Questions & Answers # 19

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Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we just want to tell you we appreciate Your love for us, your goodness and mercy as we're assembled here tonight in freedom of speech and thought, Lord, to worship You in Spirit and in Truth. We thank You for that. This has surely been a glorious age in that respect, Lord, and yet we know it's closing off. And we pray, Lord, ere the day of grace closes, the lamp of God goes out, that our hearts will be so full of it with the Word of God, that there'll be no darkness, whatsoever, in our little land of Goshen, so to speak. But traveling on through life, the Pillar of Fire by night and the Pillar of Cloud by day, the Rock following us, Lord. May we just cross over at that great beloved land you have for us. Help us to be serious and sober, bearing and forbearing in all ways, Lord, being Christians as we ought to be.

Now help us, Lord, in the study of Your Word that we might not be defensive, may we not be lenient where we should not be lenient, neither should we take stand, Lord, where we should not take stand. But help us by illumination, enlightenment, Lord, that we so speak that it would truly be what You want said. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen. You may be seated.

Now, we're looking at the same question we looked at last week, and it's number 4 in the series on woman's place in the Word, or the sisters in the Word. And the question was asked, 'Are women spiritually inferior to men and therefore more sinful?' And the answer I gave was an unequivocal "no". And the reason for giving an unequivocal "no" is that I would kind of liken that to...

Or give you a little illustration. Let us say that I have a race horse hitched to a plow and I have a draft horse hitched to a plow. Now the race horse is unequivocally inferior to the plow horse as concerning the pulling of a plow. And on the other hand the plow horse is inferior as a racer concerning a race. But let them both do their jobs and then it is only a matter of what they are born with. Now that's true. There's--there's genetics involved there. The same as there is a placing in the Word of God by predestination based upon foreknowledge and election. Then there's the training; then there's the guidance as to what horse will win the race or plow the best.

So, what we're looking at here then are two kinds of horses and both are good horses, both were bred for a certain job and according to what is in them. That would be gift wise, and what their training is, and what their guidance--that's the jockey and the driver and so on--what the guidance of that time would fully qualify, the best one to win the race, or to do the most and the best plowing.

Now, we're going to just look at 1 Cor 9:24-27, to perhaps get a little better understanding of what I am thinking about. Now, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, (plain English, if you're running in a race, everybody's running in the race) but one receiveth the prize? So run, that you may obtain." Every single person in the race of God can obtain, lay up treasures in Heaven and fully perform that which he is asked to perform, based upon his qualifications that are given by God.

"And every man that striveth for the mastery (to win the race) is temperate in all things." Now you notice right there the major factor is temperate, so don't go swinging way this way, way the other way. Don't undertrain; don't overtrain.

You remember that fellow, the beer barrel Louis, the Italian guy that used to drink all the beer, he came in as big as a house, rolling around to box. He won a few battles, but I think Louis plumb destroyed him. Does your mind go that far back. I--I guess sure I'm the oldest one in the congregation on that one. Remember that, Wes? Yeah, hey Wes knows about it. Wes is five years younger. He does remember some of those things.

All right. You got to be temperate. You can't come out all beat and be extreme, see? Now watch, "Now they--now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we are incorruptible." Now watch what he said. "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beats the air:" Now the question that we have about women here, shows an uncertainty. Not in the questioner, but in the women as a general rule. If you--if you don't know your place, your qualifications and how you're to run, ain't going to get off the ground. And that goes for the men. See? We're all in the race. And we all have to know our place and what this is all about.

Now he said, "So fight I, not as one that beats the air: But I keep under my body," Now that-like keep the body up in the air and off balance--that's your senses, and all your reasoning--and I bring it right into subjection. Close up all the channels that would influence me toward error, and without being a bigot or wildfire. See, meek, mild, "Lest that by any means, (now watch) when I have preached to others, I myself be as a prude."

Now Paul is mentioning here that he has to really watch himself as pertaining how he does what he is doing, as a Christian, to win the race. And notice what he says, it has to do with his preaching.

Now, with that I would just go to 2 Tim and it's the 2nd chapter and verse 15; what I'm looking at. "Study to show thyself approved unto God." Well, first of all, let's read a little further, verse 14. "Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of hearers." See? They're temperate people. They're not wildfire, they're not wingding. Watch. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings." Notice what he called these reasoning and things--he's got to keep his body in control; science so called, babbling, just--just running off with the mouth against the things of God.

Now, with that, we go to Galatians the 1st chapter. So you get the picture of what I'm driving at here. 1:8, Paul is speaking concerning his revelation. "But though we, (myself) or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached, let him be accursed." So my thought here in reading this, as I'm reading this with 1 Cor 9:24, 27, and relating it to these two animals that are not in conflict with each other, but are sort of in conflict with the groups; like the best racer as a horse and the best draft horse as plowing. And certain things depend upon whether that animal is going to be winning a crown.

Now, the same thing applies here in the Word of God. The woman must know her position; she must know her attributes; she must have the proper training, the proper help and all of these things; and so must every single person.

So, what we're looking at, we ask the question, what was the male created for? The draft horse was created to pull the plow. The race horse was meant to race. Maybe be a not exactly a horse in the army as a charger, but might be one to take a message borne swiftly as a messenger. In other words, it's got its purpose.

What was the female created for? How did they function independently? How do they function together? How does it all work be--how does it all work before God and with God for His glory? See, that's what you're looking at.

It's not just a question, say well, "I can get Scripture to show the woman's inferior. I can get Scripture to show the man's inferior." Why, I can get Scripture to show you that neither one's superior. See? So you just do the best we can to understand what the Word of God says to get the proper attitudes.

Now, as we read again certain portions in 'Marriage and Divorce', especially in the typing of Christ and Church, it will appear to those critical of women, or those unwilling to subject their minds to revelation, that women are inferior and sinful. Now that's what we seem to have a thought that has come across in the church, not here, but with the message which we don't particularly like. That there then, from what we read, from what Bro. Branham said, there is indeed something wrong. And no matter how per--how perfect the redemption of the woman is, in Christ, the women are somehow not thoroughly one with Christ and can't be subject to Christ as is the man; or without the man.

Now that seems to be what we're looking at in the question here, some of the undertones and overtones. Nor does Bro. Branham say that man doesn't need watching, but just the woman. He doesn't say that. He doesn't say the woman makes the mistakes and men don't. Nor does he say that women must do everything a man says and can't look, or can't make it rather, without the man. He just lets us know that God views each one in the light of the positions he placed them and therein they must abide. And with the light that He sheds upon the path of each of us, you can see that there are warnings because the warnings are necessary. The same as if a person were training the horse to race, many times that man has to get that horse out of certain little habits the horse has got into. And that goes for human beings, too.

Now, we're going to read again excerpts from 'Marriage and Divorce.' And I'm going to just read what I've underlined in order to cut it way, way back and get on with the rest of the subject that we were looking at here. And he says,

If Jesus said, "Go back to the beginning," there was only one pair of anything on earth. That was Adam and Eve. They were joined by God alone. One female horse, one male. One female parrot, one male. (And so on.) (And then he says here) It just takes one interruption to break the--to spoil the entire program. (And at the time there was just one of everything, then came where it was man and woman, one of each.)

