

The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" - Matthew 13:52



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THE BEAUTIFUL BRIDE - PART 8

The following message was preached by Brother Amos, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos, in two separate services, dated Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th July, 2006, and merged into one Scribe for a continuous flow of thought, and projection of the message. This is the final part of what has been a delight for any soul, as the last Scribe in this series, is a beautiful summary of a most beautiful message, for a beautiful Bride. It deals with the outer presentation of our dressing, taking in all aspects of how we present ourselves as Bride saints.

I greet everyone in the name of the Lord. We appreciate God for His goodness towards us. When we look all around us, we can see that the world is fast asleep.

It is completely sound asleep. It is not considering what God has in store for this very day and hour, in the light of His revealed plan, and they do not even care. They are going on in their different ways, as if God is doing nothing, and as if God has nothing mapped out for this most crucial junction of Gentile time. The Lord has, in turn, simply left them to carry on doing whatever they want to do, or whatever holds their fancy, in religious terms, as they continue on a downward journey of no return. But there is an element of people, an elect remnant, however, upon whom the grace of God has been richly bestowed, giving them an understanding of what the Lord is doing, presently in the earth today, on behalf of the elect Bride, thereby enabling them to



know precisely, where we are in prophetic time, within God's great plan of salvation, and what next. As a result, they know exactly what the day is saying, and what they are to do, precisely, in order to get ready for rapture, at the return of Christ, when they will be caught away from this terrible world; a world filled with so much misery and insecurity. It is a hellhole! The world is very sick and tired, and they do not have any clues, as to what to do, in order to make it a better world. Every day in Iraq, and in Afghanistan, many lives are being wasted; dozens are being blasted to death, and untold numbers more are being maimed, and scarred for life, every single day. Human life has lost its meaning in Iraq. The same goes for Afghanistan. There was another Tsunami warning in Indonesia. And to think that they just had an earthquake a few days back, where over seven hundred people were killed! What a world! Just as Brother Branham declared, this world is indeed, **"Satan's Eden."** What a useless world! Brothers and sister, a door of opportunity has been opened up to you: Do not miss it, and do not play with

it. Take it, for this door is soon to close. Therefore, please make hay, while the sun shines. Take this opportunity, and hold to the Continuing revelation of Jesus Christ, with all your heart. Your life depends on it, because it is the revelation of Jesus Christ our Saviour, the revelation of life eternal. May God help us. Let us bow our heads in prayer.

By the grace of God, my wife and I will be travelling to Abuja for three days of meetings with the saints over there: Saturday evening, Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and probably Monday evening. We will be going by flight Saturday morning. We need your prayers. We will return Tuesday morning by the grace of God. But also next week, God willing, we are travelling out of the country to India. We were initially scheduled to travel first to Zimbabwe, but we will not be able to make it to Zimbabwe this time around. Maybe another day, the Lord will help us to go. We have been praying for God's leadership in these things. May the Lord have His way, for He alone sets the pace, and determines the way. But I want to believe this evening, that God used the invitation we received to

Zimbabwe, and our initial desire to go, as a stepping stone, to make us go to India. I say that because it was that invitation that God used, to set a burden upon my heart for India. I suddenly realised, and I felt, we have gone to the United States, twice, just to give support to Brother Alvin Suggs, and to all the saints over there in Georgia. But there in India, is a lone brother, Brother Daniel Komaravalli, who is also standing firmly for the Continuity light, and he is all alone, that is, without any ministry support. He also needs our support and encouragement as well! So, it suddenly struck me, if we are to go to Zimbabwe, why would we not also go to India? That is how it started. I began to pray about it. But now I feel moved of God, to travel to India, with my wife, to give support to the saints over there. And as the Lord would have it, my wife and I were able to secure our Indian visas yesterday. We thank God for that. We therefore covet your prayers for the trip, and for all our ministry endeavours, particularly as this will be our first trip to India. Let us also remember to pray for one another. But I believe tonight, that God is going to anoint the Ephesian fivefold ministry, in a wonderful way,

particularly that apostolic head, which He will put together. I believe that there are key men in the ministry, key apostles, whom God is going to put together, and use, to address the Bride, in a serious way, in order to set something in motion. But remember: THE WAY UP IS DOWN. Therefore, until that time comes, and as a people bearing the true divine revelation of the Holy Scriptures, let us stay humble and faithful, and let us be like David, and bestir ourselves, even as 2 Samuel Chapter 5, verse 24, instructs: ***“And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that THEN THOU SHALT BESTIR THYSELF: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.”*** Brothers and sisters, let us rouse ourselves today, as we delve into the Word of God: for this is the day that the God is going to purge this body. He is going to purge our lives, our conscience, our homes, and the ministry. He is going to purge everything about us, which are contrary, and take it out of the way, that our lives may speak of Jesus; that we may radiate his beauty, as the elect and beloved Bride of our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. We will learn, as brethren, to have mutual love and respect for one another. We will learn, as true

Christians, to conduct our personal affairs, our businesses, in true righteousness and holiness. We will learn to mind our own business, and not to be busy bodies in other people's affairs. We will learn, being fellow heirs of salvation, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, to have respect for people in their lowly stations, and to not belittle them, or look down on them. We will learn to bear with one another, in our shortcomings, and forgive one another, in love, and also learn to carry one another's burdens, even as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us. We will be fair and equitable to all, in relating to one another, and not partial, using double standards. And we will not look down on any man or woman, just because of the colour of their skin, or because of their physical stature, or low estate. We will also learn how to respect people's homes, comporting ourselves, as decent, wise, and considerate believers. And in marriage, we will relate to our spouse and our children with holy decency, and with true love, care, and understanding. We will be a highly responsible and virtuous people, and God will be glorified in us. The arm of the Lord will accomplish these things, for the will of God for the Bride is sovereign, and

cannot fail. There is a grace God invests in His people to do His good will.

We want to continue with our message titled, *The Beautiful Bride*. During our last meeting, we spent quite some time, emphasising the fact that God has to first work upon our hearts, in order to get it in tune, and in shape, with Himself, before working upon our outside; the inner man, being the control tower. I ended by saying that when God is working on us from within, it will also show on our outer part, for that is the divine objective: for God ministers to the total man; spirit, soul, and body. And that is an absolute fact. When God is working upon our nature, inwardly, in order to transform us, it will definitely reflect on our outside, because God is perfect and also balanced, in all His ways! For instance, if there is inner peace and true serenity in our souls, our physical composure will also be calm, very serene, and very peaceful; not agitated, and not ruffled, or apprehensive. In the same vein, if we also have inner holiness, it will certainly

shine through, and our outward conduct, as well as our physical appearance, cannot but show holiness. Whatever is within, must show on the outside, for whatever is outside, is nothing but a reflection of what is within. Period! That is an infallible and incontestable truth, because the outside is a perfect reflection of the inside. In the Synoptic Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 7, verses 15-20, Jesus declared: **“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in SHEEP’S CLOTHING, but INWARDLY they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. WHEREFORE BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM.”** Every tree, and every man and woman, is known, not necessarily by what they say, for anyone can say anything, but by their

fruits: For by their fruits ye shall know them! Period! This reminds me of a lovely exposition of truth, given by one of the early Reformers, an Englishman named William Tyndale. Commenting on the declaration of our Lord, on fruits as evidence of the Spirit, Tyndale made statements to this very effect, saying: ***Fruits do not make a tree good or bad, they only tell us whether the tree is good or bad.*** And that is so true indeed! Because no fruit bears itself, but is borne strictly by the tree! As a matter of fact, it is the life of the vine or tree, that is being made into the fruit! As such, the fruit is only carrying the life of the tree, and is therefore, only an evidence of the tree! Consequently, the fruit only tells us what the tree really is, and also whether it is good or bad: It helps us to know what kind of tree it is, and whether it is good or bad. Because you cannot have an orange fruit from a lime tree, except man has tampered with it, by grafting contrary to nature! But naturally and normally speaking: A lime tree cannot produce orange fruits, and neither can an orange tree produce lime. Secondly,

tasting the fruit of a tree, helps us to know, whether the tree is good, or whether it is bad, whether it is sweet, or whether it is bitter: For every tree is known by its fruits! This goes to prove that we may not necessarily know what is in a man's heart, or we may not know the true state of a man's heart, whether it is clean or unclean, but by the fruits of his conduct, we will be able to tell precisely, what the true state of his heart is! Absolutely! **“WHEREFORE BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM.”** It is evidence! And no one can change this fact: The outside is a mirror, or a reflection of the inside. Period! And that is why our main focus, should be on the inside. We must ensure that we have inner purity; otherwise, nothing else will work. We would only be sticking feathers, trying to be what we are not. Therefore, let us look earnestly to God for real change, for true inner transformation or regeneration, and may God purify our hearts. Amen and amen. But having dealt sufficiently with true Christian character and conduct, we now have to consider the Bride's physical

appearance, as well as her dressing. Please, do not forget, for I must continue to emphasise, that the Gospel of Christ ministers to the total man, being unquestionably sufficient. It therefore covers all aspects of a believer's life and walk. Thus, Apostle Paul, in 2 Timothy Chapter 3, verses 16-17, declares: ***"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS."*** Therefore, in taking a close look at the physical aspects of our lives, the physical side of our Christian lives, we are going to use nothing but the mirror of God's Holy Writ, because the Word of God is the only infallible and unchanging standard of truth, on any and every matter. As it is written: ***Let God be true, but every man a liar, for God must be justified in all His sayings!*** (Rom. 3:4). I am simply saying, that even in our physical appearance, the Spirit of the Lord has a set standard. Period! We must therefore look to the

mirror of God's Word. And in doing so, that is, in letting the Word of God speak on this matter, all our personal ideas and misconceptions, as well as our personal feelings concerning this matter, must be completely set aside; for by the inspired Word, we cast down all human imaginations and reasoning, and bring every proud and rebellious thought, into subjection to the Word of God. That is not how Apostle Paul said it, but that is precisely what he meant, in 2 Corinthians Chapter 10, verse 5! In launching into this subject of our outward dressing and adornment, let us turn to 2 Corinthians Chapter 3, verses 17-18, for our background text. It states: ***"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."*** (Now watch what the next verse says): ***"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."*** Brothers and sisters, I have gone into that Scripture, just to let us know that there is a true mirror placed before us, and it is the mirror of the Word; for the Lord has a

blueprint or yardstick, of how the Bride saints are to dress, and appear, in their daily walk with the Lord generally. And it is only by looking into the mirror or glass of the Word of Christ, we are changed into the same image. Therefore, in considering these things, we must all realise, that there is a true picture, of how we are to dress, and what we are to look like; a picture which constitutes our absolute, which the Bible gives to us, for it sets forth in clear terms, precisely how we are to dress and adorn ourselves, in order to be acceptable to the Lord. Therefore, I repeat: Sentiments, traditions, and personal opinions, on this matter, must go! It has to, for it is written: ***"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE"***! This issue is very material, because, not only can you suppress your inner beauty by your outward appearance, you can also bring reproach to the name of the Lord, by your physical appearance. Yes, you can! And this will make you a stumbling block to God's children. I therefore re-affirm: You can suppress your inner beauty by your outward appearance, and you can also bring reproach to the name of the Lord by it! Yes,

you can! For instance, if your outward appearance is very loud and worldly, it will be very difficult for your inner purity to shine through, because there will be a great conflict in the two, and the outer will overshadow the inner. Moreover, the outer is what people see! Period!

