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each afternoon were received with open hearts. These afternoon services inspired faith to believe the promises of God.

This new church had 1,300 seats and these were filled in most services and the closing night attendance was estimated at between 1,700 or 1,800.

The testimonies of many who received healing are continually coming in which gladdens our hearts.

Surely we are living in the Latter Rain of God's time. May the Lord continually work among us."

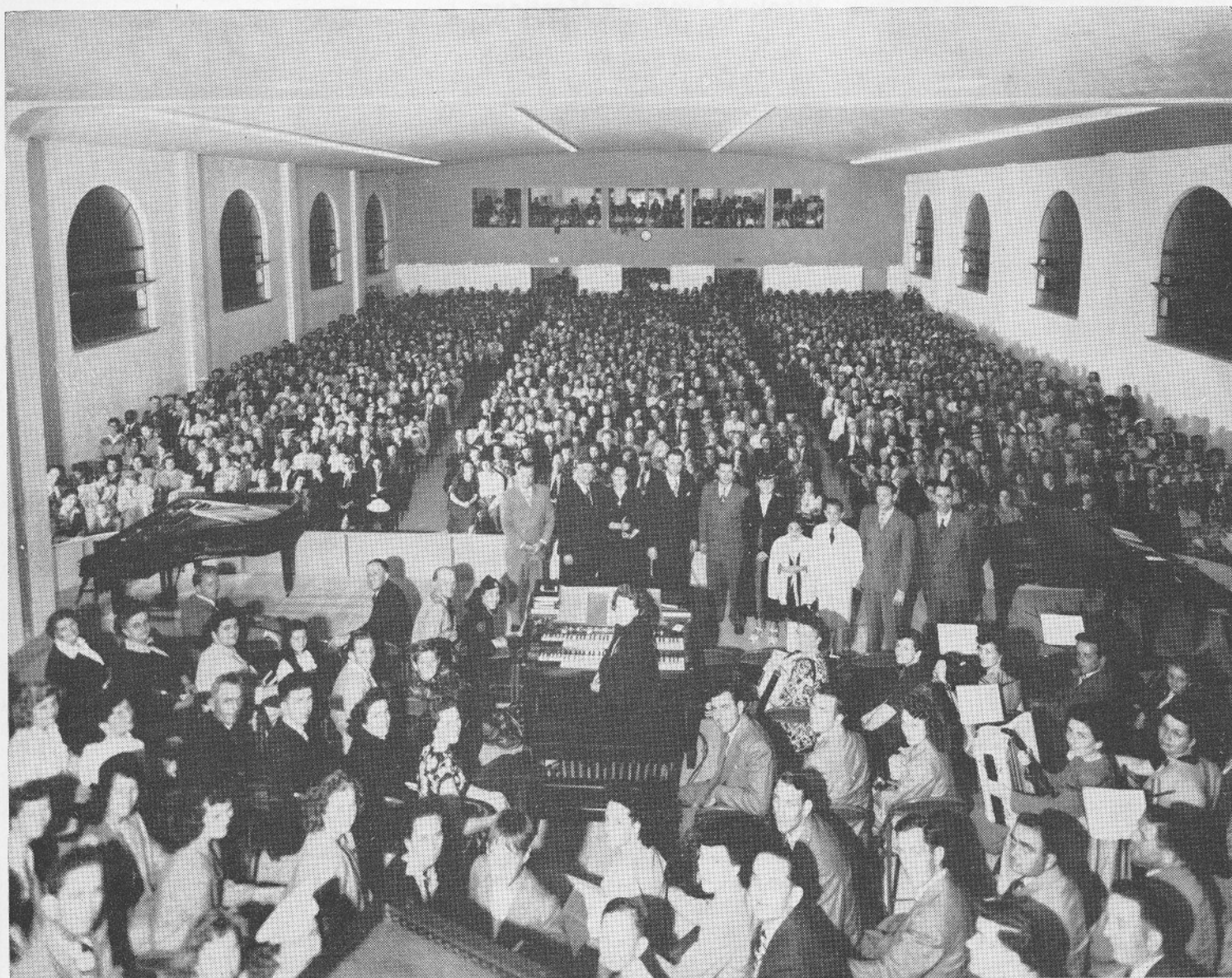
nestling at the extreme southern end of the Willamette Valley. Churches all over the area co-operated. A large armory seating a thousand people or more was filled the first night and many more seats had to be brought in. Although the meeting lasted only three nights, many remarkable miracles took place.

Of special interest was the healing of a young man who was a deaf mute. After prayer he was able to hear the music at the piano and even the ticking of a watch. The boy was very grateful. We saw him on the street the next day. He could hear

Pastor Ronald E. Parrish, chairman of the local committee, writes concerning the meeting:

"We are still praising God for the three days of meetings with Brother Freeman. One man who was blind in one eye was prayed for. That eye is just as good as the other eye now.

Many other healings took place. A great work has been done on the body of the woman who was on the cot that Brother Freeman prayed for. She has been to church a number of times since. The other night she testified that she had been



Taken during Richmond meeting. Standing on the platform from left to right, are: Rev. Frieze, Rev. and Mrs. Ely Persing, Rev. Wm. Freeman, Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Lindsay, "Little Bobby" Haskins with sister and father.

Three Days at Cottage Grove

On the way back from Spokane, we had three extra days before going on to the meeting at Richmond, Calif. It was decided to hold three days' services at Cottage Grove, Oregon, a thriving community

all the street sounds as any other normal person. But English was the same as a foreign language; he had to learn gradually (as is the case of all persons healed who have been deaf from early age) the meaning of sounds and how to distinguish them.

in bed for 11 years. That is a long time, but now she is up and around.

The meeting that has followed the Freeman campaign conducted by Velmar Gardner has been a great success. Many families have been saved, and the church is full every night."

MIRACLES OF HEALING

Testimonies of Miracles of Deliverance in the Freeman Healing Meetings

New Eardrum Created For Esther Bullock

Dear Brother Freeman:

I wish to testify to the wonderful healing I received in your Oakland (Calif.) meeting.



When I was a little girl with my parents in China who were missionaries there, I was struck on the left ear by a boy and my ear drum was broken. My right ear also was affected some and an ear doctor advised me to get a hearing aid. This happened fourteen years ago.

I did not want to spend money on a hearing aid as we needed all we could get to carry on our missionary work, which we are still engaged in, both here and in China. So when you came to Oakland I attended your meetings and was prayed for, and praise God, He gave me a new ear and I can hear perfectly again now. That ear has been dry for fourteen years but now it has wax in it the same as the other one. Praise the Lord.

I do hope and pray that the Lord will make it possible for you to go over to China as many of our dear Christian friends there have never seen what God can really do.

May God richly bless you in your ministry.

ESTHER BULLOCK
1356 Fulton Street
San Francisco 17, Calif.

Child Pronounced Incurable, But Jesus Heals

Dear Brother Freeman:

I thank God for this grand opportunity to give my testimony of a healing in my family. I lost a little girl four years old a year ago, with leukemia of the blood. My baby son, two years old, was under treatment since the first of February, also for a blood condition. Two weeks before your healing campaign in Richmond, Calif., our family doctor told me that he couldn't do anything with his blood. I took him to your meetings and had him prayed for and God wonderfully and instantly healed him. Yesterday, September 15, 1948, I got a blood count about noon and at 4 o'clock I called the doctor for the report and he said, "The baby's blood is

perfect but I can't understand it." I then told him that Jesus had healed him.

I was also healed of eczema of the ears which the doctor said could never be cured. We give God all the glory.

MRS. RUTH BABB
1615 Fifteenth Street
San Pablo, Calif.

Testimony From Ex-Miner With Collapsed Lung

I am an ex-miner. I had silicosis. My right lung was collapsed. When Brother Freeman prayed for me, my lung was healed by the power of God. I was able to breathe better at once. The next day after I was healed I walked seven blocks in about eight minutes. It has been years since I could do that. Brother Freeman has the X-ray of my lungs to show anyone how I have changed. Believe me, the Lord is good to me.

E. F. BLACK
Route 1
Hayden Falls, Idaho

Editor's Note: The incident of this man's healing was quite dramatic and will be remembered by the audience in the Spokane meeting. Brother Freeman called for anyone with a collapsed lung to come forward and be prayed for. Mr. Black came forward. After prayer, the man was asked to have an X-ray of the "dead lung" taken. The next night the brother returned with the X-ray which showed the lung perfect.

Wheel-Chair Patient Of Two Years Now Walking

Dear Brother Freeman:

On July 22 in Medford, Oregon, you prayed for me. I had been in a wheel chair for two years unable to walk. I suffered pain and took medicine constantly. I walked out of the meeting that night with help, and have been gaining strength and health constantly since then. A visit to my doctor after three weeks was considerably amazing to him. He said it only proved the words of an instructor, "As doctors you can treat, but only God can cure." I thank God constantly.

WHEATON W. HUNTLEY
23 Elm
Medford, Oregon

Editor's Note: We also remember this man well. How we recall the look of eager anticipation upon his face as he was about to be prayed for. He came down from Medford and attended the services at Richmond. He was, of course, without his wheel chair.

Marvelous Testimony of Deaf and Dumb Girl Now Learning to Sing

Dear Brother Freeman:

I would like to add my testimony to the many others that will come from the wonderful meetings in Oakland, Calif. At the age of six, I had diphtheria. As the result of this illness I lost my hearing and my speech. For nineteen years I was unable to either hear or speak.

I want to praise God that the Lord sent Brother Freeman to Oakland last June. I was prayed for at that time and the Lord wonderfully healed me, praise His Holy Name. My prayer is that others who are in the same condition that I was in may in simple faith look to Jesus and I am sure that He will heal them, too.

I can now hear and speak and I'm gradually learning to sing. I attend the Oakland Revival Tabernacle, and my pastor, Cecil Lowry, can verify that this is a true testimony.

MRS. DOLLY WATKINS GONZALO
614 Ninth Street
Oakland, Calif.

