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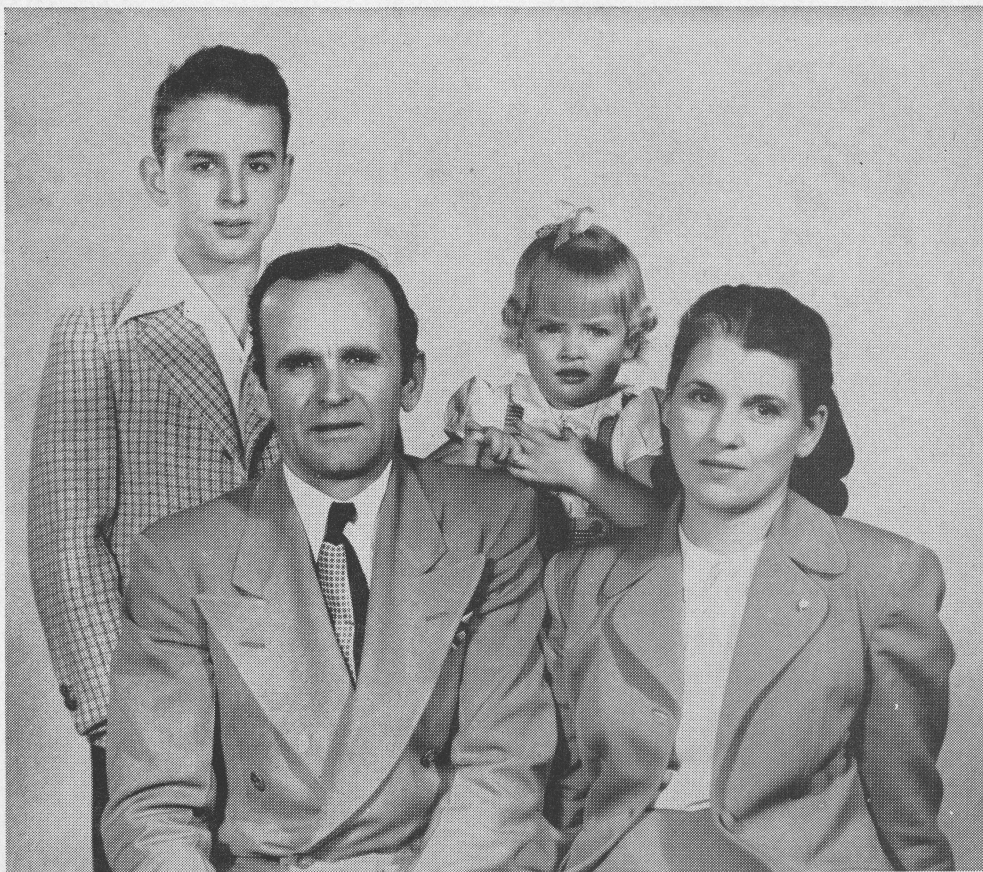
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## Conference With Brother Branham

A few days ago we received a long-distance call from our beloved Brother Branham in which he made arrangements to meet with us in conference in Shreveport, Louisiana. He had been laboring mostly in Canada for the past several months, and we had been able to secure only partial reports of his meetings. We were, of course, very happy to see our brother again, and enjoyed greatly his conversations relating to the manner in which God had been dealing so wonderfully with him in his ministry of late. His strength is now fully returned and it appears that the greatest part of his ministry lies just ahead.

The words of Brother Branham hold great weight to multitudes of people, as it is generally recognized that the beginning of this great move coincided with time of the remarkable visitation of the angel to our Brother. One statement that he made to Brother Moore and the editor we believe to be of great significance. He said, "Though God did use my ministry in a special way in the earliest days of this special visitation, the Lord is now raising up others. God has made it plain that each has his part in this great move. Let none of us think of himself greater than he ought to think, but let each one of us be identified by his sincere efforts to see that Christ only be magnified and that His people, who are His Body, be united in spirit and ready for His soon coming."

Special arrangements have been made to secure full reports of Brother Branham's ministry in future issues of *The Voice of Healing* and the editors expect to take part in the great Branham meeting in Houston beginning January 10, and also if the Lord wills, to go overseas with our Brother to Sweden and Finland in the near future.

## Glowing Reports From Every S

**Don't Miss the February Issue of This Magazine. It Will Bring You a Full Account of the Spectacular Initi**

### Erickson Party Having Glorious Meetings

BY ORRIN KINGSRITER

God has been gracious in giving us a glorious meeting here in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Approximately 1,000 have been dealt with in the prayer room for salvation, and the majority of these have been Catholics. We thank God for His mighty convicting power in every service. Nearly 2,000 have been prayed for in the healing line and the healings have been most miraculous. The bishop over this diocese sent out a decree that all who attended these meetings were compelled to come directly to him for confessional. Many have ignored this, however.

The impact of this revival has been far reaching, and people have attended not only from nearby cities and surrounding towns, but some have come for hundreds of miles. Rev. E. A. Beck, who is the local pastor of the Assemblies of God Church, states that this is the first real revival this community has ever had. Green Bay is known to be a Catholic stronghold and thus a hard field to evangelize, and has been impossible to reach heretofore.

Among some of the wonderful healings that have taken place was that of Mrs. Rudolph Smith of 411 Cedar Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin, who says, "I have been a diabetic for 16 years and have been using insulin all the while. Just about two months ago, I was in the hospital for treatment because of my bad condition of high

sugar. I was so weak that I had to be confined to bed for a week. Since I was prayed for at your meetings I have been free from sugar for a whole week and have not used insulin. The open sores caused from my sugar condition have all been healed. Thank God."

Another, Mrs. Theo Doxater, 984 Highland Avenue, Green Bay, was healed of a destroyed eardrum. She writes, "I was totally deaf in my left ear from childhood. At the age of 17, my father took me to an ear specialist. After treating me for three weeks, the doctor said that my eardrum was destroyed, so I never had any hope of hearing from that ear again. But as I heard the testimonies of how other folk were healed in your meeting I got new hope. I came into the prayer line and I was instantly healed when Brother Erickson prayed for me. Glory to Jesus! My goiter and rheumatism are also gone."

### Nankivell Meetings Visited With Supernatural Manifestations

Supernatural manifestations of the Spirit's power and working continue to appear in the meetings where Louise Nankivell of Chicago is preaching in common sackcloth. The powerful exercise of the Gift of Prophecy by the evangelist, and the outstanding gift of discerning of diseases of people unknown to her in the audience, are being greatly blessed of God in the saving of souls and miracles of healing.

## HEALING CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES

### CAMPAIGNS OF ASSOCIATE EDITORS

#### T. L. OSBORN

Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I. Jan. 1-29  
New Castle, Pa. April 12-30  
Hagerstown, Md. May 10-28

#### GAYLE JACKSON

Columbus, Ga. Jan. 15-February  
North Highland Assembly

#### WM. BRANHAM

Houston, Texas Jan. 10-27  
Houston Auditorium, Jan. 10-19

Sam Houston Coliseum Jan. 20-27  
Two services daily

#### DALE HANSON

Salem, Oregon Beginning Jan. 15  
Evangelistic Temple

Colorado Springs, Colo. March 5  
City Aud., Union Revival

### OTHER HEALING CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES

#### THELMA NICKEL

Oklahoma City, Okla. Month of Jan.  
1101 S. Blackwelder St.  
Tulsa, Okla. Month of February  
201 So. Elwood

#### LOUISE NANKIVELL

Westernport, Md. Jan. 22-Feb. 5

#### HALL-KAPLAN

Worcester, Mass. Beginning Jan. 16  
Washburn Hall

#### ORAL ROBERTS

Miami, Fla. Jan. 13-29

#### CLIFTON ERICKSON PARTY

Tulsa, Okla. Jan. 1-8  
5th and Peoria

#### HAROLD HORTON

Brockton, Mass. Jan. 7-13  
Bangor, Me. Jan. 14-22  
Westbrook, Me. Jan. 23-29  
Lynn, Mass. Jan. 30-Feb. 5

#### CHARLES DOBBINS

Denver, Colo. Jan. 15  
390 Grant

#### V. J. GARDNER

Tulsa, Okla. Begin Jan. 22  
5th and Peoria

Rev. Wm. Freeman informed us by telephone that he expects to leave January 15 for Scandinavia, and other nations in Europe, where he will be conducting healing campaigns.

# n of Nation Continue To Pour In

Conference of The Voice of Healing Associates Held in Dallas Christmas Week, The First of Its Kind in History.

## Osborn Meeting at Lebanon, Penna., Is Great Success

The Lebanon campaign has been a very good success. The auditorium is packed to capacity every night, and on week-end afternoons. There have been many wonderful miracles. Conversions have been good, although the auditorium being so small (1550 capacity) and so many believers, it provides no room for spectators and onlookers who make up the altar calls generally, but yet, the number is past the 400 mark, and our last week is yet future.

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some of the healing services, everyone was healed that was prayed for. All the gifts of the Spirit were manifested in the services.

Brother Hanson is a very humble and God-fearing man and wants the Holy Ghost to have right of way in every service. He has the Gift of the Word of God and quotes more Scripture in one sermon than any other preacher I have ever heard.

Brother Conley, pastor of Revival Tabernacle, reports: "We are in the third week of a great outpouring of God's Spirit in Revival Tabernacle in Tulsa. This revival has been based from the start on the Word of God. Many have been saved and scores have been filled with the Spirit. Hundreds have been healed of every infirmity known to medical science. Testimonies are coming in by the hundreds. I have been in the ministry ever since a boy preacher of nine years of age, and I have never been in or attended any meeting that has stirred my heart as has this meeting of the Dale Hanson Party. We have had the sweetest fellowship with all of the Full Gospel churches and pastors in the city, along with people representing all denominations. We will send a complete report of the meeting if it ever comes to a close."

Brother Dale Hanson in a letter adds: "The paralyzed man who was healed early in the meeting is now walking fine and has never put his braces back on his legs. He had been dragging himself for seven years—his lower limbs were completely paralyzed. He walks to church every night without help, and stands and testifies at almost every service. (See photo elsewhere in this issue). Today one woman with a broken back took her brace off and walked without crutches. Another woman with a broken ankle walked without crutches. Many deaf and dumb, cross-eyes, cancers,

diabetes and tumors have been wonderfully healed. We hope to get Convention Hall seating 3,000 in a few days."