Please come with me to the Scriptures, for this is the last aspect, or the last thought of this message, which we have to consider. We will start with the revelation of Apostle Peter on this matter. Remember, we are talking about *The Beautiful Bride*. For not only will she be most beautiful in character, and in all holy conduct, her outward physical appearance will also be most beautiful, for it will exemplify the most beautiful inner purity she has. In other words, her outward beauty and purity, will match her inner beauty and purity. Full stop! Consequently, when we consider the end time Bride, inwardly and outwardly, at the end of the day, you will see nothing but absolute purity, and exquisite spiritual beauty. Yes! She will be flawless, absolutely flawless! She will be a stunning beauty to behold, a most glorious

spectacle, a wonder, a super trophy of grace! Let us open up to the Book of 1 Peter Chapter 3, verses 1-6. It states: ***“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. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.”*** Now, let us take a very close look at this passage, which is one of the main texts on outward adornment, and break it down. Verses 1-2 of this

chapter, mainly counsels the sisters, although the counsel applies the other way round as well, to the brothers. Saint Peter counsels sisters who are married to unbelieving husbands, that they should not preach to their husbands, nor nag at them at all, on issues of faith, simply because they want their conversion. They are not to do that, for God wants us to live in peace with our loved ones! The same applies to a brother married to an unbelieving wife. Rather, it is their lifestyle, their chaste or holy conduct, which is supposed to do the talking! In other words, let your sweet, loving, caring, and gentle life, be the light that your unbelieving spouse will see! Precisely! Hence Saint Peter admonished, saying, ***“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the Word, they also may WITHOUT THE WORD”***, (note that; that without your preaching to them, they may also) ***“be won by the conversation”*** (or conduct) ***“of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation”*** (or conduct), ***“coupled with fear.*** Now pay close attention, for from the next verse, which is verse 3,

Apostle Peter turns his full attention directly on physical adornment, or on physical dressing, as he was inspired by the Spirit of God. In verses 3-4, the Bible states: **“Whose adorning LET IT NOT BE THAT OUTWARD ADORNING of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; BUT LET IT BE THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE HEART, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”** This lets us see that Brother Peter also placed a much higher premium, on inner spiritual adorning, for he speaks plainly and glowingly of the inner man, the hidden man of the heart. And as I stated earlier, your loud physical dressing can douse or overshadow your inner state, for it will not let ***“the ornament of a MEEK and QUIET spirit”*** shine through, if it is there at all! And this is what is of great price, and of great value before God. But in considering our physical dressing and adornment, I ask: Is Saint Peter saying that a woman or a sister should not plait her hair? Of course not! Is he also saying that a sister is not to

wear gold at all as an ornament? Of course not! But I know some people will disagree with the statement I just made, for they will say, *“But Brother Amos, the wordings of the Bible clearly states: **“Whose adorning LET IT NOT BE that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold”!** “Brother Amos, you are obviously contradicting the clear wordings of the Bible!”* I am not contradicting the Word of God; and you will know that I am perfectly in tune with the message of Saint Peter, if you have any ounce of the revelation of truth in your soul! Because we do not carry the letter of the New Testament, but we carry its revelation! We do not carry letters! It is not for nothing, when Apostle Paul declared in 2 Corinthians Chapter 3, verse 6, saying, ***“... the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life”!*** Consequently, if we are to go by the mere letter of this text, to say that a sister is not to wear gold at all, then it simply means that a sister is not also expected to wear clothes at all! Because Apostle Peter not only forbade the plaiting of hair, and wearing of gold, he also forbade the wearing of clothing, all in

the same context! He plainly stated that her adorning should not be that of ***“... PUTTING ON OF APPAREL”!*** But we all know that it would be plain madness, to say that a sister is not to wear clothes! This means, in effect, that we have to spiritualise this verse! We have to! Because, if we literalise the verse, and take it exactly as it is written, then we have to teach that our sisters should go naked! That would make us a nudist colony! And if we all know, that that cannot possibly be the correct interpretation of this verse, then it should be apparent to everyone, that we have to give this verse, a strictly figurative or spiritual interpretation! Moreover, we must also note, that if we literalise one adornment, we also have to literalise the others; and if we spiritualise one adornment, we also have to spiritualise the others. Why? It is simply because we cannot literalise one, and spiritualise the others, or spiritualise one, and literalise the others, because the act of ***“plaiting the hair”, AND “wearing of gold”, AND “putting on of apparel”,*** are all mentioned together, in the same context, and in

the same verse, by the same writer, with the same objective, and by the same Spirit of God! Exactly! Consequently, we have to give the entire verse, a figurative application or interpretation. Therefore, we cannot sensibly and truly say, that a sister cannot plait her hair, or that she cannot wear a golden ornament, or that she cannot wear clothes! We cannot say that, for that is not what Apostle Peter meant! Therefore, we now have to ask ourselves: What does he mean? That is the issue! We will take the two verses again, and it states: **“Whose adorning LET IT NOT BE THAT OUTWARD ADORNING of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; BUT LET IT BE THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE HEART, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”** He is simply saying in essence, that the outward adornments a sister puts on, Should be Conservative and Moderate! Period! Because we are not of this world, even though we are in the world! Brothers and sisters, it is MODESTY

that he is talking about, for there is no Scripture forbidding us from wearing golden rings, as a token of our marriage, in order to let the world know that we are already taken, and that all prospective suitors should keep off! Verses 5-6 is the clincher, and it resolves the issue of gold, for it plainly declares, that the adornment of sisters under the New Testament, is not different from that of the Old Testament: **“For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, A D O R N E D THEMSELVES, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.”** **“JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TO DAY, AND FOR EVER”!** And if the holy women of old, like Sarah and Rebecca, women who set a perfect type of how a sister is supposed to adorn herself, were given gold as a token of marriage, then we cannot completely forbid the wearing of gold, for it would amount to an extremity! Yes, it would! As for the issue of gold, I will still come back to it, in

order to do justice to it, setting it in its proper Scriptural perspective, for God's people, once and for all, the Lord being my helper. But for now, I will leave it, having shed some light on it. Consequently, saints of God, we must understand that in the area of bodily dressing, which Apostle Peter touched upon, that he is in essence, simply placing **e m p h a s i s** on Conservative and Modest dressing, because the Lord does not want us to be loud, worldly, and elaborate in our dressing, like the people of the world, for we have been set apart unto the Lord. Period! Brothers and sisters, make no mistake about it: The Bible clearly forbids glamorous dressing! It does! Because dressing glamorously or flamboyantly, will make you loud and worldly in appearance, and you will thus become an attractive nuisance! Because you will be showy! As strangers and pilgrims here, we are not to be loud or showy, but we are to be dressed in simple, humble, and modest apparel, for it allows for that spiritual gem of a **“MEEK and QUIET SPIRIT”**, which is in the **sight of God of great**

price", TO SHINE THROUGH! This makes for holy physical dressing! Thus saith the Lord in His Word! And that is precisely how the holy women of old adorned themselves, even calling their husbands lord, showing total meekness, and a humble submission! And when we come to the issue of plaiting the hair, as I have already shown, Brother Peter is not saying that a sister should not plait her hair, but that she should do it simply and moderately, not elaborately; and definitely, not in any worldly way. Furthermore, it means that she should maintain her hairstyle, and not follow the fashion of the world, which is ever changing, and most inconsistent! Why is she to maintain her hairstyle? It is because God wants her to be consistent as to how she looks, that she may have a set look! She is not to look one way today, and then tomorrow, we do not know who is standing before us, because of her ever changing style of hair, copying the people of the world, whose hair styles change with each passing day, being fleshly people! And that is precisely the very interpretation, which the chief apostle to this age also conveyed, in his

message laid out in the Contender. Consequently, seeing that she is not to plait her hair, figuratively speaking, it therefore really means, that **she is not to make too many plaits, but only a FEW simple plaits**, because Moderation AND Simplicity, is what the Spirit of the Lord is requiring of Bride saints, through Saint Peter. As a result, it is absolutely wrong, and also worldly, for sisters to have as many as twenty or even a hundred plaits! Do you not have better things to do with your time, other than to sit for countless hours, plaiting your hair? Sometimes, pathetically, it is as though some sisters even plait every single strand of hair on their head, for what they have on their head is just too much! And, as believers, they look ridiculous with it! They take forever to plait their hair, and then, they take forever to remove the plaits! My! When plaiting their hair, some of the sisters who have hair on their head, still add false hair to the one they have, thereby making the plaits look big, and bogus, and ridiculous: Because they **look more like Rastafarians than saints!** Come on! And all the

sisters who thread their hair, in the African plait, please do not use this shiny rubbery thread material when plaiting your hair, because it is a material for making cane baskets and such stuff. Moreover, the rubbery thread makes your hair look strange, shiny, and funny. It is a disgusting sight to look at, for human beings are not meant to use that in their hair. God wants us to be Simple, Modest, and Decent, in our physical adornment. Brothers and sisters, I lay before you, the position of Apostle Peter, the chief apostle to the Jews. And may I also inform you, that Apostle Peter's position on this matter, dovetails perfectly with that of Apostle Paul, the chief apostle to the Gentiles, for the revelation of God is one. We will now consider that of Saint Paul. Come with me to the Scriptures.

Let us open to the Book of 1 Timothy, Chapter 2, taking verses 9-10. It states: **"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in MODEST APPAREL..."** Let us stop there for a moment. This verse talks specifically of modest apparel for sisters. That is precisely the very same objective and thought of Saint Peter, as laid out in his

written record on this matter! Modest apparel; modest clothing: What is modesty? Modesty is humbleness and simplicity. It is to be simple and humble in dressing, so that your appearance can be modest. Modesty does not really need interpretation. Therefore, to dress modestly simply means to wear a simple dress; a humble dress; a dress that is not loud: that is, Not glamorous or flamboyant, but Conservative. Essentially, it is Conservative dressing. Period! For the opposite of modesty is to be loud, catching the attention of everybody, because you stand out from everybody else, being an attractive nuisance, on account of your glamorous and elaborate dressing! It makes you showy, and it tears down everything modesty stands for! Consequently, as Bride elects, and I say this to our sisters, it is very important that we adorn our physical bodies modestly, in order to please the Lord, looking sincerely into the mirror of God's Word; for the Bible certainly gives us a standard of dressing, which God expects us to conform to. And as I stated earlier, the revelation of Apostles Peter and Paul, synchronise perfectly on this truth, and as such, we

cannot claim ambiguity of thought, or even ignorance; and neither do we have any excuse for not walking in the light, for this truth is plain. Therefore, you must dress, not to please yourself, or to please the people of the world, but to please our Lord and Saviour, the Righteous One, who died to redeem us all, for it is written: **"YE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE."** 1 Corinthians Chapter 6, verses 19-20, warns: **"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? FOR YE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE: THEREFORE GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY, and in your spirit, which are God's."** I say therefore, if there is any seed, or germ, or attribute of God in you, as a believing sister, you will dress in a way that will glorify the Lord, by dressing in simple, humble apparel, which is becoming of saints. However, I must add, that this is not saying that we should wear very dull or drab clothes, clothes that will make us look like we are in mourning, or clothes that will make us look like we are wearing a sack of rice! It is not saying that, for we are to be decent looking! Therefore, your dress is supposed to fit! It should

fit! But, (and please mark my words), it must not be tight fitting, as this will bring out all your curves, your bottom and breasts, thereby accentuating your figure, which will make you alluring or enticing, for that will become sin! You will become bait in the hands of Lucifer, to create lust in the brotherhood! To accentuate your figure, simply means to make the obvious parts of your body pronounced and prominent, standing out for all eyes to see, like a knight in a game of chess, by your tight fitting dresses! Therefore, although it should fit you, it must also be LOOSE fitting! Please note that. It must be loose fitting, and it must also flow down! And in this regard, Short skirts (Mini-skirts), or Short gowns, are taboo! You cannot wear short skirts as a believer! You cannot! Sisters should also avoid Midi (or Mid-Calf) dresses or skirts, because, although it reaches down beyond your knees, when you sit down, however, it will move up, barely covering your knees, if it does at all, and you will thus become indecent! As a result, these types of skirts and gowns are out of place for the Bride of Christ, and must be avoided, for she is a virgin of the Word. Please note this very well. I will take 1 Timothy Chapter 2, verse

9 again, for God wants us to be holy, in spirit, in soul, and in body. Please pay attention. Apostle Paul admonishes: ***"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in MODEST APPAREL"***, (the opposite of which is flamboyance or glamour, which is a mode of dressing the Bible forbids; but we are to dress in modest apparel), ***"WITH SHAMEFACEDNESS AND SOBRIETY..."*** This clause of the Bible, lets us see precisely the objective of the Spirit of God, for demanding our modest dressing. It is required in order to give the wearer a godly or saintly appearance! God wants us to look saintly or holy! And as Bible believers, a people called as Bride, we must know that nothing else will work, for no other form of dressing will give a sister a look of shamefacedness and of sobriety, except a modest dressing; for there is absolutely no substitute to the Word of God! There is none at all! Therefore, we must notice, that a sister's ***"Modest Apparel"***, is also tied to ***"Shamefacedness and Sobriety"***, which all go together, being saintly attributes, or holy attributes, or holy virtues, virtues which the daughters of God will bear. Absolutely!