Then it was that the woman caused a separation of the lovely home. It was not a cherubim that bothered the earth. It was not Adam that threw the home out. It was not anything else that threw the home out and the whole thing out of continuity but a woman--which was Eve. (Now this is statistical. This is not rabid, black against white, racism or sexism. This is simply a factual account.) The

woman, not the man, broke the covenant. (Now that's the original breaking, the man broke it, too.) She broke God's covenant because why? She stepped across the border of God's Word!

Now, we see being that the continuity is broken, then the lifeline was broken. And also, the time line was broken.

That's where you get the understanding, that man wanted to go to the tree of life. It was too late; he could not become immortal. So the time line was completely broken right there. Thrown into a spin-off for six thousand years until it could come back. All right. And of course, they died in the meantime and millions have died since.

The covenant was broken, everything was shattered! What caused it? A woman. (Again, statistics. Again statistics.) That's what broke the covenant. Now if you want to read that, it's in Genesis 3. (Now, then, out of that came the covenants.) Man was made to rule over the woman by God's Word.

Now, that again is statistics, plus the definition of the rule. The statistics are: God has placed woman under the covenant of the rulership of man in the Word of God and not outside the Word of God. Do you follow that? Because that's, I'm sure, how Bro. Branham meant it. You can twist it if you want to.

But when she broke God's Word, (God made her--no.) "She was no more co-equal with him. She was co-equal in nature, you know that, (she was before.) But when she broke God's Word, God made a man to be a ruler (if you want to put that down). She was no more equal with the man. She was a breaker of God's Word.

Notice, why did she do such a thing, being in that high order? She was right with the man, coequal with him.

Now, the reason she did this, she was not in the original creation. (Statistics fact. Not speculation, and not judgment. Fact. You got to go to fact. See?) She is not in God's original creation; she is a by-product. And he says concerning this by-product which was--which was formed in order to be in a fall; here's what began to happen through the fact that she became, or was a vessel that was designed in a certain way, and did fall.

There is nothing designed to be so deceitful as a woman that's deceitful. There cannot be anything else; there's nothing made to be that way. Also, there is nothing that can be so easily deceived as a woman. Now, the fall proves this statement to be true, the fall in the beginning.

Now what we're looking at is not looking at women, say, "Ha! I know a sister, she's so much smarter that that man, bless God, he looks like a fool spiritually alongside her." Shut up! We're not talking about that. Now until we begin to get our minds where Bro. Branham's mind was, we are a bunch of apes, spiritually speaking. This is a statistic. We are not talking about sisters, we are not talking about everybody, we are talking about Eve who fell; and she did it. Statistic. Complete data from God. Never mind your judgment. Never mind saying this making jokes or anything else; this is simply statistical.

And as I've said before, this message with this revelation of statistics will turn like cardboard and destroy you, if you can't roll with the punches. Because you'll come right back to questioning God and trying to make a fool out of God. I'm trying to get us to the place and I'm a little bit rough, to just get where we can shut up and relax. And shut our big, fat mouths and turn off our stupid reasonings, and just know that as Bro. Branham brought out, he's good, he's kind, he's loving, he's gracious, he isn't going to hurt anybody. And that He had a plan which this all types, and is going on now, and He did it in infinite wisdom to display Himself. And all the time was screaming about a lovely God who displays Himself; and we can't take this.

You know what? We're sick. If anybody needs to start chewing on the trees of life, we do. 'Cause we're pretending to look down on the other side and we haven't even got anywhere near Jordan, spiritually speaking, to cross over. Now, I'm not beating on you, I'm just telling you the truth because all I got to do is preach it and hit me and I hit everyone of you. Because this is the greatest battle ever fought.

So just let your thinking go, to appreciate the revelation of serpent seed and all these other things. And just realize what God has done. If we believe in a--in a fully vindicated prophet, we can take it.

Now he said, there's nothing that can be so easily deceived as a woman. And he said the fall proved it, because there was only two there. Make up your mind. That's a nasty one, isn't it? Now if there were three, four, five or six, we could sort of pass the buck. "Well, it's only a fable, it's only an illustration." Then be my guest. I have nothing to tell you. Because I believe it's real.

Like I blew the reporter girl's ears off the other night. When she phoned, I said, "Well," I said, "We're a little different." Said, "We believe in serpent seed." Said," Yeah we heard all right." No you never did. Well, I said, "The Bible distinctly said the seed of the serpent is going to bruise the head of the--the heel of Jesus. And I said, "Far as I know, and don't you believe he was a man? And it really happened? Then who's the one that really did it to him? Got to be a seed. "I never thought of that."

A lot of things she didn't think of, she ain't going to think of either. You know why? Because she's butting her nose where women shouldn't butt their noses. And they got a right to be inquisitive, but can't be that inquisitive.

Now, he said, the fall proves this statement to be true, that the woman was the easy one to deceive because nobody else was deceived and all creation was there. Now, you can't change it, that is statistical. Now she ain't going to go to hell for it, don't worry, she's not going to get put out of the book or anything else. You say, "Wait a minute, what about the man?" We're going to get to that. And of course, because this is a sexual connotation, which is certain, and is easy as a man the woman has to say "yes".

As I said on Sunday, if a man rapes a woman he should be shot. Billy Graham was just a little bit too kind, he said castration. I think he had the idea that they might have temptation in their heart then they couldn't fulfill anything, so therefore that was worse. I think do what God said, blow 'em right between the eyes or cut their heads off. That's right. That's right. That's where women should be protected. And any man, I believe that thinks different, there's something wrong with him. Now seduction's a different story. Just get your AIDS for it and have a good time.

Notice, there's nothing designed to stoop so low or be as filthy but a woman. A dog can't do it; a hog can't do it; a bird can't; animals are not immoral. Now you can see where Satan went?

Because it's the truth. Again this is statistical and factual and don't let it bother you. In other words, we're not making a sexist principle here at all, and some difference and some fuss between the male and the female. We're looking at God's plan and how it worked.

Now, here we can plainly see the serpent's seed, where it came in. There's only one place he could go to.

How could the serpent have a seed? How could Satan infiltrate the human race? There was only one place he could do it, he couldn't do with Adam. And he wasn't interested in the rest. He knew if Adam fell, and Eve fell, the whole thing's gone anyway. So who's he going to get to? He got to the woman. That's the only one he could get to. Now, notice, he talks of women's beauty.

Being a pretty woman, she can sway a man any way she wants to. Brother, it ain't the bootleg joint down here gets the man; the pretty woman walking down the street twisting herself, half dressed. That's--that's the deceiver right there. She's deadly with it, absolutely deadly. You may question me about Satan being her designer, but that's the Truth. Satan designed her.

Now, it didn't mean that Satan was there forming her instead of God when he formed her. It simply means that she listened to him and thereby he was able to play upon her as a reasoning human being. And as she listened, she just went his way. That's what happened. Now, the woman was ordained to be the reason for the fall of the man. Statistics. Factual. And he did. "For this cause a man leaves father and mother." The Bible is plumb full of the fact, if you're joined even to a harlot, you become one flesh. So therefore we talk of marriage, we understand the sexual union, so we know what we're talking about. Satan designed her and he still does.