Editor's Note: We remember this case well. At the second meeting in Oakland, she was able to stand before the audience and demonstrate the fact of her ability to hear and speak.

Mother and Child Healed

Dear Brother Freeman:

It is with thankful hearts and praises to His wonderful Name that we give our word of testimony to the healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ through your prayers in the Oakland healing meeting in June. My little boy was instantly healed of an affliction in his eyes, where the muscles failed to co-ordinate, the result of a severe case of measles last spring. He had been able to read but a few minutes at a time. The day after he was healed he read an entire book and his eyes are perfect now.

I also received deliverance from two afflictions, one from which I had suffered for several years and which had steadily grown worse in the last year. Praise His Name forevermore.

MRS. FRANCELLE CURTIS.



Is This The Beginning of The Predicted "Spiritual Explosion That Will Rock the World" Spoken of by Dr. Charles S. Price?

An Appraisal of Six-Day Ministry in Portland

By DEL GRANT, *Evangelist, Author, Traveler*

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glorious healing services? Perhaps you have and for them we praise the Lord! Glorious Days! Happy Days! Wonderful Days!

"*But wait a little while.* I declare unto you that God is going to do better in your tomorrows than He ever has done in the past. I feel that we are standing like Joshua stood before the crossing of the Jordan and, under the anointing of the Spirit, he declared: 'Ye have not passed this way before. Tomorrow the Lord will do WONDERS among you.' Great as have been the victories and triumphs of yesterday, they were to witness the supernatural power of their conquering Lord as they walked in implicit obedience to His divine will.

"Thousands of honest hearts know that there is a need. Hungry people everywhere are crying for food. There is an intuitive consciousness that there is *"something better and richer and sweeter* very near at hand."

A NEW DAY

Rapturously he continued, "So it is I declare that this glorious, radiant rift in the sky which is the herald of a New Day and the breaking of a New Morning makes my heart sing for joy. Nothing can stop it and all the ingenuities and machinations of the human mind of the manifestation of the arm of flesh shall never be able to prevent it. Did you ever hear the rumbling in the distant hills that heralds the coming of the storm? I have, and I am listening NOW. I believe I know what Day it is.

"You, who love the Lord, is not your heart crying out for something which may seem far away but which I assure you, *is very, very near.*"

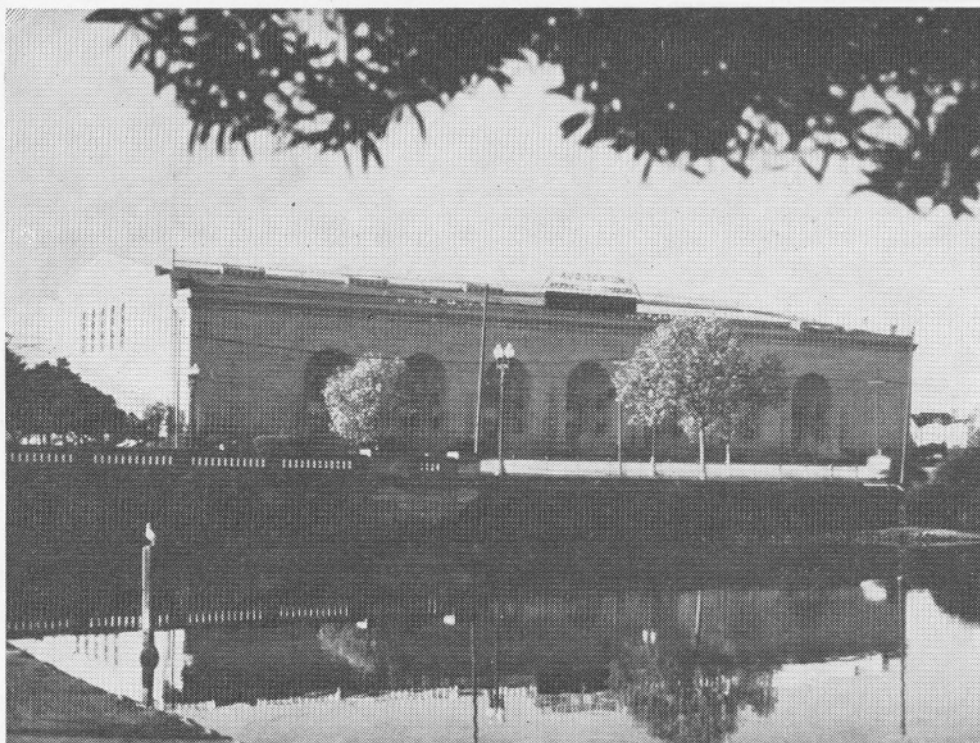
Could it be that "This is that"—the latter day sign-gift ministry of Brothers Branham, Freeman, Roberts, etc., of which this modern prophet spoke in no uncertain sound? Could the seemingly Holy Ghost utterances of this man, who was so used of God to inspire faith, be applied to this last day of healing upsurge? Was the short endowment of the reported fifteen minutes or so "gifts of healing" ministry in Seattle of Brother Price, when it is said all were healed during that period before the gift lifted, a foreshadowing of this time of God's visitation and the restoration of the miraculous "gifts of healing" to the Church? Undoubtedly the Lord allowed not only a foresight to his servant,

but as well a foretaste of the coming healing splendor now operative.

THE FULFILLMENT

How it would have confirmed his word of forecast and cheered the heart of Dr. Price to be able to have lived and to have been present at the opening night of the Portland Healing meetings in the Neighbor of Woodcraft Auditorium on Wednesday, July 28. Yet can we not feel he was permitted to look down over the battlements of Glory to witness this latest Twentieth Century healing phenomena he foresaw so definitely, when in Scriptural phrase-

chuckled in her way. The sudden stimulating reaction would cause her to dash suddenly to her guardian mother and frolic about the stage like a loosened calf in spring pasture. To prove she could distinguish between the various soft and harsh tones, she was led to the piano and heard for the first time harmonious strains of music. As if strangely charmed she listened intently for some time with her head tipped to the side, before dancing away in childish glee. One could readily see the healing was real and all-convincing because of these varied reactions, first



Seen from the shores of Lake Merritt, the great Oakland Civic Auditorium where hundreds were saved and healed in the Freeman Healing Campaigns.

ology, "The lame walk, the blind see, the sick are healed . . . and the poor have the Gospel preached unto them."

THE DEAF HEAR

One of the first outstanding miracles that started the campaign off in high pitch of anticipation was the healing of the little colored girl about four or five years of age who was a deaf mute from birth. The clapping hands of Brother Freeman seemed to register in her body like an electric shock. The reverberations on her newly awakened eardrums seemed, at the same time, to have a pleasant effect as she radiantly smiled and ticklishly

to the sound of clapping hands, secondly to the sound of a ticking watch, thirdly to the metallic ring of a wire striking the microphone stand which seemed especially to amuse her, and lastly the piano chords.

ARTHRITIS HEALED!

Her guardian mother, so stirred by the miracle, found her faith greatly inspired to believe for her own healing. Symptoms of arthritis vanished at once after Brother Freeman prayed and she fell to her knees beside a chair with hands raised in praise to God. It seems that for around fifteen years she had not been able to get down on her knees but before it was over she

was even walking back and forth in front of the chair *on her knees*. Surely the wonderful works of God!

THE BLIND SEE!

Setting the tempo of the entire series of meetings the first healings exemplified the Bible pattern, "He healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils." Demons of deafness as well as devils of blindness and infirmity were dealt a stealthy blow by the hand of God. Next came a husky, robust young man of 25 years, who had been born blind, led between two assistants to the platform. Brother Freeman's "gifts of healing," as given by the Lord, were in evidence again. At first the hand of the Evangelist was visible a few inches from the quickened eyes, and then several feet distant, until finally fingers could be counted by the healed at the far side of the stage. Lest some should doubt, the hand was raised and lowered with the head of the individual falling and rising accordingly. Now the party would follow the hand in a complete circle which climaxed the exultant scene with a sweep of praise and glory. Off of the platform walked the young man, all alone this time, with an expression on his lighted face which could only read, "Whereas I was blind now I see!"

Walking to the pulpit that night, Brother Freeman exclaimed, "There are enough people here and revival spirit to stir the world!" Surely if the world could have looked on those triumphant moments of victory, or if were the healings that took place there publicized, this alone could start that "spiritual explosion that will rock the world."

THE LAME WALK

Hobbling and leaning hard upon a crutch came a lady who had traveled all the way from Medford, Oregon. To a resounding crescendo that magnified the Lord, a few minutes later, she walked alone, with crutch raised high, to the back side of the auditorium with every eye amazingly following her.

Thus closed the first night, which is usually considered the night the "gifts" are on trial, but from the beginning doubt seemed to be destroyed in the sea of faith of God's people.

Friday night the meetings were moved to the large Benson High School Auditorium which a few months ago was the scene of the great Branham healing meetings. Typical of the results here was the assurance that many tumors and goiters would melt away.

At the beautiful Crystal Lake Gospel Park near Portland on the fourth night, the campaign took on an air of "camp meeting" atmosphere. Nearly every seat was taken and the one-day conclave there lasted into the night with no building restrictions hindering. Sighting just one outstanding case—another arthritis victim—this time a suffering middle-aged man bent by the dreadful disease left his crutches behind and went on his way re-

joining along with many healed of blindness, total deafness and faulty hearing.

The Sunday afternoon rally closed the campaign and was held again in the capacious Benson High Auditorium. Like the wine at the time of the first miracle of Jesus, the greater healings seemed to be manifest at the last.

