

SACRED TRUST, VIRTUE, WOMANHOOD AND MOTHERHOOD

AN EXAMPLE OF WOMANHOOD

I want to show you another little Branham. Little Mary Ella Branham is the daughter of my brother and his beloved wife, that they have come forward this morning at the church to offer the little fellow life back to God Who gave it to them. And now, shall we bow our heads just a moment.

Our kind, heavenly Father, as standing here before You today, my own brother in flesh, and his bride, his wife. And Thou has so blessed their homes with this little Mary Ella to give them joy in the days that's ahead of them. I thank Thee for their remembrance of where the baby come from, and bringing it today to the church that they might present it back to You.

And I now give the baby to Thee in arms of faith and ask You to bless the little one who I hold. And may it live and grow, and if Jesus carries, may it be a servant of Yours to serve Thee. Bless its father and mother. And God, grant that Your Holy Spirit will lead them through life's journey. And if in someday when this earthly pilgrimage shall cease, may all the big family be gathered together in glory. Grant it, Lord. Until that time, may this child grow, and be blessed with God, be healthy and strong, **and be an example of womanhood** in its stage of...?... And we'll give Thee the praise, for we present the baby to Thee now in the Name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

I give it back to you. God bless you. The Lord bless you. All right.

56-1230 Joseph Meeting His Brethren

WOMAN HAS GOT A GREAT PLACE

Let me tell you something, sister dear, you're going to answer. I don't care, you might be as pure as a lily. You may never actually committed a sin of that type, immoral sin, in your life. But if you dress like that, you're going to answer at the judgment for committing adultery with every man that looked at you. The Bible said. And walk down the street, who is guilty, the man? No, sir. You are. You presented yourself that way.

The woman has got a great place. It's a sacred, nice, wonderful place. When the womanhood is broke, the backbone of any nation is broke But she must keep herself that way, to hold her office as she should, as a mother, **as a woman and of womanhood...**

And that's the reason, today, our nation is ruined, is because of the immorals of our women. That's exactly right. Sure. It's the rottenness among us, what's breaking it.

57-0915E Hebrews Chapter Seven 1

WOMAN TO BE ONE OF THE JEWELS OF THE EARTH

I seen a lady walking on the street the other day that any cop that had any decency about him, would've run that girl off the street, the way she was dressed. I never seen anything so vulgar in all my life: people running out of the filling station and things, gawking down the street at this girl. Where in the world has become of the decency of our people? God respected a woman to be one of the jewels of the earth. And how she'll sell herself out to the--the devil is more than... Well, it's because she doesn't know God; that's just all there is to it. See? **Know that her body is sacred** and she shouldn't do that, and they do it anyhow, because they think it's fine. Ricky and Elvis and all of them, they just glamour that and [Brother Branham whistles--Ed.] wo--wolf whistles. And they enjoy that. That ought to be a disgrace to any woman, would have one of them whistles at her like that. Yes, you're a lamb, **you're supposed to be some man's sweetheart and wife, some baby's mother.** You ought to be ashamed to do things like that. **The decency of real womanhood** ought to... The--the respect you had for your mother ought to **lead you different from that.** That's right.

61-0218 Balm in Gilead

WE HAVE A GREAT HERITAGE

We have a great heritage, **a great sacred trust that's been given us.** You might wonder now, "Brother Branham, you're talking about Sunshine, great Sunshine of God's glory to make healthy spirits, to make us strong Christians?" That's what we're here for tonight, is to find out. "How do we get those things? Where do they come from? What are they? Show me what it is, Brother Branham. Can I buy it at the drugstore? What kind of a vitamin is it?"

You don't buy it at a drugstore. But there is plenty of it right close to you, if you'll just receive it. It's just knowing the formula, how to receive it.

61-1001E The Comforter

SACRED HERITAGE TO THE WORD

Now, **we have a sacred trust**. You know what a trust is. And we have a inheritance, **a heritage that we inherit as believing children**. It's a sacred trust. And that sacred trust and **our sacred heritage is the Word of God** that's been given to us, the full Word of God. The Word Itself is the Vitamin, the Word Itself, God's Word.

That's where, reason I'm so dogmatic, as I would call it, on standing on this Word. No matter what anything else says, if it's not with the Word, then I don't believe it. See? If you want to believe it, it's all right. But to me it takes the Word, 'cause, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Words shall never fail." Therefore, it takes that Word.

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WE ARE DUTY BOUND AS CHRISTIANS

I live by the Word. Jesus said, "It's written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'" And this is It. And That is given to us as a heritage. It's our inheritance, the Word. O God, let us think of It in the deepness of It.