Now, listen. For about five minutes (he says) I want to get your attention. (Now he tells you what's behind this all.) What is God? God is the great Eternal. At the beginning, way back before there was a beginning even, He wasn't--wasn't even God. Did you know that? A god's the object--a god is an object of worship, and there wasn't anything to worship Him; He lived alone. And in Him were attributes. What is an attribute? It's a thought.

That is true, because that's all God was: An omnipotent, omniscient being; nothing else was there. So what was in Him? His attributes, thoughts. Immediately he could bring forth attributes into display because he was omnipotent. Bro. Branham hits it right on the head. A thought. (Now, you get something that will border on the lesson for tonight.) Notice, He was His--He was His own attributes. (He was a copulation of the fullness and they were that were in Him. That's all He could be.) What was in Him, He was. (Even with God.) Now, it was in Him to be Father; in Him to be God; in Him to be Son; in Him to be Savior; in Him to be Healer. All these things were there just displaying His attributes.

In other words, they were there waiting as attributes to be displayed. You follow? Now this is--this goes beyond statistics, this goes to revelation, in the sense of what's behind it all. Now, we're getting some revelation through the prophet.

All these things are just displaying His attributes, Father, Son and so on. There's nothing out of order. You think God didn't see the end from the beginning? Certainly He did. Nothing out of order; it's just displaying His attributes.

Now, he's talking about what happened here where women think, because they're played upon by men, perhaps, and misunderstanding of Scripture, that they're inferior. No. It's all to display the attributes of God, and this is what it took. So, all right. In the economy of God you now found fallen or unfallen, a place that is vital to that creature. Now that puts the woman and the man equal value in creation right off as far as the plan's concerned because one couldn't be there without the other.

So we're looking at the necessity of the thing. God, being a Creator, I mean a Healer, or rather a Saviour, a Redeemer, it was necessary that he predestinate a man who'd require redemption. And how's he going to do it? He takes two, starts with both, wherein one is capable of falling previous to the other and that one that falls first becomes the trap to the one who would normally fall, except for the other. So now we see a series of events taking place where God is going to work out His will. Now He doesn't make her do it. And He doesn't make him do it. He puts them on a free moral agency and said, "I've warned you, there it is."

There's not a boy or girl sitting here tonight, how pure and how good you've been, but you haven't been warned by your parents don't do something, and you did it. Fair warning. Don't go looking back in the garden and fussing. Take a good look right now at ourselves. Now.

Now, He could not be just and make man--a man to fall. He had to put him on equal basis of free moral agency to make his own choice but knowing he would fall. (Sure He knew he'd fall. He knew that. He knew he would be the temptation. He said, "He's going to leave me for her.") Now, He can't be a Saviour unless something's lost. He can't be a Healer unless something's sick. These things had to be that way. (See?) These things had to be that way.

Statistics, hard, cold facts. What are you going do? Get a big club and beat God up? Going to change God's mind by socking Him, getting mad, running off? Won't do any good. Can't change God's mind, this is how it is. See? God made them thus, so that His great attributes could be displayed. If there weren't any, He'd never been a Savior. But we know He was; even before there was a time, He was Savior.

Actually, in manifestation, it was all there. Just like you were in your great, great,

He was a Savior. So there has to be something lost. How's it going to be? If He takes and looses it just in order to save it, then it doesn't do justice to His judgment. (That's exactly true, that's a kid's game.) He couldn't send a man to hell and be just. He's kind, gentle, true, honest, and He's a great Judge. (Libra, balancing.) See, He'd be working against Himself. So He had to put a man out there and--and--and put him on free moral agency knowing he would fall. And the man in His Own image, how could he fall? Now you seeing daylight? So He had to make a by-product, something out

of the original creation! Now you see it. See? There you come. Then that's what fell. He made it, knowing it would fall.

Now, your wives have not fallen; your girlfriends have not fallen; your mother has not fallen; your sister has not fallen; none as the women as you them have fallen any more than the men have fallen. We're all fallen and there's a purpose. See? Then that's what fell. He made it, knowing it would fall. And it's put over into the hands of Satan for a vessel of dishonor. Which means, well, not that the person is a dishonorable person, but it means that's where the thing is going to come. Now remember, God allowed Job into Satan's hands. Job came forth honorable.

Where's honor bestowed today? You think on that. (That's in the woman.) She is a perversion of the original creation. She was made to deceive like she did Adam at the beginning--telling him that the fruit was pleasant and so forth to deceive him and take him away from the Word. (Now she didn't tell any lie about the fruit being pleasant. She got involved in the facts, the after-the-facts, concerning this escapade.) That's the way the church does today.

Now notice, we're heading right into type now. You got to have it. And when you see type, this takes the pressure off the woman as a female. Because the pressure's not there now. The fall is over, period. We are seeing the results in the whole of creation. And we're seeing everything in type in the church and the Bride and Christ and so on. So we're looking at that. She's made to deceive like she did Adam at the beginning--telling him the fruit was pleasant and so forth to deceive him and take him away from the Word. That's the way the church does today. Same thing. But then, after that, he became her ruler, to rule over her.

Now, what a difference in this day and this day of conception. (Of the conception of this day, rather, is what he means.) Instead of being her ruler, she becomes his god! Sure. She rules him. Now, you can kind--you can--you can kind of well understand what I've been hitting at. By her beauty and her sex control, her shape given to her by Satan (the by-product that Satan--from Satan, that you know, formed her), she is sent to deceive sons of God, and she can sway more of them to hell than any other instrument Satan's got. That's exactly right. (I'm talking of the immoral now, not you sisters. We'll give you your place, right place, in a few minutes in the Word of God. It's here.) It was in God's plans in the beginning.

Now, he talks about the fact of the modern day flapper being half naked, instrument of Satan and so on, that she's become a goddess just the way they had her back in the heathen days in the time of Paul at Ephesus. And we, not knowing it, turn right straight to heathen worship again, to women, (the same as they did) the very lowest creature on earth!

Now, is Bro. Branham suggesting and giving us an idea here that the very lowest creature on earth is because of her being that low person? No, it's that she can sink to that low place. See, we're looking at what can happen. See? Woman worship! She would sway man (a way) any way she wants to. And not knowing, all that beauty on the outside, a hell's on the inside. Solomon said her--her gate is the gates to hell.

We'll talk about that when we hit the book of Proverbs again. Now, in other words, there is no limit to the potential of a woman being bad. In other words, you can go lower and lower and yet you can say the same thing about a man. And there is a great potential for the woman to be

high, high, exalted in the eyes of God as she serves the Lord. Bro. Branham speaks of a spirit on the girls they don't even know they have it. Then he goes on and he says.

Now, you see the Nicolaitanes, (that's us today, the church) you see their doctrine; you see the teen-age queens they call them, these stripteases out on the street. Used to have to go to some vulgar show on the side to see a striptease. Just open your eyes, look out on the street. That's all you have to do now. The whole thing's a striptease. Sure. What--what--what do they do it for? To tantalize, to tempt; that's the only thing she can do it for. She does it because she's filthy! She does it because she's made that way! She doesn't realize she's an instrument in the hands of Satan!