## Christian Jews, Kaplan and Tannenbaum, Having Unusual Results of Healing Kaplan in New York

Our church at 659 East 188th Street, Bronx, New York, was filled to capacity when Brother Kaplan visited us in November, 1949. Many were healed of divers ailments. The following are a few that have come to our knowledge. A man with a double hernia was prayed for and afterwards testified that it had disappeared completely. A paralytic woman came to our meeting, and after prayer, to our amazement she was able to get up from her seat. The unbearable pain that had been in her back for years went at the same time. Another brother had a chronic ailment in his left side that had been there many years and had developed from his work as an iceman. After Brother Kaplan prayed for him he went home and couldn't sleep for joy. Suddenly he felt something snap on his left side, and within his spirit the Lord spoke to him saying, "There, I have healed you now."

## Tannenbaum in Virginia

BY BEULAH EDNEY

The healing campaign held by Rev. A. N. Tannenbaum of Shenandoah, Virginia, was one of the most successful held in Pulaski, Virginia, for a period of some twenty years. The dynamic power of his messages drew sinners and Christians alike to the altars. Many were saved, and some received the Holy Spirit. Many miracles took place.

A boy around twelve was crippled from birth. After prayer he was healed and stopped using his crutches. The county specialist for crippled children of Pulaski said he was well and did not need the crutches any more.

A nineteen-year-old girl, paralyzed from the waist down from an automobile-motorcycle accident, and who had not walked for two years, was gloriously healed. There was much rejoicing over her healing.

A girl brought to the meeting with her feet drawn under her body was prayed for, and she then walked back to her seat. She was healed and has been walking ever since.

Blind, deaf and dumb and demon-possessed were delivered. These miracles can be substantiated by Beulah Edney, Dublin, Va.

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standing in the audience or sitting in their seats. These healings took place instantly as the Holy Ghost would sweep over the audience. Scores were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The gifts of the Spirit were in operation and greatly evidenced including those of messages in prophecy which would confirm the message from the Word of God or would coincide with the theme of the message and the general spirit of the service.

Mighty miracles of healing took place each night. We have written testimonies of people who were totally blind and received normal sight instantly, also of some totally deaf who received instant normal hearing. Ambulances brought the people from everywhere, including some who were afflicted with paralysis, and God's power raised them up and they walked out of the auditorium. We have written testimonies of cancer, spastic paralysis, arthritis, blind, deaf, and all manner of diseases and afflictions. Large, visible tumors and goiters disappeared instantly as Brother Jagers laid his hands upon the people. There was an unusual manifestation of healing to some who had pyorrhea and decayed teeth. We have written testimonies of some who had pyorrhea, their gums partially eaten away and teeth deteriorating with large cavities that God healed instantly, restoring the gums firm and solid. Not only the gums but also teeth were restored and filled. We have written testimony of one woman who received a gold filling in her tooth. There were several with this same testimony. This is an unusual manifestation, for God does not always give gold filling, but He does heal the teeth as well as any other part of the body.

An outstanding thing relative to this revival was the tremendous opposition by some of the denominational church world who are affiliated with the so-called fundamental religious groups. One of the ministers of these groups openly and bitterly attacked Brother Jagers because he preached Divine Healing. Such was the influence of those who opposed this Divine Healing campaign that they succeeded in having all advertisement of the healing campaign cancelled in the newspaper; however, Brother Noah and Brother Jagers succeeded in continuing their advertising in another Dallas newspaper. The newspaper that cancelled the advertisement of the Divine Healing, however, did not take into consideration the influence and power of the full gospel churches of Dallas, for when Evangelist Jagers strongly defended these churches of the Dallas area relative to the cancellation of their advertisement, 75 ministers and churches of this area stood together behind Brother Jagers in unity. There was such a tremendous surge of indignation against this action that the newspaper was glad to make an apology and to run the advertisements again.

*Rev. F. F. Bosworth Tells of Outstanding  
Miracles He Has Witnessed in the Branham Meetings*

## LOOKING AT THE UNSEEN

WHEN the gift is operating, Brother Branham is the most sensitive person to the presence and working of the Holy Spirit and to spiritual realities of any person I have ever known. Under the anointing, which operates his spiritual gifts and when he is conscious of the Angel's presence, he seems to break through the veil of the flesh into the world of spirit, to be struck through and through with a sense of the unseen. Paul wrote (2 Cor. 4:18), "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Paul's words here indicate that we are now living in two worlds at the same time—the world of sense, and the world of spirit. The world of spirit surrounds, enspheres, and interpenetrates the world of sense. Both worlds occupy the same space at the same time. The material realities which we see with our natural eyes, exist in the midst of the far better realities which are unseen by the optic nerve. The Scriptures teach us that the superior "eternal" realities compass us now. What sights might every one of us see at every moment of our existence, at every turn of our path, had we anointed eyes with which to see them! "The seen" exists in the midst of "the unseen;" the "temporal" in the midst of the "eternal."

Paul says, "He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." While filled with the Holy Spirit, our spirit and God's Spirit are blended into one in the same way that the ocean and the bay are one because the ocean flows into the bay. Then it is that the glorious spiritual realities gain the ascendancy and become the most dominant. We see truth and spiritual realities through God's eyes. At such times future events seem to be present like a preview of a coming motion picture attraction. Jesus said that "The Spirit will show you things to come."

### Miracles Seen in Advance

During the Fort Wayne meeting a lady came into the healing line carrying a child which was born with a club foot with its leg in a plaster cast. The moment Brother Branham saw them, without stopping to pray for the child's healing, he said to the lady, "O yes, will you do what I tell you to do?" The lady answered, "I will." Then he said to her, "Go home and get that cast off, and when you come back tomorrow night, bring the child, and she will have a perfect foot." The microphone carried these words to all in the great audience. It took them more than an hour that night to get the cast off. When the lady brought the child the next night, the child

had a perfect foot and was wearing a new pair of little white shoes and was walking. The doctor X-rayed the foot and found it perfect. I asked Brother Branham the next day why he passed the lady and the child through the healing line without praying for the healing of the child. He answered, "It wasn't necessary, for in a vision in the afternoon I saw the child healed." It would make this article too long if I should relate many other cases much more wonderful in detail than this case. This phase of his ministry alone would furnish matter for a book.

In the 5th Chapter of St. John, Jesus said, "My Father worketh *hitherto*, and I work . . . The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise, for the Father loveth the Son and sheweth him all things that Himself doeth." What did Jesus mean? Of course, Jesus was a Seer as were the Old Testament Prophets. He saw His miracles before they happened. He saw the man which had an infirmity 38 years who could not get into the pool when the Angel went down and troubled the water. Jesus came to him and said to him, "take up thy bed, and walk." Jesus saw Lazarus raised from the dead before he performed the miracle. He said to Nathaniel, "Before that Philip called Thee, when Thou wast under the fig tree, I saw Thee" (John 1:48). He saw where the ass colt was tied without being there, etc, etc. And the in-dwelling Christ is now perpetuating His works through human instrumentality according to His promise for this age: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also—because I go to the Father, and whatsoever ye shall ask in my Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:12, 13).

### The Pull of Faith Is Felt

In the case of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was made whole, Jesus said, "I perceive that virtue is gone out of me" (Luke 8:46). When this became known, we read in Mark 6:55, 56, that "whithersoever He entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought Him that that they might touch but the border of His garment: and as many as touched Him were made whole." Thank God that some virtue is still flowing from the in-dwelling Christ into the bodies of the sick and afflicted, and they are made whole.

The two sign miracles which God manifests through Brother Branham to raise the faith of those in the healing line to the right level, are given also to raise the faith of the afflicted in the audience to the same level. This faith draws the same



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virtue from the in-dwelling Christ who is operating the gift, and heals those sitting in the audience. It makes no difference whether it is *your* diseases being supernaturally diagnosed, or the person's in the healing line, the signs are the same, and have the same effect on those sitting in the audience. Why should the signs be repeated for each individual who has already seen them? Moses did not repeat *his* two signs for each individual Israelite. A thousand could witness the demonstration and be caused to believe at the same time. Faith at the right level in any part of the great audience pulls on the virtue in the in-dwelling Christ Who is operating the gift; and this can't take place without Brother Branham knowing it. He feels it as distinctly as you would if I should pull on your coat, and knows the direction it is coming from; and he even points out the individual whose faith is touching Christ.

While praying for those in the healing line in the Flint meeting, he stopped, and pointing up toward the second gallery to his right, said, "I have just now had a vision of a lady dressed in a blue suit wearing a striped waist. She has just been healed of a cancer." The woman sprang to her feet and with great joy said, "I am the lady." Her faith did for her in the second gallery what faith was doing for those on the platform.

A young lady was carried into the meeting on a cot. She was dying of leukemia. Both at Johns Hopkins and at the Mayo Clinic she was told that everything possible had been done and that there was no hope of her living. Her mind had begun to give way. I slipped off the platform to her cot and told her to be praying that God would lift her faith to the healing level and that it would either operate the gift or pull Brother Branham down to her. I watched her lips moving in prayer and all at once Brother Branham felt the pull of faith, jumped off the platform and went to



**LEFT:** Bro. Branham dedicates Life Tabernacle with 10-night Thanksgiving revival. This is the home church of The Voice of Healing staff, all of whom were privileged to participate in this great outpouring. On the front row are pictured Gordon Lindsay, editor of The Voice of Healing; Brother Branham, Jack Moore, co-editor and pastor, and Sister Anna M. Schrader, who ministered so wonderfully in the preparatory meeting. The staff pictured on the back row are: Judy Palmer, Ruth Brown, Hope Schrader, Esther Pharis, Anna Jeanne Moore, Walter Peterson, David Moore and Jack Poche . . . **RIGHT:** A portion of the beautiful New Life Tabernacle as seen from the balcony in back. This is an independent Full-Gospel church, pastored by the co-editor. Photos by Hedges.

her cot, prayed for her, and said, "In Jesus' Name arise from your cot, receive divine strength and be well." She obeyed and with hands uplifted and with tears of joy and worship flowing down her cheeks, she walked back and forth before all the people and down the aisles. Her sister told me afterwards, "My sister is wonderful."