Consequently, brothers and sisters, once the dressing of a sister knocks out modesty, it automatically knocks out shamefacedness and sobriety. It does! And when you do that, I ask: What virtues will you have in your body that will glorify God? None! Your appearance just tears down everything called a holy look, or a holy appearance! Chew on that for a minute! ***"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in MODEST APPAREL, WITH SHAMEFACEDNESS AND SOBRIETY..."*** But let us ask ourselves: What is shamefacedness and sobriety? We have to know these terms, since sisters are expected by God, to dress, not just in Modest Apparel, but also with Shamefacedness and Sobriety. Shamefacedness is to be bashful; it is to blush, feeling shy or sheepish. Yes! This is the old time way! We are not going to break our heads over what these terminologies mean, which is why I am not going to leave any saint of God in any doubt, as to precisely what God wants of them, in this regard. As such, God helping me, I will make it plain and simple. To be shamefaced is to be bashful or shy, for it means the same thing. And this simply means that a sister is expected to

be TIMID IN HER DISPOSITION; not assertive or vocal; and definitely not hard and boisterous! Period! To be boisterous is to be loud and fierce; it is to be uncontrollable and undisciplined. I repeat: A sister is supposed to be timid or shy in her disposition, having the air or grace of humility, and of quiet submissiveness. This enables her to exude the virtue of meekness, which Saint Peter called ***"the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, WHICH IS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD OF GREAT PRICE."*** And let me tell every sister now, that this is ***"that good, AND acceptable, AND perfect, will of God!"*** Therefore, a real timid or shy sister, a sister with the virtue of shamefacedness in her life, does not dress loud, for if she dresses flamboyantly or glamorously, she will almost faint, because of the attraction she will create in church, or outside church! That is the absolute truth! No real sister will be an attention seeker, due to her bashful or shy or timid spirit: Because she will hate to attract the attention of the crowd, or of the public! Exactly! This is shamefacedness! But what is sobriety? It is synonymous with temperance or moderation. Therefore, to

have the virtue of sobriety, will keep you from excessive dressing. Period! Remember, dressing this way, is not about the availability or non-availability of funds, but strictly about the perfect will of God, at this end of time; for we want to dress pleasing unto our Bridegroom, for the Lord will have nothing but *The Beautiful Bride*. As faithful ministers to the Bride, we are under a divine obligation to lift up every aspect of the Bride's walk, every aspect of the divine image she is expected to conform unto, that she may be in no doubt, as to what the will of our Bridegroom is, for his Bride. Therefore, brothers and sisters, putting "*modest apparel*" together with "*shamefacedness and sobriety*", gives us nothing but a conservative, simple but decent, modest, and humble adornment, and disposition. Full stop! It translates basically to a Holy Dressing, and a Holy Countenance, and this is exactly what the Lord requires! Thus saith the Lord in His Word! I repeat: IT GIVES US A HOLY DRESSING, AND A HOLY COUNTENANCE. This is the old time way, "*Because STRAIT is the gate, and NARROW is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it.*" (Matt 7:14). Take it brethren.

Take it, for it is the truth. "*Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS, WHERE IS THE GOOD WAY, AND WALK THEREIN, and ye shall find rest for your souls.*" (Jer. 6:16). "*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*" And what is the Spirit saying? "*In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in MODEST APPAREL, with shamefacedness and sobriety...*" Continuing with the Book of 1 Timothy Chapter 2, verse 9, Apostle Paul also warned: "*... Not with broided hair*", (which is braided or plaited hair), "*or gold, or pearls...*" Here again we meet the same figurative use of words, just as Apostle Peter did in his inspired record, with regards to the same issues, for Saint Paul is also speaking of plaits and gold, in the very same context, for the Spirit of God is One: the Lord our God is One. And just as I stated earlier, with regards to Saint Peter's writing, in this passage, Apostle Paul is also not saying, that sisters cannot wear broided hair, which is plaited or braided hair, for that is not what he is saying. He is simply saying in essence, that moderation is what the

Lord requires! Thus, he is establishing the truth of bodily dressing and adornment, exactly as Apostle Peter did in his writing! Saint Peter declared: "*Whose adorning LET IT NOT BE that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel.*" In other words: Let your adorning be that which shows forth spirituality, because that is what the Lord wants the sisters to concentrate upon: True inner beauty! And that is precisely what Apostle Peter laid out next, saying: "*BUT LET IT BE the hidden man OF THE HEART, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*" Brothers and sisters, here we find the same thought projection, for the emphasis of Brother Peter's admonition, is focusing majorly on the virtues of the inner man, the "*ornaments of a MEEK and QUIET SPIRIT...*"! Not one that is loud and worldly! We will take 1 Timothy Chapter 2, verse 9 again. It states: "*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. We have to see the synchronised objective of the Spirit of God, revealed in the writings of these two chief apostles. Brother Paul laid out the truth of outward adorning, in just two verses, but how comprehensive a thought it packs! How complete a thought the verses lay out, if we can only let the Spirit of God talk to us, and deal with us. Brothers and sisters, I want you to realise, that every other thing we will touch upon, on the subject of bodily adornment, whatever adornment, hinges intrinsically or essentially, upon verse 10! It hinges upon the need for the kind of adornment, ***“which becometh women professing godliness”***, for that is the infallible yardstick! Wake up! Saint Paul was inspired to lay out verse 10, as the litmus test of anything and everything a sister would wear, on her body! Full stop! And everything a woman puts on, will be subject to the litmus test (or the sole test), of that ***“which becometh women professing godliness”***! We must note that!

Come back with me to the pivotal verse Brother Paul laid out. We want to touch on something I left out of that verse on purpose. It

provides: ***“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...”*** Did you hear that? She is not to wear costly array. Therefore, holy sisters do not wear costly, glamorous and flamboyant dresses. Thus saith the Lord in His Word! But I have to ask though, for we cannot take a truth into extremity: Is the Lord saying we should wear only cheap clothes? Of course not! Firstly, if we say that that is precisely what it means, then I will simply tell you now that, you are also not to wear gold at all, and you are not to plait your hair at all, and you are also not to wear clothes either! Exactly! It is modesty that the Bible is talking about here. Full stop! Therefore, we must all realise that the Lord is not saying we should buy only cheap clothes, but that we should be moderate and not excessive! Therefore, our clothes should not cost a fortune! It should not! That would only be wasteful and extravagant! Remember, there are a lot

of saints who do not even have anything to eat! So, it is most unwise to waste a fortune on a piece of clothing that will wear off tomorrow, and will be disposed of! I will therefore remind you that we will account to God, precisely how we spent the money He made available to us. We will! So, God expects us to be reasonable! He expects us to be responsible, and not be spend thrifts! The fact that you can afford something, does not mean that you will not also temper your taste! That is the point! The second point I also have to make is this, and please hear me well, for we must also be able to consider the flip side of things: Why buy something that is very cheap, IF you can afford to buy something which costs a little more, but it will last much longer? That is my point! It makes sense buying something a little more expensive, a dress or clothing which will last much longer, unless you cannot afford it, than to buy cheap clothing, which after two days, will begin to tear, and lose its colour and shape, and you will have to replace it many times over, thereby spending

much more money! The sister, who bought the one that costs a little more, will still be using hers, when you are buying clothes to replace yours! That makes economic sense, except you cannot afford it. And may I say this: There is nothing wrong in buying cheap clothes, and there is no shame in it either! After all, God expects us to be reasonable, and realistic, for we are not of the same means, economically. The only thing is that regardless of the cheapness of your clothing, you are expected to wash your clothes, and iron them, and look clean and decent, (not dirty, untidy, and smelly), as God's holy and respectable people. There will be a lot of saints with cheap clothes, as most of God's people are poor people. There is no shame in it, for God's people are precious, regardless of their economic or social estate. Consequently, we will always have brethren that are poor. But I must strike a balance and say something at this point, lest someone stretches what I have said into an extreme, thereby nullifying the righteous demands of the Word of

God, for Apostle Paul forbids costly array or costly apparel. We must therefore understand, that buying something which costs fairly much more, is not the same thing as buying expensive or costly clothing! They are not the same! For instance, just tell me, why as a preacher of the Gospel, will I spend Two Hundred Pounds Sterling on one silly shirt, which is about Fifty Two Thousand Naira, when I can get at least four or more very good shirts for the same price? And why will I buy a One Thousand Pound Suit, which is about Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Naira? Am I insane? Do I not have any godly sense as a preacher of truth? It is just a mere covering, one of many that we need in the ministry! The Word of God declares: ***"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."*** And as Apostle Peter also reminded us:

"For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, ADORNED THEMSELVES..." This is the standard for this day. Brothers and sisters, I show you the standard of holy dressing. It is the infallible and immutable (or unchanging) truth of God. Consequently, brothers and sisters, your appearance will either speak of your consecration to God, or it will speak of your worldliness. There are no two ways about it. It either speaks of consecration or worldliness. It cannot be both! That is why I said earlier, that your outward appearance will either bring out your inner beauty, or it will overshadow your inner state! So many times, the testimony of women is drowned by their appearance, for your appearance is what people will judge you by, being the evident fruit of what is inside. Exactly! For as Jesus proclaimed: ***"By their fruits ye shall know them!"*** In the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 6, verses 43-46, Jesus declared: ***"For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree***

bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Saints of God, I show you what Jesus our Lord says about women's bodily adornment, for the revelation of our Saviour, is a message to the total man. It deals with every aspect of our lives, for every area of our lives, will reflect the glorious beauty of Jesus Christ, and *The Beautiful Bride* will shine through and through, before the world, to the glory of God the Father. We will not only be beautiful within, we will also be beautiful without. Everything about us will speak of absolute grace, and of divine righteousness. Everything about the Bride will radiate TOTAL SPIRITUAL

PURITY. Her life and physical presentation will be perfect. It will be perfect, because her heart has been completely purged and purified, and this inner purification will consequently shine through on the outside. Apostle James asks in Chapter 3, verse 11-12: ***"Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?"*** (You know that that is impossible! He also asks): ***"Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh."*** Why? Because every tree brings forth fruit only after its kind! ***AND "BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM"***! What does that tell us? A tree that is good within will also be good without, because the outward manifestation would show precisely what is within! And let no one be deceived: There is an outward manifestation of true Christianity! There is! We cannot shift everything only on the inner man, and hide behind the inner man, for the outward appearance is a mirror of the inner man. And if the inner man

is holy, so will the outer man be holy. Period! And although this message on bodily dressing affects sisters more, because of their physical make up or bodily configuration, and also on account of what the devil can use women to do, nevertheless, we are also going to touch on areas which deal with men, particularly as we are being affected by this modern and degenerate world, where Satan has the clothing designs, to pollute humanity regardless of sex.