Now the point is again you're looking at the fact, that this is where it must appear. Because this is where there is no other place it can appear. And this is how it's going to be done, because that's how it was done back in the Garden of Eden. In other words, you're getting more and more into the tail end where Omega supersedes Alpha because Omega is Alpha that's come back to seed. And if you plant one seed in the ground, you might get as many as one thousand seeds out of it. So we're looking for the multiplicity, multiplied thing.

That's (Now listen)--that's why God forbids her to teach His Word. That's right. 1 Tim 2: 9-15:

(9) I suffer not a woman to teach, or to have any authority..."

See? 1 Cor 14:34:

(14) Let your women keep silent in the church, for it's not permitted them to speak, they are commanded to be in silence, thus says the law.

But today, what does the church do? They make her pastor, evangelists, when the Bible completely forbids it! And the Bible said: "That's what also the Old Testament law said," making it run in continuity, the whole thing. (Old and New Testament.)

Now you can see why I have said these things and done the things I've done, knowing all this in my heart, brethren, sisters? I know, sisters, you got your place (just a moment) and a wonderful character that God can mold in you, but I'm just trying to speak out on the other side to show what you're actually from the beginning.

In other words, the warning from the statements of God in His Word, they must take and understand, there is something in there that can be really, really dangerous. Because it is. Jesus told us, "Go back to the beginning to find it." And he took us back by the Word. That's what we're doing. Now.

They said Elijah was a woman hater. He wasn't a woman hater, he just hated women like Jezebel. He didn't hate real women. (And Bro. Branham said the same for him.)

Now notice. After the beginning, after the beginning, after time, (notice, that's in Eternity, way back there.) Notice, the fall was made by Eve, after the fall, there was need to be another

covenant. Now, this is going to stumble you, but I'm going to give you the Scripture to prove this is the Truth. And there again we got statistics. Factual data we want to listen to; and heed it.

Now notice, after the fall... Jesus said, "God, at the beginning, made one of a kind," but after the fall--now, we're going beyond that; the covenant was co-equal (before the fall)--after the fall, then another covenant was made. Now, she no longer rules with him. Each must have a separate covenant. And he reads them according to how, what God said to the serpent. What He said to Eve and what He said to Adam. Two covenants! Now, that closes the beginning of what Jesus said: "It wasn't so at the beginning."

So now, whether we want to realize it or not, there is a special distinction of the male and the female within the service of God. And nothing can change it. Now that's the one place you got to watch because they're in the Garden doing the same thing. From that time on they could not be coequal doing the same thing. There was a separation. And the separation still holds good right in the realm of the Scripture because that's all we're interested in. We don't care what the world does. (Now, we're after the beginning.) We got another covenant. Another covenant. Now, there's a covenant for the product and a covenant for the by-product. Notice, the fall brought trouble and death to every creature of creation, making a difference in all nature.

Notice what Jesus said: "From the beginning it wasn't so." No, now, it's not so (as it was at the first, you see the beginning's over.) Now there's a double covenant. First it was just a covenant. Adam and Eve co-equal; one man, one woman. The woman sinned. What does she do? That threw them all into death, and God made a covenant by that, another covenant. And here it is in Gen 3:16, (which we read. Well, 3:16 is the fact that the--that she would bring forth a--the--the royal seed and the man would have to labor and so on.)

Now, the world is to be repopulated, not by the original creation of God like in the beginning, not by original creation, but by sex desire. (That's what she's told she has to have, multiple birth, differently, more than one child.) Now that takes care of the beginning, doesn't it? In the beginning there is only one man alone and one male, one female. But when she crossed the line and brought sin, now the world's to be repopulated again by sex; not by creation, but by sex. (Now we got to watch that because that's exactly what the Scripture says.) See where the woman's at now? Now, that's the way the world's populated today through women. (That's right, women populate the world. That's right, they bear the children.)

That's the reason Jesus had to come through a woman: (now this gives you why a woman bore Jesus) to bring back--it back to its original beginning again, without sex desire. He was virgin born. But, hallelujah! there will come a time when it won't be any more sex, but God shall call His children from the dust of the earth, back like they were in the original! (That's what the original was.) Not through any woman, but through the molding of the clay, the cosmic light, petroleum, He'll create again like He did the first Adam.

In the meantime, childbearing has to go on. It's predestinated. These are how the children of God come into this world. You can't do a thing about it. Jesus made this possible by God Himself making Himself a man and coming into the world so He could die, through the woman. Now is testing time by sin.

Now, you see, then after the beginning--something else was introduced. And now, this is going to shock you. (Are you tired?) He said then when the double covenant was made by man and woman through sex (another covenant; not the original, was introduced. Polygamy and everything. After the beginning, polygamy was introduced both in man and beast, after the beginning, the fall.

God now secondarily sets a new nature again by sex. God created the first without sex. Do you believe that? Now, it's another covenant with nature; He sets in it another order by sex. Second covenant: one male, many females; one buck, a whole doe--harem of does (and so on); one David, after God's Own heart, with five hundred wives, with a hundred children born in one year by different women--a man after God's Own heart; Solomon with one thousand wives. But notice now, it wasn't so at the beginning! Now, its' after the beginning. (It won't be again either.) The woman's done this, then she becomes what she is now. (Which is a bearer of children.) And--and you notice in there you've got--you got a stigma of sex in there, which there is no stigma as you will see as we go along. But it's a--but it's stigmatized because it was wrong at that particular moment. The wrong one was it.

The woman's done this, then she just becomes what she is now. David, the king which represents Christ. A city shall go to representation, again typing. David represents Christ. Do you believe that? Christ is setting--He's going to set in his throne. And this David, a man after God's Own heart, had five hundred wives. See what I mean? David with five hundred wives, Solomon with his thousand; Solomon is the son of David in the natural, represents Jesus Christ, the Son of David-the Son of David in Spiritual. But that's natural sex life; that is going to be Spiritual Life created. Coming up, see? That's the way it was at the beginning, but now in this life we live in it now.

Notice! (Don't fail now; take it down in you hearts.) But not one of those women could even have one more husband. He's the original creation, not she. Not one of those women could have one more than one husband, but one husband could have one thousand wives. That's 'THUS SAITH THE LORD'. The Bible. (That's true, you're looking at type now.) All of these things that came in because of the fall which was foreknown of God, absolutely according to His will to bring out His attributes, all this is here now too, to bring out His attributes.

Every man born of a woman is born in death as soon as he comes, when he's born into the creation of God, he cannot die! He's from the other Tree that was in the garden of Eden, Christ. Eternal Life comes by the Tree.

"Oh," you say, "she was a tree?"

Sure. Eve was a tree. He said, "Thou shalt not take of this tree." (God said in Genesis back there, "Thou shalt not take of this tree.") Why, the woman is a tree. She's a fruit tree. You're the fruit of your mother; the fruit of the womb is you. That's right. And then the fruit of the Tree of Life that was in the garden of Eden, is Christ. Through the woman came death. Through the man, in the original creation, came Life. To be born of woman is death; to be born of Christ is Life. Get the idea? (He's typing, you see, through here, because of what God laid down.) There's where you see the goddesses, went to goddesses, don't you?