In the great Fair Park Auditorium in Dallas a few months ago, one night when the orchestra pit was full of stretchers and wheel chair cases, while Brother Branham was busy praying for those in the healing line, he kept feeling the pull of faith from his right which finally stopped. When he got through with those he was dealing with, he pointed to a man on a cot in the orchestra pit, and said to him, "Man, get up, you have been healed about five minutes." He got up praising God. His wife came to him and they threw their arms around each other and wept for joy together. He had been brought from Chicago in a dying condition with his lungs being eaten up with cancer. He was healed and came to the next meeting in Ft. Wayne a few days later to give his testimony. He has attended two other meetings since. I could go on and on reciting many pages of similar healings of those healed while sitting or lying on stretchers in the audience without Brother Branham ever touching them. All were healed in Peter's shadow without his touching any of them.

#### No Hard Cases

There is no such thing as a hard case with God. A lady from Greece who had no opening in her throat entered the prayer line. She could not swallow a single drop of water or any kind of food. As soon as Brother Branham prayed for her she drank a glass of water and ate a candy bar. A night or two later in that same meeting nine deaf mutes came in the prayer line and all nine were healed.

Those born blind receive their sight. After praying for one totally blind man, Brother Branham said to him, "Walk to the pulpit and put your finger on that preacher's nose." He walked straight to the minister and pulled his nose, causing the audience to laugh.

A missionary lady was flown by plane from Bolivia, South America, and was

carried on a bed to the platform in the I. M. A. Auditorium in Flint, Michigan. She was dying with cancer. When the command was given in Jesus' Name, she received strength to arise from the bed and walk and she talked to the audience and praised God over the microphone. She was healed and is now living.

#### Mother Tells of Healing of Daughter of Blindness

My daughter, Hilda Brown, had been blind in her right eye since last August.



Doctors could not help us or tell us what caused her blindness. They tried everything but could do her no good. They put glasses on her but they did not help. She was unable to see anything out of that eye. It made school very difficult, since her reading and writing were affected by her handicap. Many times her eyes caused terrible pains in the back of her head.

I brought Hilda to the revival meetings. They were wonderful. Thursday night, Nov. 17, Rev. Branham diagnosed and prayed for my daughter. Within a matter of moments her eyes cleared up and she was able to see once more.

Her eye has been perfect since that time. She has had no recurring headaches. She is able to go to school now without a handicap.

Last year Hilda went blind in her left eye, apparently from the same cause. Brother Branham prayed for her while he was in Jeffersonville. She was healed and that eye has been perfect since. I want to thank the Lord for His wonderful healing power.

This is typical of the many testimonies reported and submitted by Bob Bosworth, son of F. F. Bosworth, from the Louisville Campaign.

A very noted missionary from Palestine in the last stage of TB was brought from Yakima, Washington, in an ambulance to the Civic Auditorium in Seattle, Washington. The government paid his plane fare home. When he was commanded, in Jesus' Name, to arise and be well, he did so, and two days later he was doing manual labor around his home.

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results ever witnessed here, as scores and scores of unsaved, completely disarmed of resistance, streamed to the altars and prayer rooms each night, where the Holy Ghost fell like rain. More than 50 persons, to our knowledge, received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, including every class of people . . . unlearned and highly educated, rich and poor, old and young, unknown and prominent, all received alike. Many came from long distances to receive this gift, hearing of the abundant outpouring in this place. A large number of people had the privilege of being baptized in water by Brother Branham. This revival was a contrast to the usual type of Branham campaign, in that it was not announced to be a Divine Healing campaign, and only one night was devoted entirely to this cause. Salvation of souls was the foremost purpose, and this purpose was accomplished to a greater extent than we had dared to hope for.

We feel that enough cannot be said for the preaching ministry of our brother, and for the love and humility manifested by him in giving this much of his valuable time to our church. This meeting was the consequence of a promise Bro. Branham made to his co-worker, Bro. Jack Moore, that he would preach the first meeting in his New Life Tabernacle when it was finally completed. This has been a glorious initiation for Life Tabernacle, and one which we trust will be perpetuated in the future life of this beautiful church. The dedicatory services commenced Thanksgiving Day, entertaining hundreds of local and out-of-town friends and ministers, the sermon being delivered by Rev. George L. Glass. The night service was distinguished by the presence of the Mayor of Shreveport, who welcomed the Life Tabernacle into its new strategic location in the downtown section.

This is the home church of the entire office staff of THE VOICE OF HEALING, who were active in the Branham Dedicatory Revival, a privilege rarely enjoyed by these worthy young workers.

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## Concerning Testimonies

*It should be borne in mind that due to the wide circulation of THE VOICE OF HEALING, those whose testimonies have appeared within its pages may receive hundreds of letters from people asking a written confirmation of their healing. It is evident that the average person has no facilities to enter into correspondence of this magnitude. In every case we can assure our readers that these testimonies are absolutely genuine—that is, they were written by the person whose name was signed. In many cases we have received a second confirmation of the testimony, sometimes by a relative, sometimes by a physician's statement. If ever, in any case, there should happen to be an inaccurate statement by any individual, we should regret it, as at all times we desire to maintain as great an accuracy as it is humanly*

# EDITORIAL - - - - -

## THE TRUE PATH TO THE UNITY OF BELIEVERS

### Concerning Testimonies in The Voice of Healing

In his famous speech at Gettysburg, Abraham Lincoln said that this nation was engaged in a struggle to test whether a government such as our forefathers had founded under God could long endure as a union. We believe that the hour has come when a similar test is at hand to determine whether in the present struggle of forces, the people of God can be united as Christ envisaged in His prayer—that His true followers might be one, even as He and the Father are one. Can this prayer be fulfilled in this age?

No successful effort has been made during the centuries past to secure this fulfillment. True, modernistic leaders now are proposing mergers for a world church. But if such a union should be effected it would have no significance in the matter of unity of true believers. Modernism which denies the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, the Deity of Christ, the fall of man and the need of a born-again experience, and even accepts the blasphemous theory of evolution which denies the Genesis account and would presume man, and even Christ, in actual blood descent with the brute beast, has nothing in common with the true church.

There are many believers who sincerely long for the unity of the members of the Body of Christ; unfortunately, the two methods that are constantly proposed, and have been tried so often and always in vain, will not do it at this late hour. The two methods invariably proposed have always been either to: First, start another new organization and expect all others to flow into it; or, second, advocate the overthrow of all organizations and have no organization. The second plan, though apparently opposite, has always proved to end up exactly the same as the first. For the leaders soon discover that in order to perpetuate their work, they have no alternative but to organize themselves! And they usually do! Just recently we read a book written by a good brother who advocates the second method. Though in it, besides his plan for eliminating organizations, he does say a number of good and even challenging things, yet it appears that the writer is unaware of the ironic fact that at the present moment the only result of what he has advocated has been to more seriously divide the Body of Christ.

possible to do. Of course, there are countless testimonies available which are unpublished because of the lack of space. For the benefit of our readers, in an early issue, we intend to give a report of the findings of an investigation undertaken to ascertain accuracy of the testimonies carried in a recent number of this magazine. We may say that the results of this investigation are extremely gratifying.

If you have an outstanding testimony of healing, which occurred in the healing campaigns of any of those represented in The Voice of Healing, we would be happy if you sent it to our office together with a picture and a confirmation by a relative, pastor or physician.

The VOICE OF HEALING believes that the fulfillment of the prayer of Christ can be achieved in a very simple manner by consideration of the following things:

First, by considering whom we wish to unite. Certainly not everyone that professes Christianity. Certainly not the Modernists who deny the Divine Inspiration of the Scriptures. Not those who profess to believe the Bible but who deny that the miraculous can take place today. But is it not all those who believe in the truth of the Great Commission, which in effect commands us to carry the Gospel to every creature, to bring men deliverance from sin, sickness and oppression and prepare them for the Kingdom of God which shall be shortly revealed? Briefly stated, the Great Commission includes:

1. Missionary work (Mk. 16:15).
2. Salvation to believer, damnation to unbeliever (V. 16).
3. Obedience in water Baptism (Mk. 16:16).
4. The manifestation of the sign-gifts among believers (Mk. 16:17-20).
5. That this great Commission was not to be amended during Church age (Matt. 28:20).
6. Baptism of the Holy Ghost for all believers (Acts 1:4-8).
7. That Christ would return in like manner as He went away (Acts 1:8).

Now is it not the teachings of our Lord in the Great Commission that we may find a common ground to stand upon? These principles are the ultimates, they are the last words of Jesus; they are simple and can be understood by every convert at the time of his conversion.

Let us not make a mistake about the purpose of organization. Such can never be more than a working agreement, a fellowship and an understanding between believers to carry out the commands of the Great Commission, and as such will be dissolved at the Coming of Christ, for the need of it will then have come to an end. No one organization ever succeeded in gathering all of God's people into its fellowship. In fact, there are several now in existence which believe and practice the commands of the Great Commission. Surely no more are needed at the present time. **RATHER LET THE MEMBERS OF EACH ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS OF THE OTHER. LET THEM WORK TOGETHER AS THE OCCASION REQUIRES.** (No better opportunity affords for doing this than to join together in the great healing campaigns). There are many good Christians in various organizations, but the world will never recognize them as true disciples until they love one another, as Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (Jn. 13:35).

Above all, let us not bring forth some minor issue of doctrine to divide us (Paul says that is a sign of carnality instead of spirituality as many mistakenly believe—I Cor. 3:3-4), but let us as believers in the Great Commission be united, not necessarily in one organization, but in spirit, as co-laborers, carrying out our Lord's Will in the world. Then the prayer of Christ for the unity of His followers will be fulfilled.



## Four-Year-Old Boy Loses Use of Limbs and Voice; Now Miraculously Healed

Dear Brother Hanson:

Approximately a year ago my little boy was stricken with a dreadful disease of some kind of paralysis. For several months he was paralyzed and unable to use his limbs and he was in the hospital several weeks. He was sent home by the doctors who said that he might never speak again. We then heard of your Divine Healing meetings. When we brought him to be prayed for you told me that he would walk and play and speak again as other little boys. We took him home and praised God for His healing power. As he was sitting on the floor with his toys, his speech returned to him. His arms and legs were soon normal and he walks and plays just as well as other children in the neighborhood. It is a year since he was healed and has never been with one ill effect.



**Little James Elvin Cates now runs, plays and talks perfectly.**

Mrs. Cates  
310 Prince St.  
Texarkana, Ark.