Coming back to reconsider the inspired record of Apostle Peter, which refers back to the dressing of the ***"holy women"*** of old, this fact in itself, makes us realise, firstly, that the position of God on bodily adornment is the same; it does not change. Secondly, it lets us see that the spirit or the intentment of the Old Testament laws, concerning the physical appearance of a woman, is preserved. Consequently, we are expected to take from the provisions of the law in this regard, as it has been incorporated into the New Testament by reference! I will repeat myself. The very fact that Saints Peter and Paul, could address the New Testament saints concerning dressing, and also refer us back to the

holy women under the Old Testament, lets us know that there is a righteousness in the physical appearance of God's people, which God is trying to establish, a righteousness which was also sought after through the Old Testament writings. You have to see that! But why am I emphasising this fact? Because we must also take instruction from the Old Testament, concerning the acceptable garments for men and women of God! We have to! Brothers and sisters, when we come to the Torah, which is the Law, the Books of Moses, Moses tells the women of Israel not to wear a man's garment, and neither should a man wear a woman's garment. It is thus saith the Lord! And God does not change! In the Book of Deuteronomy Chapter 22, verse 5, Moses states clearly and categorically: **"THE WOMAN SHALL NOT WEAR THAT WHICH PERTAINETH UNTO A MAN, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment..."** That is plain enough, and it needs no explanation whatsoever. Therefore, I do not need any man's interpretation, whoever he may be, as to when and how this verse applies, and as to what garments it pertains to. But before we take a look at the rest of that verse, we first have to make a right

garment application of the verse, in the light of the day we are living in, knowing that in the earthly days of Jesus Christ, what people wore, in the main, were robes for men, and dresses for women. However, in modern day times, and for many centuries past, men have been wearing shirts and trousers, or native tops and trousers, whilst women have been wearing gowns, or skirt and blouse, whether native or modern. It has been so for much more than a thousand years at the least. Consequently, the established garments for men and women are not only different, they are very distinguishing: It distinguishes the two sexes, male and female. This is a fact. And having established this fact, we must now ask: What is the garment of a man, that a woman is forbidden from wearing? That is the issue! For it is written that ***"the woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man..."*** This undoubtedly and ultimately boils down to the issue of trousers, which Americans call "pants." It is a man's garment, and a woman, any holy woman, is prohibited by God in His written Word, from wearing trousers. Period! As such, it is an absolute truth of the Word, that a sister cannot wear trousers, if she wants to

walk pleasing to God. And that is precisely the reason why William Branham, the prophet to this age, constantly and consistently condemned women for wearing trousers, because the Word of God condemns it! And that is one of the two main reasons why the religious world, particularly the Pentecostal Organisations, called him a woman hater, even though he was not. He only stood for the truth of God's Word, which was most unpalatable to them, and for which they hated him. We live in a most perverted world, a world where women have thrown away their dresses, and are now all wearing men's garment, for they are all wearing trousers, even to church! Women now work and live in Jeans (Denim) trousers! Saints, if you look all around you today, you will see that churches all over the globe, whatever names they are called, and whatever type of organisation they may be, are filled with women in trousers, in their untold numbers. That is a notorious fact! But, thus saith the Lord: ***"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man..."*** That was true yesterday, and it is true today, and it will be true forever, for it is written: ***"FOR I AM THE LORD, I CHANGE NOT."***

However, this grossly apostate Christian world, stoutly refuses to believe the fact that our God, is not a modern God, for He does not change! He is the unchanging God, the Ever Present Tense God, the great **"I AM THAT I AM."** These apostate Christians, can give all the excuses they want for women wearing shorts and trousers: Horse riding, sports, cold weather, etc; but I will also show them women who rode horses in days gone by, whether we consider the Victorian Era, the Edwardian Era, or the Elizabethan Era, women who rode horses, and still wore a dress! Yes! Those were the days when women dressed as women; not like today. In 2 Timothy Chapter 3, verses 4-8, Apostle Paul called them **"Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF":** (DENYING THE POWER OF TRUTH): **"from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds,**

reprobate concerning the faith." They forget that the Word of God remains the same, and they do not even care for that anyway. Brothers and sisters, we have received a higher calling, let us therefore live for God, in the light of His revealed Word, walking pleasing in His sight, in appreciation of His marvellous love towards us. I know this passage in Deuteronomy addresses the men as well, for God is a God of balance. I will however leave that issue out for now, for I will deal with men's clothing later. But let me finish off this issue, of women wearing trousers by saying this: If the Word of God out rightly condemns the wearing of trousers by women, how then can they wear shorts, or what Americans call "hot pants"? That is downright low! It is lewd! It is to dress like a prostitute or a whore, because only whores dress like that! It is an active and wilful public act of sexual seduction! That is precisely what it is! It is one of the evident signs of the Falling Away which Apostle Paul prophesied about, for it gives us an open rebellion! It is a sign of absolute moral and spiritual bankruptcy! That is precisely why we see women today, young and old, all over creation, including old grannies, with their dry flabby skin, parading around in shorts and trousers! And I do not

care how acceptable it has now become around the globe, and how common it is, and how much a part and parcel of modern life it has become: It is still sin, for sin is sin! Hollywood may make these things look attractive, for they know how to make sin look glamorous, it is still sin! It is godless to appear like that in public! And let me tell you now: No daughter of the Almighty God will put on shorts or hot pants! None will, for it is iniquity! No wonder the religious world are in a very sad spiritual state, an apostate state similar to the condition the children of Israel were in, at the most unholy event recorded in the Book of Exodus Chapter 32, when they went into idolatrous celebrations, as it is written in verse 6: **"And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, AND ROSE UP TO PLAY."** And God sent the sword of the sons of Levi into their camp, and they slaughtered three thousand men, of their fellow Jews! And at **"Baalpeor"**, when the children of Israel committed whoredom with the daughters of Moab, celebrating abominable and erotic festivals, as recorded in Numbers Chapter 25, verses 1-9, twenty four thousand

Jewish men were killed by the plague God sent to them! It is recorded: ***“And Israel abode in Shittim, and THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO COMMIT WHOREDOM WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF MOAB. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. And the Lord said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord against the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor. And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man***

of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.”When you see the Carnival of Rio de Janeiro, and that of Trinidad and Tobago, you have seen Baalpeor! It is downright erotic and most vulgar, and it is a raw display of naked flesh, with open sexual innuendos, the root of which is paganism! I repeat: The root of Carnival is paganism! This is Satan's Eden! Brothers and sisters, we are preparing for home! We have to get ready, and get ourselves in shape, separating ourselves from this very wayward and most promiscuous generation, for our Bridegroom is coming; and he is coming, only for *The Beautiful Bride*. She is Obedience personified. Consequently, sisters, you cannot wear shorts and trousers. Period!

This now brings me to the consideration of the types of dresses which God's daughters are to wear, and those they are not to wear, for we must touch on all these things, that we may leave no stone unturned, in dealing with this material matter, of outward adornment. I will start by making factual and scripturally sound pronouncements: Holy

sisters do not wear or sew for themselves tight-fitting clothes. No, they do not! Like I stated earlier, tight-fitting clothes accentuates the figure of a women, and makes her alluring or seductive. Only Jezebels do such. She is expected to be chaste or holy in her manner of dressing. A decent sister, one with self-respect and dignity, will not sow or wear tight-fitting skirts and tops! A lot of sisters, unfortunately, constantly sew for themselves, tight-fitting dresses! They cannot even sit without the buttons breaking through, from the strain caused by the folds of their flesh against the tight outfit! Because it is just too tight! I also find it ridiculous that a number of big busted sisters, do not have the common sense and holy decency to wear loose fitting tops and dresses, but they insist on wearing tight ones! Let our young sisters in particular, be careful of this form of dressing, and take a thinking man's filter. As Brother Branham stated in his sermon, ***“A thinking man's filter produces a holy man's taste.”*** You do not need to dress like that in order to get a husband. Only be faithful to God and His Word, and He will take care of you, for He is most faithful, and He cannot fail. He honours and rewards obedience. I must warn you now, because the people of the world have

this godless attitude, which states that if you have it, you flaunt it: You cannot flaunt your breasts! You cannot do that! You are a saint, a sanctified one! And if you truly know that you cannot do that, then you cannot wear clothes with low necks which show your breasts, or even those which show your cleavage, (which is the beginning part) of your breasts, leaving the rest to the imagination of men. Why? It is simply because you are not a seducer of men! You are not Satan's bait, an instrument or vessel for spreading lust! I must tell you this in a very frank and honest way: There is no man that is immune from temptation, regardless of the level of his anointing, and regardless of his position in the ministry. That is the truth! Do not listen to these deceived hypocrite preachers out there, who say they are above temptation by women. It is an outright lie! They are not! No man is above temptation! Remember we are our brother's keeper. And further, if my eating of meat will cause my brother to stumble, the Bible says I am not to eat it. And that is even things for which we are at liberty to do. In days gone by, prostitutes were limited, and were, as such, easy to spot in the society, because they were the ones who always shamelessly revealed their breasts. It is their

mode of operation as prostitutes, for they have to display their wares, for likely or prospective clients. But today, prostitutes are no longer limited. Now they are everywhere, for they abound in their billions! Everywhere you turn, there is nothing but an open display of breasts, and it has now been made to look so glamorous! My sister, you cannot join that crowd. That is not the crowd of God's people. We are to have a holy presentation of ourselves, and not be like women of easy virtue, which are women who sleep with men all over the place; for we live in a highly promiscuous world, and everything they do has sexual innuendoes. Everything is about sex! We are not part of that! So let us be different! Let us stand out by our chaste appearance! Let sisters cover up their bodies, and not expose their bellies, breasts, thighs, or backs, by wearing backless clothing, or clothes with very low cut necklines. As such, you cannot wear revealing clothes, for as it written: **YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD.** That is why as a saint, you cannot wear lace materials with holes in it, or these flimsy see through materials, materials or clothes that clings to the body, or which hugs the body. You cannot wear them, for it will make

you bait in the hands of Satan. But why will it, someone might ask? I reply with the Word of God in Romans Chapter 6, verse 16: ***“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”*** Again it is written in Romans Chapter 14, verse 13: ***“... That no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.”*** In the Gospel of Saint Matthew which we considered earlier, look at Chapter 5, verses 27-28, where Jesus Christ declared: ***“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman TO LUST AFTER HER hath committed adultery with her already IN HIS HEART.”*** The question therefore is this, and Brother Branham posed it a lot of times: If a brother is to go to hell, for the sin of fornication or adultery he committed in his heart due to lusting, when his lust was caused or occasioned by the seductive or revealing clothes which a sister wore, why should she make heaven, while he makes hell? That is the issue! Because God's righteous judgment, He being a God of equity, a

God of fairness, will also hold the sister accountable or responsible for the sin, because she caused it! That is why the prophet screamed every service day against these kinds of clothing, warning sisters to be careful, and not to follow the spirit of the age, for there will come a day of reckoning! Precisely! WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER! ***"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine"***, (nor to wear clothes), ***"NOR ANY THING WHEREBY THY BROTHER STUMBLETH, OR IS OFFENDED, OR IS MADE WEAK."*** (Rom. 14:21). As a daughter of God, you cannot expose your breasts, or even show its cleavage, for your body is sacred or holy; it is the Lord's temple. That is why sisters are required to wear long flowing skirts, not short ones, and not ones that hug their bottoms. As I stated earlier, gowns or skirts that stop at the Mid-calf should be discouraged, because when you sit down, the skirt will move up to your knees, and that will be revealing, for all your legs will be on display for men to see. Half measures do not work! Learn something from the sisters in the Amish Sect in America, the Amish people, as well as those in the Shaker Movement, regarding the length of a sister's skirt, because it should flow and reach down. This is the