First, (now he said) the first Adam and the first Eve type the second Adam and the second Eve. See the multiplication. Now, the multiplication of Adam and Eve was through sex to replenish the earth, but it wasn't so at the beginning. (It weren't at the beginning.) God made them male and

female just like He did other creatures. But, you see, because of the particular instance, we now have children born into sin because of this program which God initiated in order to make Him a Redeemer which, in other words, a Redeemer manifested which Redeemer He was, but could not be manifested, except in this own particular way.

Now, we went into Scripture last Sunday, read quite a few Scripture... (How's you're time on that?) We went into Scripture last Sunday and we read quite a few Scripture. And of course, because the emphasis has been too much of the time that the Bible seems to indicate that women would be inferior, spiritually, therefore greater sinners. We looked at some of the Scripture that, especially in the book of Proverbs, that we suppose that people go to, and one is that pretty rough set of Scriptures over there in Proverbs the 7th chapter which delineates upon a woman who is a prostitute. And he said,

- (1) My son, keep my words, lay up my commandments with thee. (That's the 1st verse.)
- (2) Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.
- (3) Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.
- (4) Say unto wisdom, Thou are my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:
- (5) That they man keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger that flatters with her words.
- (6) For at the window of my house I looked through the casement,
- (7) And I beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

Now what you're looking at here is this wise man teaching his son that the one great influence in his life that he's got to watch out is not to give way to sexual passions. Now it's not wrong to have the passions. It's only wrong when you go this way. Now, amongst Israel, remember, they put away all the homosexuals. They destroyed the Canaanites or homosexuals. Israel was basically, until the idolatry, maybe one or two, you know, that are bad characters, were involved in either being bisexual or homosexual, but I would say the majority, close to one hundred per cent were heterosexual.

Being heterosexual does not diminish the desire for the act. And so this one here, foolishly looking for a thrill that he had no right to arrogate to himself went to a prostitute. And notice what it says. "I'm giving you wisdom, says this man, and you say the wisdom that I'm giving you, "Thou art my sister, and call understanding thy kinswoman." And the big thing is, is to keep yourself from women, prostitutes. Keep yourself from messing up with sexual sins. Now that was the Word back there. Now, remember, and you got to understand this, that, what was it that made that woman do what she did? A propensity toward it. Not that she wanted it, but the propensity was there.

Now look, I'm not a kid anymore. And it took me a long time to just begin to realize even with my own kids, although I didn't teach them too well. If I had to do it over again I'd teach them like they never were taught. I want to ask you a question. You that are rearing your children, little girls, right around the age, 10, 11, 12, where ...?... I'm just from experience going back in my mind when we were in Florida. What made those little girls, our own little girl included, run down and make eyes at the boy that was selling gas at the gas station? He never came down to our house and ran looking at her. They're kids, the neighbors houses start looking. She didn't go there to learn how to play mumblety pig, play cards, she went there because she was impelled by a, let's face it, a sexual nature.

Now you can get mad at me if you want, but I'm not some fool talking to you. And this is not a dirty thing. This is your knowledge of good and evil. And I'm going to show it to you. The very thing that this man wanted here, he should have had in his own house with his own wife. Let's go to chapter 5.

- (1) My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow your ear to my understanding: (And this is the preface to number 7.)
- (3) For the lips of a strange woman drop as honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:
- (4) But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
- (5) Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

Now you tell me, that a woman has to be a prostitute, I will call you a liar. And we've got them by the bushel. We've got them by the hundreds of thousands. It's called the oldest profession. Why? Now, they may--some may have been forced into it. We understand that. But we're looking at this thing where it's overdrawn and it should never have occurred. Now look it, He said, verse 6,

- (6) Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them. (Devious.)
- (7) Hear me (and that's why Bro. Branham could preach as he preached), Hear me now therefore, ye children, depart not from the words of my mouth,
- (8) Remove thy way from her, and come not night he door of her house:
- (9) Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:
- (10) Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be to the house of a stranger;
- (11) And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed. (Venereal diseases. AIDS.)

- (12) And say, How I've hated instruction, my heart despised reproof; (You tell me they don't despise what's being taught today to try to help them get out of the mess. They hate you for saying it. We're going to do it anyway. And you're going to pay for it.)
- (13) And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instruct me!
- (14) I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and the assembly.
- (15) Drink waters out of your own cistern, (now watch the advice) and running waters out of your well. (This is sexual whether you want to understand or not, we could take it apart word by word if you want to do it.)
- (16) And let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and thy rivers of waters in the streets.
- (17) Let them be thine only, and not strangers' with thee.
- (18) Let thy fountain be blessed: (sexual) and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.
- (19) Let her be as the loving hind and the pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

Plain unadulterated language, sexual. Nothing wrong with it as a righteous act. Nothing wrong at all, at all, as long as it is the righteous act that God ordained which is sexual to the birth of children. In other words, you cannot do anything that would not result in childbirth, except at that time when a woman cannot be pregnant. Now we're looking at the Word of God. See?

- (20) And wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?
- (21) For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all things.
- (22) His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.
- (23) He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly shall he go astray.

Then he goes on and on, goes right back to the same picture. You're seeing again the factors from the garden of Eden. This is the folly of why priests, and you can read Father Chinnakee's own book, Fifty Years in the church of Rome, which he sometimes called fifty years in hell. And he knew

priest--priests who did their dead level best to remain celibate, even tried to masculate themselves to get rid of their passions. You can't do it unless you're born to do it.

And every man and woman has a right to sexual intercourse and marriage under the right law because even though it wasn't in the beginning, it took place. And today it is a righteous act before Almighty God. There is nothing sinful about what God has put within us. The only thing is, the warning is there. It started there. And that's the greatest danger in all the world, is illicit sexual intercourse. You can say what you want. And Bro. Branham categorically said, "The woman has to say no." That's why I said if a man does an act then of, perpetrates an act upon her, they should take him out and shoot him. Get rid of him.

You say, "I think you're talking tough." I am talking tough. I'm getting pretty old. I tell you, if any woman--man assaulted my wife and I could take a two-by-four and bash his brains out, I'd jump up and down his guts and shout, "Glory to God." You can--you say, "Bro. Vayle, I don't like you. Fine, you don't have to like me. Maybe I don't like you either. Don't give me that stuff, brother/sister.

Don't tell me the Word of God never changes. See where God can be loving, kind and just and then strike right back at man's junk. Why shouldn't he do it? How could He not strike back and be loving, kind and just? He never made woman some slop tin; but she can go that way. And I think a man could be a sloppier tin, too, by doing it.

Now, I want to show you this. In spite of all those Scriptures, and the thing that I read here, I can't find in the sixty-six books of the Bible, anything Bro. Branham said that made any woman to think she's spiritually inferior or more sinful than man. The fact that she has a propensity to go this direction--and certainly with the male, not a female or something else--and she is warned about it, and the man himself has the proper knowledge, there should not be these things going on in our lives. The whole human race... Let me get this, (I won't get finished tonight likely), the whole human race just before the flood--that's male and female--is exactly, was exactly as it is exactly today.

