

Satan's Eden no 240
African Minister, Questions and Answers
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The following questions come from the African French Ministers WhatsApp group. We had a heated debate within the group regarding the following question:

Question No 1. In His foreknowledge, would God allow His servant to fail to meet a requirement of His word, which failure would later disqualify him, or would He protect him from such failure, so that he would have no concerns in the exercise of his ministry later?"

Answer No. 1: I believe, as brother Branham put it, "He *protected me from becoming a murderer*. So yes, if God has called you to a five-fold position in the body of Christ, God would protect that gift.

And remember, "*Gifts and callings are without repentance*." So you still have the gift, but you must choose between the perfect will or the permissive will. Balaam had a gift to be a prophet, but he chose to do so in the permissive will of God.

Life story 53-1108A P:42-43 *He, taken a drink, handed it over to me. He said, "Have a drink?" I said, "No, thanks. I don't drink." He said, "What? A Branham, and don't drink?"*

And pop said, "No, I raised one sissy." Sissy? Why, that got me. I said, "Hand me that bottle." And I took that bottle with as much determination to take the drink as I am to have a service tonight.

And I pulled the cork out of it, started to turn it up to drink it... Now, you can call this whatever you want to. But when I started to take that drink of whiskey, I heard something go, "Whoosh." I thought, "What is that?"

*I started again, and something, it just kept making that noise like a whirling of the wind in the leaves, the same Noise that told me never to smoke, or drink, or **defile**. I couldn't take it.*

*What was it? It wasn't because I was too good to; it was because **God was protecting His gift**. See, it's nothing by man. He's nothing. It's God.*

So this question is primarily raised concerning ministers who have not married virgin women, as required by God's word. After the debate, two groups emerged:

Some believe that they are disqualified for not having met God's requirements, while others maintain that they benefit from God's grace, since *"gifts and calling are without repentance"*, as they were in ignorance.

Answer no 1: Just because God's word says, *"gifts and calling are without repentance"*, remember it is also written, *"And God gave gifts unto the rebellious also."*

So even if you have a gift, if God has requirements to operate those gifts, and if you rebel against what His requirements are, then you would have been better off never to operate something in rebellion. It is a test of our character.

Remember **Matthew 7:22** *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not preached in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?*

Now, no man can do wonderful works without a gift from God. And yet He never knew them. They might have done everything a minister can do, but they had to be the gifts on the rebellious, because he went on to say,

23 *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them,...*

So, it is all about keeping His Word, my brothers. And if there are requirements, and you have not kept them, that is no excuse.

Question: Therefore, in accordance with the instructions of God's prophet, we bring this question to you as an elder, so that you may resolve the matter between the two groups, while using the Holy Scriptures.

We need to fix this during our coming minister's meeting online.

Answer to No 1. Ok, so this is a very touchy question, because although I will answer it with the scriptures, it will cause some hard feelings even among some of the ministers I know and am friends with.

So, to answer this, I must use the scriptures and the Words of the prophet to do so. So do not blame me if you do not like the answer.

But remember, you were in God's mind as a five-fold before the world began. And don't you think, as God's gifts, that He wouldn't have protected those gifts?

Jesus said, “*Oh fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have said*”. So God’s Word through all His prophets, is our absolute to every question.

I shall attempt to answer it to the best of my ability. Not giving you my opinion, because I have none, but I can only say what the prophets say, including the 7th Angel Messenger.

Brother Branham said that a minister should marry a virgin, one who is not touched by other men, and he quotes Scripture in two places.

Marriage and Divorce 65-0221M P:75 Now, let us, **in view of these vindicated truths of God**, search a little further, if you want to. All right.

Now, this may hurt just a little bit till we get down to the bottom of it. I'm just going to show you the truth of it.

There is no minister who can marry a widow. Did you know that? You want to read that?

All right, you get that in Leviticus 21:7.

But let’s read 1-7 to get the full background to what he is saying here.

*1 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron**, and say unto them, There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people:*

Let me read this from **the Message translation: 21 1-4** God spoke to Moses: “**Speak to the priests**, the sons of Aaron. Tell them, **A priest must not ritually contaminate himself by touching the dead**, except for close relatives:

*mother, father, son, daughter, brother, or an **unmarried sister who is dependent on him since she has no husband**; for these he may make himself ritually unclean,*

*but **he must not contaminate himself with the dead who are only related to him by marriage** and thus profane himself.*

So he is speaking only **to the priests here**, the ministers of the people.

