

WEDDING

Things that are to be 65-1205 P:80

And if you ever was in the Orient, which I preached in there many times, that wedding supper's still carried on just the way it was. The bridegroom, has so many guests that he's going to have. They just have so many guests that he's going to ask. Say he's going to ask thirty guests. Now, the bridegroom has to furnish the robes. He has to furnish them. Therefore, there's a man stands at the door, and you come up with your invitation; he examines your invitation and puts you on a garment, a robe. Some of them are rich; and some are poor; and some of them are different; but they all look alike when they get these robes on. They all look alike. And you have to all be alike.

On the wings of a dove 65-1128E P:5

Why, they was telling me awhile ago that there was a brother, perhaps here in the meeting tonight, that just come out of denominationalism, come into Shreveport, want to hear about the Message. And he got mixed up;

he didn't know where he was at, so he went downtown. He seen a people gathered; he said, "Is this where Billy Branham is going to preach?" He said, "No, it's where Billy Graham's preaching by the way of a film." He said, "Well, I'm sorry, I got the wrong place." He said he come up, he said, "Now, where can I go, Lord?" Said he started walking up this main street. I don't know what it is; there's a big church up here at the end. Texas Street. And there was a big white cross up on a church. Said the Lord told him, said, "Just keep walking." Said... When he got there, they was... Said, "Well, here must be where it is; there's a lot of cars setting around." And said, "A bride and groom come walking out of the church." That was last night; there was a wedding; I seen it come out. "The Lord said, 'Now, that's what it is. You're coming out of denominationalism to enter into the Bride to go with the Groom.'"

Choosing of a bride 65-0429E P:37

And a little lady got out on the side with a little, oh, some of them little checked looking dress... I don't

know. I made a mistake on calling that kind of goods one time. Gingham, I believed it's called. And so it was a... I said it wrong again. I always do that. And I said... She got out of the car, and they come up the steps, and when they walked in, the poor little thing, I guess she just, about all she had on was a skirt. And she didn't have no shoes hardly on. She'd hitch-hiked from Indianapolis down, had a little hair hanging down back in long kind of plaits down her back, looked very young. And I said to her, "Are you old enough to get married?"

She said, "Yes, sir." And she said, "I have my written permission from my father and mother." She said, "I had to show it to--to the court here to get my license."

I said, "All right." I said, "I'd like to talk to you a little bit before we perform this wedding." They set down.

The boy kept looking around the room. He needed a haircut real bad. And he kept looking around the room.

He wasn't listening to me. I said, "Son, I want you to listen to what I'm saying."

Said, "Yes, sir."

And I said, "You love this girl?"

And he said, "Yes, sir, I do."

I said, "You love him?"

"Yes, sir, I do."

I said, "Now, have you got a place to take her after you're married?"

Said, "Yes, sir."

I said, "All right. Now," I said, "I want to ask you something. I understand that you are working up here on this P. W. A."

And he said, "Yes, sir." (That's about twelve dollars a week.)

And I said, "You think that you can make a living for her?"

He said, "I'll do all I can do."

And I said, "Well, that's all right." And I said, "Now, what if he gets out of... What if he loses his job, sister? What are you going to do, going to run back up home to mama and papa?"

She said, "No, sir, I'm going to stay with him."

And I said, "What, sir, if you have three or four children and nothing to feed them, and you haven't got any work, what are you going to do? Send her away?"

He said, "No, sir, I'll struggle right on. We'll make it some way."

I felt little, and I seen that he really loved her, and they loved one another. I married them.

Choosing of a bride 65-0429E P:35

I've married many couples, but I always reminds me of Christ and His Bride. One of the weddings that I performed here some time ago, it was quite an outstanding thing in my life. It's been several years ago when I was just a young minister. My brother was working on the P. W. A. I don't know where anybody ever remembers that yet or not, anybody as old as me. And that was a project that the government had, and my brother worked up about thirty miles. They were digging out some lakes, a project for the conservation. And there was a boy that worked up there with him from Indianapolis, about, oh, about a hundred miles above Jeffersonville where I live, or lived. And there was a... He said to my brother one day; he said, "Doc," he said, "I--I want--I'm going to get married if I can just have enough money to pay the preacher." He said, "I got enough money to get my licenses," but said, "I haven't got enough money to pay the preacher." Doc said, "Well, my brother's a preacher, and he may marry you." He said, "He never charges people for things like that."

He said, "Will you ask him if he'll marry me?"