Now let's read what's going to happen in our day, and it's happening now; it happened before the flood; in Romans the 1st chapter, 18-32.

- (18) For the wrath of heaven is revealed--for the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, (that's the human race, period, not men masculine, this is not masculine) who hold the truth in unrighteousness; (that means to hold it back or hold it down.)
- (19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them.
- (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; they are without excuse:

- (21) Because, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- (22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.
- (23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. (Idolatry, see? And Bro. Branham said idolatry today is with women, men and women.)
- (24) Wherefore God gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: (There you are.)
- (25) Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever.

How many men will sell themselves, their wives and kids and--and--and their church there in Christ, everybody, everything down the river just for sex? The worlds... Come on, you just.. You got to see that, that as I say it's a righteous act before God, but what men can do with, women can do with it, that's the bad thing. Because there's nothing you can't pervert.

- (26) And for this cause (watch) God gave them up to vile affections: for even the women did change the natural use into that which is against nature; (What's the first natural use? Be married and have a good husband. Next thing become a prostitute, the next thing Lesbians.)
- (27) Likewise also the men, (become homosexuals) burned in their desire one toward another, their lust; men working with men that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. (They must have had AIDS like we're having it now. And then what happened?)
- (28) And even then they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, (no way of going back to the Word of God), God now gave them completely over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (Now watch what happens and is happening today.)
- (29) Being filled with all unrighteousness, (never mind the Word of God or anything, just get rid of it) fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, (You can't find one good person there; and one good thing.)
- (30) Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

(31) Without understanding, covenant breakers, (There's the covenant again.)

God said, "All right man, you stay with a woman." There's your sex outlet; can't do it. Why, he said, "I'll even give you several women, you have a harem." "Oh no, we don't want the responsibility, we just want to run around." Whoremongers. But Bro. Branham said, "We know that polygamy is a thousand times better than, than Hollywood marriage and divorce, but we know it's wrong." Why is it a thousand times better than wrong? Because men then are responsible for every wife and every child. Now look what they're doing. Now they're in a place where they don't even care for women. See? Now watch,

- (31) without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- (32) Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

So everybody's talking about the poor AIDS victims. They're martyrs. Are they? Hogwash! Just a few people that got the wrong blood transfusion, the rest, as far as I'm concerned are getting what they're asking for. If I've got to ask mercy for them on the grounds that you can sin and do anything you want, then I'm going to have to ask God, "Let me--let me fly. Let me never get sick. Never get cold. Never die." Go all the way and be completely stupid.

You go back to the garden of Eden. See, that's where it started. Now notice, particularly at the exact time of the fall, God did not accuse or condemn the two involved. Actually there's three involved, serpent and Adam and Eve, as to leave either one with an excuse. Didn't give either one excuse, not one of them. But meted out His judgment and covenants as compatible with the status of each in creation. According to each one's status, that's what happened. He did not accuse or excuse anyone, or give preference. That's Gen 3:14 and 19.

In Rom 8:19-23, notice, that redemption is set for all creation equally because all will be back in harmony with God through the blood and the rebirth. Romans 8, that talks about the Sons of God. Now it was verse 19:

- (19) For the earnest expectation of the creature (of creation) waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. (Male and female.)
- (20) For the creation was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

Now notice, how God dealt with each one. Now not Satan and his seed. See? I don't know of any redemption for that; there's none. But for Adam and Eve, he dealt with each one as to proclaim redemption. See? Then nature itself gets redeemed because "the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope."

(21) Because the creation itself also shall be delivered from the--from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty, or the glorious liberty of the children of God.

- (22) For we know the whole creation together groans and travails in pain together until now.
- (23) And not only they, (all creation) but we ourselves, even we that are born again, are waiting to be redeemed in our bodies.

So there's going to be a complete redemption by the hand of God for fallen humanity. Now, with that in mind, recall what we read in Rom 1:18-32 and go on to chapter 2. Now here's the mess before the flood. Here's what Paul says now concerning us, "All the world, in the face of a vindicated gospel." Because he is vindicated.

(1) Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou that judgest: (The man that says a woman's inferior and a bigger sinner and the woman says, "Yeah, and I wouldn't be a sinner, except for you." Shot it back and forth, arguing back and forth as to who did this and who did what.) for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Now I've always said it takes two to tangle. I never saw a woman have sexual intercourse with herself, any more than a man could. Those are called self abuse, other things. It takes two to tangle. Men run women down. Yeah. Who was looking for her? Both were. They're both restricted according to God's Word. And that's exactly... the Bible says, you blame somebody else, you're doing it yourself. You're judging somebody else, you're doing it yourself. We saw that in Pentecost. Swaggart blamed everybody and he's doing it himself. I think he might even have been worse. I guess, I think, maybe you think I'm perverted. But I ain't. I think he is. Like a teenage kid or preteen. See?

- (2) But we are sure the judgment of God is according to truth against them that commit such things. (All this stuff back here.)
- (3) Thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them that do such thing, and doest the same, that you're going to escape the judgement of God?
- (4) You despise the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leads to repentance?
- (5) And after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasures up thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;
- (6) Who will render to every man according to his deeds:
- (7) To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

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- (8) But unto them who are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,
- (9) Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, the Jew first, and also the Gentile;
- (10) But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:
- (11) For there is no respect of God with persons--respect of person with God rather. (God doesn't respect persons, no, that man and woman.)
- (12) As many as sinned without law shall perish without law: as many as sinned in the law he judged by the law;
- (13) (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law and so on.
- (14) And so, when the Gentiles, which have not the law, by nature do the things contained in the law, these things, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

And he says here in verse 16,

16) The day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

So, you can see here that God has included every single man under sin, and every single woman. The women were a complete mess before the flood. The men were a complete mess before the flood. But where did it come from? It came from the fact that the woman was able to give herself wrongfully in seduction. Now that shows right there the male is the stronger character and therefore he should be far more respectful toward women than he is. Absolutely. See?

Now we consider Gen 1:26-28, that is the, when he made them male and female in the spirit. And Gen 2:7, 15-23, where they put, where they're made flesh and put in the garden, and he said you're co-rulers and co-equal together. We can see Eve, that Eve's physical nature, now when I read this, we readily see that Eve's physical nature and innate latent desires become a channel through her senses and bear upon her spirit which in turn misinterpreted the word to her soul where the decision was made to disbelieve God's Word.

Now, before she was placed in a physical body, there was no problem. When she was placed in a physical body, as was Adam, the problem began. Because in there was an innate latent desire that could be aroused and was aroused by the wrong one. He got her attention by riveting her thoughts upon the Word, which he misinterpreted to her. And from that point on she became a physical-minded person instead of a spiritual-minded person and she went out of the way. And that's how it came with Adam the same way.