2 But for his kin, that is near unto him, that is, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother,

3 And for his sister a virgin, (Unmarried sister) **that is nigh unto him,** (that he is taking care of), **which hath had no husband; for her may he be defiled.**

In other words, he is speaking only to the priest. This concerns only the ministers and not their brothers or sisters, or kin of any sort, whether it be father or mother. Just to the priests.

4 But he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself.

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.

So he can't be one of these guys who, while out in the world, he filled his body full of piercings, tattoos, etc. For that would show his body is defiled.

So this would rule out some of these Pentecostal ministers, like the man from Florida, who has his body full of body piercings and tattoos.

6 They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and the bread of their God, they do offer:

(Notice they are handling the Word, which is the Holy Fire of God and the bread of Life.)

Therefore, they shall be holy. So there should be no sign of defilement in their body whatsoever, for they are pointing people to a Holy God.

Now, here is the verse we want to get to: **7 They shall not take a wife that is a whore,** (That is someone who is not living faithfully to her own husband.)

or profane; (the word is defined as someone who is pierced and profane. And we know what pierced means. It is punctured or perforated, as to form a decorative design.

In other words, no piercing, which would include no earrings, nose pins, nothing. So a woman who does this, cannot marry a minister.

Now, it also means Profane, which is characterized by irreverence or contempt for God or sacred principles or things; irreligious. In other words, not a believer herself.

neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.

So neither can he marry a divorcee.

*8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for **he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanctify you, am holy.***

*9 And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, **she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.***

Notice that this concerns his own daughter. If she is irreligious, or has contempt for God, or His sacred principles, they are commanded by God to burn her with fire.

That's how God looks at a daughter in this condition. So that is what God thinks of someone like that.

So, you'd better straighten up your actions if you plan to one day meet God, or you are destined for burning by fire. This is a serious matter. Don't think that because other girls do it, you can too.

God doesn't care what your motive is, just because you were under peer pressure, He only cares what your concern is for His Word. The Bible says, "*Cast your cares on Him for He careth for you.*"

Brother Branham even preached a sermon, "**He cares, do you care?**"

Now back to **Marriage and Divorce**. Brother Branham continued, "*and **Ezekiel 44:22***"

So let's begin with **21** to get a concept of who brother Branham is referring to in verse **22**.

21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

I know ministers who think that they are above this Word, and they can do whatever they want to do. So they drink wine and even other strong drinks.

And that, my friends, shows they are profane concerning the Word of the Lord. They are profane. Read the definition again.

Now, here is the verse brother Branham said vindicated his stance on a minister: He must marry a virgin.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

Now, back to **Marriage and Divorce** to see what else brother Branham is saying on this subject. "And it will show you that the priesthood was not to marry a woman who's been touched by man.

*This type is of the **Virgin Bride of Jesus Christ**, because **they handled the fire of God, the priests did**, Aaron's sons.*

(We haven't got time to read it all and get out by noon. We got twenty minutes yet.) And them's Aaron's sons who handled the fire of God.

*So **they could not marry a woman who had been touched by another man. The unchanging God said so. They could not marry another woman (and a woman been touched by a man),***

showing in type here, if you want to see it, that the church of the living God is purely, unadulterated, the Word of God, and not a denomination that's been handled by man.

Now, I will only add this to help you know how to deal with this subject, it comes from what brother Vayle told me. But remember, he was not vindicated, so take it for what it is worth.

He said he brought up a minister to brother Branham, who had divorced his first wife and married another. Brother Branham just said, "*Let them alone, and just watch.*" And that is good advice for everyone in here, from young to old.

He also said, if a man doesn't appear to be qualified because of marrying a non-virgin, brother Branham said, "*Just let them alone, and watch*".

And if there are people who still want them for their minister, then they can have them. But if there are those who don't want them, they don't have to accept them.

But don't use other people as your example. The Word is your example. Just watch to see if there is any growth in that person, and if God gets a hold of them, then they will be corrected. But if God does not, then just sit back and watch.

Some people want everyone to look and act the same, and they don't let God be God.

They want the same dress code on for everyone, and they are not willing to trust if that person is God's. And if so, then they will receive revelation one day. If they are not God's seed, they will not.