## Cataracts of 20 Years Standing Fall Off

Dear Brother Hanson:

I am rejoicing in the wonderful healing that I received one night in the municipal auditorium in Texarkana, Texas. When I walked into the building that night I could not read the signs on the platform as I had had cataracts on both eyes for 20 years. I did not think about my eyes being healed that night, but as I bowed my head in prayer during the healing service I discovered that the cataracts were both miraculously removed. It is now some time later and my eyes are still healed as they were that glorious night. May God bless you.



**Mr. Wheat**

M. F. Wheat  
409 E. Third St.  
Texarkana, Ark.

## Test Case of Healing of Man Paralyzed for Seven Years

**Brother Pederson's Testimony**  
(See photograph on this page)

Dear Brother Hanson:

The Lord is wonderful! I am happier than I have ever been in my life! I can walk! Yea, without braces—without crutches. I can walk again after dragging my paralyzed limbs around in steel braces and special shoes for seven years. I suffered a broken spine in 1941, and was operated on in hope of recovery in 1943. Instead of getting better I was totally paralyzed after the operation and the doctors told me that I would never walk again in my life. Every hope within me was shattered. However, I was blessed in my despair, for I found the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I was really saved!

I tried to learn to walk again, but the strength was gone from my legs and body. I wore heavy steel braces (see photograph) up to my thighs on both legs, yet I was unable to walk at all. I had to drag myself around for years until my legs were small and useless. Later I suffered third-degree burns on my legs.

Several weeks ago I heard of a Divine Healing revival, where many were getting healed. It stirred me to come and see what God would do for me. Praise God! When you prayed for me I felt something taking place. It was God's power to heal. I have never put my braces back on my feet. Within several days I could walk at home. Before a week had passed I walked around inside the tabernacle. I take a shower standing up without any aid whatever. This revival has been a thrill to me and my wife. She was healed of nine different diseases.

I will never be able to praise my Saviour enough for my wonderful, wonderful healing. God bless you in bringing deliverance to others as you have to me and my wife.

Mr. Leonard Pederson  
212 E. Haskell St.  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.



—Photos by Hopkins.

1. Picture shows about half of crowd in Dale Hanson Party on platform. Left to right: Dorothy Conine, organist; Carol Doipke, pianist; Joyce Gering, soloist and youth evangelist; Paul Clark, evangelist and song leader; Dale Hanson, Pastor F. G. Conley.

2. A small portion of the great number that were healed in the early part of the meeting.

3. Mr. Leonard Pederson, 212 E. Haskell St., Tulsa, paralyzed for seven years, completely healed of broken spine, holding brace which he had worn for seven years.

4. Bro. Hanson and Mrs. Pederson, whose husband was so miraculously healed. Notice how happily she smiles. She herself was healed of several bodily ailments.

# A Night in the Dale Hanson Healing Campaign at Tulsa

## CHAPTER III

Miraculously Healed of  
Pneumonia

**A**FTER several years of evangelistic ministry, I was taken down with pneumonia. For ten days I was near death, and much of the time delirious from the burning fever. I knew that I was dying, but had implicit faith in God that He would heal my body, for I had long since taken Christ as my healer, and He had never failed. And I would like to state here, that God is interested in His people trusting Him completely for healing of their bodies. I can remember the time a few years ago, in Pentecostal churches, when people gave no thought to human remedies or to a doctor. Their first thought in sickness was not to rush to a physician, rather rush to Jesus, the Great Physician! Any who used human remedies or a physician, were looked upon as definitely gone back on God and His Word! This is no slam to the physician, for the world greatly needs them, but God seeks those of His own Spirit-filled people who will believe His Word and place their faith in God for healing! And it is the opinion of this evangelist, in the face of the comprehensive, marvelous promises of God's eternal Word, that failure on the part of Spirit-filled people, is an open declaration of unbelief of the marvelous promises of God's Word!

As I lay near death's door from pneumonia, I felt impressed to call for the elders of the church where my father was pastoring. They came, anointed me with oil in the name of the Lord, according to James' Gospel: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil, in the name of the Lord." "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up . . ." Reader, this promise of God's Word for healing, is for this whole church age, till Jesus comes. I was instantly healed. The miraculous power of God went through my body, instantly removed the fever, and I arose immediately, and attended the church service that night. Not one symptom of the sickness did I have, after the healing virtues went through my body. After this healing, more and more I sought God for His power to be manifested through my life, for the healing of others.

## Healed of Streptococcus Throat

As the years went by, more and more I saw that sick and suffering humanity needed the mighty power of God manifested for their healing. Once again the

# The Miraculous Conversion of O. L. Jagggers

As Told By Himself



Evangelist O. L. Jagggers, one of the most outstanding young evangelists on the field, in the ministry of preaching, Divine Healing, writing, and music, was a few years ago a celebrity in the world of music. He has just closed a sweeping 12 weeks campaign in Dallas.

devil was to try my faith, for I was taken down with strep. throat and lay near death for days. I suffered much pain in my body, and was delirious many times because of the hot burning fever. Sharp shooting pains ran through my heart, and I knew that I was near death. At this time, I called for a dear friend of mine, in whose ministry I had seen the power of God manifested. I called for REV. GAYLE JACKSON to pray for me. When he walked into my room, I was near death. He knelt by my bed and prayed, then laid his hands on me and commanded the demon of infirmity to come out. In one minute I was completely healed, as the miraculous power of God went through my body and I arose completely healed! OH THE JOY OF KNOWING THAT GOD'S WORD IS TRUE!! HOW MARVELOUS IT IS TO KNOW THAT GOD'S PROMISES ARE TRUE! THAT JESUS NEVER FAILS . . . THAT HE CANNOT FAIL! If you abide in Him, HE WILL KEEP HIS PROMISES TO YOU, if you will simply TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD!

## Christ, the Solution for Broken Hearts

I know what it is to lose the dearest in life, but I found a Christ who binds up the broken heart. While in sin, I married,

and God gave me a very sweet daughter, who is now saved and filled with the Spirit, and a wonderful musician and singer for the Lord. In times of heartache, I lost my wife. I found after my conversion however, that "there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother," and "even in the valley of the shadow of death, he is with us." "And every one that hath forsaken (or have been forsaken of) houses, or brethren or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life," Matt. 19:29. Reader, if your heart has been broken by the loss of a dear one, draw near to Christ, for "His rod and his staff, they shall comfort us." Oh glorious Christ, whose all sufficient presence is with us, in the valley, as well as on the mountainside, and heights of joy.

After God healed me of the strep. throat, I sought His face more than ever before, for a manifestation of His miraculous power through my life, for the benefit of suffering humanity, and for the upbuilding of the kingdom of Christ. How my heart yearned to see again the wonderful works of God wrought, as I had seen in my father's ministry, when I was a small boy. I KNEW THAT THIS MANIFESTATION OF

MIRACULOUS POWER IS FOR US TODAY, FOR IT IS CLEARLY WRITTEN IN GOD'S WORD. AND I FOUND THAT THERE IS A PRICE TO PAY. We must be one hundred per cent unconditionally surrender to Christ, Spirit, soul and body. We must "yield ourselves unto God . . . and our members as instruments of righteousness . . ."

## Months of Fasting and Prayer

For months I fasted and prayed, and God marvelously spoke to my heart through dreams and visions, until I became obsessed with the thought of seeing God's miraculous power manifested through my own life.

At the same time He was teaching me things in His Word I had never clearly understood before. He showed me clearly that Satan's spirits of infirmity had taken hold on mankind, causing the diseases and sickness which we see. He showed me that He is again calling out men and women who will cast out the spirits of infirmity without fear, taking advantage of the power and authority that has been given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ. He showed me the fierce opposition and persecution that would come as a result of this ministry, and gave me boldness to face it! He

gave me power and boldness to defend His healing and His gifts and His miraculous power that is being manifested, and to stand up for my own in the face of a skeptical world! I remembered that Christ was accused of casting out devils by the power of the devil by the so-called religious leaders of His day! I remembered that all of God's prophets and the men and women of the Bible who believed the Word of God, and did the work of God, were severely criticized and persecuted, but as I studied their lives carefully, I found that none were ever criticized WHO WERE DOING NOTHING FOR GOD! Only those who stepped out in faith and began to defeat the powers of the devil, who have accomplished things for God, were those who were persecuted, but they were victorious! The devil hates those that hate him and tear down his works!

A Vision

After seven years in the ministry, in answer to many fastings and prayer, God gave me a vision of the last-day generation of people who would live in this world, just before the Rapture of the Church. He showed me all the conditions of the world, the sin and moral decay of the people. In my vision I was taken up to a very high place, where I could see multitudes, seething millions of people all over the world, who were rushing here and there, in their mad pursuit of pleasure and things of the world. I saw the teeming millions all over the world, as they poured into the places of amusement, and houses of the devil, and as they sought only the material things of this world, with no regard for God or His house of prayer. In the midst of all this mad pursuit of the material things and the pleasures of the world, . . . in most places, the churches were almost deserted. There was a great famine of real genuine Christianity, and living the principles of Christianity. In my vision I saw the apostasy of the church, backslidden and denying the power of God, modernism crowding

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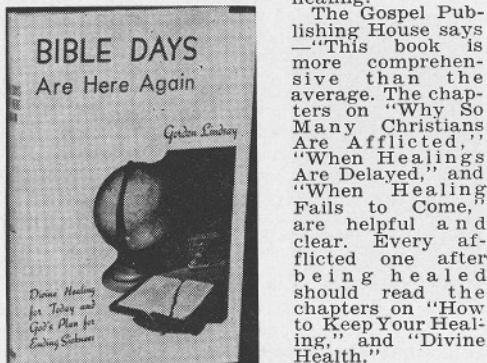
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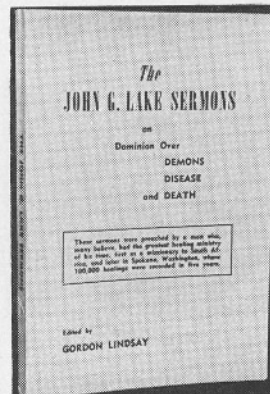
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# Wilbur Ogilvie Concludes Fruitful Meeting in Flint, Mich.



Mr. Burch is happy at being able to see from an eye blind for two years.

Dear Brother Ogilvie:

Two years ago I suffered blindness in my right eye. I was forced to wear strong glasses due to the weakness it caused to my left eye.