Old Time Way. Sometimes, though, we see ladies wear long flowing skirts, which is very good, and then they give it a split, whether at the side, or at the back, or in front. Now I ask: What is all that about? Why bother to make it long and then split it, when men can still see your thighs and so on? This will lead me to say, for I realise we must spell out everything, or people do not get it: You cannot wear splits. Period! You cannot! Yes, your skirt could have a one inch hem split, where it is joined at the base, but it should not be more, for righteous presentation; for we are the Bride of Christ, Christ's chaste virgins. My brethren, we must have a measure of discernment in our lives, or we will not be able to avoid the snares of the devil. Every son and daughter of God is expected to have it. This is what will keep you and guide you, letting you know what is acceptable, and what is not. You will not have to come before other people and ask: Am I okay in my dressing? You should know! Please pray for discernment. Today, the world no longer wants to wear sleeves. They do not wear it anymore, and a lot of clothes are sleeveless. But as a child of God, what do you want to do with a sleeveless dress? Why will a sister wear a dress that has no sleeves? The people of

the world are simply defeating that moral and decent requirement for sleeves, by making sleeves that are no sleeves. What do I mean by that? Because the sleeves they are now making amount to nothing, being very small! And as a result, some sisters cannot fulfil a holy injunction on account of such sleeveless dresses they wear! 1 Timothy Chapter 2, verse 8, enjoins us, saying: ***"I will therefore that men" (and women), "pray every where, LIFTING UP HOLY HANDS, without wrath and doubting."*** Lifting up holy hands in prayers, worship, and praise to God: How can you do it, if you are wearing sleeveless? Because your arms, armpits, with the sides of your bra and breasts will show, whilst lifting what should be holy hands! You are supposed to be lifting up holy hands, not nastiness, nor dirtiness! You should all see why you cannot wear sleeveless dresses. And please, this injunction applies to brothers as well. For instance, we Yoruba people of this country have a traditional top which we wear as men, called *"Danshiki."* It has no sleeves, and it leaves the two sides completely open. You cannot wear that, because you would be disgusting in church. I remember my driver came

one day to work wearing "Danshiki." I looked at him; he looked like somebody out of planet Mars, one from outer space: Because all one could see was his entire arms, his armpits, and his naked sides! I had to send him back. We want to lift up holy hands, and bless the name of our Lord. Look at the Indians as well, just for an example. I say this with respect to that nation. They have a very lovely national wear, very colourful, and very regal; and I am not seeking to change it. But they will not wear it in the old traditional way, which covers their bodies! Today, they wear that wrap around them, with a mini blouse that shows their belly, the folds of their sides, right round to their back, displaying nothing but naked flesh, simply because the blouse they wear is very short! All you see around you is nothing but naked flesh! And I will say it this way: I have seen enough flesh in India to last me a life time! And when brethren following this way do not have the decency to dress right, but follow the unbelieving public to expose their sacred bodies, what a shame that is! What a big shame, that women in the End time Message do not know how to dress! And when the wives of ministers in the Message do not know how to dress, wives of men who say they are following the

Message of William Branham, what a great pity, for Brother Branham vehemently condemned this loose way of dressing, which exposes the flesh! I therefore have to ask: Where is the hope of their followers? Where is the hope of sisters sitting under them? How miserable their followers must be: Because such men have no exampleship for anyone to follow! **AND IF GOLD RUSTS, WHAT WILL IRON DO?** After all, charity begins at home. The Indians may dress like that because they are Indians. But as a child of God, you cannot dress like that, because you are not an Indian or a Nigerian, but a citizen of heaven above; we are citizens of the New Jerusalem. Consequently, we dress as children of the King, children of the Holy One of Israel. The display of naked flesh all over the world, is one of the major reasons why there is a lot of promiscuity going on in the world today. It is the alluring or seductive way women dress, that is one of the main causes of the accelerated immorality we have in the modern world. It is most stifling! No wonder rape has increased to an alarming scale! As Bride saints, we must dress to please the Lord. Amen. Consequently, brethren, sleeveless clothing is ungodly dressing, as the side of the bra of the

woman, as well as her armpit, and whatever copper wires (under arm hair), may be there, together with her folds of flesh, will show! But in order to also get Christians, many clothes are now made with short sleeves, and it is getting shorter by the day, showing more of their biceps. Sisters, do not fall into that trap. You need to wear sleeves to cover your upper arm, not short sleeves. Be a decent and dignified lady. Dress respectably, as a true believer, a holy pilgrim. Throw away those short and flimsy blouses, for you cannot even bend without your lower back showing. And please, you should have enough sense to know, that you cannot go out without wearing a bra underneath your dress. You should also know that you need to wear undergarment, whether a full-slip, or a half-slip. A sister once walked into church in a white skirt, and as soon as she hit the door, with the sunlight behind her, all her legs and under wear was showing right through the skirt! Why did this happen? Because she did not have the sense nor the decency to put on an undergarment, as in a slip! I had to look away, and I simply shook my head. Common-sense therefore dictates that you should line your dress, if the material is light and flimsy, because it is a see through material.

Generally, my wife avoids see through materials for this very reason. But talking of national dress or garb: There is nothing wrong with wearing them. However, (and I am now addressing the Yoruba and Ibo attire our sisters wear), the necklines are usually too wide and too low, and as such, more often than not, it reveals part of your breasts, or the cleavage, and leaves the upper part of your back exposed. Consequently, we cannot wear such stuff, except and unless we have taken care of that problem. You either make the neck small, or you add a zip, or button, or you wear a camisole under it! But you must do something, because we are children of the New Jerusalem, not Nigerians! And in buying clothes, whilst I cannot tell you what to buy or not to buy, it will however do you good to avoid colours that are very loud, because it will put you out there, as an attractive nuisance. That is precisely why we are not to buy dresses laced with sequins, rough stones, and all these shiny ornaments, because it makes you worldly! You will not be Modest looking! Why do you want to attract attention to yourself? Is this not a holy walk, and a narrow way? Yes, it is! Therefore, leave such dresses or clothes to the people of the world. After all, this is their world, and

so they can be loud and showy! But we must be dressed in simple, humble, and modest apparel, in order for our inner man to shine through, for we are going up! And it is for this very reason that our sisters do not wear High Heeled Shoes, or Pencil Heeled Shoes, (Stilettoes). We do not! We must be sensible! The heels must be low, and it must not be thin or pencil heeled! Apart from the fact that low shoes make sense, being practical, and allow for an easy and comfortable walk, it also makes you different to the women of the world, the so-called high class society women, patterned after Hollywood. We leave high heeled shoes, and pencil heeled shoes, to Hollywood, and similar characters. After all, we are praying for the rain of the Spirit, a mighty rain. And I will tell you now that you cannot manage the anointing, with these silly pencil heels, or with high heeled shoes. It is written: **“Do ye think that the Scripture saith in vain, The Spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?”** (James 4:5). Think about it!

Turn with me to the Book of 2 Kings Chapter 9. In it we find the story of the end of Jezebel, an evil genius, the wife of King Ahab. She was the one that led Ahab to kill Naboth the Jezreelite, for

a mere piece of vineyard. She also led him to live a very sinful and wicked life. Furthermore, she introduced idolatry to Israel, establishing Baal worship all over the land, big time! In the days of Elijah, in the nation of Israel alone, there were at least four hundred prophets of Baal! In fact, it is written in 1 Kings Chapter 21, verse 25-26: **“But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, WHOM JEZEBEL HIS WIFE STIRRED UP. And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.”** And in verses 21-24 of the same Chapter, God sent Elijah to pass the following judgment: **“Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked Me to anger, and made Israel to sin. And of Jezebel also spake the Lord, saying, THE DOGS SHALL EAT**

JEZEBEL BY THE WALL OF JEZREEL. *Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.*" The judgment having been pronounced, God later anointed Jehu to carry out the divine verdict against Jezebel. This made Jehu come to Jezreel. We will now open up to 2 Kings Chapter 9, verses 30-37. It records: "**And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and SHE PAINTED HER FACE, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.**" (The question is this: Why did Jezebel paint her face? She was not stupid: She knew the judgment that Elijah pronounced, and she knew Jehu was there to carry it out! Therefore, she painted her face in order to seduce him, for she thought she could seduce him, not realising that on that day, and for that purpose, Jehu was anointed! The record of the Word of God continues): "**And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?**" (Trying to use her evil genius, her evil wisdom, to make him change his mind; cleverly persuading him to think of his future: But he was anointed! The Bible records): "**And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, WHO**

IS ON MY SIDE? WHO? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this CURSED WOMAN, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter. And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the Word of the Lord, which He spake by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; SO THAT THEY SHALL NOT SAY, THIS IS JEZEBEL." Brothers and sisters, I show you Jezebel, an evil genius. And what an end she also had! What an end! Saints, I have gone down this road to show you something that is very important. And let every daughter of God pay close attention. The image of Jezebel is a most horrible one. She has an extremely evil

spiritual image. She characterises the image of an evil and idolatrous and seductive woman. And in all the record of the Word of God, the first person who painted her face, and painted her lips, is Jezebel. And it was done strictly as a means of seduction. She did it in order to seduce Jehu. Consequently, she has an image which no daughter of God will touch. And neither will they touch her lifestyle with a pole that is a mile long. She is an anathema! She is cursed! Thus saith the Lord in His infallible Word! But also listen to this "*Thus saith the Lord*", through the prophet-star messenger to this age, concerning lipstick, eye shadow, and all manner of face painting, for he let us know that painting faces and lips and nails, and such stuff, is of the devil! In his sermon titled, *Souls In Prison*, Brother Branham had a spiritual experience, where he was taken to hell. And in hell, he heard such hideous and terrible noises of people groaning and whimpering in pain. When he looked at them, he saw that the women wore paint on their faces and lips, all with eye shadow and such worldly stuff. It was like a serious nightmare, a very bad one. In the undiscerning world we live in, people just use anything they see out there, without

realising or even thinking of its genesis, or the source of its origin. Let me tell you now, and I care less what anyone thinks or says: Cosmetics, other than those for legitimate medical reasons, is not of God, but it is of the devil, and originates straight from the pit of hell. As such, the true daughters of God cannot use cosmetics in order to make themselves what they are not. Firstly, it is deceptive, for you are making yourself look like what you are really not. The fact that something is accepted worldwide, and is used worldwide, does not make it right, for the generality of men, in any age, and in every age, have never ever followed God; only a remnant have, and that is only by God's grace. There is a saying which also applies to us, and it states: ***"What you see is what you get."*** That is a true believer! It is called plain sincerity and honesty (or truthfulness), which does not allow for hypocrisy or deception. That is why we do not believe in our sisters wearing wigs or hair attachments, if they do not have a medical condition, which makes them hairless or bald, having no hair on their head. If you have hair on your head, why are you also wearing attachments? It is simply because you want to give

people the impression that your hair is long, when it is not, and that is a false image! It is false, and that is all there is to it. I know that long hair on a woman's head, is what God has given to them for the Covering of their HEAD; not as covering for their hair, note that, but as covering for THEIR HEAD. I know that! Apostle Paul revealed that fact in the Book of 1 Corinthians Chapter 11, where he explained precisely what it means for a woman to have her head covered, in verses 13-15, saying: ***"Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? Doth not even nature"*** (or common-sense) ***"itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN HER FOR A COVERING."*** Period! In other words: A man should not wear his hair long, for it is perversion. He should therefore constantly visit the barber. We live in a world where men have pony tails, and long hair like women. They are even wearing earrings, and are also braiding their hair! And some of these men call themselves preachers. It is an abomination! It is a sacrilege that such

characters will stand behind the pulpit and even profess to be Christians, talk less of being ministers! It is a sacrilege! You cannot even tell a man from a woman anymore, because they look alike! I know someone will say: ***"But Jesus had long hair too, Brother Amos."*** Yes, he did; and it was only because he was born a Nazarene! Remember, he was born under the law, he lived under the law, and he died under the law. And by virtue of the law binding the Nazarenes, he could not cut his hair, for it was forbidden by the law, for it was part of his Nazarite consecration to God. In fact, it is written that no razor was to touch the hair of a Nazarene, right from birth! (Num.6:1-5). That is why his hair grew out long. But we are no longer under the law, and as such, we are bound by the New Testament provision, which clearly requires that all men cut their hair! However, in keeping our hair low and decent as men, please, please, and please, do not follow the men of the world in scrapping off the entire hair from your head, for that is also shameful and forbidden. You are supposed to have some hair on your head, for we were not created to be bald headed as an Ostrich! It is therefore wrong to create baldness

on your head, except you are bald headed by reason of age, or on account of a medical condition. It is written in Leviticus Chapter 21, verse 5: **“They shall not make BALDNESS UPON THEIR HEAD, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.”** It amounts to disfiguring what the Lord has done by His Sovereign act of creation. Deuteronomy Chapter 14, verse 1, also provides: **“Ye are the children of the Lord your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, NOR MAKE ANY BALDNESS between your eyes for t h e d e a d .”** Consequently, men are to maintain short hair, not long hair. But for a woman, her long hair is given to her for the covering of her head, and as such, **A SISTER SHOULD NOT CUT HER HAIR,** but rather, she should let it grow! **This means: God simply wants a woman to keep the hair she has been given, without cutting it, regardless of the length!** Period! That is the revelation message of Saint Paul! For neither is she to manufacture hair, for God knows the nature and length of everybody's hair! He does! The Lord is therefore not asking our sisters from Africa, for instance, sisters with short, hard, and kinky