Remember, the scripture teaches us, *"All things shall work together for the good for those who love God and are the called according to His purpose,"*

You cannot force your revelation on someone who has no revelation. So, just sit back, and don't rush God, and be content that He has given you His Word, and just pray for the person who has not had His Word revealed to them.

Don't go through life striving all the time to get everyone else lined up with His Word. It will ruin your health and the health of others. No one wants to be around someone who is pushy with others.

The Bible teaches us, *"To have friends you must show yourself friendly"*, and some people never seem to have learned this.

Not everyone is where you are. Each of God's children are individuals, and are growing at their own rate of Growth. But if they never do receive the revelation of this Word, don't hold it against them, just pray for them.

Brother Vayle gave me advice for my family when my father passed away in 1977. *He said, "Don't preach at your mother and brothers and sisters, just love them. You will either love them in or love them out."*

And let's face it, people are people. And Brother Branham said, "They are going to do what they are going to do." But unless you want to cause a lot of infighting amongst yourself, just turn your eyes on Jesus.

Paul spoke to a very immature group in Corinth. He said in **1 Corinthians 3:1** *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.*

2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

As both William Branham and Lee Vayle said, *"Get your eyes off of one another, and on God."* And Brother Branham also said, *"If a person stands between you and God, that person is closer to God than you are."*

So, the next time you want to complain about someone else, just remember that, that that person is closer to God than you are.

Question no. 2 The next question that rose up in the group, was about the following quote in **QA on Genesis COD 53-0729, P10** ...

The first creation was God Himself; then out of God came the Logos, which was the Son of God; then out of the Logos, which was the Word

("In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

So the Question is this: How could God be created, as we know that He is the Self-existing One?

You fail to remember that Brother Branham told us: God was not even God until he created the angels and then became an object of Worship to them.

So God had to create the fact that He was God by creating the angels who could worship Him as God.

Identified Christ of all Ages 64-0401 P:14 Now, God is like a great Being: *"In the beginning God..."* See? He wasn't even God to begin with: **God is an object of worship, and He was called...**

There was nothing to worship. He was the self-existent: Elohim. And there was nothing to worship Him. When He created angels, then there was something to worship Him. But in this great God, Elohim, was attributes.

Question no 3: From Brother Patient Mutimamule, North East/ DRC: God's Voice said to Brother Branham: *"A portion of heaven has been given to you."* The question I've always had:

Is this his own personal portion, a reward for his obedience and sacrifices? Or is it a portion where all believers in the message will be together?

I believe that nowhere does it say that those who believe the Message will have to enter that particular portion of heaven that God gave to Brother Branham.

Reading the Bible, it seems that each true believer will receive their own portion in heaven:

The Bible says, **John 14:2** *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

3 *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

Answer to Question no 3: I think you answered your own question here. We are all promised a place that he has gone to prepare for us. So the question is what and where.

And we know it will be in the New Jerusalem, so we know where, and we know it is a place, as He says: mansions, etc.

Revelation 22:12 *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*

1 Corinthians 3:8 *Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.*

Matthew 16:27 *For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.*

So we know every man shall be given his reward according to what he did while here in the flesh for testing.

The righteous, their place first in the 6th dimension, then when they return, their place in the millennium and in the New Earth. And the evil people, their portion in the 5th dimension.

Matthew 24:51 *And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.* That's his place in the tribulation.

Luke 12:46 *The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.*

Notice the wicked receive their portion first in the tribulation, and in the 5th dimension with the unbelievers. But look at what God has for the believers.

Isaiah 65:17 *For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and **the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.***

So eventually the former, which he was talking about earlier in this chapter, which are the unbelievers; their portion eventually is the complete annihilation. But look at what He has for the believers.

18 *But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and **her people** a joy.*

19 *And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.*

20 *There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.*

21 *And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.*

22 *They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

23 *They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.*

24 *And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*

25 *The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

So, the New Jerusalem will be a place where each of us will have enough land of our own to grow crops and build, etc. And as we read, each will receive his reward based on what He has done with his life while in this flesh.

Notice in the next scripture, there are twelve gates to the city in the New Jerusalem.