I was prayed for at your meeting in Flint, Michigan, and since that night have enjoyed a continuous improvement of vision, and have not needed to wear my glasses since.

God be praised for His mighty healing power!

Myron T. Burch  
2051½ Howard  
Flint, Michigan

Dear Brother Ogilvie:

I want to give my testimony in praise to the Lord for what He has done for me.



Fourteen years ago, I suffered a severe rupture which I continued to suffer until the night you prayed for me at Glad Tidings Tabernacle in Flint, Michigan. I thank God for His mighty healing power which He manifested in my body.

After you prayed for me, I felt God's power had gloriously delivered me and taking my truss off, I returned to my job of hard manual labor, only to know that God was with me.

More than two weeks have passed, and each day I am enjoying a continuation of God's blessing, rejoicing over the wonderful healing He has wrought in my body.

C. R. Thacker  
422 E. Myrtle Ave.  
Flint, Michigan

I, Arthur C. Ethridge, 424 E. Fifth Street, Flint, Michigan, around the first or second of December, 1949, was prayed for by Brother Ogilvie, and received definite healing. I have been deaf in my left ear for 26 years. This condition was due to a job I held in a factory as a boiler-maker.

(Signed) Arthur C. Ethridge.  
December 11, 1949.

## Blind Eye Opened

We were in the midst of a revival with the Rev. Wilbur Ogilvie. One Sunday evening, I felt the presence of the Spirit of God surge through my being and I felt very close to the Lord.



Mrs. Huber

The prayer line was forming, and I was trying my utmost to develop courage and faith enough to have my eye prayed for. I have been blind from birth in my left eye. I have had examinations and have been told that there never could be any help for my eye; glasses would be of no use because the eye had never been fully developed. There was no center in the back of the eyeball.

I knew as long as my faith did not cease, I would be healed. I was able to see light only from that eye. Brother Ogilvie prayed for me, laying hands on me, and God instantly touched my eye. Brother Ogilvie tested my sight by raising his fingers, which could instantly be seen. I looked about and saw people waving to me. I had never even hoped to read, and I looked up, saw a painted sign in the church, and read the first three words ever read with the left eye. That was a time of rejoicing for me, for God had healed and answered prayer. I am yet unable to read small print, but little by little, as the days pass, I cover the right eye and things are becoming more vivid.

Mrs. Alice Huber  
G-4071 Fenton Road  
Flint, Michigan

Dear Brother Ogilvie:

For more than 15 years, I had suffered deafness in my right ear. I heard of your meetings in Flint, Michigan, and received a card and was prayed for on the night of November 20.

I was instantly healed and am enjoying perfect deliverance.

I thank God for His healing power.

Rev. Earl Lavene  
Route No. 2  
Clio, Michigan

Dear Brother Ogilvie:

Twenty-five years ago I was struck by lightning and as a result, was left deaf in my right ear.

On Sunday, December 4, at Glad Tidings Tabernacle in Flint, Michigan, you prayed for me and immediately after I could hear a watch tick and the sound of your voice in my right ear.

I praise God for His mighty healing power.

Charles Wagor  
Route No. 2  
Lapeer, Michigan

# Letters - - TO TH

## Dr. Chas. O. Benham

Dear Brother Lindsay:

Have just returned from extended meetings in the Ionic Temple Auditorium, Detroit; also conducted healing services in a couple of points in Illinois.

In our recent Detroit campaign, where faith ran high for a number of days, healing miracles took place daily right before the eyes of the people. A number came forward nightly for salvation. We give God praise for the revival spirit which still lingers in this area. A number of Holy Spirit ministers in this district are testifying to phenomenal miracles in their services.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Chas. O. Benham  
P. O. Box 2  
Washington, D. C.

## Evangelist Norman Rhodes

Dear Editors:

I have been an evangelist many years and have been blessed by God with many good meetings across the nation. But I had an experience October 27 that has brought something to my ministry I never had before.

I had just retired at 8:30, in my sister's home in Hickman, Kentucky. As I dozed off, a large ball of fire came across my right fingers with force and burst and made a great light and shocked me through my entire body like electricity. I do not know what all this means. But since I had this experience my meetings have been different. I don't know of a case prayed for that has not been healed, after I laid my right hand on them.

Evangelist Norman Rhodes  
414 Market St. Hickman, Kentucky

## Thelma Nickel Meetings

Dear Bro. Lindsay:

God is blessing in San Angelo in an outstanding manner here. Many have been healed and some filled with the Holy Ghost.

We were privileged to be in a meeting with Brother Dale Hanson for two nights. God is mightily blessing Brother Hanson in the healing of the sick. I am enclosing a testimony that time has proven and still stands good today, written by Mrs. Utah Randall, 607 S. Main, Muskogee, Oklahoma:

"A year ago my little daughter, Sandra Lee Randall, had bronchial pneumonia. The doctor had just diagnosed the case, and we called for Sister Nickel. Sandra was lying on my lap with a high fever. But when Sister Nickel prayed for her she climbed down on the floor and started playing, the temperature leaving instantly. Since then she has been well and healthy and is growing fast. Praise the Lord for



Sandra Lee  
Randall

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consecrated vessels that God is using in these last days." —Thelma Nickel.

### Healed While Reading TVH

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am writing to tell you what a great blessing THE VOICE OF HEALING is to us in Vicksburg. I am very grateful to you for the policy of your paper. How we need unity.

I received the Baptism in 1911. I was with Brother Bosworth for a year in Dallas, at the time of Mrs. Etter's healing ministry there. I thank God that you feel the need deeply and are laboring to bring all together again.

My sisters, Carro and Susie Davis, are pastors in St. John, N. B., Canada. I think you will be interested in the following testimony that they wrote me recently: "One of our people, a beautiful young woman, had a terrible goiter and swollen glands. While reading the last issue of THE VOICE OF HEALING she caught faith and she felt the goiter disappearing and the swelling of the glands going down." May God bless you.

Sincerely in Jesus,

Mrs. Harry Andress

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### "All My Springs Are in Thee"

Psalms 87:7

BY MILDRED ALLEN JEFFERY

Lord of life, and of well-being,

Great physician of the soul—

"All my springs are in Thee," Saviour;

Surge through me and make me whole!

Fountainhead of every blessing,

Surge through me, and overflow—

Cause Thy fruitfulness to spring forth

Everywhere Thy waters go.

I, the channel, cleansed and emptied,

Thou the flood of love and joy;

"All my springs are in Thee," Jesus—

All my life at Thy employ.

We wish to make it plain that THE VOICE OF HEALING stands unreservedly for God's people, whoever they are, and whether they are organizations or independent churches, as they believe and practice the principles of the Great Commission and pursue a holy and godly life. The time has come when we are to forget the selfish tendencies of the natural man, and seek to bring all of God's people into a fellowship of oneness of spirit.

The purpose of this magazine, among other things, is to encourage those who see the vision of the unity of the Body of Christ, and also to disapprove of any attempt to divide God's people or to destroy fellowship. We make this statement because at least one case has come to our attention where certain ones unauthorizedly claimed our endorsement of their acts, which, in fact, were not in keeping with the policy of THE VOICE OF HEALING, to unite rather than divide the Body of Christ.

**Question:** If one is really healed by the Lord, is it possible that the affliction can ever come back on him again?

In answering this question we may truly say that it is not the will of God for an affliction to ever return to a child of God. God's Will is fully expressed in III John 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." But we must not forget that always it is by faith we stand. It is perhaps one of the more common errors of Christians to suppose that if a blessing is received, and is truly genuine, then it is permanent, irrespective of the person's faith. The truth is that God has intended that our Christian experience in perpetuity be secured through a daily walk of faith with Him. Man wants to get a thing from God and go his way. God wants him to receive and keep receiving, to ever keep in vital contact with the Giver.

Most every Christian remembers that after his conversion, Satan came and tempted him and even tried to get him to doubt the fact of his conversion. We should not be surprised that Satan should tempt along this line, for we note that he even thus tempted Christ when he said, "If thou be the Son of God . . ." It is significant to note that Christ always defeated him by quoting the Word, saying, "It is written, it is written."

It would be strange then if Satan did not tempt us after we receive healing in our physical body, which indeed, more than any other department of our nature, is peculiarly subject to temptation. Certainly it would be the poorest kind of instruction to leave people unwarned against this will of Satan if it exists. That it does exist is shown by the fact that Jesus did not neglect to give this warning to those who were healed in His ministry. To the man who had been healed of a 38-year infirmity, He said, "Behold thou art made whole; sin no more lest a worse thing come upon thee" (John 5:44).

What is this "worse thing" that Christ alluded to? Evidently, it could be another and even more evil disease, or it could be the same disease in a more malignant form. This is quite evident from the teachings of Jesus in Luke 11:14-28. Here He cast out the devil from the dumb man and delivered him. Did Jesus then leave the impression that the thing could never come back on the man again, regardless of his part in the matter? He certainly did not. He said that when the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he goeth through dry places . . . meaning that the evil spirit found rest only when he was in a body. The truth is, then, that a spirit when cast out, eventually returns and attempts to again enter the body. But, he will find such opportunity only if the "house" is "swept and garnished." (Note that though this passage of Scripture is usually interpreted only in a spiritual sense, it actually, primarily refers to what could happen after an afflicted man—the affliction in this case was dumbness—was healed).

IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS VERY NECESSARY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHEN HEALED SHALL FILL HIS LIFE WITH SPIRITUAL THINGS. Man is not complete in himself. There is, as it were, a spiritual vacuum in his nature which God intended should be filled with the things of the Spirit. And if man does not avail himself, the spirit of darkness will come in without invitation and take possession—terrible alternative. Notice especially that it was not necessary for the man to do anything especially evil, but only to fail to open his life to God.

Moreover, it is important to notice that the same degree of affliction did not return. This time the devil, in order to make his position more secure, took himself seven other devils, and the last state of that man was worse than the first. This is the teaching of Christ. Thus we see that prayer for the sick, unless it is accompanied by wholesome instruction, could eventually leave the individual in a worse condition than he was at first. That is the reason that ordinarily we urge that people attend instruction services before they are prayed for.