CHILD HEALED

Again a little girl led out with her healing, fulfilling the old adage, "and a little child shall lead them." She was only six years of age but had never heard the sounds of earth, having been born a deaf mute. Unlike the tiny colored girl, she was reserved and bashful and the tick of the watch appeared to frighten her. It was difficult to get her to put it to her ear for she wanted to wear the watch on her wrist instead. People in the audience verified her healing, however, by clapping their hands which she readily heard at a great distance. She was then taken to the piano where she struck the keys, becoming

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Meeting in Shreveport Postponed

It has been necessary to change the date of the Freeman meeting in Shreveport, La., from October 20-24, as announced in previous issues of this paper, to Dec. 8-12.

captivated by the notes that issued forth. Brother Freeman encouraged the ones who brought her not to continue to allow her to read hands giving the sign language.

A young lady was healed but had the tendency to turn her head to read one's lips. So there would be no doubt in anyone's mind and to strengthen the lady's faith, he told her to look the other way when he spoke. Earphones one after another became unnecessary attachments throughout the day.

Several wheel chair cases were prayed for toward the last, and a young girl arose to her feet and walked, shunning all hands that reached out to help her.

DEAF LEAD SONGS

Perhaps the high point of all was the healing of the 34-year-old man who was a deaf mute. To inspire his faith, he saw his wife, who was completely deaf in one ear and with a hearing device in the other, healed instantly. The anxious mother, who stood by, had waited patiently for over 30 years to see that day of deliverance for her son. Now he heard Brother Freeman clap and people speak to him from far back in the auditorium. Topping off this "command performance" of the healing power of God, he stepped to the piano and a lively gospel tune was struck up, he kept perfect time with the moving tempo, leading the great audience as they hummed the familiar song. Then came a lesson in phonetics for he had to learn to form words and letters. Objects were shown him and the word represent-

ing it spoken. The words "Bible," "paper," "light," "glass" and "tie" were articulated almost perfectly as a wave of praise swept the building. This man always knew he would be healed sometime, and that when he was, the Lord would come very soon.

SALVATION LINE

That evening as I rode along with Brother Freeman in his car to a nearby Oregon town where he was to have a conference, I spoke to him about the impressive scene in that closing service, which I had hoped could have been reproduced on film. On one side of the platform was a long line of infirm people seeking healing for their bodies and on the other side a line formed of penitents seeking salvation. Both lines joined at the pulpit showing the wonderful balance of Healing and Evangelism combined in this long-to-be-remembered campaign about to go into history. Undoubtedly Brother Freeman, although he is specializing in a healing ministry, is seeing as many find Christ as Saviour as any evangelist on the field, which is indeed a happy medium to seek in one's ministry. Many people were healed and saved that night.

HIS MESSAGE

The above is an evaluation of the ministry of W. W. Freeman whose ministry speaks for itself. As for his message, it is unique, unconventional as has always characterized the "voice of one crying out in the wilderness." Sincerity is the secret of any successful speaker and this quality is as present as the honeycomb that dripped from the hands of John the Baptist. A low, staccato voice with a rise and fall of pitch as the subject requires would summarize his unpretentious flow of delivery.

Who is this man whom God has raised up? He is not a psychic! He is not a mystic! He is not a science practitioner! He is just an humble man with the power of God, and God always walks with an humble man. That must be the answer.

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Ministry of E. L. Slavens

Many reports have come to us of the meetings of Evangelist E. L. Slavens whom God has given a wonderful ministry of healing. We understand that our brother has had marked success in praying for the deaf and dumb. We were especially impressed with our brother's frank appraisal of his own meetings and the results obtained. While not all are healed, Brother Slavens believes

as a conservative estimate that at least one-half of those prayed for in his meetings are healed. When one considers the fact that most of those who are prayed for in the great healing campaigns are those with chronic afflictions or suffer from some vital organic disease, we consider the above testimony remarkable indeed.

In a recent letter from Brother Slavens he writes: "We are in a good meeting here in Hammond, Indiana. The crowds are very good. They say the best ever. About fifteen ministers were with us tonight. A preacher's wife was delivered from stammering this evening." Evangelist Slavens' next meetings are as follows:

October: Toronto, Ontario. Evangel Temple. For information write Rev. W. G. McPherson, Evangel Temple, Bond and Dundas Streets, Toronto, Ontario.

November: Rochester, New York. For information write Rev. R. E. LeMons, 45 Jones Street, Rochester, New York.

Clarification of Statement In the August Issue

In Brother John Sharritt's letter published in the August issue, a statement was made that should be clarified. The letter came in just before the magazine went to press, and the editor did not have opportunity to check it. A statement in the letter implied that Brother Branham felt that people might think that he, of all persons, should not have allowed himself to have gotten into such a weakened condition physically, and that his friends might leave him in his hour of test physically. This indeed proved far from the truth. Inquiries came from far and wide concerning our brother. In fact, so many people called and tried to get in touch with Brother Branham that it was necessary for him to leave Jeffersonville in order to secure rest. In no sense was Brother Branham ill from a disease, but was in a state of nervous exhaustion. Through *The Voice of Healing* our brother extends thanks to all those that have prayed for him that he may regain his strength.

Young Lady Reports Disappearance of Tumor

Oregon City, Oregon

Aug. 24, 1948.

Dear Brother Freeman:

I am sending you my testimony. I was at your meeting that was held in the Benson High Auditorium in Portland.

You prayed for me and I was completely healed of my tumors.

The Lord is indeed wonderful and I will praise him all my life. It is so wonderful to go about my many tasks with ambition and in good health. "Praise His Holy Name!"

MRS. ALICE HIEB
Oregon City, Oregon

To Those Planning to Attend the Freeman Campaign in Shreveport

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Something More Than Healing

BY GORDON LINDSAY

Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospers (III John 2).

It is inspiring indeed to sit in one of the great Healing services and listen to the testimonies of scores of people who have been healed of deafness, blindness, of cancer, tumor and other organic diseases. God is vindicating His Word by a mighty demonstration of healing power. Nevertheless we believe that Christians, as a whole, are missing one of the most vital truths of Divine Healing. God does not save a sinner so that he will fall from Grace again and again and have to go through the process of having the blessing restored each time. Neither is it the Will of God that after the Christian has been healed should he find it necessary to get sick ever so often and to require another healing. Yet we must admit that this to a great extent is the case. Perhaps this state of affairs has occurred simply because we are not sufficiently familiar with the Bible promises and therefore, fail to claim what is rightfully ours.

DIVINE HEALTH UNDER THE OLD COVENANT

Not only did God give Israel a covenant of healing, but in this covenant was a promise that if the children of Israel would "diligently hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear unto His commandments, and will keep all of His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians" (Exod. 15:26). It was evident that God had something in mind beyond mere healing—it was the protection of the children of Israel from disease (Exod. 23:25). Perhaps the reason some Christians are sick, is that spiritually they live too close to Egypt.

The remarkable thing was that Israel as a whole actually appropriated this glorious promise. There was a time the psalmist tells us when "there was not one feeble person among their tribes" (Psm. 105:37). What a wonderful impetus the Church of Jesus Christ would receive if it could be said that there was not one feeble person among her numbers. The sad story is that a great deal of the strength of the church is dissipated in nursing the sick and afflicted of the flock.

OLD AGE ARRESTED

Nor must it be thought that the psalmist was merely speaking poetically. Israel enjoyed a remarkable state of physical preservation, so that the very agencies producing old age and decay were arrested or retarded. Of Moses, who was 120 years of age at the time of his death, the Scripture declares:

"And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated" (Deut. 34:8).

Moses knew nothing of illness and broken health, but enjoyed supernatural strength even at the advanced age of 120 years. Nor should it be thought Moses was the only one who was a recipient of Divine health. Caleb, one of the two spies that brought back a good report had what today would be a most unique testimony. At 85 years of age he possessed the same strength that he had at 40!

Committal of Our Body to God

BY DR. A. B. SIMPSON

"There is a great difference between asking and taking, between expecting and accepting. You must take Christ as your Healer—not as an experiment, nor as a future, but as a present reality. You must believe that He does it now, according to His promise, touch your life with His Almighty hand, and quicken the foundations of your being with His strength. Do not merely believe that He will do it, but claim and believe that He does touch you now. And go forth counting it done, and acknowledging and praising Him for it.

It is a good thing to prepare for this solemn act of committal and appropriating faith. It ought to be a very deliberate and final step, and in the nature of things it cannot be repeated. Like the marriage ceremony it is the signaling and sealing of a great transaction, and depends for its value upon the reality of the union which it seals.

Before we take this step we ought to weigh every question thoroughly and then regard it as forever settled, and to step out solemnly, definitely, irrevocably, on new ground, on God's promise, with the deep conviction that it is forever. This gives strength and rest to the heart, and closes the door against a thousand doubts and temptations."

"And now lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out and come in" (Joshua 14:10-11).

Caleb began his experience with a sense of spiritual victory, and even when he met the giants of Canaan he came back with a good report. It perhaps is not facetious to say that the reason many Christians are chronically afflicted is because they are chronic complainers. The ten spies complained and let doubts come into their

minds. They died in the wilderness, but Caleb lived to see the walls of Jericho fall and the giants of that land subdued.

Let us not make the mistake that our strength and youth may be renewed by a moment of prayer. Even the Gifts of Healing are not for this. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. We must daily let our mouth be filled with God's good things if we are to enjoy the great blessing.

"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles" (Psm. 103:5).

Notice the context. The renewal of youth was a promise given supplementary to healing. Healing may come in a moment as a result of faith in the Divine Promise. But daily health and strength and the renewing of youth must come as a result of daily partaking of the good things of heaven. There is no alternative to waiting upon God (Isa. 40:31).

THE MAGIC OF THE 91ST PSALM

Few chapters can surpass the power and charm of the 91st Psalm. It with the 23rd chapter is memorized more than any other portion of the Old Testament. But how few claim its treasury of promises. Read it and read it again. But remember with every promise there is a condition. The condition preceding fulfillment of the promises of this Psalm is given in the very first verse:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

It is a secret place, and therefore, few know about it, but the promises are glorious to those who enter in. No wavering consecration will be a complete consecration to God and His Will forever. Let us notice the rewards to those who count the promise true:

1. Saved from traps.
2. Immune from pestilence.
3. Safe from the terrors of night.
4. Protected from weapons of man.
5. Saved from catastrophes.
6. Protection from accidents.
7. Family protected against plagues.
8. Dominion over Satan.
9. Deliverance from trouble.
10. Promise of long life.