Future home 64-0802 P:168 *You say, "There ain't no room." When the sea's gone, there will be, 'cause pretty near four-fifths of it's in water. That right? The explosion dries up the sea, erupts the earth.*

Oh, my, and remember, fifteen hundred miles square. What a City. And... But remember, the sea is gone. And the breadth and the height are the same.

That would make it fifteen hundred miles this way, fifteen hundred miles that way, fifteen hundred miles the length by the breadth by the height. Fifteen hundred miles (Think of it.) transparent gold. And the City had a wall around it.

Revelation 21:12 *And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:*

Revelation 21:21 *And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.*

What a great city we will live in, and plenty of room to live without neighbors very close. Now, if that city has a 1,500 on each side and 1,500 miles high, the area of the mountain city is 2,250,000 square miles.

Now, we will not live on every piece of the surface area because it will have to be terraced. I imagine like the pyramid from the stature of a perfect man.

Will the bride from the seventh age then, though fewer in number in this last age, be somewhere on the top of the mountain city? I do not know, and it will make no difference to me, I just want to live there.

But perhaps Moses and Paul, and Elijah and Brother Branham may be towards the top, but only God really knows.

The wall around the city is very high, and there will be 12 foundations to the wall, so it must be very high. And there will be 12 gates as well. So it is a big place, and we will be scattered all over.

And if we all lived together, there would be no use for more than one gate to the city. But the city has four sides to it. And so, some people will use the gate closest to them, perhaps, to visit their relatives and friends who live outside the city on one side.

So they will leave through the gate on the side closest to the ones they wish to visit.

Question No 4: Is Heaven divided into separate sections, like the plots of land here on earth?

Answer no 4: We know by example that the children of Israel had the land divided up among the twelve tribes. So we know that if “*God changes not, then there will be divisions.*”

Like in the States, we have what we call subdivisions, where the land is subdivided into places and sectioned out to the people.

I know the New Jerusalem will have twelve Gates to the city. So the people must be scattered all over, or there would be no reason for so many gates.

And in Isaiah it says, “***We shall sow and another shall not reap.***”
So there has to be some kind of portioning out of the land.

5 From Brother Freddy Mweze, North East/DRC :

5a) In the **Fifth seal 63-0322 P:72...** *When King Henry the VIII came into England, and after Bloody Mary, and all these things taken place...*

And then the church was so full of violence and corruption. Men claiming Christianity and living with four, five wives or doing anything they wanted to do and carrying on in filth.

So Question 5A: Does this mean that polygamists cannot be admitted to the assemblies of God?

Answer to 5: I was asked this question in 2003 by a brother in DRC, about some church in the Southern Part of DRC. I told them the same thing I will tell you.

If they want to come to church, they are welcome. But they cannot have any leadership role in the church, such as song leader, minister, deacon, treasurer, trustee, etc.

Nor can they sing specials, nor have anything special to do, but come and listen.

Question 6: In your sermon. "**The Faith of Jesus from Gethsemane to the Cross**," preached in Moanda, Gabon, in 2019, you said that *"When the Fivefold ministers will leave the earth through the catching away, brother Branham's tapes will continue to be played"*

So Question 6: Is there a quote from the prophet about that?

Answer to no 6: I based that statement on the work of brother Joseph Branham, who has set up tape libraries in perhaps 100 or more countries. Joseph in the Old Testament set up granaries which contained the seed for bread.

It was to be used during times of Tribulation and famine. I think they will be available for those who are left behind. Brother Branham said, *"My voice would haunt you some day."* In Fact, he said, *"in all ages it will haunt you."*

So yes, His voice should remain until the earth is burned over and nothing is left.

Question no 7: *Explaining Healing and Jairus 54-0216 P:37 ... See? Now, we have it. Not in the millennium, we won't need it then. We got it now. We're... Right now, we are the sons of God.*

"It does not appear what we shall be, but we know we'll be like Him." "What you are here is a reflection of what you are somewhere else.

So Question No 7: What does he mean by "somewhere else"?

Answer no 7: The "somewhere else" is whatever dimension you are going to, whether the 5th. where evil people go, or the 6th dimension, where the saints go.