Had she not been placed in a human body in the manner that she was formed, which she was, she would not have sinned, that's true. But being the glory of man, which she was, the best Adam could produce, which she was, the best he could produce, she was thus in a position to fall. That's what Bro. Branham said. This is clearly seen by the fact that when she was in Adam, she was co-ruler with him and even when placed--placed in the physical realm, she co-ruled with him until her mental concepts took over and she fell by seduction.

And now, whether a woman wants to admit it or not, here is a fact, she is vulnerable in this regard the same as the male to be completely vulnerable in the other regard. In other words, she can be fooled; mentally seduced. And the man has no trouble being physically seduced. And he will pay to get rid of his own spiritual appetites to take on the physical, and many, many times.

The woman is now seen as one uniquely unable to handle the Word. That's true. Now this is like a slap in the face. But I want you to just think this lady sitting here tonight, she--this command of God, strangely is greatly in her favor. Because if she cannot handle the Word, she eliminates Satan's trap, which is perverted Word. Now the men should have it that lucky. Any woman or anybody listen to a woman, you're gone. It's that simple. But you're commanded to listen to men. Now who are you going to listen to? So, you see, there's no spiritual inferiority here. She got to step up on this one. 'Cause she's not responsible, she leaves it plumb alone. No preaching, no teaching, just hands off.

Now put the men on the spot. She was on the spot with Satan. Now men are on the spot with Satan. This eliminates the traps of Satan in her behalf. But where does it leave the men? Well, let's take a look at the men, if we can find this. 1 Cor. 14:34-37.

- (34) Let the women keep silence in the churches: it's not permitted for her to speak; but be commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.
- (35) And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for a woman to speak in church.

All right, now she's going ask her husband; he had better speak as an authority of God or he will answer on judgment day for betraying his wife. How are you leading your wives? When I hear some men and know that they're leading their wives even in the sexual things that are wrong, I wouldn't trust them as far as I could throw a bull by the tail, even say one Word, even to pray or say one thing in my house. Drop dead, is all I've got to say to that stuff.

Now you women, you better smarten up, I'm teaching you the truth. You're off the hook, if you want to get off the hook. If you want to stay on the hook, just spout off when your husband's right. Now you see where Eve was? Now let's watch it. You're off the hook. You want to get back on? Go ahead.

Let's find out about men. Book of Acts, chapter 20. I hear you're very silent, I love that. "Let all things keep silent before the Word of the Lord." All right. Acts 20, 17th verse, Paul calls all the elders. Gets them all together. He tells them, he's going to be taken from their midst. And he says in verse 26, after he said, "You'll see my face no more."

- Wherefore I take you to record, (make a record this day, record it), that I am pure from the blood of all, not men but every single person.
- (27) For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. (He had to do it. He was responsible, he never had a wife, to help him; he's all alone. Out in the jungle.)
- (28) Take heed yourselves, and to the flock of God, all the flock of God which the Holy Ghost made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. (That's a tremendous commission.)
- (29) For I know, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, elders, which are men, (they got to be males) not sparing the flock.
- (30) And also you men, you elders, of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverted things, to draw away disciples after them.

Now there you are. Woman's off the--if a woman wants to, she's off the spot now. You're not on the map. The men are. Woman say a man can't teach nothing. That's right, but man can teach you women nothing; God can't either, you're finished. Now this is factual from the garden of Eden. And remember, we're also typing male headship with Christ. That's a terrible, terrible responsibility. And woman as typing the church. In one instance, full of filth, with the husband as a denomination. And a true Bride, virgins of Christ with the Holy Ghost and a proper ministry helping.

You're looking at the whole picture now, brother/sister, to get all the attributes of God. And remember, God's attributes in nature merely point out God, but God's attributes in the human being live out God. So we're_ on dangerous ground here. We think we can fool around. See? Revelation chapter 2:2. "I know thy works, and thy labors, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them and say they are apostles, they are the evil ones, nothing but a bunch of liars:" Not apostlesses, apostles, men.

2 Peter, the 2nd chapter, verse 1. "There were false prophets even--also among the people, even there be false teachers among you, that privily bring in damnable heresies, (and a woman can't teach, so who's teaching? Men. Who are being in damnable heresies? Men. "who'll even deny the Lord, say no to God." Eve was the one that said no to God. Now the men say no to God. Denomination husbands. Heads. Tinhorn preachers.

You women are lucky. You might have thought you had it rough, but you don't know how lucky you are. You want to change places? You'll never have to answer for this one. Not a problem. Doesn't say you can't know the Word of God. Doesn't say you can't understand the things of God. Doesn't say that. Says you can't handle it, can't teach it, you're not responsible. See? Now we got big enough debts, with just ordinary people trying to live right. Why take on something we don't need?

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So, what I'm looking at is this: As there is absolutely no difference between man and woman physically except in specialized areas, given by God for the place of each in the economy of God and in nature, neither is there any difference in the degree of spirituality or unspirituality in man and women--and woman, except in the special areas that God has designated to both. A woman can be just as fine a Christian as a man, and be as rotten as a louse. She can blaspheme God, men can blaspheme God.

In the early church, Ananias--Ananias and Sapphira, both blasphemed the Holy Ghost. Lied to the Holy Ghost and dropped dead for it. One does not have an advantage or disadvantage over the other. It is a matter of creation and position and dedication, that's all. A woman does what she's supposed to do; a man what a man's supposed to do: Be dedicated to her; live the life.

For example, Eve listened to the Serpent instead of Adam, (that was bad) next she made a decision only Adam was allowed to make; she took a headship. Next she took further headship by initiating him instead of him initiating her. That's exactly true. See? Now, if... now she got out of place, which she did, and she got Adam out of place. And all of this was in the plan of God in order to institute his highest role which was not Creator, but Redeemer.

Now let's go to the book of Romans, the 9th chapter, because this is what Branham--Bro. Branham said, so I'm going to preach it. This talks about Israel. Now let's go down there to verse 7. "Neither (did they) because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but Isaac--in Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for seed." Now the promise of God to Adam and Eve was: You'll populate the earth. And Satan came around and made it a promise of the flesh. And the promise of the flesh is not the answer; it's the promise of the Holy Ghost.

Now watch, "For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son." That's the way it was supposed to be. They would have created children. Every child of God is born through election. "Now, now this I'm going to say: if Rebecca had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac: (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)" Now that's the truth. "It was said unto her, the elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated." That's the Bible. "What will we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God?"

They said, "This the serpent seed, that's the most horrible thing in the world. If God really did that I don't want a thing to do with God." Amen. You never have and never will. No problem, sister, buzz off. And you're boyfriend with you. I've no problem. You're dead. "Why, I can't see that God would do this?" I can. God's business. You simply just don't argue with God.

Now, God's not unrighteous, he's loving kind and good, but He had to do this to bring forth His attributes. And remember, when we see it done in us, only then will we understand a beginning of the depth and the mercy and the love of God. Right now we are into a head knowledge, which is just like pure brass at this point. But one day it's going to be the pure gold of God. And don't you believe otherwise.

(15) For He said to Moses, I'll have mercy on whom I'll have mercy and compassion on whom I'll have compassion.