What a legacy! Yet it is available to the humblest believer who chooses to dwell in the secret place of the Most High.

DIVINE HEALTH FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN

No one has suggested that the New Testament Christian discard the 91st Psalm. Its glorious promises are for all who will dare to claim them. New Testa-

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than He was of revealing some new doctrine to them.

3. That such ministry before being recognized in this magazine should have time to prove its character and stability. It is essential that the man of God to whom God has entrusted such gifts shall conduct himself in humbleness of mind and holiness of life. It is to be regretted that some as Samson of old, have failed seriously along this line, and the great influence that they wielded acted to the detriment rather than the blessing of the church.

4. That those to whom such a ministry has been given, will refrain from cheapening the dignity of the Gifts of God, such as by auctioneering for money, or by offending public taste in taking undue time in the receiving of offerings, or by sensational advertising that is not justified by the actual ministry that the minister may possess.

It will be seen then that it is our desire that the Gifts of God be manifested in such a way as to inspire the confidence of the Church of Jesus Christ that the church will pray for their coming and accept them as they come, for we are confident that the manifestations of the Gifts shall come forth in increasing power as we go along.

We welcome reports from ministers having these ministries and who agree with these principles. If after observation we find such ministries to conform to those standards it shall be our delight to report them in *The Voice of Healing*.

CONCERNING NEW MINISTRIES OF DIVINE HEALING

The result of what God has been doing in recent months has tended to greatly stimulate the ministry of Divine Healing. This is what it should be and what we have been praying for. God grant that all of His pastors and evangelists receive a renewed vision of God's plan for His Church. But there is a price to be paid for such a ministry. Jesus spent years of preparation and then went through the grueling temptation and conflict with Satan in the wilderness. The apostle Paul and all the other apostles learned the hard way. There is a depth of consecration needed to make such a ministry effective. To advertise one's self as possessing a great gift will only redound to the eventual discrediting of the individual, if consecration needed for such a ministry is lacking, and in the end, will cast a reflection upon the ministry in general. All eyes are focused on the man who claims a Gift of God.

It is better for one to go slow. Get your ministry on a solid foundation. "A man's gift maketh room for him" (Proverbs 18:16). By all means avoid Hollywood press agent stuff. When your faith reaches up and God really begins to bless, you will have greater crowds than you will

know what to do with and more people to pray for than you have strength or time to minister to. In the meantime may God's people be on their face before God. Yea in prayer and fasting with tears. There are great things ahead if we can let God work us over till He can use us.

Evangelist Max A. X. Clark, Editor of The National Christian Journal, Expresses Thanks for the Freeman- Lindsay Meetings in California

We praise the Lord Jesus for *The Voice of Healing*. As an editor of a twenty-page Full Gospel paper, I can appreciate the great amount of time and effort it takes to put out such a splendid paper as yours. But there is nothing like the printed word. The publication reaches people of all classes and conditions of life. Those weak in the faith receive strength; the skeptic is aroused to look into the subject it treats and believers are all encouraged to press the battle a little stronger.

The article by the late Dr. John G. Lake, "The Dominion of a Christian" brought back happy, revered memories of the times spent in services with this dear man of God. My own life has been enriched by his unselfish and devoted work for the Body of Christ. May we have many more such splendid articles. And may we have many such consecrated lives as that of Dr. Lake.

We thank God for the Freeman-Lindsay campaign now in progress in the Oakland Municipal Auditorium. Not only are sick bodies being healed by the scores—yea hundreds—but the Pentecostal ministers are being drawn closer together through mutual helpfulness and service to the public. It really is a miracle to see such a spirit of unity and brotherly kindness manifested on all sides. Too long has flesh and the exigencies of leadership and organizational requirements prevented a solid Christian front to the enemy. But Brother Freeman and party are laboring with their eyes fixed upon the vision of the Kingdom and with hearts burning to see Christ exalted in their meetings. Again and again the brethren admonish their hearers to not look upon them but to give Jesus Christ our Lord the glory.

I was happy to have had the privilege of attending a couple of the Richmond (Calif.) meetings. The beautiful, newly-constructed temple was filled to overflowing time after time. Many conversions took place and hundreds were healed. This campaign has indeed been a blessing to this industrial center and Rev. Eli Persing, the pastor, expresses his heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful ministry of our friends.

Concerning Other Ministries And Gifts Being Manifested

The Voice of Healing publication welcomes news of the manifestations of God's Gifts in any quarter of the earth. It is our intention to keep the policy which distinguishes this magazine—that of reporting those ministries which are marked by unusual power, and, which manifest deep consecration to God. There are, of course, and have been, many faithful ministers whom God is blessing in the prayer of faith, but which more or less are local in their scope, and reports of their meetings are regularly carried in various church periodicals. It is the policy and purpose of *The Voice of Healing* to publish, regardless of denominational affiliation, the outstanding manifestations of the Gifts of the Spirit, thereby encouraging the Church of Jesus Christ to anticipate and receive, what we believe is the will of God, a mighty climaxing Visitation of the Spirit of God before the Coming of Christ. In reporting these ministries we are governed by the following considerations:

1. That the ministry concerned be a unique manifestation of the Gifts of the Spirit.

2. That those who have received these Gifts shall also have a vision of the unity of God's people. Those who would use such a ministry to advance a doctrine which engenders controversy and division between Spirit-filled people cannot be represented in this publication. Jesus said, "I have many things to say unto you but ye cannot bear them now" (John 16:12). The thing that He was most interested in was that His disciples would be Spirit-filled and unified—"one even as we are one." He was more interested in getting His disciples into true spiritual fellowship

Child Preacher Witnesses Vision of Heaven and Hell

(Editor's Note: "Little Bobby" Haskins followed the Freeman party in a meeting at Richmond, California. The remarkable vision given him by the Spirit, of Jesus and of heaven and hell is worthy of record. His testimony follows).

I was born of Christian parents April 15, 1935, at Ponca City, Oklahoma. I was told that daddy prayed and desired to have a boy to preach the Gospel. They regarded my birth as an answer to prayer.

At the age of four the Lord began to deal with me, saying: "Son, give me thine heart." My daddy used me in the services to pray and to do whatever I could (Eccles. 12:1). At the age of seven the Lord spoke to me to receive the Holy Ghost. While I was under the power of the Spirit, the Lord carried me into a heavenly place, where there was much rejoicing and praising God.

Then there appeared unto me Jesus, in a great light that outshone all others. There I heard His Voice saying, "Bobbie, go warn my people of Hell and of My Soon Return."

I had wanted to be a stunt pilot, so I didn't want to preach the gospel. I had played with planes all my life, and I wanted to fly a real one. I told Jesus this. He spoke again and said that there were multitudes going to Hell. Then He showed me the flames and the anguish and the torments of Hell. He showed me a road leading to a pit with these flames in it. The road was crowded with people going toward the pit, at ease as though unwarned.

I then surrendered to Jesus to warn the people of Hell. I was standing before multitudes of people preaching and warning them. There was a large Bible before me trimmed in gold.

My parents accepted this as from the Lord. My father and mother have prayed for my ministry and have taught me more of the Lord.

I have been doing my best for Jesus. There have been hundreds led to Jesus in our meetings. I'm looking for Jesus to come in the clouds of glory to take me back with Him to Heaven and to my reward. (P. O. Box 12, Grover City, California).

Vallejo, Calif.

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From Oakland, the Freeman party went to Vallejo for a ten-day campaign. Arrangements for this meeting were made at the last moment and little or no advertising preceded the meeting. Nevertheless as miracles of healing began to take place, the crowds continually increased, and mighty things were accomplished for the

Messages Given in the Spirit of Prophecy

(Editor's Note: One of the nine gifts of the Spirit is "Prophecy" (1 Cor. 12:10). The purpose of this gift is to edify the church. "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (1 Cor. 14:3). Such prophesying is not to be regarded on the same plane of authority of the Scripture. "Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge" (1 Cor. 14:29). The following is a splendid example of the beauty and power of the gift of prophecy).

Holiness is the character of God. Purity is the very essence of His being, the essence of His nature. The purpose of God in the salvation of mankind is to produce in man a kindred holiness, a radiant purity like unto that of God Himself. If God were unable to produce in man such a purity, then His purpose in man would be a failure, and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ would be a miscarriage, instead of a triumph.

ON BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT

The triumph of Jesus Christ was attained through His willingness to be led by the Spirit of God. The triumph of the Christian can only be attained in a similar manner. Even though God has baptized a soul with the Holy Spirit there yet remains, as with Jesus, the ever-present necessity of walking in humility and permitting the now-present Spirit of God to be absolute guide.

SPIRIT OF GOD REVEALS MAN'S SENSUAL NATURE TO SECURE LONGING FOR THE DIVINE

The unveiling of the consciousness of the desires of the flesh, of the sensuality of the nature and the thought of man, the revelation of adverse tendencies, is part of God's purpose and is necessary for growth in God. How can the nature of man be changed unless that nature first be re-

vealed? So there arises in the heart the desire and prayer for the Spirit of God to eject, crucify and destroy every tendency of opposition to the Holy Spirit. Think not that thou shalt attain the highest in God until within thine own soul, heavenly longing to be like Him who gave His life for us, possesses thine heart.

ONLY PURITY IN HEAVEN

Think not to come within the courts of God with stain upon thy garments. Think not that heaven can smile upon a nature fouled through evil contact. Think not that Christ can dwell in temples seared by flames of hate. No! The heart of man must first be purged by holy fire, and washed from every stain by cleansing Blood. Know ye that he whose nature is akin to God's must ever feel the purging power of Christ within.