It's--it's our privilege. It's this sacred trust that God has put to His Church. God gave His Word to His Church. And that **sacred heritage** is ours. **It's a gift from God**, not to just compromise on this, and cut this out, and throw this out, and add this in to suit our own taste; but to preach the full Word, the whole Gospel. We are duty bound as Christians to take It and believe It. When we know, "If our hearts condemn us not, then we know we have favor with God."

But when we know we're bypassing Something, that some great heritage that belongs to us, that we bypass It, because our church said they don't believe in this today; it isn't for us today. If we bypass That, then we spoil our inheritance.

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NEVER TO COMPROMISE

God help me. God help you, as Christians, **never to compromise one Word of God's Word**. This sacred trust was handed to the Church, and it's a glorious thing to have this Gospel, the full Gospel, to preach It

without compromising anywhere. Preach It just as It's written. **Live It just as It's written. What a sacred trust.**

And if we ever expect this Word to ever come to pass, if we ever expect God to keep His Word, we've got to stay with It just the way God wrote It. That's the reason, if you stay with It the way God wrote It, there'll be all kinds of things happening among you; every Word will be fulfilled.

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A HERITAGE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US

We lost our heritage because that we--we just compromise. And when we compromise, then we cannot expect to—God to keep His promise to us; because we have broke in upon the **sacred trust**, and defiled the trust that God gave us. **Let us keep that trust; keep it sacred; keep it holy.** Keep every Word of It, and compromise nowhere. Take God at His Word and believe It, act like it, stand on It; don't move. That's what we must do. That's what God's looking for.

As I said this morning in the message, in our message this morning, speaking of, "It behooveth us," or, "It's becoming to us that we fulfill all righteousness." It's up to us to whom the Word's been delivered to. It's up to us that we stay with that Word. And as we stay with It, we see God working among us. So it's becoming to us to stay with It. It's a heritage that God has given us.

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THE WORD OF GOD IS GOD'S COMFORT

Let's us go back just a few minutes and find **those men who kept God's great, sacred trust.** That was His Word. That's what we inherit is the Word. And in the time of strain, in the time of perplexity, in the time of distress, in the time of perilous times, they found comfort in keeping the Word. **The Word is God's Comfort.** When you know, and can walk down even to the valley of the shadow of death, and know that God said so; that settles it. God said so.

You can't say, "Why, the pastor said it," or, "The church said it."

You can say, "God said so." That's the comfort we get. That's where I can find comfort now. That's where you found your comfort. God said so. "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever

liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die. Believest thou this?" See, It's comfort. It's the comfort we get.

Noah. I spoke of him, I believe, this morning, the comfort he must have gotten, though in the midst of criticism. Certainly. "And the world cannot receive Him," Jesus said so, "because it knoweth Him not. But you know Him, and have seen Him. And He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Noah had met God. He heard God.

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GUARD THE SACRED TRUST

So then there they was standing there. But there's something just saying that. Now, notice, they guard. Now, when we got Matthew 28:19 and run that thing down through Matthew (which represented the lion) and coming in there, we found exactly why they baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. And there He was, standing there with that very Scripture to **guard the sacred trust of the baptism of the Name of Jesus Christ.** (Well, I'm getting off on the church ages now. See?)

63-0322 The Fifth Seal

SHE FORGOT TO PUT ON HER SKIRT

But now look what, **Hollywood, has took the virtuous things from our women.** I'm setting here looking at dear old woman, Sister Schrader, many of the women here, and back, and Sister Moore over here, the older women that remembers a few years ago. If their mother, or even them, would have walked out on the streets, the way some of these women walk today, church members, they'd have locked the woman up for being insane. "She forgot to put on her skirt." Well, if it was insane then, it's insane now.

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SHE SHOULD STAY WITH THE WORD

Notice. That's committed to her: sacred virtue, sacred womanhood, and then sacred motherhood, honour her husband...

And the church is just as bad, right, committing adultery with everything, and she has no business to be going into. She should stay with the Word.

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HER CONDUCT AROUND MEN

Notice now. **She has a sacred trust of virtue that's been given her, trusted to her by the Lord.** God gave her that virtue. Just as it was in the garden of Eden, **she can say "yes" or "no."** She has a sacred trust of womanhood committed to her, that she must not break. **The womanhood I'm speaking of here is her conduct, her character around men.** Not letting every man...

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HER BODY IS A BEDDING GROUND OF LIFE

Her body is given to her, a sacred trust from God. No female dog, no bird, no other animal, no other creature like that. No. She is the only one. By it, she is... The reason it's so sacred, she is to bring forth life into the earth. **Her body is the bedding grounds of life,** therefore that's the reason she is give this sacred trust.

Now here is where you may disagree, many, you theologians. That's what defiled the whole human race, is that adultery at the beginning. Her bedding ground was marred. She brought forth those twins, Cain and Abel. One act, two children. Search the Scriptures. Uh-huh.

