.

176 And I thought, you know, I was going to walk up to her and

say, “Sister, excuse me. I—I’m a—
I’m a minister, and my ministry is
praying for the sick. I—I—I don’t
know, but would you like me to
have a prayer for you?”



177 And while I was thinking,
here come another one up, and

then another one up. First time I'd ever seen it, real funny color over *this* way, you know, and—and—and blue up *here*, and green down *here*. And it was the funniest-looking sight. And, honest-to-goodness, a head *that* big around. I—I never seen anything like it. I felt real ashamed of myself.

178 Why, it's a disgrace! Certainly is. And with little old clothes on, like, you know, the slacks, they call them. When, the Bible said, "A woman that puts on a garment pertains to a man,

it's an abomination in the sight of
God.”



Oh, the whole thing must be a
stink before God. And how can
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the torment, going into hell, and you can't do nothing about it. Let me scream as long as I got a voice to scream. I don't care what anybody says. There's right and wrong. I want on the right side when I stand before God. I want to stand. Yes. Sure.

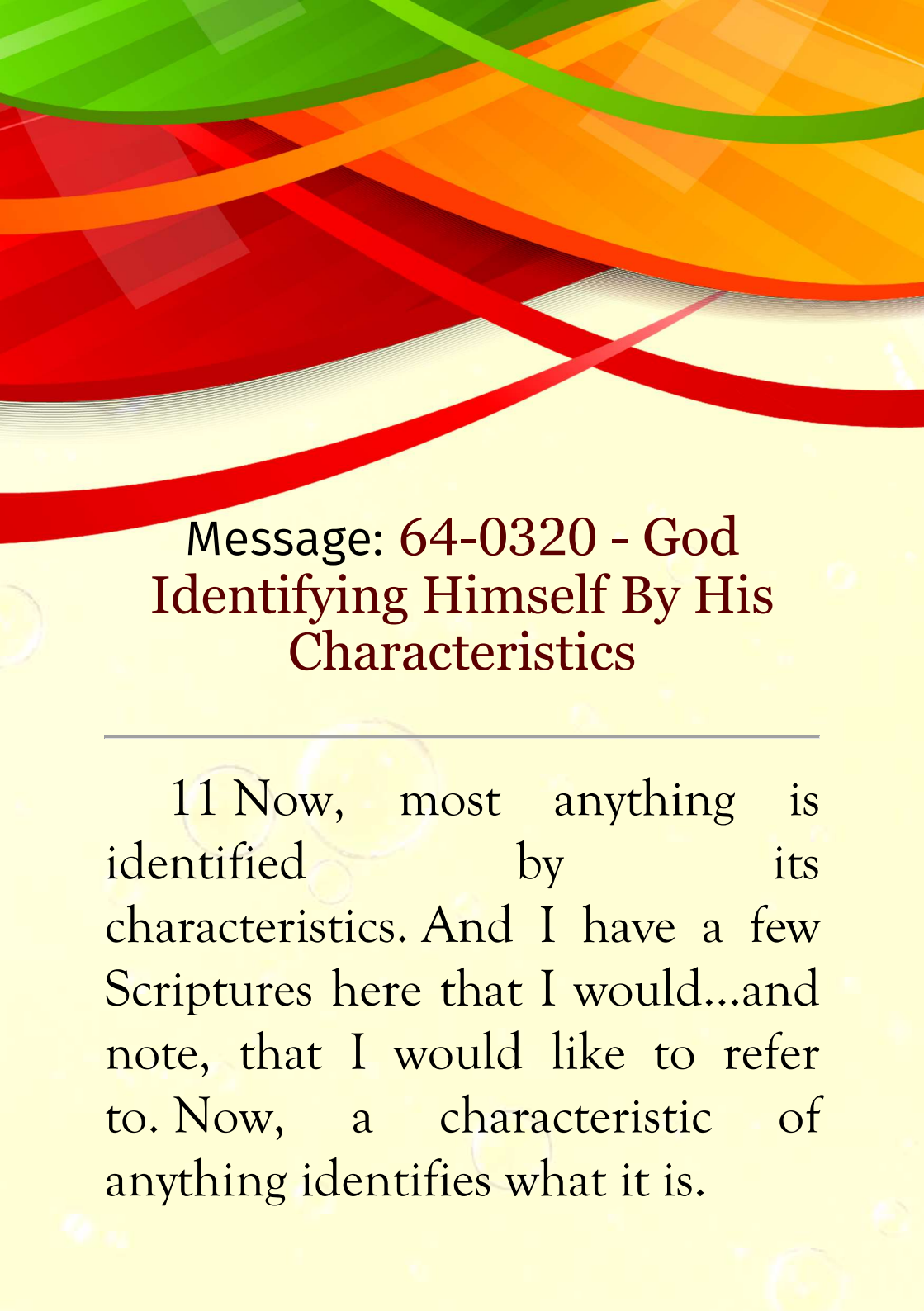
62-0118 - Convinced Then Concerned



Like a man and a woman. They're both human beings, but a woman has a different characteristics to a man.



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Message: 64-0320 - God Identifying Himself By His Characteristics

11 Now, most anything is identified by its characteristics. And I have a few Scriptures here that I would...and note, that I would like to refer to. Now, a characteristic of anything identifies what it is.



12 Now, like in all nature, flowers are identified, many times, by their characteristic. If they're close together, of one specie to another, the characteristic of that flower will identify what flower it is. And in wildlife, many times...

13 I—I'm a hunter. And you have to know the characteristic of the animal that you're hunting, or sometimes you can be certainly deceived. For instance, like the Stone Sheep way up in British Columbia. I was just under the Yukon this last fall, a couple of

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brethren here now was with me,
and we were hunting.



14 Now if you didn't know the
difference, when you was tracking
a sheep or a deer, you couldn't

tell the difference 'less you was a shrewd hunter. Because, they make the same kind of tracks; they bound when they run away. And then you see one standing at a distance, with his head hid, why, you—you would hardly know the difference. They're about the same size; across the rump part, it's white, just like the deer. It'd be very hard to tell them. But his horns identifies his characteristic, by them horns. The sheep has a horn that rounds, and a deer has prongs that run out. And another

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thing, a deer wouldn't go quite that high, to feed.