TRUSTING THE SPIRIT'S POWER TO KEEP

He who would understand the ways of God, must trust the Spirit's power to guide and keep. He who would tread the paths where angels tread must realize seraphic purity. Know ye that Heaven's first law is undefiled and spotless purity. Such is the nature of God. Such is the working of the Spirit's power. Such is the attainment of him who overcomes. In him the joy and power of God shall dwell. Through him the healing streams of life shall flow. To him heaven's gates are open wide.

Fear not to place thy hand within the nail-pierced palm. Fear not to trust His guidance. The way He trod is marked by bleeding feet, and wet with many tears. He leadeth thee aright, and heaven's splendor soon shall open to thy spirit, and thou shalt know that all triumphant souls, they that have overcome indeed, have found their entrance by this path into the realms of light.

Given in the Spirit March 5, 1916.

Kingdom of God. A police officer came and stood at the rear of the auditorium one evening and watched intently the proceedings. We soon learned the reason for his interest. His own mother, who had been blind for several years, received sight in the meeting. Following this lady in the line was a little boy on crutches with softening of the bone. When prayed for, he fairly ran off the platform, leaving his crutches behind. Captain Joe Gearhart, pastor of the Vallejo Assembly of God, wrote of the meetings as follows:

"The healing line became longer and longer until it was always past 11 p. m. before we could get away. The last night Brother Freeman prayed for the sick until about midnight. This night witnessed some outstanding healings. However, this seemed characteristic each service. Who

can deny the power of God manifested through the Gifts of Healing? Surely this sign should bring the unbeliever to his knees.

In our church, for example, one sister had to have a special wire from our church amplifier to her earphones. She sat through the services Sunday without a hearing aid of any kind. Another sister who has had ulcers on her leg for years was completely healed. There is no limit to the testimonies I could give.

Aside from the fact that many people were healed, we feel the result of these services in our assembly. It has done a wonderful thing for us all. The meetings Sunday were saturated with His Presence. The feeling between the four co-operating churches has never before been like this. Brotherly love is at work."

A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

BY CHAS. F. PARHAM

(In the year 1924 the editor was converted in Dr. Lake's church at Portland, Oregon, under the preaching of Charles F. Parham. A rugged individualist, preaching the truth as he saw it, he was as John the Baptist of old, "a voice crying out in the wilderness." Eloquent always, a crusader by nature, he was instrumental in pioneering many of the Full Gospel truths. God blessed him in the ministry of healing, and so, as a second in a series of Divine Healing classics by men of God of a previous generation, we publish this abridged message by Charles F. Parham, recorded some forty years ago. May God bless the memory of this man, who went to be with the Lord in the year 1929).

Skeptics, infidels and higher critics—a trinity of the same species—recognize the unseen forces of electricity, gravitation, heat and cold, yet denounce the miraculous and the supernatural as though the unseen God, who governs all forces, was incapable of causing humanity to feel and realize His saving and healing power.

ORIGIN OF DISEASE

Diseases originate from three sources: First, inbred. Nearly every disease that has ever afflicted an individual was imprinted upon their physical life before they were born. Actual disease is not only often inherited, but owing to peculiar family weakness of one or more organs, a predisposition to disease results.

Another class of sickness is the result of sins of omission or commission. Under this latter head we find many Christians who are sick. They are suffering from some sin of omission or commission; the sin of omission being just as black and soul destroying in the sight of God, as the sin of commission. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin (Jas. 4:17). While the majority of Christians are not guilty of the sins of commission, their experience is freighted down with broken vows and omissions in the line of duty. Is it any wonder then that there are so many professors that are weak and sickly and die long before their days are run? It is an impossibility for a person guilty of disobedience to receive healing in answer to their own prayers, or to the prayers of others, until they have sincerely repented. It is to the church that James speaks:

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing with oil in the name of the Lord. And the

prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him (James 5:14-15).

The words "if they have committed sins" signifies that in all probability sin was the cause of the sickness. The prayer of faith will save the sick, if coupled with the sincere prayers of the individual, but unless there is sincere repentance, the prayer of faith cannot prevail, for healing will not take place until the sin is forgiven. Such a case is illustrated in the healing of the man sick with the palsy (Luke 5). The elders indeed brought him and lowered him at the Saviour's feet. Jesus, seeing their faith and knowing the man's past, said: "Son thy sins be forgiven thee," and immediately he was healed. Forgiveness and healing must be concomitant.



Rev. Chas. F. Parham

ACQUIRED DISEASE

Then consider acquired disease. In the beginning God said: I am the Lord that healeth thee. Being a jealous God, He cannot look with any degree of allowance on a system, however perfect, that shall supersede Him as Healer of His people. For man has ever been prone to wander to seek help from any and every source—whatever the course—before he will humble himself in the sight of God, and accept the deliverance freely purchased for him on Calvary. When King Asa sought not the Lord, but resorted to other means for his healing, the Scriptures ironically add: "He slept with his fathers." Diseases fatal in the days of Asa are fatal still, and science stands with fettered

hands in the presence of consumption, cancer, and many other diseases.

WHY WAS JOB SICK?

Some people say to us, was Job a sinner; did he suffer from sin? We answer yes. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. The Word of God says, "Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers." Because of her beauty or some other reason, Job married a foolish and ungodly woman, who told him to curse God and die. She raised him an ungodly family, who, when the cyclone struck the house, were wining and revelling.

There are so-called Christian mothers today, who, for the sake of position in society, sell the birthright of their children for a mess of pottage, an hour's delight for an evening of ill-gotten pleasure. Driven by the gale of fashion's folly they sell their souls, an eternity of bliss, and never stop till in the wreck of death, are thrown helpless on the shores of eternal despair.

Job indeed reaped what he sowed; but being a servant of God, God caused the reaping to be a spiritual harvest of patience and higher attainment. Though he had a dreadful case of boils and scraped himself with a piece of crockery, yet his flesh returned as fresh as a child's.

WHY DAVID'S CHILD WAS NOT HEALED

Then some people say: Why was not David's child healed? In the first place it was a child of sin. David himself could not pray the prayer of faith for it; he said, "Who can tell" but if we fast all night and day, God will heal the child. God never heals a "who can tell" prayer. Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe ye receive them and ye shall have them (Mark 11:24). David seems to have had rheumatism, with his bones roaring all day long; probably contracted when hiding from Saul in the dens and caves of the mountains, yet he was able to shout the victory. He could say, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities and who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103).

SIGNS TO FOLLOW BELIEVERS

Christ did not leave His children without visible signs of distinction to follow them that the world might know who were Christians and who were not. Neither did He send forth His servants to preach the vague speculative theories of a world to come, but with mighty power for the relief of suffering humanity, He confirmed the word of inward spiritual benefit—by these outward visible signs.

WHAT IS THIS GREAT SALVATION?

In Hebrew 2:3-4 we read:

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with *signs* and *wonders*, and *divers miracles* and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His will?"

This text has been used for years as an argument to persuade sinners to accept Christianity; but let us say to Christians: how shall you escape if you neglect this great salvation which was first spoken unto us by the Lord? What is this salvation?—it is one that includes signs, wonders and miracles.

John the Baptist desired to know whether this man preaching over in Judea was really the Christ, so he sent some of his disciples to see. Jesus commanded them to stand aside; after viewing the marvelous work performed, Christ said unto them, "Go your way and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the Gospel is preached" (Luke 7:22).

The healing of the sick is as much a part of the Gospel as telling them of heaven. This is the Gospel that Jesus said should be preached to all nations as a witness, before the end should come; this is the great salvation that many thousands are neglecting today, a salvation that heals the body as well as saves the soul. Were this gospel fully preached today, the multitudes would hang upon the Word of God; while the heathen would flow unto the Lord. You dear friends, who are neglecting to teach, preach, and give of your substance to the spread of this gospel—attended with signs, wonders, mighty deeds, divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost—are in danger of standing before God in condemnation before the judgment bar of God.

Sometimes people say: "Oh you are Divine Healers." We answer, "No, we believe in Divine Healing but not in Divine Healers." If a minister prays for a penitent sinner and he be converted, it does not make the minister a Divine Saviour. So we who believe in Divine Healing, may pray for one seeking healing and they may be healed, but it does not make us a Divine Healer; the work is wrought by Christ.

After having found Him in the healing of our body, and having seen thousands healed, is it fanaticism to lift Him up that He might draw men to Him? Yea, that the great waves of turbulent suffering humanity might break sobbing at His feet, changing their sadness into glee, finding Him able to save and heal!

If you would use as much time in prayer and thanking God for healing as you use in studying what patent medicine or cure

you are going to try next, you will not only get healed but stay healed. When you call a physician and he says, "Oh you will be well in a few days," you believe him and begin to rejoice. But when God says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," people often make excuses because they do not believe what God says. Polite indeed to man, but to God most rude. Most rude because while professing love for Him, they prove by their actions that they have not confidence in His Word.

TURN YOUR EYES ON CALVARY

As a sinner never becomes converted while reviewing the past or gazing upon his sins but speedily finds deliverance when turning his eyes to the power of Calvary, so must you in seeking healing, act in like manner. Turn your eyes from your sickness and symptoms. You will never get healed while nursing them.

After you are converted, Satan says: "You were not saved." If you believe him you backslide at once. Unless you stand true and maintain your deliverance, you may lose what you have received. So after you are healed and have the witness, Satan says: "Oh you were not healed." You get deliverance in this as in temptation to evil, by earnest prayer in faith, resisting the devil. He will flee from you.

So many say, "I'll try healing." You may indeed try Christian Science and like forces and realize as the Scripture has said, "Cursed is he that trusteth in the arm of flesh." But when you come to God there is no such thing as trying God, for He has positively promised that, ye shall seek me and find me; in the day that ye seek me with all your heart.

HEALING FOR ALL

We thought indeed at 18 years of age when we were so wonderfully healed, that God was a respecter of persons, and that it was something special for Him to heal in our case. We knew that He had power to do it but did not suppose it was His Will to heal everybody. How much more precious it was in later years when we could throw open the Word of God, and declare that "whosoever will" might be healed.