We would add, however, that all instruction should be of a positive nature. A good pastor does not tell his converts that they may backslide. Rather he gives them instruction so that they will not backslide. A good teacher will not tell those whom he prays for that they may lose their healing. Rather he gives them instruction so that they will keep it. Indeed, such was the instruction which God gave when He first gave the Covenant of healing. "AND YE SHALL SERVE THE LORD THY GOD, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee" (Exod. 23:25).

If Satan should return with the symptoms of an affliction, do not accept them. Resist him with the Word of God. The symptoms ultimately must conform to God's Word.

There is one thing more that we should add which we believe is of importance to those who pray for the sick. The Bible teaches the principle that the strong should help the weak. In praying for children and people too spiritually weak to fight their own battles, special dominion should be exercised for them over the enemy. Some of our associates believe that the devils should be bound to prevent re-entrance. In accordance with this principle, Christ, who never used unnecessary words, commanded the epileptic spirit to not only leave the youth but "TO ENTER NO MORE INTO HIM" (Mk. 9:25). Apparently, Christ, knowing that the devil would attempt to re-enter, and that the lad might not be able to defend himself, forbade the evil spirit to ever return. We believe that those words of Christ are of extreme significance in the praying for certain classes of afflicted people.

### Notice!

The Dale Hanson Evangelistic Party has dates open for a summer revival in their big 2,000-seat tent. Any pastors or churches desiring a union revival may contact him at Box 795, Tacoma, Wash.

ONE of the greatest preachers of all time was Charles G. Finney, whose ministry during the nineteenth century resulted in the conversion of hundreds of thousands of souls. His autobiography, published after his death, has been sold in many editions and have totaled perhaps half a million copies. Few indeed can read the stirring drama of his ministry without it resulting in the quickening of their spiritual life. It is a must book that every Christian should read. Finney was first a Presbyterian; later a Congregationalist. Yet his experiences of conversion, his receiving of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the manifestations of the Spirit in his meetings, have paralleled everything that has occurred in the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in recent years. One other factor of Finney's ministry that we would note was the deeply spiritual tone of his entire life. His sterling character as well as his great passion for the souls of men was a dominant characteristic of his writings and ministry. To the very end of his stay on earth, his life breathed an influence of wholesomeness and goodness on the community which he founded and made his residence—Oberlin, Ohio. The college there was founded by Mr. Finney, but were he to return today and behold how this great institution has become completely Modernist, no doubt his soul would be sorely grieved. In the editor's recent visit to that community, he noted that apparently those who were in control not only had forgotten the teachings of their founder but had apparently forgotten him. But though Oberlin College has forgotten the faith of her founder, a multitude of those living today still draw inspiration from his writings, although he has passed from the scene for some seventy-five years. No one can read this autobiography without receiving great inspiration. Finney's Autobiography is our Book-of-the-Month and may be obtained from our office, Box 4097, Shreveport, La. Price of book \$2.25.

From Autobiography of Charles G. Finney

#### Conversion

I penetrated into the woods, I should think, a quarter of a mile, went over on the other side of the hill, and found a place where some large trees had fallen across each other, leaving an open space between. I crept into this place and knelt down for prayer. But when I attempted to pray I found my heart would not pray. I had nothing to say to God; or at least I could say but a few words, and those without heart. My inward soul hung back, and there was no going out of my heart unto God. I began to feel deeply that it was too late; that it must be that I was given up of God and was past hope.

Just at this moment I thought I heard someone approach me, and I opened my eyes to see whether it was so. But right there the revelation of my pride of heart,

as the great difficulty that stood in my way, was distinctly shown to me. An overwhelming sense of my own wickedness in being ashamed to have a human being see me on my knees before God, took such powerful possession of me that I cried at the top of my voice, and exclaimed that I would not leave the place if all the men on earth and all the devils in hell surrounded me. The sin appeared awful, infinite. It broke me down before God.

Just at that point this passage of Scripture seemed to drop into my mind with a flood of light: "Then shall ye go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. Then shall ye seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." I instantly seized hold of this with my heart. I cried to Him, "Lord, I take thee at thy word. Now thou dost know that I search for thee with all my heart, and that I have come here to pray to thee; and thou hast promised to hear me."

I continued to pray, and to receive appropriate promises for a long time, I know not how long. I prayed till my mind became so full that before I was aware of it, I was on my feet tripping up the ascent toward the road. The question of my being converted had not so much as arisen in my thoughts. But as I went up, brushing through the leaves and bushes, I recollect saying with great emphasis, "If I am ever converted I will preach the Gospel."

I walked quietly toward the village; and so perfectly quiet was my mind that it seemed as if all nature listened. How was I to account for this quiet of mind? I tried to recall my convictions, to get back under the load of sin under which I had been laboring. But all sense of sin, all consciousness of present sin or guilt had left me. The repose of my mind was unspeakably great. I never can describe it in words. The thought of God was sweet to my mind, and the most profound spiritual tranquility had taken full possession of me.

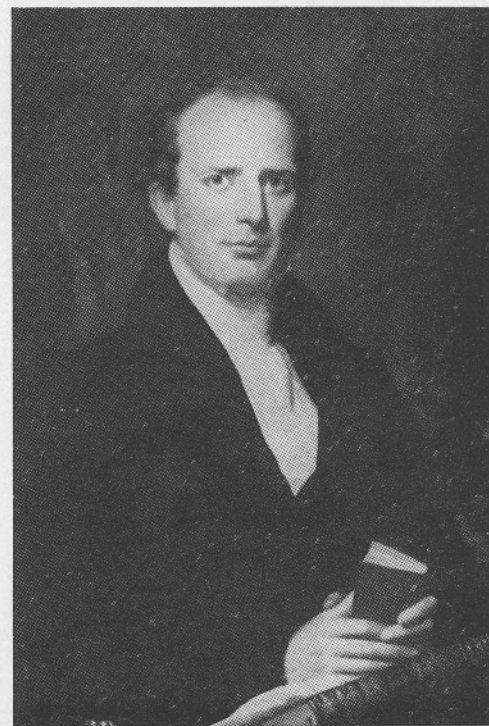
#### Vision of Christ

By evening, my law partner and I got the books and furniture in the new office adjusted. I made up in the open fireplace a good fire, hoping to spend the evening alone. Just at dark, Squire W. . . ., seeing that everything was adjusted, bade me goodnight and went to his home. I accompanied him to the door; and as I closed the door and turned around, my heart seemed to be liquid within me. All my feelings seemed to rise and flow out; and the utterance of my heart was, "I want to pour my whole soul out to God." The rising of my soul was so great that I rushed into the room back of the front office to pray.

There was no fire, and no light, in the room; nevertheless it appeared to me as if it were perfectly light. As I went in and shut the door after me, it seemed as if I met the Lord Jesus Christ face to face. It did not occur to me then, nor did it for some time afterward, that it was wholly a mental state. On the contrary, it seemed

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The Great Charles G. Finney

to me that I saw Him as I would see any other man. He said nothing, but looked at me in such a manner as to break me right down at His feet. I have always since regarded this as a most remarkable state of mind; for it seemed to me a reality, that He stood before me, and I fell down at His feet and poured out my soul to Him. I wept aloud like a child, and made such confessions as I could with my choked utterance. It seemed to me that I bathed His feet with my tears; and yet I have no distinct impression that I touched Him, that I recollect.

#### Baptism of the Holy Ghost

I must have continued in this state for a good while; but my mind was too much absorbed by the interview to recollect anything that I said. But I know as soon as my mind became calm enough to break off from the interview, I returned to the front office, and found that the fire I had made of large wood was nearly burned out. But as I turned and was about to take a seat by the fire, I received a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. Without any expectation of it, without ever having the thought

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## From Finney's Autobiography

in my mind that there was ever any such thing for me, without any recollection that I had ever heard the thing mentioned by any person in the world, the Holy Spirit descended upon me in such a manner that it seemed to go through my body and soul. I could feel the impression, like a wave of electricity going through and through me. Indeed it seemed to come in waves and waves of liquid love; for I could not express it in any other way. It seemed like the very breath of God. I could recollect distinctly that it seemed to fan me, like immense wings.

Nor could words express the wonderful love that was shed abroad in my heart. I wept aloud with joy and love; and do not know but I should say *I literally belated out the unutterable gushings of my heart*. These waves came over me and over me, one after another, until I recollect I cried out "I shall die if these waves continue to pass over me." I said "Lord, I cannot bear any more;" yet I had no fear of death.

### Call to Preach

When I was first convicted, the thought had occurred to my mind that if I was ever converted I should be obliged to leave my profession, of which I was very fond. I thought I had taken too much pains and spent too much time in study in my profession to think now of becoming a Christian, if by doing so I should be obliged to preach the Gospel. But now, after receiving these baptisms of the Spirit I was quite willing to preach the gospel. Nay, I found that I was unwilling to do anything else. I had no longer any desire to practice law. Everything in that direction was shut up, and had no longer any attractions for me at all. I had no disposition to make money. I had no hungering and thirsting after worldly pleasures and amusements in any direction. My whole mind was taken up with Jesus and His salvation; and the world seemed to me of very little consequence. Nothing, it seemed to me, could be put in competition with the worth of souls; and no labor, I thought, could be so sweet, and no employment so exalted, as that of holding up Christ to a dying world.

### Special Experiences With God

I succeeded in interesting a considerable number of brethren to meet me very early in the morning for a prayer meeting. One morning I had been around and called the

brethren up, and when I returned to the meeting house but few of them had got there. As I came up, all at once the glory of God shone upon and around about me, in a manner most marvelous. The day was just beginning to dawn. But all at once a light perfectly ineffable shone in my soul that almost prostrated me to the ground. In this light it seemed to me that all nature praised and worshipped God except man. The light seemed like the brightness of the sun in every direction. It was too intense for the eyes. I recollect casting my eyes down and breaking into a flood of tears, in view of the fact that all mankind did not praise God. I think I knew something then, by actual experience, of the light that prostrated Paul on his way to Damascus. It was surely a light that I could not have endured long.

I used to have, when I was a young Christian, many seasons of communing with God which cannot be described in words. And not infrequently those seasons would end in an impression on my mind like this: "Go, see that thou tell no man." I did not understand this at the time, and several times I paid no attention to this injunction; but tried to tell my Christian brethren what communications the Lord had made to me. But I soon found that it would not do to tell my brethren what was passing between the Lord and my soul. They could not understand it. They would look surprised, and sometimes, I thought, incredulous; and I soon learned to keep quiet in regard to these divine manifestations and say little about them.