15 And then the goat, walking, also, there is a characteristic in a goat, and a sheep, that you would have to know the difference in them, when you were up high, because they both dwell high in the mountain. You have to know the difference. But if you notice, a—a goat stumbles himself as he walks; where, a sheep sits his feet down like *this*, as he walks. The characteristic of the way he makes his track. You identify your game by the characteristics of what it does, and how it acts, and what it feeds, and everything. It identifies itself by its characteristic. And

then you jump one, and watch what it happens, you can tell the way they go. You can tell by that characteristic of different animal.



16 Then did you ever notice, I don't know whether you have them here or not, yellowhammers; well, flicker is the right name for them, and a jay bird. A jay bird is about the same size of a yellowhammer. And you see the two flying, they're both about the same kind of bird. If you can't see the color, but just watch them, you can tell which is the yellowhammer. The jay bird flies, more or less, in a beeline. But the yellowhammer, flopping his wings; as he flaps his wings, he goes down and then up, down and then up. See, he makes himself

in a bound, like *that*, and you can tell that's the characteristic of the yellowhammer, the way he flies.



17 If you notice the—the quail when he comes out, the way he comes up. And then watch if you're in a swamp, where quail might be, and a—and a snipe. You hunters know that. The Wilson's snipe and the jacksnipe, they identify themselves by the way they come out and the way they go. They identify by their characteristic of flying, of what kind of a bird they are. Therefore, if you just heard them, you can just tell what it was, the way he went out, what he is, by the characteristic of his flying.



18 Like a man and a woman.
They're both human beings, but a
woman has a different
characteristics to a man. I was
reading here, some time ago,
about Solomon and the queen. I've
never got around to preaching

my little Message here, to you, on the queen of the South, coming up to see Solomon, and seeing that gift of discernment. I was reading about that, here not long ago, and they said, that, “One of the puzzles that was put before Solomon, was, this queen took a woman, or women, rather, and dressed them like man.”

19 Now, that was foreign in that day, but it certainly is up-to-date, today. And—and you know that’s wrong. The Bible said that a woman shouldn’t do that. “It’s an abomination for a woman to put on a garment pertains to a

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man.” And the unchangeable God said that, so that is true.



20 So we find out that Solomon, no more than watched them, he had them to walk or do

something, and immediately says, "It's women." See, he could tell by the characteristic of that woman, the way she handled herself, that she was woman and not man.