Now the Atonement for healing was in the stripes of Christ. The stripes were made in His Body; the perfect Body of Christ was broken for our imperfect bodies to bring us to perfect health. His body was broken for ours, and this is typified in the Communion. A solemn warning is given about partaking of it unworthily, how we ought to examine ourselves for fear we bring judgment upon ourselves. For this cause many are sickly among you and many sleep (I Cor. 11:30).

One day in the Bible school some of the students came to us saying, "Of course, we know it does, but how is it that the blood of a man that was spilt 1900 years ago saves us today? How is it that there

could be such power in the stripes of Jesus to heal us of all our diseases?" Drawing forth a greasy, dirty bill, we said: "Students, who gives this greasy, green paper the intrinsic value of five dollars? Is it not that the government of the United States has stamped it with that value? Likewise God, the Governor of the universe stamped the blood and broken body of the Lord Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world with intrinsic value. As long as His kingdom stands, every individual shall find full salvation and healing when they present at the bank of Heaven the Blood and the Stripes in exchange for the same." Men may depreciate and minimize the relative virtue of the double atonement for soul and body, but if it is a crime to deface or destroy the money of the United States, how much sorer damnation do you think should be thought worthy of those who seek to destroy or underestimate the value that God Almighty placed upon the Sacrifice of His Son. It is a crime to handle, trade or give away counterfeit money; so it is also a crime against Heaven for any man or minister to handle, to have, trade or give away a counterfeit religion, that does not bring experimental salvation for soul and body.

Nor is an occasional healing all the value there is in the Atonement for our bodies. Though being healed many times ourselves, we were continually harassed by the same or similar diseases recurring. Among the many who came to us for healing, we found that though they were healed at the time, yet it was not long before they were sick again. We began to wonder whether this was the best that God could do. We wondered if it was the Will of God for the Holy Ghost to have to dwell in a body defiled with disease. The light began to dawn upon us that the Church, even the Body of Christ, ought to have entire sanctification. For ye are members of His Body, of His flesh, of His bones (Ephes. 5:30). We saw then that it was wrong to be sick as it was wrong to be sinful. And so Paul the apostle prayed, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly and I pray God that your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thes. 5:23).

It was prophesied of Jesus that not a bone of His body should be broken. If this were true of His physical body, would it not also be true of the Spiritual body—the Church. As your bodies are members of His body, bone of His Bone, flesh of His flesh, you have no scriptural privilege to be broken or sickly.

At the age of 24, the broken body of Christ triumphed; sanctifying power reached every part of our body, delivering us from a life of misery and intense suffering, so that for years now, we have lived as realizing that God is our habitation and no plague comes nigh the dwelling.

EXPLOITS OF FAITH

TESTIMONIES FROM THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

"But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits"—Daniel 11:32.

Brought to Meeting in Ambulance; Pushes Stretcher Out

Sedalia, Mo.
Aug. 12, 1948.

I was down with heart trouble for 18 months and had turned my face to the wall and had given myself up to God more than once. My husband had called in doctor after doctor and they said there was not any medicine that would cure me. Although I took medicine, I knew I would never be cured until the Lord did it.



Almost every minister in the city came and prayed for me and I would get relief, but just for a short time.

When Brother Branham came to town my husband called an ambulance to take me to be prayed for by Brother Branham, and I was carried on a stretcher to the ambulance. After he prayed for me I felt like a new person. I got up and rolled my stretcher over the floor.

Now I am able to do my housework and visit my friends.

I am sure Brother Branham is a man sent by our Saviour, and I say God bless him in his work.

MRS. M. HORNBECK
Sedalia, Mo.

Miracle Performed in Case of Afflicted Baby

Milton, Florida
Aug. 30, 1948

Dear Brother Branham:

I want to praise the Lord for healing my little grandson, who at birth weighed only 4½ pounds, and in a short time developed two bad hernias. At the age of three months he had to have an operation for one. The doctors said they couldn't operate for the other one until he was one year old.



I took him to your meeting in Pensacola, and when you prayed for him Jesus

didn't only heal the hernia, but the other trouble he had, and now he is a perfect baby, weighing 22 pounds. I am telling it everywhere I go for the glory of my Lord.

MRS. MARY E. THACKER
Milton, Fla.

Hay Fever Victim in Miami Now Rejoicing Over Healing

Hialeah, Fla.
Aug. 24, 1948

While Brother Branham was here in Miami this past winter I was completely healed of sinus and hay fever combined. I had spent many dollars for medicine, but only temporary relief. I sneezed until I thought I could pull out my hair, I'd get so distracted. My nose was like a faucet and the very air I'd breathe would cause a sneeze, but thank God, through faith (built up by seeing the miracles God performed through you) I was healed.

MRS. HAZEL GAVIN
P. O. Box 121
Hialeah, Fla.

Georgia Woman Receives Anointed Ribbon, Discards Cane

I had arthritis in my knees, and had to walk with a cane. I wrote Brother Branham and asked him to pray for me and to send me an anointed ribbon. I haven't had to use my cane since. I put the ribbon on in the Name of Jesus. The old demon kept coming back, but I obeyed the Scripture that tells us to resist the devil and he will flee from you, and to stand fast in the faith. I would command him to go in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ and the Power of the Holy Ghost, and to leave the temple that was bought with the blood of the Lamb. I would tell him that it is written, "By His stripes we are healed," and I was healed. "Hallelujah."



MRS. JIM POLLARD
Route 2
Summerville, Ga.

Young Girl Delivered From Lifelong Ailment of St. Vitus Dance

July 19, 1948.

Dear Brother Branham:

I certainly thank God for His gift that he has given to you. I was healed in your service at Portland, Oregon. Since I was about 10 years of age I have had Chorea (or St. Vitus Dance, as it is more commonly called). My condition became worse each year until I was so bad that I couldn't stay on a bed. But praise God, I'm delivered!

Many friends have told me how well I look, so I know that God not only let me know of my complete healing, but He changes the outward appearance as well.

I also had the great joy of being in the meetings in Tacoma, and there I witnessed the marvelous healing in the many sick bodies there. I thank God for this privilege.

I'm praying for you, Brother Branham, that God will give you sufficient strength to carry on God's work for you.

Your Sister in Christ,

DOROTHY LUTTER

P. S.—Since God healed me I am able to drive a car, which I was never able to do before.

August 8, 1948.

I would like to send in the testimony of my father, Mr. Luke Brown.

He was pronounced with a serious heart disease and was expected to die any time.

We heard you were in Pensacola and took him over there. He said he felt he was healed before he entered the prayer line. After we came back to Mobile, I took him to the doctor and had a picture made of his heart. The doctor said there was no trace of heart trouble. I praise the Lord for healing him.

MRS. LILLIAN WHISENHANT
Box 115
Prichard, Ala.



Life Story of Rev. Wm. Branham

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he did—he was my dad. Listen, boys and girls, young people, be good to your father and mother. You don't know what daddy is until he's gone. The finest commandment with promise is "Honor thy father and mother." Father gave me whippings, but I never got one but what I needed another. He used to keep the ten commandments on the wall with a large hickory switch over them. I got my education out in the woodshed when I did wrong. We would be a lot better off today if we had more of the same thing, don't you think?

I remember how that dad had to work hard to try to pay the bills. It's no disgrace to be poor. But it is hard sometimes. I remember that I didn't have the proper clothes to go to school. I went to a little old rural school. I hate to think of some of the things that I did when I went to school. I remember one time putting a big frog under the teacher's bell. When she raised the bell up that great big old frog jumped out, and she screamed. Well, you know what happened. I got what I deserved. But I remember going to school one complete year without even a shirt to wear. There was a rich woman nearby that gave me a coat with a sailor emblem on the arm. I would button the collar up like this and it would get so hot. The teacher would say, "William." I would say, "Yes, mam." "Well, why don't you take that coat off." But I couldn't; I didn't have any shirt on. So I would fib and say, "I'm chilly." She would say, "All right sit over there by the fire." And I would sit there while the perspiration would run down on me. Then she would say, "Aren't you warm yet?" I would have to say, "No, mam."

Well, it was pretty hard going. My toes would stick through my shoes like turtle heads. Then a little later I got a shirt.

I'll tell you what kind of a shirt it was. It was a girl's dress which belonged originally to my cousin, and had a lot of curleque stuff on it. I cut the skirt part of it off, and after I put it on, you should have seen me strut going to school. Then the children got to laughing at me, and I said, "What are you laughing at me for?" They said, "You've got on a girl's dress." I had to fib again. I said, "No I haven't; that's my Indian suit." But they didn't believe me and I went off crying.

Then in 1917 when I was still a very little boy, my mother started sewing for the government depot and it got a little better for us. But there came a great snow, like you have out in the mountains, drifting in some places 17 or 18 feet. That was a big snow for Indiana, one of the largest for 50 years, I guess. After it snowed a while it started sleeting, and then it turned cold and froze about half an inch deep. No one could get out. So every-

body went sleigh riding. But my little brother and I didn't have any sleigh. We lived out in the country about seven miles and so we went out to a dump and got an old dish pan. We wound our legs around the dish pan, and away we went down the hill. We weren't as fast as the rest of them, but we were riding just the same. That did all right until the bottom came out. Then we couldn't ride any more.

The Ohio river was close, so we went down there and got us an old log. We got on the old log and rolled down the hill with it, but it didn't work so well.

There was a boy that lived near us, who was selling those little PATHFINDER magazines. In so doing, he was given a prize of a Boy Scout suit. My, how I liked that suit. It was wartime then and everybody that was big enough in those days was in uniform. I always wanted to be a soldier. I was too little then. Even in this last war I wasn't large enough to go. I have four brothers that went. But God has given me a uniform anyway—the armor of God—so I could go out and fight against sickness and disease that is binding people.