### Prayer and Fasting

I used to spend a great deal of time in prayer; sometimes, I thought, literally praying "without ceasing." I also found it very profitable, and felt very much inclined to hold frequent days of private fasting. On those days I would seek to be entirely alone with God, and would generally wander off into the woods, or get into the meeting house, or somewhere away, entirely to myself.

Sometimes I would pursue a wrong course in fasting, and attempt to examine myself particularly to my motives and the state of my mind. When I pursued this course, I found invariably that the day would close without any perceptible advance being made. Afterward, I saw clearly why this was so. Turning my attention as I did, from the Lord Jesus Christ, and looking into myself, examining my motives and feelings, my feelings all subsided, of course. But whenever I fasted, and let the Spirit take His own course with me, and gave myself up to let Him lead and instruct me, I universally found it in the highest degree useful. I found I could not live without enjoying the presence of God.

### Prayer for Healing and Conversion of a Woman

Not long after I was converted, a woman with whom I had boarded was taken very sick. She was not a Christian. Her husband came in and said, "My wife cannot live through the night." This seemed to plant an arrow, as it were, in my heart. The burden was so great that I left the office almost immediately, and went up to the meeting house, to pray for her. For a long time I tried to get my prayer before the Lord; but somehow words could not express it. I could only groan and weep. I returned to pray a second and a third time. At this time the Lord gave me power to prevail. I was enabled to roll the burden upon Him; and I obtained the assurance in my own mind that the woman would not die, and indeed she would never die in her sins. Early next morning the husband of this woman came into the office. I inquired how his wife was. He,

smiling, replied, "She's alive and to all appearances better this morning." She did recover and soon after obtained a hope in Christ.

### Finney's Views on the Necessity of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

When Christ commissioned His apostles to go and preach. He told them to abide in Jerusalem till they were endued with power on high. This power, as everyone knows, was the Baptism of the Holy Ghost poured out upon them on the day of Pentecost. This was an indispensable qualification for success in their ministry. I did not suppose then, nor do I now, that this baptism was simply power to work miracles. The power to work miracles and the gift of tongues were given as signs to attest the reality of their divine commission. The Baptism itself was a divine purifying, an anointing bestowing upon them a divine illumination, filling them with love, and faith, and peace and power. This is an indispensable qualification of a successful ministry and I have often been surprised and pained to this day that so little stress is laid upon this qualification for preaching Christ to a sinful world.

### Finney Records Unique Miracle

In the meeting at Evan Mills, I addressed a tall, dignified-looking woman, and asked her what was the state of her mind. She replied immediately that she had given her heart to God; and went on to say that the Lord had taught her to read since she had learned to pray. I asked her what she meant. She said she could never read, but when she gave her heart to God, she was greatly distressed that she could not read God's Word. "But I thought," she said, "that Jesus could teach me to read; and I asked Him if He would not please teach me to read His Word. The children have a Testament and I went and got it; and I thought I would read what I heard them read. I went over to the school ma'am, and asked her if I read right; and she said I did; and since then," said she, "I can read the Word of God for myself."

I said no more; but thought there must be some mistake about this, as the woman appeared to be quite in earnest, and quite intelligent in what she said. I took pains afterward to inquire of her neighbors about her. They gave her an excellent character; and they all affirmed that it had been notorious that she could not read a syllable until she was converted. Such, I think, were the undoubted facts.

### Falling Under the Power

At De Kalb a few years before, there had been a revival under the labors of the Methodists. It had been attended with a good deal of excitement; and many cases had occurred of what the Methodists call "falling under the power of God." This the Presbyterians had resisted and, in consequence a bad state of feeling had arisen between the Methodists and the Presbyterians; the Methodists accusing the Presbyterians of having opposed the revival among them because of the cases of falling. As nearly as I could learn, there was a good deal of truth in this, and the Presbyterians were decidedly in error.

I had not preached long before one evening, just at the close of my sermon, I observed a man fall from his seat near the door, and people gathered around him to take care of him. From what I saw I was satisfied that it was a case of falling under the power of God, as the Methodists would express it, and supposed he was a Methodist. But on inquiry I found that he was one of the principal members of the Presbyterian Church that had fallen. And it was remarkable that during this revival there were several cases of this kind among the

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## This Month's Prophetic Article:

*Signs Which Christ Said Would Identify The Time of His Coming*

# The Real Signs of Christ's Soon Coming

BY GORDON LINDSAY

*In carrying a monthly article on prophecy, the main purpose is to awaken people and to make them aware of the nearness of the Coming of Christ. We realize that in doing this, it is almost impossible to avoid conflicting with somebody's views on some particular phase of prophecy. The purpose of THE VOICE OF HEALING is not to enter into controversy, but rather to unite the people of God. We try to choose themes in which there is the most general agreement among the people of God. In keeping with this policy, we believe we have been fairly successful, as only a very few critical letters have been received in all the months we have carried this department.*

*We believe that the major prophetic error that people could make would be to get so interested in some detail of prophecy that they should forget its real purpose, and should fail themselves to be ready for His Coming. The Pharisees knew that Christ was to be born in Bethlehem, but failed to be there to worship Him (Matt. 2:4-6).*

THAT Christ will return to this earth again, and that very soon, His own words bear certain witness. Signs which He declared would appear shortly before His coming are now unfolding in dramatic swiftness, and are of such a nature that only Divine foreknowledge could have predicted them. This is certain proof that to "all" that look for Him will He appear the second time "without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28).

When the apostles reluctantly became convinced that Jesus was to depart this world for a season, and that His Kingdom was not to immediately appear, they made inquiry of the Lord as to the signs which would foretell His return. They said:

"Tell us when shall these things be?"

And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the (age)? R. V. (Matt. 24:3).

To fully understand what the signs of Christ's coming really are, we should first take note of what they are not. Often, the occurrences of pestilences, earthquakes and famines, and wars, have been taken to be signs of the coming of Christ. While these have recurrently taken place with increasing intensity down through the Church Age, and will no doubt occur at the time of His coming, yet these are characteristic events of this age rather than signs of His actual coming. Matthew lists them as follows: 1. Wars and rumors of

wars (Matt. 24:6). 2. Famines (Vs. 7). 3. Pestilences (Vs. 7). 4. Earthquakes (Vs. 7). 5. Great persecutions (Vs. 8-10). 6. Rise of false prophets (Vs. 11). 7. Apostasy (Vs. 12).

Though all these occur again and again, yet the Lord says, "The end is not yet," but rather they "are the beginning of sorrows."

### The Real Signs of Christ's Coming

And now we come to the real signs of Christ's coming, which were to be distinctive evidences of the end-time.

### The Preaching of the Gospel to All Nations

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). While the church of Apostolic days looked for an early return of the Lord, mature consideration, and our present knowledge of the world's geographical extent, shows that world evangelism would prove to be an age-long task. It has been found that the successful evangelization of a heathen country, depends to no little extent on securing the translation of the Bible into the native tongue. Not till the printing press was invented was it possible to reproduce the Bible in more than a few languages. It has been comparatively recent that through the aid of modern printing equipment, missionary work has followed apace, only after the Scriptures have been translated into the language of the country. The Bible has been translated and published in over one thousand languages. Nor was the geographical extent of the earth known in apostolic days or for long after. Consequently, evangelization of the Western Hemisphere did not begin until the days of the reformation. It was not until the 18th and 19th centuries that the great missionary enterprises became effectively organized. Now with radio and modern means of communication and transportation, the work has gone forward in great strides. *Not world conversion, but world evangelization is rapidly becoming a realization and all this points definitely to the soon return of Christ.* For as Jesus said, "When this gospel of the kingdom is preached as a witness unto all nations then shall the end come."

### Second Sign — A Time of Trouble Bordering on World Destruction

For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world, to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those

days should be shortened" (Matt. 24:21-22).

A distinctive sign of the coming of Christ was to be the appearance of a time of trouble worse than the world had ever previously known. (See also Dan. 12:1-4). There have been some dark periods in the world's history when God's people have suffered indignities and miseries that have caused them to conclude that they were in the period of the Great Tribulation. But never before has the very existence of the human race been jeopardized, and at no time were the tools of destruction available to ungodly men, for the actual decimation of mankind. Even the two recent global conflicts, horrible as they were, did not result in the death, on the fields of battle, of more than one per cent of the world's inhabitants. Some fantastic means of slaughter had to be devised before there would be the danger of the extermination of the entire human race, such as is implied in the above Scripture, where Jesus said, "Except those days should be shortened, no flesh should be saved."

But now the incredible has come to pass—the atomic bomb, which obtains its power through the annihilation of matter itself, has been added to the armory of the god of war. According to its prophet, Albert Einstein, another conflict, in which this bomb would be indiscriminately unleashed in a war of extermination, might well result in two-thirds or more of the human race perishing. Not only the destructiveness of the bomb itself, but the fatal death-mist arising from the explosion, has fantastic powers of radiation so that vast areas may be contaminated with deadly radio-active rays. The phrase, "No place to hide," now gaining circulation, is not an idle statement. Regarding this subject, Jesus in His discourse on the Second Coming, spoke of "the powers of heaven" being shaken. The word "heaven" is translated from "uoranus," root word of uranium, from whence the atom bomb is made! The "sea and the waves roaring" of Luke 21:25, may well portray the fearful result of the A-bomb being dropped in the midst of shipping or in the great sea harbors.

Other secret weapons as well as the inauguration of bacteriological warfare, though yet uncertain elements of warfare, nevertheless offer dread possibilities in the great world catastrophe that looms ahead. For the first time in history, the solemn words of Christ, of Matt. 24:21-22, become fraught with significance that even the man on the street can appreciate. *It is*



**THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM.** Picture is taken from the Mount of Olives. In the foreground is the Russian Church Shrine of Gethsemane. In the center is the Mosque of Omar which was built on the old temple site. Because the Jews rejected Christ, they were driven from their homeland, and heathen people rebuilt the destroyed city of Jerusalem. Much of the old city now standing was built by the Mohammedans. Only in this generation have the Jews returned under the Balfour Declaration of 1917.