hair, to manufacture long hair! Consequently, she is not to wear false long hair, or hair attachments, which amounts to deception, but she is to maintain her hair, and not cut it! That is precisely all what Apostle Paul is saying, in all essence! God loves you the way you are, the way He created you! The glory of God is revealed in all His seeds, whether naturally short haired, or naturally long haired; whether white, black, brown or yellow. God's glory is revealed in all His seeds. So, you should be happy and content with your own state. Be content, and give thanks! After all, there are many women with medical conditions which make them bald. However, I know that this condition may lead a sister to ask: *“Yes, I believe that; but Brother Amos, my hair is so hard, I can hardly comb it; and combing it always gives me so much pain. It brings tears to my eyes: What do I do?”* Then do something **sensible** to soften it, for we have not been called into bondage, but to liberty. Only use not liberty as an occasion for the flesh. This however reminds me of the stinking attitude of the message people. They are like the hypocritical Pharisees Jesus lambasted in his day, who only know how to lay the law for people, and have

no help to render concerning such issues, and without any measure of grace or understanding of anything, being just a legalistic unrevealed bunch! These are modern day “specialists” on women's hair! Jesus declared in Matthew Chapter 23, verse 4, concerning the Pharisees, saying: **“For they bind HEAVY BURDENS and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; BUT THEY THEMSELVES WILL NOT MOVE THEM WITH ONE OF THEIR FINGERS.”** Let me therefore warn all hair “specialists” following the Continuity light: My stand on this matter synchronises perfectly with the stand of the chief apostle, for Brother Jackson gave the same counsel to women having difficult hair. And there is not one Bible verse it offends! I challenge anyone to bring his Bible to knock it! I will also warn, for the Continuity light is not coming out from you, and neither is it coming only to you: Legalism did not work back there for the Jews, and it will not work today either, regardless of your personal dreams, and personal views, on the texture of women's hair, all which have no Bible base! And since you have become the authority on women's hair, so as to

challenge my balanced stand with that of the chief apostle on this issue, I have to say to you: Do not stop with just the issue of hair, since you know better, **SHOW US THE WAY FORWARD!** Exactly! Bear the Continuity light for us to follow! But let me also warn sisters, for there is a balance to everything: You cannot take my counsel into extremes, for you cannot stretch it out of joint, in order to satisfy your fleshy lust for jerry curled hair, or for perming, for you cannot do that! I did not counsel you to do that, for it would definitely be a worldly presentation of yourself, for you cannot wear jerry curls! Doing something to soften your hard hair, like washing and creaming it regularly, is not the same as jerry curling your hair, and neither is it the same as giving your hair a wet-look! You will only look like a live chicken that fell into a pool of oil! But regardless of what I say or do not say, whoever will go the worldly way will go the worldly way, and whoever will stay in line will stay in line. But the Lord expects me to offer mercy and grace to His people in these extreme situations, and that I will do, the Lord helping me, regardless of what anybody thinks on this matter. Period! Thus, as I was saying, in the African sub-region of the world, in

the main, as I earlier pointed out, our hair is hard, and it is not long but short, and kinky. So, in plaiting it, sisters must be careful how they do it. I say that because you can plait it, until you do not have anything on your head as your covering, and all we see are the lacerations on your head; all we see is your scalp, because some sisters have too many partitions, and too wide a partition, so all we see is scalp; and what a disgusting sight it can be! I say this in love. But that is the truth, because you can also defeat the very essence of God giving hair for the covering of your head, by your style of plaiting! That is the point, and that is something to watch! And we have to see it, as we want to dress pleasing unto our Bridegroom, whose message, or whose revelation standard this is! Brothers and sisters, as believers, I must warn you that we also do not wear long nails, whether on our fingers, or whether on our toes, and we definitely do not use cosmetics like lipstick, lipliner, eye brow pencil for drawing false eye brows, eye liner, eyeshadow, face paints (powder, rouge, and foundation), nail paints, nail vanish, false eye lashes, nail attachments, hair attachments, collagen creams and injections,(for fuller lips),

Botox, makeup of all sorts. Why? And this is the second reason: We do not touch them as believers, because all these products are undeniably worldly, and have their inspiration and origin from hell, for Satan introduced every last one of them, to lure people away from the narrow way of life eternal. As believers, we are to appear **SIMPLE** and **PLAIN**, with none of Satan's products on our person! We cannot take inspiration, and we do not take inspiration or motivation, from Jezebel; we take our inspiration and motivation from the holy people of God, for it is written: ***“Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. FOR AFTER THIS MANNER IN THE OLD TIME THE HOLY WOMEN ALSO, WHO TRUSTED IN GOD, ADORNED THEMSELVES, BEING IN SUBJECTION UNTO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and***

are not afraid with any amazement. That simply means, as long as you are not bothered by the ridicule and the opposition and the persecution you face, for your Christian conduct and appearance. We do not follow the people of the world. We follow the holy people of old. The Book of Isaiah Chapter 51, verses 1-2, also declares: ***“Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. LOOK UNTO ABRAHAM YOUR FATHER, AND UNTO SARAH THAT BARE YOU: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.”*** Look not unto Jezebel, for she is a cursed woman, and an opposer of the worship of the only true God. And look not unto Hollywood either, for she is also cursed: And by thus saith the Lord, through Elijah the end time prophet, she is also going under, for her judgment has likewise been pronounced. It is written in the Epistle of 1 John Chapter 2, verses 15-17: ***“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the***

flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

That takes me back to Brother Branham's experience which I mentioned earlier, he was taken to hell, and he saw these women grunting and groaning. It was horrific! And they had painted faces and painted lips, lips laced heavily with red paint, and with green eye shadow etc. He cried to God in that spiritual encounter, and the Lord brought him back to consciousness. The experience troubled him for years. And years later, here they came to JC Penny Department store, where he had brought his wife, Sister Meda, for shopping. The prophet decided to sit close to the escalator, whilst Sister Meda did her shopping. But sometime after, the prophet saw three women coming up the escalator, chatting with one another, wearing red lipstick, with green eye shadow, and painted faces, and suddenly he began to relive his hell experience, as the vision of hell came back, and he started to

hear the same horrible grunts and groans, as he came face to face with the very faces he saw in hell! My! This shook him, and when Sister Meda came back, he simply told her, *Honey we have got to go home.* The wife realised he was not feeling fine, but he did not tell her what it was about. This made him later take the sermon titled, *Souls In Prison*, warning sisters to run away from body paints and such stuff. It came from hell, and it is leading billions back to hell. Sisters, I say to you: You cannot walk this way wearing paints, and high heeled shoes. Full stop! ***“HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR.”*** The Lord admonishes us most sincerely, as it is written in the Epistle of Paul to the Romans, Chapter 12, verses 1-2, saying: ***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”*** It is our reasonable service, because that is all God expects from us, for all He has done for us, and for all He has in store for us, here and in eternity. My! All He

asks, all he requires from us, is that we make our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to Him! And I ask one and all: Is that too much for God to ask? And is that too much for us to give? No, it is not! Brothers and sisters, this very verse throws out the worldly and carnal presentation of ourselves, for we are to make our bodies a living sacrifice, because we are the temple of the Spirit of God, if we are really His temple! Hence, body paints, godless and seductive clothes, that is, alluring or sexually inviting clothes, must go! The next verse adds: **“AND BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD...”** (Be not conformed to this world simply means that we should not be conformed to the standards of this world. We should not follow how the people of the world dress and conduct themselves, for we are pilgrims and stranger here; we are seeking a city to come! We are citizens of the Heavenly Jerusalem, for this is not our home. Therefore, we cannot allow ourselves to be defiled, by patterning our lives after the warped expectations and warped

ways of this evil world, for we have been called out, and set apart, for the Master's service! In short, the Lord is simply telling us: Be Conformed to the heavenly standards which our Bridegroom has set for his Bride! Period! Hence the Word of God added): ***“but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*** What more can I say? Brother Branham preached a lovely message titled, *Oddball*. And truly, we are Oddballs to the world. We should not be ashamed of who we are, and of our lifestyle, for we are God's people, and thus we are heavenly motivated, being a holy nation of people, whom the grace of God has wrought wonderful things for, and we are heaven bound. My precious sisters, they may look down on you with scorn and pity, because you are not putting on any of the devil's products, and because you are not dressing seductively and immorally like the people of the world, being Satan's crowd, and who have all their breasts out; but you do not need to be

amazed or troubled by that, for they are really the ones to be pitied, not us, because as blind men, they are heading straight toward the precipice, heading straight towards their miserable end. There is a Global and unparalleled Storm coming, for everything will be removed, and God will wipe the slate clean, and start afresh. *“Jesus keep me near the Cross.”* Ours is a glorious portion, brothers and sisters. Our portion is a goodly one, just as the Bible declares in 1 Corinthians Chapter 2, verses 9-14, stating: ***“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to***

us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

That is precisely why we will always be oddballs to the world! Let us therefore understand what the will of God is, and let us make our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, as spiritual temples of God. The Lord expects nothing less, for it is written: ***“For I am the Lord your God: YE SHALL THEREFORE SANCTIFY YOURSELVES, AND YE SHALL BE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY...”*** (Lev. 11:44).

It is on the very basis of this holy injunction that we are not to defile our bodies with paintings, marks, or tattoos, for it is written in Leviticus Chapter 19, verse 28: ***“Ye shall not make ANY CUTTINGS in your flesh for the dead, NOR PRINT ANY MARKS UPON YOU: I am the***

LORD.” Saints of God, it is sacrilege for a believer to tattoo his or her body. You cannot do that. We are not to make cuttings or marks on our body, for it is the temple of the living God. As such, we must realise that body piercings are demonic. I know tattooing has become a multimillion dollar business around the world, and that the masses of people all around us are tattooing, especially the white race. However, it lets us see that the Gentile world has gone full circle, and has returned to the miserable, most pitiable, and most wretched spiritual state it was in, ever before the Gospel came. They have returned back to their heathen ways, and are now essentially pagan! That is why they tattoo! Church of God, you must see that Gentiles have gone back to paganism, only they cannot see it, for they have the worst case of apostasy, which has in turn given them acute and incurable amnesia! Little wonder then that the Western world, the Japhetic world, have totally embraced a liberal spirit, having shut out God, on their way to complete Atheism! And being Atheists, is

precisely why they will literally fight the return of the Lord, as he comes literally from the sky with his Bride, in that day, foolishly thinking that their military technological wizardry, and their mastery of computer technological warfare, will save them! I repeat: It is a sacrilege to tattoo your body! You cannot do it as a believer. But if in the days of unbelief, which is the days of ignorance, you made marks or tattoos on your body, if I were you, I will remove it, if only on account of my Christian testimony, and my desire not to cause stumbling, particularly if it is on the part of your body, where it can be seen. After all, no true child of God wants to bring reproach to the name of the Lord. And although it is painful to remove, it was also painful to put on your body in the first place! And since you bore the pain to have it, why can you not also bear the pain to remove it, so as to walk pleasing to God? That is the point you should see, for everything has its price. But as the hymn goes:

It pays to serve Jesus, I speak from my heart;

He'll always be with us, if we do our part;
There's naught in this wide world can pleasure afford,
There's peace and contentment in serving the Lord.

CHORUS

I love Him far better than in days of yore,
I'll serve Him more truly than ever before,
I'll do as He bids me whatever the cost,
I'll be a true soldier, I'll die at my post.