21 And then most anything that way, with its characteristics. Just like many people are left-handed, and right-handed. They are characteristic of the way they handle themselves. You can tell whether it's a right- or the left-hand person, by the way they conduct themselves, the way they reach out always with that left hand or right hand.

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And remember, Jesus had something like that, that...



22 Two hands are just almost...They are the same. They got the same kind of thumbprints, fingerprints, five fingers; small, index, and so

forth. Just as the right hand and the left hand has the same kind of fingers, normally, same size hand, just exactly. And the only difference there is, in them, is one is left and the other one is right. That's the only difference you can tell. One is left, the other one right.

23 So then in that, Jesus said...I might drop a little point here. Jesus said, in Matthew 24, that, "The characteristics of the Spirit would be somewhat alike in the last days, so close that it would deceive the very elected if it

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was possible.” See, they would just...



24 You take your hand and just hold it up. See, if you don't notice, one of them looks like the other, in every way, but one of

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them is left and the other one is right.



25 That's the way the spirits are in the last day. They are somewhat alike, but they have a characteristic that identifies them. One is right, and the other one is wrong, and it can be identified by its characteristic.

26 The Spirit of God can be identified by Its characteristic. See? The Spirit of God, and the spirit of the church. There is a church spirit, and a Spirit of God that's absolutely not like the church spirit, at all.

There is a denominational spirit.



27 There is a national spirit. There is a spirit of the nation. Every nation, when I go into, you walk in there, you find a different spirit. I went into Finland, fine people, but there was a Finnish spirit. I go down

into Germany, there is a German spirit.



28 Here not long ago, I was going with the wife, when we still lived in Indiana, a couple years ago, over to the little supermarket. I just come home. We had to go get some food. And on my road over there, we...It was the summertime, you might not believe it, but we found a lady had a dress on. And it was so strange, I...It shocked me. I—I said, “Look at there, that looks strange, that woman is wearing a dress.” The rest of them was wearing clothing that didn’t...not becoming to the woman. And—and she said...I said, “Well, that’s

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just the American spirit, see, the
spirit of America.”



29 Now, spirit of America, it's a...supposed to be a Christian nation, but the spirit of this nation is not Christian. It might be called a Christian nation, but it's a million miles from it, in characteristic. So, this woman, I said...

She said, "Well, aren't we Americans?"

30 Said, I said, "No. We live here. This is our country. We—we—we stay in it. We love it. It's the best nation in the world. But, yet, we're not Americans." I said, "We are born from Above. The Holy Spirit come down, and we

belong to a Kingdom. It's not of
this world."



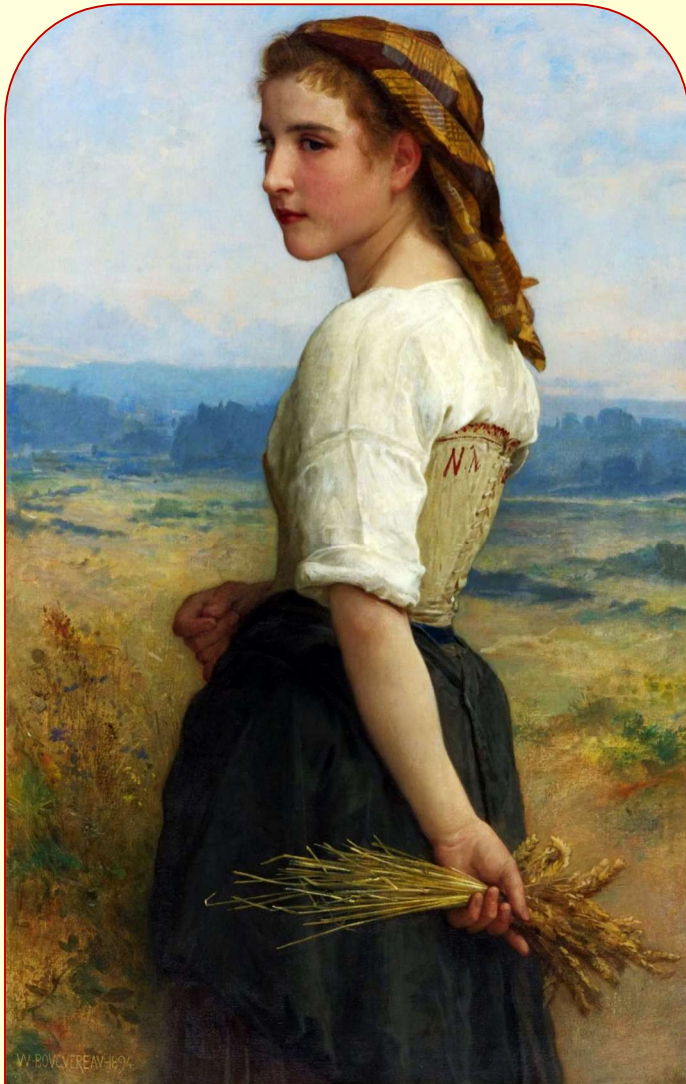
I said, “That’s the reason that our sisters wear dresses, wear long hair, don’t wear make-up. See, their characteristics identify them as ‘holiness unto the Lord,’ from Above.”