But how I admired that Scout suit, with its hat and leggings. I said, "Lloyd, when you wear that suit out will you give it to me?" He said, "Yeah, I'll give it to you, Billy." But my, that suit lasted longer than anything that I ever saw. It seemed to me he never would wear that thing out. Then I missed it for a while and so I went to him and I said, "Lloyd, what did you do with that Boy Scout suit?" He said, "Billy, I'll look around home and see if I can find it." But when he looked for it he found that his mother had cut it up to make patches for his dad's clothes. He came to me and said, "I can't find any of it but one legging." I said, "Bring me that." So I took it home and put it on. It had a draw string on it, and I pulled it up, and I thought that I was a real soldier. I wanted to wear it to school and I didn't know just how to do it. So I pretended that one of my legs was hurt and I put that legging on as if I was protecting my injured leg. But at school the teacher sent me to the blackboard. I tried to hide my leg that did not have a legging, and all the children got to laughing at me. I started crying and the teacher made me go home.

Well, anyway, poor or not, I always loved my family. The other day I went home to see my little girl and boy and when I went to take my little girl in my arms, she backed away from me. Her mother had shown her the picture of me when I went away. But at the time the picture was taken I had a lot of hair. Since then a barber put too strong a solution on my hair when washing it and took off dandruff and hair both, and so my little girl didn't think I looked like the picture. However, she kept looking at it and then

at me, and finally by next morning she decided it was daddy all right, so then she and I became buddies.

On that trip home, wife and I took a little ride. I said I would like to go up to the pike again and look at the old home place. I got there and stopped where the old school was. I looked up where the house used to be and it wasn't there any more. They had a housing project there. The spring in the meadow where we used to drink was gone; the old landmarks were gone. And then I thought, "Here we have no continuing city." And then I looked where the old pump was in the school yard, and I wished that I could take another drink from it like I did when I was a boy. So while my wife and baby were picking violets I went over and took a good drink of water from the pump and then I leaned against the fence and thought of the days when I went to school; when I put the frog under the teacher's bell and the things I had done in school. When the soldiers would parade out in front and teacher would line us all up like little soldiers in front of the school, with a big willow switch to keep us all in order. Then I thought, "Where are all those boys that I played with? Where was my brother? He's gone. He's dead now. What about Ralph Fields? Where's Ralph? He's dead, too. Then I thought where is Howard Higgins? That's right, he's dead. I thought of many more of them. But they were gone, too. Then I said, "Here I am only 36; where are all those fine husky boys?" They weren't here any longer. I wondered if they were saved. Here we have no continuing city, but are seeking one to come. I thought of the days we would eat lunch at school. Our lunch was so poor that we were ashamed to eat it before the rest of the children. We were too poor to buy bread. Mother would bake cornbread. (I would try to get the corner piece in order to get as much crust as possible). But one day mother got some popcorn and she gave my little brother and me a bucket of this to take to school. While I was in school I thought how good a handful would taste, and I lifted my hand for the teacher to excuse me, and she excused me. I went into the cloakroom and raised up the lid and took a great big handful. At lunch time brother and I went out. He took the bucket, took off the lid and looked in and then looked at me and said, "Say, something has sure happened to that popcorn." I looked and said, "It sure has." I knew what had happened to it. Say, friends, don't do anything wrong. It seems to me that I could give every penny that I have if I could turn time back and talk to my brother again and give him back that popcorn. But I can't. He is in eternity. So I say, treat one another good while you are here on earth and love one another, for "here we have no continuing city, but seek one to come."

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The World in Prophecy

The Rise of the Red Terror

Only three brief years have elapsed since World War II came to an end. All the fervor and hope that was manifest on the day of the Armistice, marking the cessation of hostilities in World War I, was repeated on the day that Japan laid down her arms. But now again we see the world rapidly drifting toward war. Or rather we should say two worlds—for the peoples of our planet are divided by two irreconcilable ideologies, Democracy in the West and Communism in the East. While the nations of the last conflict are still licking their wounds, the grim prospect of another war looms on the horizon.

AMERICA'S FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THE SINISTER CHARACTER OF COMMUNISM

Why did America fail to recognize the sinister character of Communism? Soviet Russia from the beginning never masked its intents and purposes. From the beginning it was known as anti-God, anti-Christ. That which is Godless and soulless can know but one law—the law of the jungle. Alas, Communism did worse than that. In callous haste to perpetuate her peculiar form of government she murdered millions of her own citizens in ruthless religious and political purges. Even the creature of the jungle usually respects its own kind.

The record of Hitler and his villainy may be rightly regarded as one of the darkest of blots upon human history. Yet have we forgotten that it was not only Hitler but Russia that launched the world into a war that left an untold trail of misery and suffering? *Both Russia and Germany invaded Poland—thus precipitating the war.* They connived in the ruthless subjugation of that state, and afterward shared the spoils. Then while Hitler focused world attention upon himself, Soviet Russia overran Finland, the three Baltic states and part of Rumania. To understand our predicament today, we must not forget that both Hitler and Stalin were equally guilty in disturbing the peace of the world.

THE RUSSIA WE CONDEMNED WE ACCEPTED AS AN ALLY

Now came America's great mistake. In our land we like to think we are fighting for a just cause. We were attacked by the Axis powers and there was nothing left to do but resist them. But it was quite another thing to become partners with one of the criminals which brought on the war—Soviet Russia. But this is exactly what happened. Hitler attacked Russia, later America. The easy way was to join hands with Russia, and that is what our nation did. We forgot about the unprovoked invasion of Finland, the destruction of the Baltic republics, the rape of Poland.

Withdrawing most of our support from our forces in the Pacific which were closing in on Japan, we poured our war production and supplies into Russia to sustain its great fighting machine. The tide was turned and Hitler was crushed, but the Bear we befriended, even then, was planning eventually to turn on us.

RED TERROR ENGULFING EUROPE

Russian Communism has now engulfed a large portion of Europe. Any local opposition has been ruthlessly liquidated. The red steam roller bids fair to roll over the rest of Europe and a pall of gloom and apprehension rises from the peoples which have not yet been enslaved. The frankenstein monster that we saved, nourished and strengthened, now challenges the world. Naive indeed were any who thought that Russia would follow any other course than the one she is following.

"And thou (Rosh) shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses . . . And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days . . ."—Ezekiel 38:15-16.

The above is a 1930 Russian stamp. Notice how precisely it represents the prophecy of Ezekiel. Russian horsemen are riding toward Palestine. In the background are clouds. The line is drawn to the left of the Black Sea toward Jerusalem.

THE CHRISTIAN MUST CONSIDER THE PROPHETIC

But so far we have considered the political aspect only. God rules and overrules. He sits upon the throne controlling the destinies of the nations. The Christian misses the mark indeed if he places the ultimate blame for our predicament upon Hitler or Stalin or short-sighted political leaders. Hitler and Stalin and others of their ilk were instruments of Divine judgment. Daniel declared that "The most High ruleth the kingdom of men and when He chooses He setteth up over it the basest of men" (Dan. 4:17). The sins of America brought these calamities upon her, and failure to nationally repent is leading her into further disaster. The evil men who have secured control of Russia and other European nations are God's judgment upon the nations.

LET THE CHRISTIAN REJOICE—HIS REDEMPTION IS NEAR

Though Armageddon is at the doors, let not the Christian be afraid. Rather let him rejoice for his redemption draweth nigh. Jesus told us that "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). Realizing then that these things which have come to pass are Divine Judgment upon the nations, let us notice the place in which prophecy has put Russia in the unfolding of events at the end-time.

RUSSIA'S PLACE IN PROPHECY (EZEK. 38-39.)

Russia's place in prophecy has been recognized by students of the Bible for a long time. There is no prophetic subject in which there is closer agreement. Ezekiel 38 and 39 show Russia as a great power with her satellites coming down to challenge the land of Palestine at the end-time. Prophetic writers, a hundred years ago, wrote of this great Northern Confederacy. Communism is the fulfillment. Out of World War II it has emerged with great strength. Let us notice briefly what these Ezekiel chapters have to say about Russia.

GOG OUT OF THE "NORTH PARTS"

First we see that this confederation heads up in "Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal," and is said to appear out of the "north parts" (Ezek. 38:2-3,15). Now a glance at the map shows Russia to be *due north* of Palestine.

Furthermore, the word "chief" is translated from the Hebrew word "rosh" which means "chief" or "bear." "Rosh" is a word similar to "Russia." Moreover, its alternative translation, "bear," is the symbolic animal of Russia! Also, "Meshech" has a suspicious correspondence to Moscow, the Russian capital. It is for these reasons and others that during the past centuries, Bible scholars with a remarkable unanimity, have reckoned Russia as the Gog of the Scriptures.

RUSSIA IDENTIFIES HERSELF AS THIS GOG

Now we come to something quite remarkable. It came to the writer's attention, that Russia has produced a postage stamp which illustrates the prophesied invasion of the Holy Land. Several years' search failed to produce a copy of this stamp. Finally, in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C., we discovered a genuine issue of this stamp. It is reproduced on this page. But before we examine it, let us consider the 15th and 16th verses of Ezek. 38:

"And thou shalt come from thy place

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Adventures in Divine Healing

By CHAS. E. ROBINSON

This article comes to us from Rev. Chas. E. Robinson, well-known Bible teacher and for twenty-two years associate editor of the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. He is author of a most interesting book on Divine Healing, PRAYING TO CHANGE THINGS, and has had notable ministry of Divine Healing.

Brother Robinson is now active on the field with a Bible teaching ministry, revealing the practical, fundamental truths that every Christian should know. Pastors should take note of this.

The day of my arrival in Corpus Christi, the spring of 1948, to begin my two months of ministering in Texas, Pastor Allen took me to see Sister Caraway, "a dying saint." She had been given up by the doctors who said her stomach had collapsed, after months of terrible suffering from asthma. They said she could never digest any more food.

She began telling me some of the details of her sufferings, but soon desisted when I told her the devil was sitting on the corner of her bed enjoying her praise of the fine job he had done in filling her body with misery.