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A SACRED TRUST NOT TO BE DEFILED

Notice now. We find that her body is the bedding grounds, and therefore it's a sacred trust, not to defile that. Now, I'm speaking now, bringing this to an illustration, to show you where the Church stands. I'm not speaking of you women. Whatever you are, that's between you and God, or you men. But I'm speaking of the Church and Christ.

Now, this she is given, to bring forth life that only God Himself can give. **Her husband might be the germ bearer, but God has to produce the life.** That's right. It has to come. All life has to come from God. Any life has to come from God. It's perverted, and that's what makes it sinful, but life has to come from God. He's the author of life. Now she has a sac-... one...

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CONFESSION BEFORE MARRIAGE

I want to name three things here that she must not get away from. Now, I'm speaking, keep the church in mind while I'm speaking this to the natural woman, as Paul is here, in 7th chapter of Romans.

She has a sacred trust of virtue committed to her by her Lord, a certain virtue. Nothing else holds it but a woman. Right. That's committed to her by God. She must not defile that virtue.

If she even does something wrong, **she must confess that to her husband before he takes her, and make it right.** The same as the church that was married to the law, has to come also before Christ, before the second marriage. She has to confess that. If she doesn't, and she lives with her husband for ten years and then confess it, he has a right to put her away and marry another woman. That's the Scripture. **Fornication is unclean living.**

"Joseph, fear not, take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." He was minded to put her away privately, see, after he'd already engaged to her. **When you're engaged to her, as far as God is concerned, you're married to her.**

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WOMAN OF A BAD CHARACTER

Looks on these screens and see these movie stars kissing, and hugging, and slopping, and around, over these women. A woman does that, is of a bad character. She might be virtuous, otherwise. But, see, in her heart... When, those glands, sex glands, are in the lips. **The man kisses a woman, he's actually, potentially, committed adultery.** Sex glands are in the woman's lips and in the man's lips. He could kiss her on the hand, it wouldn't mix through their sex glands. But the sex glands is in the lips. And see all this nonsense in the--the Hollywood today, of all this slopping and loving around with women, and so forth, and little girls looking at all that. No wonder our morals are rotten and decayed, and filthy, see, because it's put before the children. That's right. It has to be that way for the last day.

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MIXING WITH THE WORLD

Now we find out that she has been given this sacred trust that **she must not break: of womanhood**, act, have her character, **raise her children, be honorable to her husband.**

I'm speaking of how it can get away, when you get to mixing up with the world, the church, and all the fashions and things that we have. We're no more like the original Pentecost was than day is from night. We've drifted off somewhere, into some dark chaos somewhere, and lost.

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A SACRED RESPONSIBILITY

What a sacred trust! What a responsibility to a woman! Now see why she's a type of the Church, which has the same responsibility. **As a woman has a sacred responsibility to her motherhood, to her virtues, to her husband, the Church has a sacred responsibility to prayer and to the Word**, and to Christ, just the same as the woman has.

And as a woman drifts off with another man; when the church goes off on these institutional programs, and building programs and schools, and so forth. I have nothing against them. They're all right. They serve their purpose. But they're not...

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STAY VIRGIN TO THE WORD

Reading Reader's Digest, here not long ago, where young girls are going through their menopause, and men, the change of life, between twenty and twenty-five years old. They're going through their middle age. Corruption, (why?) because of scientific research of food and stuff that's broke down,

She's a type. She has the same precious virtues by Spirit, given to Her, to preserve the Spirit and the Word, and never commit adultery with anything of the world or anything. **Stay virgin to the Word, as a woman is to stay virtuous to her husband. It's a sacred trust**, to honor Her Lord's Word above every man-made creed, wisdom, denomination there is. **The Church is given that trust.**

The Bible said, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Mark 16 said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." If a church preaches different from That, don't you. You die to that thing. Be born again, into the Word of God. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." That's how far It was to go. "These signs shall follow them that believe, in all the world, and every creature that will believe." See how we got away from It? Sure. But She is responsible for It.

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CIVILISATION AND EDUCATION

Now keep the church in mind. She is kissing and slopping, and mixing around in everything else but the Word, let the Devil, and education and scientific searches, and so forth.

When, scientific, education, everything, is absolutely contrary to God. The whole system of civilization that we have now is absolutely antichrist. Educational system is antichrist. Civilization is antichrist. It's against God. You say, "Against civilization?" God will have a civilization, one of these days, that won't have any death associated into it. This modern civilization come by Satan. I'll prove that to you, if the Lord willing, tonight, out of the Bible. All these things are of Satan.

Our new civilization will have none of this in it. She has this sacred womanhood.

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A man sent from God*

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

1 Timothy 3:11

Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands

Proverbs 14:1

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Ephesians 5:22-23

Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

1 Peter 3:1-2

The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Titus 2:3-5

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

1 Timothy 2:9-15

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.