31 Therefore, we are seeking a Kingdom. We are seeking a King to come and receive His subjects to His Kingdom. And they are identified by their—their characteristics, that their treasures are not of this earth or of this nation. It’s of above, in Glory. Therefore, they, “They look for a City Whose Builder

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and Maker is God.” They are properly identified.

64-0320 - *God Identifying Himself
By His Characteristics*



Lot of the Pentecostal women wearing clothes that pertain to a man, and God said it's an abomination in His sight. That's right. How you expect to go to Heaven like that? It shows that the Holy Spirit isn't in there. If the Holy Spirit was in there, It'd condemn you. Right.



WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM

Message: 62-0121E - The Marriage Of The Lamb

162 Some of our churches, I have said, let down the bars, taking in deacons, and so forth, in the church, and sometimes pastors, that's married four or five times, and—and some of them that smoke cigarettes. Say, "They'll—they'll get over it. They'll be all right." Get a man out of a barroom one night, and put him in the pulpit the next night. I don't believe in no such

stuff. I believe a man has got to be proved, that's right, proved. I tell you, a lot of times we call...



163 I believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I believe in speaking in tongues, but I think we lay too much emphasis on that. A man can speak with tongues, and a woman speak with

tongues, and if her life and his life doesn't compare with what tongues you're speaking in, then it's the wrong tongue, 'cause the Holy Spirit will make you act like the Bible. It'll bring you to the fullness of the stature of Christ.



164 You take a person that speaks with tongues, enough temper to fight a buzz saw, and talk about the neighbors, and everything like that. Why, you call that the Holy Ghost? It cannot be. No, sir.

165 The Holy Ghost is meekness, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, gentleness, patience, faith. The Holy Ghost, that's the fruit of the Spirit, that the Holy Spirit bears in the Church of the living God, sweetness, and humbleness, humility, love one for another, longsuffering.



166 If a brother has gone
wrong, don't just beat him or
something another. Go after him
and see if you can get him back.
Don't wait for the preacher do it.
You do it, somebody
else. Preacher can't do it all,
neither can the

deacons. Everybody, is a member of this Body of Christ, should go after one another. We got...And if we got the Spirit of Christ in us...He taught the great parable. They left the ninety and nine, and went after that one. That's what we're supposed to do. But we say, "Oh, let them go." We never should do that. We should be gentle, forgiving, longsuffering. That's the fruit of the Spirit.

167 Now, we find ourselves then, that Esther, after she...They put her in one of these places, to get herself all fixed up, to make

her show before the king. My! She refused it. She didn't want it. She wanted to go out just like she was. Amen.



168 We got today that churches that wants to act like the world, or 'cause we get big. God said, "One time he was little, they served Him. But when he got big, then they forgot Him." That's right.

169 When we had a tin pan down here on the alley somewhere, with a tambourine, beating it on the back of our hands; and an old guitar, strummed it; and having a street meeting, you were humble. But when we get to having three or four million dollar buildings, and great big things like that, then we

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get so arrogant we forget about
that, that's right, polish up with
the world.



170 I was into a place the other day where, a holiness brother, there was a bunch of people working for him. And if every woman come out of there at coffee time, to take a coffee-break, every woman in there had short hair and wearing lipstick. Now, you say, "Brother Branham, you ain't got no business saying that." I have. The Bible says that. That's right.

171 Lot of the Pentecostal women wearing clothes that pertain to a man, and God said

it's an abomination in His
sight. That's right.



How you expect to go to Heaven like that?

It shows that the Holy Spirit isn't in there. If the Holy Spirit was in there, It'd condemn you. Right.