I diverted her attention to her Lord Jesus whom she had kept waiting so long. "For months now," I said, "He has never left your side, sympathizing with you, loving you, grieving because you refused to allow Him to heal you." She was astonished at my strange words; but soon saw their truth and decided to put her trust in the Lord and to depend on Him only.

A MIRACLE HAPPENS

We prayed for her and left her much encouraged. The next morning her daughter phoned Brother Allen, "Mamma is up, sitting at the table, eating cornbread." The next day about one (I think it was), she came to the morning service, a pitiful bag of bones, having to be assisted a little as she smilingly entered the church. Later we drove out to her home and I saw the oxygen tank lying in the yard. She had supposed it was necessary to avoid strangulation during her agonizing attacks of asthma. As a happy convalescent she continued rapidly to gain flesh and strength during the two weeks I was in Corpus.

UNCONFESSSED SIN HINDERS HEALING

Early in my stay at Corpus Christi I explained to the congregation that the James recipe for healing envisages a *bed-room* scene. The sick one "calls" for the elders, instead of entering the prayer line, and God "raises him up," out of bed, it would seem. So as adequate confessing of sins is not feasible and sometimes not even allowable in public, although straitly commanded by verse 16, any reliance on James' prescription in a prayer-line



prayer, must be by *adaptation*. To accomplish such adaptation I supervised the appointment of three men and as many women to be official *listeners*, to hear the confessions and to pray with those who, because of unconfessed sins, did not receive healing in the prayer line.

ALWAYS A CAUSE WHEN NOT HEALED

Near the end of my stay in that church a young man came to me complaining that he had not been benefited by being in the prayer line—his athlete's foot was no better. "Did you confess your sins?" "No," he admitted. "Well, do it if you want to be healed." At once he took the pastor into the church office and got busy. (I have found very few old saints who will confess their sins. Seemingly they prefer to remain sick). Several days later I saw Brother Allen at the District Council and asked him if the young man had received his healing. "Oh, yes," he said. There is always a cause when one in the prayer line fails to be healed, and that cause is never God's unwillingness to heal.

One night after my arrival in Brownsville, a girl came to my room with a handkerchief, saying, "Mamma is sick in bed and cannot make it tonight." The mother had sent the handkerchief to be prayed over, "anointed," the child said; but, of course, there is nothing in the Scriptures about anointing a handkerchief. We prayed over the handkerchief, and as I handed it to the girl I said:

"Tell your mother not to lay this handkerchief on her body until she has confessed and forsaken all her sins, for almost all sickness is caused by sin. Tell her not to lay it on even then until she has made a firm resolution that the instant she lays it on she will *believe* she is healed. She is not to pause at all to see how she feels. The carnal man forms his judgments by what his senses tell him. She must believe she is healed, totally

without reference to how she feels, but because she believes what God says."

A few minutes later as I was telling from the pulpit what word I had sent to this girl's mother, not knowing who she was, a woman arose in the congregation, saying, "I am the woman." She had obeyed instructions and, of course, had received the healing.

I have since found what I told the girl to tell her mother about laying on the cloth, very effective when adapted to persons in the prayer line, telling them not to come for prayer until they have fully determined to believe themselves healed the instant my hands are laid on them. I believe they will be healed then, and if their belief meets mine, God gives them faith, and the healing is received.

NO SICKNESS IS INCURABLE, ALTHOUGH SOME SICK PEOPLE ARE

At Galena Park the first one prayed for in the prayer line was a young woman with crossed eyes. Her left eye was turned *in*. We prayed for her. (It is my custom to gather as many to help pray as I can; there may have been a dozen that night). "Look up," I said. She looked up and the left eye was turned *outward*. "Evidently someone is working on this eye," I said. "Let us pray again." We prayed again. "Look up," I said. She did and her eyes were perfectly straight. I called the others to look, and all could see that her eyes were normal. When the demon was cast out the eyes became straight.

The day I arrived in Aransas Pass I was taken to see Sister Erickson, a sufferer from heart trouble caused by her stomach. Her case was considered hopeless. I put my hand on her distressful stomach and said, "The pain is gone, the devil is cast out." She believed what I said and began to praise God. The pastor and I went out. In a few moments Sister Erickson sent for her clothes. When she was dressed she came out where we were. She was not *walking*—she was too happy and felt too exuberant and strong for that—she was *running*. She ran up and down the long double room, back and forth, time after time. She embraced the women with ecstatic squeezes. That was Friday. Sunday she came to Sunday School and church, and there was great joy in that assembly.

Believing with the heart what Jesus says, or what some authorized agent of His says about Him, concerning a matter at issue, such as salvation, forgiveness, the supplying of needs, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and the like results in God's giving faith for the thing, and faith is irresistible (Matt. 17:20). "Nothing shall

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out of the north parts, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days . . ."

With this prophetic description of that invasion from the north into Palestine, would it be thought possible that the government of Russia should be so bold as to depict that scene upon its postage stamps? Yet this is an actual fact. On a 14 kopek stamp (1930) we find the above verses most dramatically illustrated. Look at the stamp. The background represents the Soviet Union. On it is the red cavalry (reminding one of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse). Russia is north of Palestine and the black line below the horses represents the path of the horsemen, which ends pointing directly south to Palestine. The whole background of the design is a cloud perfectly representing Ezekiel's vision . . . the sea of Azov may be seen and the probable route of the Red army is drawn in.

Russian statesmen don't read the Bible, hence this stamp was designed in ignorance of the prophecy. Unwittingly they have revealed their real intentions. The climaxing move of Russia is to move south into the land of Palestine.

AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN TO BE INVOLVED IN ARMAGEDDON

All the nations of the world will be involved in this final great conflict. No one supposes that Russia's advance into Palestine would be disregarded by America and England. In *The Voice of Healing*, it is not our policy to enter into prophetic details in which there may be differences of opinion. Our purpose is to stir our readers into action, to witnessing, to leading people to Christ, into a preparation for the coming of Christ. Our articles are to be suggestive rather than dogmatic. But in answer to the above question, we venture to suggest that Great Britain and the United States are seen in verse 13 of chapter 38:

"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take a great spoil?"

"The merchant of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof" appears to be none other than Great Britain (symbolized by a lion) and her commonwealth of nations including the United States which originally was colonized by the English. Even without taking prophecy into consideration we see ourselves steadily being drawn nearer to a clash with the Russian Bear which is none other than the Gog of prophecy.

ATOMIC WARFARE IN THE NEXT CONFLICT?

Will the atomic bomb play a part in this coming conflict? It would be strange indeed if, after America spent billions of dollars in its development the bomb were not used. It was use of the A-bomb which suddenly terminated World War II. A weapon so powerful will surely be used in the coming conflict. In Ezek. 39:6 (this chapter is a continuation of the vision) we read of a fire coming upon Magog and the "isles."

"And I will send a fire upon Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the Lord."

When war comes America will be dropping atomic bombs on Russia. If the above refers to atomic warfare as it probably does, we see that A-bombs will fall on the "isles" also. But Russia and her satellites are on the mainland. Which islands that could be the center of conflict are they unless the British Isles? If atomic warfare comes to England will America entirely escape? Not likely.

We have carried our discussion as far as we have space this month. But the lesson to be learned is obvious. The day is far spent, the night is at hand. Let all believers arise, trim their lamps, and prepare to meet the Bridegroom, for the hour of His coming is at hand. Those who are ready shall rejoice. They shall be admitted to the wedding supper of the Lamb. After that the door shall be shut.

Additional Testimonies

I am the mother of those two little girls that Brother Freeman prayed for last Saturday in the Spokane campaign. My two little girls haven't had to wear their glasses since Rev. Freeman prayed for them. The oldest girl had a bad twisting of the muscles on the left side of her face and one eye crossed and near-sighted. Now there is no sign of any twisting and both girls can see just fine. I also was healed of throat trouble and backaches. Praise His wonderful Name forever more.

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Dear Brother Freeman:

I was in your services in Oakland in July. I was prayed for for double curvature of the spine. Two days later I got up about 11 o'clock, took my Bible and went into the living room to read the Word before eating my breakfast. When I sat down in the chair, I felt my back straighten. The power went through my body and I was healed! Praise the dear Lord. Also other things that I asked for were given to me.

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be impossible" to one who has faith for that thing. To believe from the heart is something one can do or refrain from doing. It is an act. Faith is not an act. It is something given by God. It is evidence. It is substance (Heb. 11:1). "Such as I have," Peter said when he was healing the cripple. "*Pistis*," the Greek word translated, "faith," is never rightly translated, "believe." People struggle and "try to have faith," exercise faith, they mean. It would be just as sensible to struggle and try to be short if one were tall. To believe with the heart what Christ says or what is said about Him by those authorized to speak, concerning some matter in question, will bring faith for that thing; but effort will not do so.

Something More Than Healing

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ment Christianity lives in the spirit and power of them. Jesus Christ was the perfect example of the man who was never sick. Foul disease had no place in the holy Body of Christ. But lest we forget, the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ and each believer is a member of that Body! Disease, then, should have no part in its members.

When God created man, He commissioned him to have authority over the earth and the living things that dwelt therein. The boundaries of that dominion must also include the diabolical forms of life that Satan has thrust upon the human body to destroy it. Let us rise in the Name of Jesus and claim our inheritance. It is for us. By being well and strong we glorify God and fulfill His Will. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Just as you reject the suggestion of evil which comes from Satan, so reject the symptoms of sickness which is also Satan's evil suggestion. Cast it from you and by faith take His Life and identify your life with His. Then it will no longer be your life but Christ Who dwelleth within you.

As you have consecrated your soul to the Lord now consecrate your body. We know of no words that more skillfully teach this beautiful consecration than those of A. B. Simpson, a noble and beloved man of God who taught this wonderful truth a generation ago. (Read his "committal" appearing in this issue). Shall we not claim the wonderful promise that John the Apostle gave us when he wrote:

"Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospers."

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