Wide-World Photos

**THE MODERN CITY OF JERUSALEM** built outside the walls of the old Jerusalem. The result of the return of the Jews has been constant friction and war between them and the Arabs. In the scene above is seen smoke arising from a bomb exploded near the Damascus Gate, where oil drums were set on fire. Count Bernadotte, arriving for conferences, entered the city as the bomb exploded. Later he was assassinated. The return of the Jew is one of the great signs of the soon return of Christ.

*apparent, that only the intervention of a great event as the Coming of Christ can save the peoples of the earth from extinction.*

### **Third Sign — Times of the Gentiles Fulfilled — Jews Return to Palestine**

"And they (the Jews) shall fall by the edge of the sword and shall be led away captive to all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

This statement, made 30 A.D., provides one of the greatest demonstrations of the authenticity of the claims of Christ. Jesus declared Himself to be the Son of God (John 10:36). The rulers of the Jews did not believe this and prepared to put Him to death. Jesus then straitly foretold the judgment that was to come upon the city of Jerusalem and its people for this deed. No lucky guess could foretell events for nearly 2,000 years in the future. But the fact that Jesus did, showed that He spoke by the Spirit of God, and the passing centuries have revealed the accuracy of His words.

How truly the predictions of Christ were fulfilled. Forty years after He died on the Cross, the Romans encircled Jerusalem with their armies. The stubborn Jews, listening to their own false prophets, resisted, and the city was taken, burned, and the people led captive into all nations (Luke 21:20-24).

But the casting away of the Jews, as Paul wrote in Romans 11, was not to be forever. What was to happen was that the Jews were to go into age-long dispersion, until the "fulness of the Gentiles was come in" (Romans 11:25). The fact that the word "until" is used in the statement that "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled," indicated that there would be a time when Jerusalem would no longer be trodden down, and the Jews would no longer be dispersed among the nations. They would return back to their homeland. And indeed, that is what is taking place today. Therefore, we know that the times of the Gentiles have run their course. And we are reminded of the words of the

Psalmsist who said, "When the Lord shall build up Zion He shall appear in His glory" (Psa. 102:16).

It is interesting to note that some have disputed the possibility that the Jews would ever achieve independent statehood. But proof of this is no longer necessary as since May, 1948, this has been an established fact. Nevertheless, the Jews in their homeland, as Jesus plainly foretold, are in for further judgment, by reason of the fact that they have returned in unbelief (Matt. 24:15-22).

(Note the photographs on these pages that show the modern Jerusalem that has sprung up in recent years outside the old city walls).

### **Fourth Sign — Fulfillment During the Days of One Generation**

The fourth sign of the Coming of Christ was that these events spoken of would all transpire during the interval of one generation, when He said in Matt. 24:34, "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled," which means that the generation which should begin to see these events of the end-time fulfilled would live until they had seen them completely fulfilled. Since practically all prophetic scholars date the beginning of the end-time in the year 1914 when World War I broke out, and since the Bible reckons a generation to be forty years (Numbers 14:33 and Heb. 3:9-10) in length, it can be seen how close to the end we apparently are. (For more complete discussion of this sign note article in September issue).

### **Other Signs**

Space does not permit our considering other signs of which Christ spoke, such as the parallel between the wickedness of the days of Noah, and of Sodom and Gomorrah, with that of the days of the Coming of the Son of Man (Luke 17:26-32). But above all, Christ warned His people to be ready (Luke 21:36). He shows the solemn fact that the majority of the people, as in the days of the Flood, will not be ready, and He divides the people of the earth now living, into four classes:

1. The wicked, who, preoccupied with their wickedness, will continue in evil,

until as in the days of Noah, they will suddenly be destroyed (Matt. 24:37-39).

2. The evil servant (the clergyman and professing Christian who deny the imminent return of the Lord) will eat and drink and fraternize with the world, and will reap their portion with the hypocrites (Vs. 48-51).

3. The Foolish Virgins, who, though anticipating the Coming of the Bridegroom, were slothful in that they failed to provide oil in their vessels (oil is type of the Holy Spirit) and, therefore, failed to be members of the bridal party, much to their sorrow and regret.

4. Finally, the Wise Virgins who not only looked forward to the Coming of Christ, but made preparation, and thus were ready and they "went in with Him to the marriage; and the door was shut."

May God grant, dear reader, that you may be found fully ready for the return of the Bridegroom with your lamp trimmed and burning. Though He tarry, He shall surely come, and at an hour least expected.

## **SIGNIFICANT NEWS**

### **Scientists Reappraise America's Position**

Top atomic scientists gathered at Princeton University the other day to discuss the implication of the atomic explosion in Russia. They believe that Russia, like the U. S., now is capable of making a bomb up to 100 times as destructive as the one that was dropped on Hiroshima. (Figures just released by Japanese officials declare that over 200,000 people died in that explosion instead of less than 100,000). The scientists believe that the new A-bomb can destroy an area up to a hundred square miles.

Moreover, the scientists incline to the view that the important question now is: "Who drops the bomb first." The weapon is becoming so destructive that after the first surprise blows, the victim nation might be crippled to the point where it could not marshal its full resources for a subsequent war effort. So says Newsweek.

## Charles G. Finney

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Presbyterians and none among the Methodists.

### God's Presence in Time of Opposition

During a time of great opposition to the work while at Auburn, I gave myself to prayer. I looked to God with great earnestness day after day, to be directed; asking him to show me the path of duty, and give me grace to ride out the storm. I shall never forget what a scene I passed through one day in my room at Dr. Lansing's. The Lord showed me in a vision what was before me. He drew so near me while I was engaged in prayer that my flesh literally trembled on my bones. I shook from head to foot under a full sense of the presence of God. At first, and for some time, it seemed more like being on top of Mt. Sinai, amidst the thunderings than in the presence of the Cross of Christ.

Never in my life, that I recollect, was I so awed or humbled before God as then. Nevertheless, instead of feeling like fleeing, I seemed drawn nearer and nearer to God—seemed drawn nearer and nearer to that Presence that filled me with unutterable awe and trembling. After a sense of great humiliation before Him, there came a great lifting up. God assured me that He would be with me and uphold me; that no opposition should prevail before me; that I had nothing to do, in regard to all this matter, but to keep about my work, and wait for the salvation of God.

## Jaggers' Life Story

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out the Power and Word of God. I saw the namby-pamby, bridge-playing, theatre-going, unholy-living church, with no regard for the life of Christ to be manifested through her. In the midst of all this sinful debauchery and a powerless church, I suddenly heard above me the satanic laugh of the devil, ringing out in triumph over the world, for he had the world and a great part of the Christian world in his powers! I saw the thousands of hospitals, insane asylums, sick, afflicted, diseased humanity. And suddenly, in my vision, God gave me the power that I had been fasting and praying so long for . . . I began to preach the Gospel with an anointing I had never known before . . . God made my tongue a flame thrower for Him . . . I began to cast out demons of habit, dope, drink, tobacco and others as I laid hands on the people, who began to be saved by the thousands. I began to cast out the spirits of infirmity, the demon of cancer, tumor, blindness, deafness, and every other demon of disease and affliction, and they came out instantly. The miraculous power of God rushed through the physical bodies of those delivered from the spirits of infirmity and healed them instantly. Thousands were swept into the kingdom of Christ and were saved, and I began to lay hands on believers to receive the baptism with the Spirit, and thousands received, bursting out speaking with other tongues. Great revivals broke out almost simultaneously, all over the world. In my vision, I could see that the mighty power of God and the gifts of the Spirit were again in operation



Rev. Velmar Gardner, whom God is blessing in excellent healing campaigns. Reports reach us that he has recently held a great healing campaign with Raymond T. Richey in Houston, Texas. His next campaign is with the Full Gospel Tabernacle at 5th and Pecoria, Tulsa, Oklahoma, beginning Jan. 22.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Branham party, including Brothers Jack Moore and Gordon Lindsay, expect to visit Sweden and Finland late this winter, the Lord willing. Please pray that this trip will be marked by Divine blessing.

and being manifested through many different servants of God all over the world. Thousands upon thousands were born into the kingdom of Christ, baptized with the Spirit, and healed miraculously . . . ALL THIS, HOWEVER, IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. The Church of Jesus Christ came to life, was baptized and refilled with the Spirit. Lethargic Pentecostal people were refilled with the Spirit, AND BEGAN TO DO THE WORKS OF CHRIST THEMSELVES, as the Scriptures say: "These signs shall follow them that believe."

Then suddenly, in my vision, I saw the figure of a man standing in the sky. He was far away at first, then came nearer, he was just swinging or walking in the sky! Then he was so near, I could see His face, I COULD SEE HIS BEARD! He reached out His arms over the world, and HIS hands . . . those beautiful hands, long beautiful fingers, though the hands were nail-scarred! He was surrounded with multitudes of heavenly host . . . And He reached out his right hand toward me, and His hand which was closed, suddenly opened . . . He just flexed his fingers toward me, and the power of God struck me, and lifted me from this earth, along with others, for I caught a fleeting glimpse of others rising in the air toward the central figure, Christ . . . standing in the sky!

When Christ flexed His fingers toward me, in the vision, and His power struck me, the power of God knocked me off my bed, where I had been lying during the vision.

(To be continued next month)

## THE VOICE OF HEALING

Box 4097, Shreveport, Louisiana

## Charles Dobbins In Great Ministry

As we go to press, word reaches us that God has been especially blessing the ministry of Evangelist Charles Dobbins. Reports have come that many outstanding healings have been taking place in his ministry. He has just concluded a fine campaign for Rev. L. D. Hall, of Grants Pass, Oregon, and we understand that he will be in Denver, Colorado, beginning January 15, with the Central Assembly of God.

## Pastor Reports Excellent Hauck Meeting in Roseburg

BY REV. VERNON L. KLEMIN

I want to add a note of praise to the Lord for the way He has been manifesting His power to heal the sick right from the beginning of this revival meeting, which began five weeks ago, with Evangelist John F. Hauck.

Outstanding healings have taken place each time the sick have been prayed for, and many testimonies are coming of their healings.

The testimonies of healings in the Roseburg Assembly of God Church, sent in by Rev. John F. Hauck, are all true, and I do witness by my signature their written testimonies of healings are authentic.

## NOTICE

I am preparing a life story of Rev. William Branham. Any one who has witnessed any remarkable phenomena in connection with his ministry, or who has received any outstanding healing under his ministry, will you please send us this information? We would appreciate photographs with the testimonies of people who have received an outstanding miracle of healing.—Editor.

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