Oh, you might shout, speak with tongues, run up-and-down, dance in the spirit. I've seen Hindus do that, and Indians, and everything else. That don't mean nothing, unless there's a life to back up what you're talking about, power of the Holy Ghost, to make godly living people. That's the Bride of Christ.



172 Esther was to become a bride, so she didn't want none of the adorning of the world. She wanted to go in, to the king, just like she was. She adorned herself like the pentecostal women ought to, with a meek humble spirit. And when all these fancy, first ladies come by, with all their new fandango things, the king looked at them, and put them in the chamber with the concubines. But when this Esther come into his sight, and he got a glimpse of that sweet, humble, meek spirit, he said, "That's her.

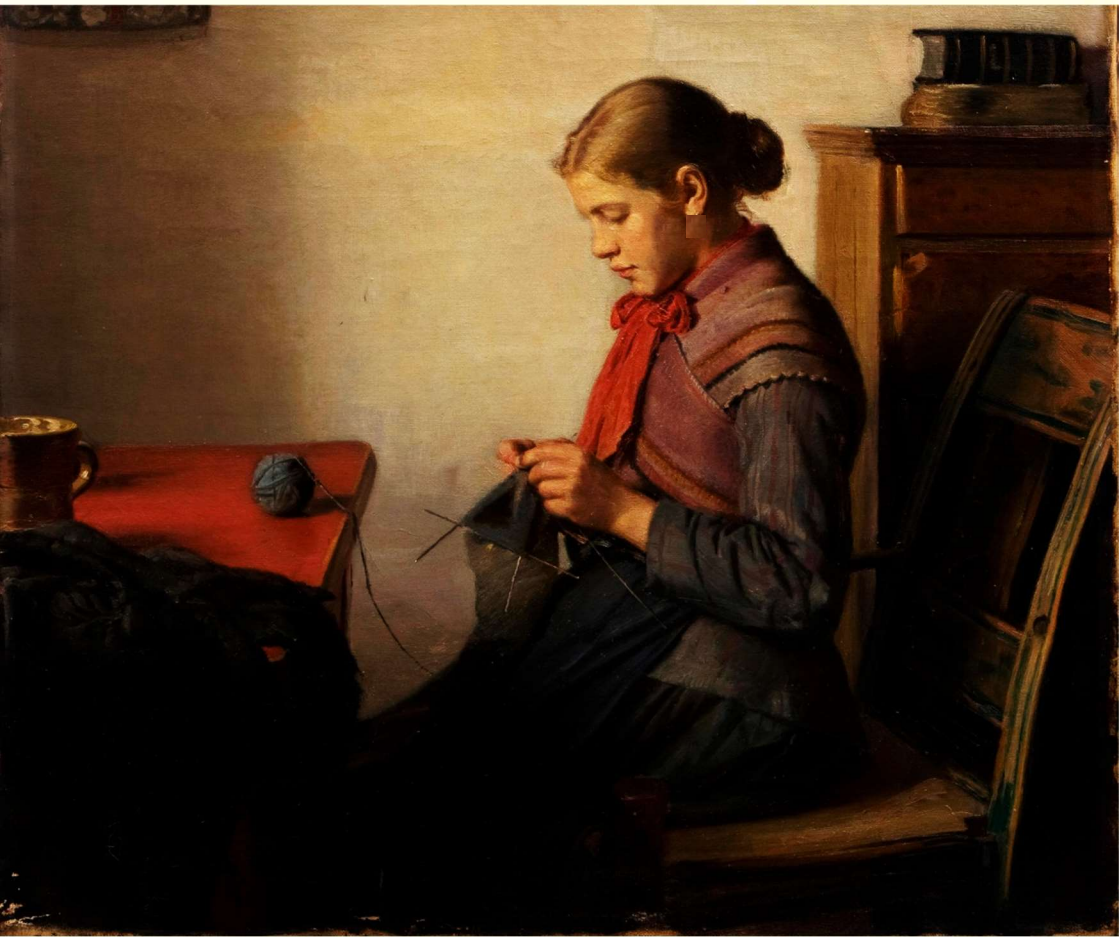
Go get the crown and put it on her head.” That’s it.



173 Let them adorn themselves with that kind of a spirit, not only the women, but the men, too, adorn themselves

with that kind of a spirit. Then you're becoming ready for the—the Bride, sweet, reverent. Esther made her heart clean.

62-0121& - *The Marriage Of The Lamb*



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