- (16) So then it's not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy.
- (17) For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and my name might be declared throughout all the earth. (For this same purpose that I have the serpent there, who did what he did for the plan of God.)
- (18) Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.
- (19) Thou wilt then say, why doth yet God find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

True, true. "I'm just like a man on a--on a board, like a chess man being moved around." Who said you weren't? It's God's ball game, not yours and mine. See, sovereignty is a very tricky word. Sovereignty in most people's mind means, somehow I can bend the arm of God. Sovereignty means you can't bend the arm of God. So all the earth keep quiet, listen.

(20) Nay but, O man, who are you to reply against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why have you made me thus?

Women? Can you say, O God, why did you make Eve like you made her? Now relax. It's out of your hands. No beef. You're off the hook. See, that's why I say in this church, you young people get married, you better know who you're marrying, because you'll never divorce and marry come back to this church. No way shape and form. Huh uh, huh, uh. And you better guard your vessels, too, because it's a tough job. It's everywhere. Everywhere you go, there's enticement to fall for a woman. The big thing. You'll find how big it is.

Why did God do it? Mind your business, God did it. The grace of God may be known. That's the thing here. Why did God make me be this way? Just hold your peace. You'll find, you get my age, He did a good job. Now that sounds like boasting, but it isn't meant that way. "Well I'd maybe change certain things." I wouldn't bother. I'd just capitalize. Don't bother women if you think you're weaker vessel, which you are this and that, just capitalize. Capitalize.

Why don't men go and hold the door open for the ladies, getting out of the car? Women won't capitalize. Bro. Branham tried to teach you. And the man wasn't attentive, she didn't know how to be a proper wife because her father had reared her, said, "Just meet your husband with a nice frilly negligee. Look seductive." It's perfectly all right when you're married. Eve can seduce to her heart's content, no problem. Nothing wrong. This is the trap. You see, go right to the church, spiritual fornication, which I haven't got time with tonight. We'll touch it later.

Why have you made me this way? For my glory. Well hey, that's a different story. I better learn about that. That my attributes might be seen in and through you. Well hey, what's that all about? We've been given a message to peak our spiritual interest to a place of finesse. Because this is the top Bride we're looking--thinking of. She has the mind age, never before.

- (21) Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and one to dishonour? (Now, not necessarily to destroy the vessel but to put a pressure on it. Eve has a pressure on her and Adam has a pressure on him. Just keep moving.)
- (22) What if God, willing to show his wrath, and make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: (That's--that's Pharaoh, his bunch.)
- (23) And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, (that's Moses) he afore prepared unto glory.
- (24) Even us, (right today) whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but of the Gentiles?

Now then, get the truth of the picture that starts as man and woman, for it is no longer man and woman, but husband and wife; one flesh. Not divided flesh; one flesh. That's where the Word of God comes in. This is where we get to where we see male and female, not in a disproportionate spiritual battle, but a true union, one with another, with the Word and the things of God. Now let's begin to see the male and female because they type the Bride. Ephesians 5.

(21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

That's before submission in marriage. Are you listening to me? This precedes, wives submit yourselves. Submitting yourselves. Here's the spirit that should be in us.) Verse 18,

- (18) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (just happy, just goofing off in the Spirit, so to speak, just being so happy and you can't keep your feet on the ground.)
- (19) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts unto the Lord:
- (20) Giving thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- (21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
- (22) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. (Only as unto the Lord. Now he's not your mentor to lead you astray and do anything he wants, this is in the Lord to keep you with Christ.)
- (23) For the (head) husband is head of the wife, even as—even as Christ is head of the church: (now that's absolute, but it also goes beyond

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- absolute to the essential, absolute only if the essential is there. We're talking of the true things of Christ.)
- (24) Therefore as the church is subject to Christ, let the wives to their own husbands in every thing (that is right according to the Word.)

What about these women that--that move to suburbia, suburban, out there and they became suburban dwellers. They found that the price of the building was too high. So they hired out as call girls. The husbands endorsed it. Fine bunch of scum-bums the husbands were. Talk about the wife being a scuzzbag, where are the men? This is not--this is not submit yourselves, like some of the preachers running around.

I've, listen, I've seen it, I've seen it in...?.. boys. I've mentioned their names. Woman phoned me the other day, she wondered, could she go where her husband goes, because... I said, is he a real-he's a real fine Christian. Then just go to church with him, but just keep in mind the true doctrine. Just watch down the road. Do your best to go to your own service at times. I'm not trying to drive families apart. I've seen what those men do. They put pressure to the women who leave, or they divorce their husbands; they cause a mess. Come on. What would Christ do? You don't, you just...

Husbands, fap! You know that word husband is a pretty pitiful thing. Something like mother and father, you were sired by somebody so here you're stuck by accidental birth to a couple of crudbums. I maybe hit you hard but I'm letting you know. Look it. Come on. Don't--don't let--have play upon words, brother/sister. We're not here for play upon words because Bro. Branham's took us back to the garden when there was no play upon words, and no history.

Now we're looking to where we really should be and we're going to be by the grace of God. We are believers of the endtime in the mind age and we can and will be, some of us at least, Bride. And we read out of Job that the whole family's included, if you want to believe it. Bro. Branham said it I never, never knew where he got till I read it the other day to you. See, I'm very slow at getting things, but when we get them, we them.

- (24) Therefore as a church is subject to Christ, let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. (In that order, not everything as though the man had the answer. It's that Christ has the answer. The church is obligated to be that sweet, lovely person, virgin.)
- (25) Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it; (there you are).
- (26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (how does he keep his wife in line? with the Word of God. Not that she's going to step out of line. But you see, she's not to handle the Word. She can't tell you what that word is, no. Discuss it with you and everything else, but she's not an authority on it.)
- (27) That he might present himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; that it should be holy and without blame.

- (28) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. (Now remember, this is husband and wife now, not just man and woman in the garden, not just co-rulers. This is really one flesh.) He that loves his wife, loves himself.
- (29) For no man ever hates his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:
- (30) For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
- (31) For this cause a man leaves father and mother, and shall join himself to one wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (Not just co-rulers now, but they're one. If he has the mind of Christ, and she listens to that mind, you got one perfect beautiful union. It must be in Christ.)
- (32) This is a great mystery. I speak concerning Christ and the church.
- (33) Nevertheless let every one in particular so love his wife as himself; and see the husband reverence, see the wife reverence her husband.

We're just about finished here, about to one minute. But you see, the reverence in here is not a word where you--she's going call--fall down to her face, pretending he's God, but she's going to have respect for him because that is there. So that's what we're looking at, at this point. We got to close tonight now.

But you can see we're moving from where there is any thought of one being superior to the other by reason of simply being a male or a female. Or I'm the man, she's the woman, she better do so and so. I'm going to do so and so. It's all right here in the Word; we're under God. They had a coequality. And today, although there is not a co-equality in the realms of God as set to one side, there is a union of love and kindness where the woman does not live under any tension, she's off the hook and it's up to the man now to be the leader and the helper, the way she'd be.

So you see, we're looking at here, this picture, no such thing as inferiority. No woman has an inferiority complex around here anymore than a man has a superiority complex. But remember we're placed, in certain positions and God holds us to it. And we must not get out of that position, because when we do...

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