Please turn with me to Deuteronomy Chapter 22, verse 5. We want to pick up an issue we left for now. It declares: ***"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, NEITHER SHALL A MAN PUT ON A WOMAN'S GARMENT: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God."*** When we look closely at the Word of God by the eye of the Spirit, it is impossible not to see the perfect harmony and balance the Lord has placed in His Word. Not only were women addressed by the Word, men were also addressed by the same Word of God. And although the Word of God places more emphasis on women, and speaks more

to women, when it comes to the issue of dressing, because of the fact that they can be used by the devil to do a lot of havoc, on account of their physical body configuration, nevertheless, we also have something in the Word for men, when it comes to the issue of dressing, just as the passage in Deuteronomy gives us such admonition. It simply states that a man shall not put on a woman's garment, and that divine injunction needs no explanation, for it is most plain. This verse concerning men was placed by God through Moses, in order to keep the children of Israel, who had been under Egyptian influence for over four hundred years, from following the perverted ways of the Canaanites, a people they were asked to wipe out, on account of their extremely godless and idolatrous lifestyle. Particularly, it was to keep the Jewish men from embracing the spirit of Effeminacy! Because it takes an effeminate man to dress as a woman! A man is supposed to be macho, masculine, not sissified, and feminine, not effeminate, for that is gross perversion, and it is

absolutely contrary to nature. Just look at the world as it stands today, we have a lot of people who are cross dressers, (transvestites), and in more recent times, we also have a lot of people who have become transgender, (which is to reverse their gender, whether partially or fully). Abominable things are going on around this globe, big time, with "lady boys", who are nothing but men who have changed themselves into women, with fully grown breasts through hormone injections, and who dress, talk, walk, and live like women. Some of them even get married to men! This is Satan's Eden indeed! Come Lord Jesus! These are the kinds of lifestyle God is trying to shield His people from, which is why the Lord inspired Moses to put this commandment in the law: ***"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment..."*** (Why? It is in order to discourage effeminacy! The spirit of effeminacy is also what motivates men to wear earrings, have long nails, and sport pony tails. Pony tails on men is a silly

effeminate thing, for it is men wearing long hair like women. And in order to stamp out such an evil lifestyle from among the children of Israel, a people who are a type of the Bride, the Lord warns, saying): **“FOR ALL THAT DO SO ARE ABOMINATION UNTO THE LORD THY GOD.”** Did you hear that? Anyone who does it is an abomination to God! That lets us see just how serious this issue of cross dressing, and of women wearing trousers is! I focus on women because that is where the problem is in the Movement, for we do not have men wearing women's apparel following the Message, although we do have men, particularly in India, and in the Message, who wear mere wraps around their waists, without any trousers, thereby showing all their legs and thighs, and that is just as disgusting, and as nasty, as the people who wear hipsters! And why would a brother not have a decent and dignified presentation of himself in public? Exactly! We are supposed to have personal dignity and self-esteem! ***“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the***

kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, NOR EFFEMINATE, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Cor. 6:9-11). God wants us to live clean and dress clean, for we are spiritual Nazarenes to God, being a people separated unto the Lord, by the Word, and by the Spirit of grace. I reiterate or repeat the Word of the living God to anyone that cares to listen: ***“The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: FOR ALL THAT DO SO ARE ABOMINATION UNTO THE LORD THY GOD.”*** Period! And in this vein, it is indecent and most undignifying, for brothers to wear shorts in public. You cannot wear shorts to go out. You cannot do that! Just think

of this: Is it sensible for men to go on International flights in shorts? Of course not! But today, around the globe, men travel by air in shorts! What a world filled with senseless people! They do so because the world is upside down! When the prophet to this age was mowing or cutting grass in the privacy of his backyard in shorts, the Angel of the Lord suddenly came to him, and instructed him to go directly somewhere, with a prophetic message. Brother Branham asked that he first be allowed to change into trousers, and he changed! And why did he do that? Because it is most unbecoming for a grown up man, particularly a minister of the Gospel, to be seen in shorts! Come on! Wearing shorts does not give dignity and respectability to the office of a Man of God, but the reverse! In another incident, when one young man came to take one of his daughters out, wearing shorts, the prophet, in wisdom, and so as not to spoil their outing, said nothing until they returned. And as the guy was going away, having dropped off his daughter, the prophet

called out to him, and said words to this very effect: I hope the next time you are coming to take my daughter out, you will not come in shorts. That is the position of Elijah, a man whose Message we follow! It is also the position of Brother Jackson, the chief apostle to this age; and it is my position. We should have an air of respectability and dignity about us, in how we dress and present ourselves, as children of the Most High God. After all, we are not bums but saints, a people ruled by a higher wisdom! And it is for this very same reason, that we do not wear leather jackets or leather trousers, for we leave that to the Serpent seeds. Let me remind you that leather wear, like leather gowns, leather skirts, leather jackets, leather coats, and leather trousers, were introduced by hard rock stars, and people in gangs, like Hells Angels, and all such characters, and it also became their emblem or sign. Leather was not made to be worn as clothes, except as bags and shoes and belts. Essentially, it was made to carry load, and also to cover chairs. And as I stated earlier, leather

clothes have an image. It is the image of rock, hard rock. And rock is the devil's music. It is hell's music. They dress like hell, act like hell, sing like hell, dance like hell, live like hell, and go to hell. Look at Jimmy Hendrix, one of the greatest rock musicians, and the greatest electric guitarist ever, with his leather wear: He died on drugs, and in his vomit! What a miserable, wretched life! Another area I need to address is about brothers wearing tight fitting shirts and trousers. Brethren, consider this: If a brother wears tight fitting shirts, you are only going to look like these worldly body builders and models that train in gyms, so that all their muscles and biceps can show forth, like the shirt is going to tear from the strain of their muscles! And if your trousers are too tight, my brother, your bulge will show! I said your bulge will show! I will say no more, because you ought to know what is decent and acceptable and respectable, from what is nasty and unacceptable, and something that lacks respectability, as a true pilgrim. Furthermore, in terms of men's clothing, if we wear a shirt, in order to

be well dressed, please endeavour to tuck it in, and do not leave it out. Moreover, you should button up your shirt right up to the last but one button, except you are wearing a tie, in which case, you should button up completely. I say this, only because you cannot leave your chest wide open, like a gangster, with all the copper wires sticking out on your chest! I am referring to the hair on your chest! We do not need to see them, for it is not decent! It is also not right for men to wear chains around their necks, like Rappers! And if sisters are not expected to do that, why would men sport chains around their necks, or bangles on their wrists? That does not convey a holy image. We are not sissies! Come on! Can you imagine Brother Branham wearing a gold chain around his neck? My! This reminds me of something I must deal with, for it is most crucial for us in this current junction of time. Brothers and sisters, the world now has a new clothes design, straight from the pit of hell, and it is making waves around the globe. I am talking of the form of clothing called "Hipsters." There are hipster skirts,

as well as hipster trousers, and it is made for both men and women. It is the nastiest piece of clothing ever to hit the world, and it is turning men and women into very base and disgusting creatures, because it brings out their underwear, (panties and briefs), and shows the crack in their bum-bum, (or the crack in their bottoms), for the public to gaze upon! This nasty piece of clothing tears down all rules of moral decency and righteousness. Human morality, decency, and dignity, have been totally destroyed, and all we have are a shameless, and most unholy bunch of degenerate class of humanity. Brothers and sisters, for goodness sake, please do not just go to the stores and buy just any trouser or skirt you find, because a lot of them are hipsters! It will never cover your physical nakedness, but it will make you look nasty and disgusting and vile! You must realise, saints, that the people who design these things are not your regular church going people, but Satan's seeds, who are Serpent seeds. They are the ones who control the high

street fashion, which sells around the world, for it sets the standard of fashion for the people of the world. Many years ago on the Cat Walk, YSL, (or Yves Saint Laurent), brought out this dress, a gown which left one side of the shoulder, along with the breast area completely open; and one Serpent seed wore that thing on the Catwalk, with one of her breasts completely bared out! Hell is waiting for men like that! Those are not the sons and daughters of God: They are Satan's crowd, Serpent seeds! That is why I say that the origin of a lot of what is being produced for the world, is coming straight from hell, because it is Satan's children in charge of these things, for they are the ones controlling the market, and they are the ones designing and producing it, and their inspiration comes from Lucifer himself. Just like the decision making bodies, the Government organisations which rule the Education Sector of the Western world. A lot of these people are Serpent seeds, Satan's people, and as such, they have changed the materials required for our children's learning, from virtuous

textbooks, to dark ones like Harry Potter. And why on earth should our children study Harry Potter? It is raw Satanism! It is demonic! Satan himself is the one behind these changes, for his people are the ones in charge! These are the very kind of people who introduced sex education in schools, opening up the door of hell to innocent children, bringing about unwanted pregnancies and unwanted babies! Therefore, as Bride saints, you have to look to God for the Spirit of discernment, so as to know what is right from what is wrong, what is acceptable from what is unacceptable, that you may be kept from the snares of the devil, for the devil is slowly embedding himself in human society. Therefore, let all eagles of God wake up, for perilous times are here. It is not everything you see out there that you will buy. Be wise! Put on your thinking man's cap! Hipster clothing should not be found among your clothes, as the Bride of Jesus Christ, for as Saint Peter declared, "... Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar

people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.”

Let us therefore show forth the praises of God, who has called us out of darkness, into the marvellous light of Jesus Christ His Son. Brethren, if we are not careful, we can be so taken up by the flesh, so carnally minded, that we become slaves to the flesh! Let us live and dress to glorify the name of our Lord. Amen.

We will now consider the issue of gold adornment. But in order to refresh our minds, we will turn back to the Book of 1 Timothy Chapter 2, verses 9-10. It states: **“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.”** 1 Peter Chapter 3, verses 1-6, also states: **“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. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of WEARING OF GOLD, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.”

We have dealt with these Bible texts earlier, and as such, I will not waste much time on them. They simply tell us that sisters should be modest in their bodily adornments, placing more emphasis on a simple modest appearance, so as to let those glorious spiritual attributes, or spiritual ornaments, virtues of a meek and quiet spirit, come forth. Period! However, as I have been emphasising in this message, it is important that we realise, that you cannot dress modestly, without first having a modest taste, deep down in your heart; for it really boils down to your inner man. It is the control

tower. But coming back to our text in the Epistle of Saint Peter, we cannot take a truth, indeed any truth, into extremes. For if wearing gold per se, (or gold simply speaking), is wrong, then we should not also wear clothes at all, for both are spoken of in the same context, and in the same verse, by the same Spirit of God. Therefore, if we literalise one, we must also literalize the other; but if we spiritualize one, we must also spiritualize the other. But the sensible interpretation gives us strictly a spiritual interpretation, and not a literal interpretation, as we cannot go naked; that is, without clothes! Hence, we realise that these Bible passages are not saying that a sister cannot wear gold at all, but that it should be modest: Because she is expected to wear a wedding ring, as a token of her marriage! Please come with me into the Word of God, as I intend dealing with this issue in depth, in order to settle this issue once and for all, strictly from a scriptural perspective. Remember, both passages refer to the holy women of old, who set a type, and hence a model, of believing women today. Let us therefore see the holy women of old, in relation to gold. In Genesis Chapter 24, Abraham sent Eliezer, his servant,

to Mesopotamia, to get a bride for his son, Isaac. Genesis Chapter 15, verse 2, confirms the identity of this servant, for it is Eliezer. Eliezer prayed for God's leadership, asking God for a specific sign with which to identify the elect bride, which in this case was Rebekah. And when this sign came to pass, verse 22 states: **"And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold."** What was this gift for? Firstly, it was an evidence of Isaac's desire for her hand in marriage; a desire borne by the message of Abraham's servant: for as yet, Rebekah had not yet seen or met Isaac. Secondly, it was an expression of the wealth of the home she was coming into, the wealth of Isaac her bridegroom. And shortly thereafter, on meeting Rebekah's parents, and having given his testimony, and they agreed to the marriage proposal, verses 52-53 states: **"And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord, bowing himself to the earth. And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and**

gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things." These gifts were given, all still in line with the objective earlier stated: They were golden tokens of marriage, as well as an expression of the wealth of the home Rebekah was marrying into. Period! Rebekah, a holy woman of old, therefore used gold, which were strictly tokens of love. However, do not forget, brothers and sisters, that the Old Testament sets a perfect type of the New Testament, although in a shadow; for it was a mere shadow of the New Testament, though a perfect shadow. Hebrews Chapter 10, verse 1, tells us that! Do not forget this fact, as we will tie up everything together with the New Testament. But it is important that we understand the spiritual significance of these types, for Isaac certainly types Jesus Christ our Bridegroom, whom we have not seen, but yet have accepted as our Bridegroom, by the pure message of the Bible carried by God's servant, William Branham, whom the Father sent at this evening time. And for this reason, we have also received the token of Christ's love and immeasurable wealth, which is the Holy Spirit, which our Bridegroom