Present Stage of my ministry 62-0908, 21 *Now, when we come along, we remember that we live here in three dimensions. And I don't know whether I can name them or not. One of them is **light**, and the other is **matter**.*

*Tommy, you remember what the third is? Huh? **Time**. Right. Now, light, matter, and time. And our five senses contact them dimensions. Our sight contacts light, our feeling contacts matters, and so forth.*

*Now, but we have contact through science, the **fourth dimension**, as it was. Because coming right through this building now, come pictures, voices of radio, pictures on television, that our senses do not contact that, but yet they have a tube or crystal that picks up those ether waves and manifests them. So, you see, right in this building now is live actions of*

people in the air, live voices. They're here. We know it. They're absolutely the truth. And the only thing you do, they catch it on...

I don't understand the mechanics of those things that science has invented, but we know that it proves to us there is a fourth dimension.

Now, **the fifth dimension** is where the sinner, the unbeliever, dies and goes to. The fifth dimension is the horrible dimension.

Now, this man... And when a Christian dies, he goes into the **sixth dimension**. And God is in the **seventh dimension**.

Now then, you see, the Christian when he dies, he goes under the altar of God, right into the Presence of God, under the altar. And he's at rest. To break it down. When a man has a nightmare, he's not altogether asleep, nor is he awake.

He's between sleep and awake, and that's what makes him have a horrible shaking and screaming, because he's not asleep, he's not awake. And to take that, it shows where a man goes when he dies unconverted.

He's lived his time up; he's dead on earth; and he cannot go in the Presence of God, because he's not fit to go there without the Blood. And he's caught.

He cannot come back to Earth, because his time's finished here, and he's caught between, in a nightmare. See? He can't go in the Presence of God to rest.

He can't come back to Earth, because his time's up. He's in a nightmare, and there he stays until the day of the judgment: a horrible thing to be in.

See? And now in this vision, I believe I was caught to that **sixth dimension**, looking back down here and could see back. See, the sight isn't exactly with the eyes; that's earthly. But sight is a greater thing than... The sight that they have there, their contact is far beyond any contact that our natural senses would contact. Here, some time ago, I was explaining it.

I was looking at a television picture where they let a man down, I think two miles or a mile deep in the ocean, and they had ray lights that went out. They was showing marine life.

And there come fish by, those horrible-looking creatures. That it's midnight, ink black down there. And they had phosphorous on their nose, and they had no eyes.

Now, they have to be fed, so it looked like, to find their food, they were guided with another sense, not sight, 'cause they didn't have eyes, couldn't use them down there.

But they were guided with another sense that they could contact their food. And I thought, "If I could have control of that little fish with my sight, how much greater could I supply his food and lead him places, how much greater my sight is than his radar contact." See?

And I thought, "If I could just lead him..." Then it came to me, "If I could only surrender myself to God, how much greater is the sight and senses of God,

Who could guide us much more than the things that we see, because the faith that He supplies us is the evidence of things not seen with our eyes. Then if that little fish could never come up to the top of the water like other fish, because he's pressurized.

You bring him up, he'd explode. No more than we can go up higher and keep from exploding... We are pressurized for the place that we live.

But now if that little fish could ever come up here and be me, would he ever want to be that little fish again down in that midnight blackness?

He'd never want to be a fish no more, because he's something greater than a fish; he's a man; his senses are greater; his understanding is greater; his intelligent is supreme.

Then multiply that by ten million; then you get what it is when you pass from this into the Presence of God yonder, where the human being is so much farther than what we are here.

You'd never want to be a human being like this no more, down in this pest-house of sickness and corruption.

It's been that in my heart, that I've tried these thirty years to preach the Gospel around the world to tell people that there is a heaven to gain and there's a hell to shun, and there's a God that loves you,

and a redeeming power that's laying ready to pick you up at any time that you're ready to receive it.

Like a man drowning, a rope hanging there, he thinks, "Well, the rope, I could pull myself out, but I'm not worthy to get the rope." The rope was put there for that very purpose for you to pull yourself out there.

That's the reason Jesus Christ died, for the very purpose of saving sinners. And He dangled the rope of Eternal Life, which this very night will pass over every sinner's head in here, and a welcome sign hanging on it,

"Come up out of it." if you wish to do it, the preparation is made. Now, when I seen that place and that condition that those people were in, and how beyond anything that this world could ever think of, it was glorious.

There could not be sin there, no death nor nothing could enter that spot. And there was no different between men and women, only the sex glands was gone from them, and there could never be no more adultery and no more nothing.

But she was still a woman in the way of figure, and man was still figure, and they'll forever be that way. Because when God...

Let us pray