Christ Jesus, sent to us from the Father, by which we are adorned with virtues and gifts of the Spirit! Isaac came out of his father's domain to meet Rebekah in the field, at the evening time. And Christ too will leave his Father's throne, and meet the Bride midway in the clouds, at this evening time. This is the spiritual significance, and the prophetic projection, which this Old Testament scenario conveys to us, although in the natural, the tokens of natural marriage remain, which is why we can also use gold rings! Catch that! Please follow my thought projection, as we delve further into the Word, in order to establish the truth, for there is a right way to look at something, and there is a wrong way. But the just shall live by faith, which means, that the just shall live by the divine revelation of the Word of God. There is no darkness for the Bride of Christ, only the light of life, for it is written: **"But it shall come to pass, that AT EVENING TIME IT SHALL BE LIGHT."** Again, in Exodus Chapter 3, verses 21-22, God told Moses at the time of his Commission, at the burning bush encounter, saying: **"And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, WHEN YE GO, YE SHALL NOT GO**

EMPTY: But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, JEWELS OF SILVER, AND JEWELS OF GOLD, AND RAIMENT: and ye shall put them upon YOUR SONS, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians." In Exodus Chapter 11, verses 2-3, this was done, for Moses proclaimed to the Israelites: "**Speak now in the ears of the people, and let EVERY MAN borrow of his neighbour, AND EVERY WOMAN of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold. And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians.**" Chapter 12, verses 35-36 now records: "**And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.**" Let me emphasise the fact that both men and women of the children of Israel, were required to ask for jewellery, and were also both required to use the jewellery, thereby spoiling the Egyptians, who wore these things,

and who also prided themselves in these things! Please note this fact! Consequently, coming out of the land of Egypt, which was the land of bondage, a type of spiritual bondage, the children of Israel were decked with jewels, both men and women, for the men also wore earrings! The question therefore is this: What was the significance of this adornment with jewellery? The Psalm of David gives us the insight. Psalm 105, verses 37-39 declares: "**He**" (God) "**BROUGHT THEM FORTH ALSO WITH SILVER AND GOLD: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them. He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.**" It clearly shows that the deliverance of the children of Israel, their calling out of Egypt, was with great power and glory, and with precious things! And how true that is of the Gospel of Christ, which we have received at this end time: It also came with great power and glory, through the ministry of an end time deliverer, William Branham, and by the glorious Gospel of Christ he brought, which called us out of the organised world of religious

unbelief, we are also decked with wonderful virtues and gifts of the Spirit; for we are not left poor, but came out, rich in divine treasures! Amen! It is a perfect type, but a type, because no man of the children of Israel can wear earrings! Come with me. Only pay attention, and be patient. Obviously, the significance of what the Lord was doing in that day was lost on the children of Israel. For on account of this scenario, they probably thought this allowed their men to wear earrings like the Egyptians, who were pagans! By the time we come to the first offence Israel committed, the first idolatry, the men still had the earrings, just like the women. Exodus Chapter 32, verses 1-4 reveals: "**And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, OF YOUR SONS, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden earrings**"

which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.” The shadow having been established, and the purpose for this instruction having been served, God was now going to lead them by revelation, in consecration unto Himself, and this He did. And by the time of the Judges, the sons of the children of Israel no longer wore earrings, even as the Book of Judges Chapter 8, verses 22-24 reveals: **“Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the Lord shall rule over you. And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, BECAUSE THEY WERE ISHMAELITES.)”** That tells us volumes! You can read it up to verse 6. But it clearly reveals that there

was a clear cut distinction between the sons of Israel, and the Ishmaelites: for the Ishmaelites wore earrings, whereas the sons of Israel did not! That should let anyone with a pure heart, and a love for truth, see that something had happened to the sons of the children of Israel, in this regard. Wearing earrings by men had now become a sign of an Ishmaelite, or that of an Egyptian, and it speaks of bondage! Yes, the women continued to wear it, but not the men. However, something else had been introduced in the picture, and this will also affect the women and earrings, and we must see it. Come with me to Exodus Chapter 33, and we will consider verses 1-6. It records: **“And the Lord said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swear unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: And I will send an Angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: FOR I WILL NOT GO UP IN THE MIDST OF THEE; for thou art a stiffnecked**

people: lest I consume thee in the way. And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. For the Lord had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore NOW PUT OFF THY ORNAMENTS FROM THEE, that I may know what to do unto thee. And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.” Note that the putting off of their ornaments in that day, as demanded by the Lord, was a sign of humility, subjection to God, and consecration. And what does the New Testament say in the Book of Romans Chapter 12, verse 1? **“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies A LIVING SACRIFICE”**, (which simply means an everyday sacrifice; make your bodies an everyday sacrifice), **“HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.”** In that day, they lived in divine presence, only when the Lord appeared to them once in a while, in His Shekinah glory. But

today, by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we ever live in divine presence! And if living in divine presence in that day demanded the removal of jewellery from their bodies, you should know what that implies today, when we have been made to **“drink into one Spirit”**, having been quickened together by the Spirit, and hath also been raised up together, **“and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus”!** (Eph. 2:1-6). Therefore, **“PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE”!** Let us move further to consider a similar scenario in the Book of Genesis Chapter 35, verses 1-4. It reads: **“And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments”** (And what did Jacob call strange gods and defiling things, which needed to be removed, in order to be clean? Verse 4 gives it to us; but we will continue from verse 3, which states): **“And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make**

there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, AND ALL THEIR EARRINGS WHICH WERE IN THEIR EARS; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.” Why did Israel do this? It is strictly for sanctification. It is for consecration to God, for by the express words of Jacob, these things are little gods, for the heart of men are given to these mundane earthly things, which is why it is written: **“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”** Consequently, on account of the immutable or unchangeable spiritual principle of holy consecration, as believers, we do not wear earrings, bangles, or chains, be it as a sister, or as a brother. In the Old Testament, particularly when God had settled Israel in her land, earrings on a person was a sign of

perpetual slavery, as Exodus Chapter 21, verses 1-6 provide: **“Now these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them. If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him. If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and HIS MASTER SHALL BORE HIS EAR THROUGH WITH AN AUL; AND HE SHALL SERVE HIM FOR EVER.”** IT IS THE SIGN OF A PERPETUAL SLAVE. But in order for us not to take a truth into extremes, and also to give respectability and honour to marriage, we wear marriage rings, as an evidence or token of our commitment to one another in holy wedlock, for as long as both couples shall live, thereby directly but implicitly proclaiming to the world,

saying: **KEEP OFF, FOR WE ARE ALREADY MARRIED!** Remember, a token is an evidence of marriage and of love. Consequently, a little MODEST brooch, which is an evidence or gift of love, or a man's tie clip, cuff links, or a wrist watch, for instance, cannot be condemned either. However, we must also realise that this liberty can be abused. I say that because today, people are giving themselves over to the lust of their flesh, wearing all sorts of rings on their fingers, having three, four, or five rings! One is a friendship ring; another is an engagement ring; another is a marriage ring; a fourth is called by yet another name, on and on it goes, till every finger has a ring, all in their carnal bid to have a seemingly legitimate excuse for their love of rings! This should not be so, for we should not be slaves to these things! And you definitely cannot wear rings on your toes for goodness sake! We are Christians, not pagans! And neither can you wear rings through your noses, tongues, and eye lids, as these modern day heathens around us are doing! What a sight they are! I can understand having an engagement ring, and also a wedding ring in addition. Anything outside that becomes **i m m o d e s t a n d i m m o d e r a t e .** And

although we have liberty, we should not use liberty as an occasion to serve the flesh, for we have been called unto holiness. It is written: ***"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*** It is also written: ***"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."*** It is further written in 1 Peter Chapter 1, verses 13-19: ***"Wherefore gird***

up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Saints, our earnest desire and emphasis should be on spiritual things: A desire to be Christ-like, which is a desire to talk like Christ, think like Christ, live like Christ, that Christ can be seen in us, that we may characterize him in everything. And I know that God will bring His people to that point. But

there has got to be a willingness, an earnest desire in our hearts for that. But how can you desire what you do not even see? Or how can you aspire for what you do not see or understand? That is why I believe the Lord is moving us to lay these things out plainly, covering as much ground as possible, so as to leave us in no doubt, as to what the will of the Lord is. Please believe it and receive it, for it is the truth. Do not question or fight truth. And also know that there is no excuse for rejecting the truth. I say this because a lot of times, people make excuses for defying the Word; they make excuses for what they do, and no excuse is good enough to nullify the counsel of Jesus in his Word. Love demands obedience. If you love the Lord, you will obey him, because there is obedience in true love. Remember, whoever sows unto the flesh shall reap corruption. Let us therefore sow unto the spirit, for whoever sows unto the spirit will reap life eternal. As stated earlier, your physical appearance can rubbish whatever spirituality you profess to have; for you can be so loud, so worldly, brothers

and sisters, that when you hit the door of an assembly, all eyes will turn to look at you. What is all that about? We are not supposed to be showy and loud. That is precisely why I will not tell a sister not to use perfume: but if you do, please be sensible and modest with it, and not be a nuisance in church, until the perfume is so much, (for it is so strong and all pervading), that the scent literally fills the entire church, until everyone partakes of your scent, causing every head to turn! That is being immodest! It makes you a nuisance in church! Also, if a brother has body odour, common-sense dictates that he washes properly and regularly, and also uses deodorant, or something to douse and get rid of the smell. That is true! But the real question you need to ask yourself is this: Why do you want to wear perfume? Why? What is your objective? That is the issue! Is it so that everybody may feel your presence? Is it to impress? Remember God sees the secret motivations of the heart, for nothing is hidden from Him. You must know how to temper your taste with

the wisdom of God. Out there, they have nothing safeguarding them from satanic operations. One day whilst driving down the road, my wife spotted a woman and suddenly exclaimed: *What on earth is that? Her head looks like that of the head of a mop!* You all know the mop we use for cleaning floors has a head. Well, that is exactly the kind of wigs that some people out there are wearing today: Mop heads! What a silly and senseless world! You can also plait your hair, adding false hair to it, and look exactly like a mop head! Saints of God, these people have gone berserk! It is similar to what some black women wear today as well. They plait their hair, and make each plait stand up straight in each direction, making them look like mad people! It is like the punks in Europe! How ridiculous and senseless people can be! What a world! It is a fact that Satan has blasted out the brains of humanity, and now, we are faced with a generation of senseless people, morons! Brothers and sisters, it is okay for the people of the world to dress and appear as they like, however ridiculous and silly it may be, for

without Christ, they are on their way out anyway. But as a believer, you cannot do that. You cannot bring such things to this church. I will fight that horrible spirit, for we are bought with a price! We are the Bride of Christ, and it is certain that we are going home very soon, for the marriage in heaven. We must therefore get ready, purifying our lives in readiness for the return of Christ.

Brethren, the Spirit of God is going to cause us to look earnestly in the mirror of the Word. And just as it is when you stand before a physical mirror, we will see Jesus in his true divine

revelation, and we will hear him speaking to us, telling us precisely how we are supposed to adorn our physical bodies. And because we truly love him, we will not want to do anything that will hurt him, but rather, we will do only those things that will please him, particularly as his faithful elect Bride, and also because He is our Lord and Saviour. There is a stature we must attain unto, spiritually, and physically, in order for us to be acceptable in the Lord's sight. Let us therefore walk and seek to be acceptable, walking pleasing before him, in the light of the Word, as it is written in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5,

verses 22-23: ***“Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you WHOLLY; and I pray God your whole SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*** Amen. There is no other way for *The Beautiful Bride*. She will be in no other form, but to be holy, in SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY. Consequently, her physical adornment will show her total consecration to the Lord Jesus, our Bridegroom. She is *The Beautiful Bride*. Amen.

May God bless you.

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The Word Bride
hath made
Herself
Ready.

Revelation 19: 7



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