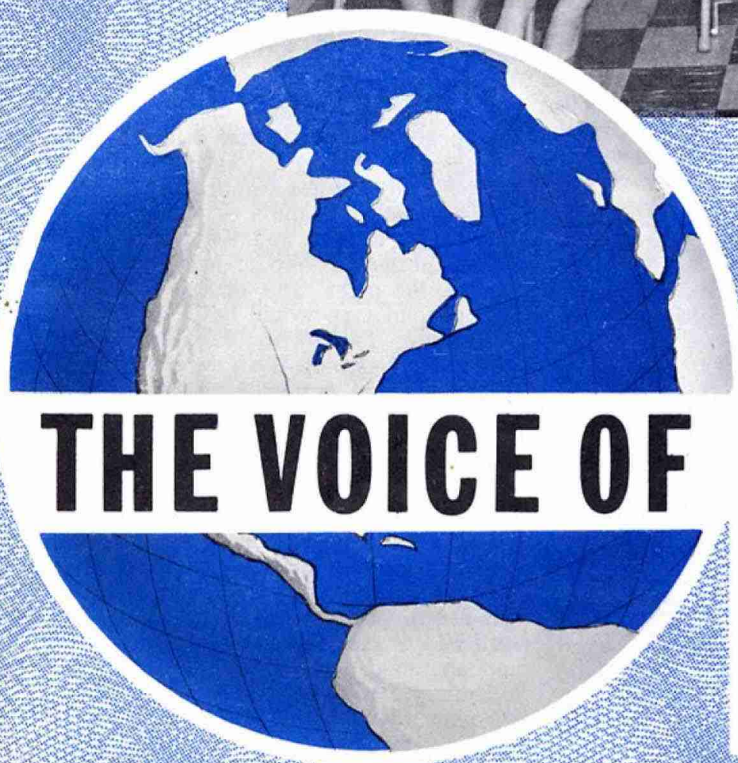


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Some of the TVH men, with their wives, who are going overseas. Front row, left to right: Mrs. W. V. Grant, Mrs. Joseph De Grado, Mrs. Harry Hampel, Mrs. David Nunn, Mrs. David J. du Plessis, Mrs. Richard Vinyard and Martha Baldwin, who plans to go with the Nunn's to Mexico. Back row, left to right: Reverends W. V. Grant, Joseph De Grado, Harry Hampel, David Nunn, David J. du Plessis, Richard Vinyard, Gordon Lindsay and Mrs. Gordon Lindsay.



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Deliverance convention at Tacoma, Washington.

Miscellany

CONCERNING THE DELIVERANCE CONVENTIONS

Above may be seen pictures of one of the several deliverance conventions in which we have been engaged during the past several months. God's blessing has been upon these conventions in a wonderful way.

Brother David Nunn, one of the speakers will be leaving soon for campaigns in Guatemala and Mexico. In fact, by the time this issue reaches the reader he will be in Guatemala City. Brother R. W. Culpepper will be leaving a little later for Paraguay, and perhaps Brother Velmer Gardner.

THE CAMPAIGNS IN SALVADOR

As we go to press, very good news reaches us concerning the Harry Hampel campaign in Salvador. Several thousand have responded to the altar calls and many wonderful healings have taken place.

CONCERNING FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Recently we mentioned the healing of Florence Nightingale, which occurred a few years ago under Brother William Branham's ministry. This remarkable miracle of healing which took place when the woman was only one step from death attracted unusual comment. In mentioning it again, it did not occur to us that some would think that it referred to the historical character of Florence Nightingale, who was born a century and a half ago! Some have written in about this, and we hasten to inform them that the person spoken of was not the woman who has been dead these many years. (See reproduced photos from Oct. 1951, TVH.)

Startling Incidents AND AMAZING ANSWERS TO PRAYER

HOW GOD PROTECTED AN ALMOND CROP FROM FREEZING

By Evangelist Joseph DeGrado

As we drove into the outskirts of Chico, California, my wife, daughter and myself were thrilled by the sight of the acres of lovely blossoms that filled the almond trees on both sides of the highway. Little did I realize that it would fall my lot to pray for some of those very blossoms, and for the almond crop

of one of the local Christian ranchers.

Our revival campaign in the city had been gloriously blessed by God, "the Lord working with us with signs following." About mid-way in the revival, one night one of the church brethren approached me after the service. "Do you believe God can do anything?" was his question. I assured him that "all things are possible to them that believe", and he solemnly echoed an "amen." Then he told me his request for prayer.

The weather in the area had suddenly turned quite cold, and the temperature was expected to drop to below-freezing during the night. This of course meant the almond crop would be in danger of being lost. The almond ranchers would all have to fire up their "smudge pots" and burn them all night long. By burning a solution of oil in these pots, a heavy black is created which settles at tree top level and protects the blossoms from the frost and cold. However, the brother's problem was that he didn't own any smudge pots. "Do you think we can agree in prayer for God to protect my almond crop Brother DeGrado?" is what he asked.

I had already declared that God could do anything, and so grasping his hand in mine, I began to pray, "God, cover Brother P's orchard with thy feathers, and keep every blossom under Thy wing." Then I sent the brother home and told him to sleep in peace.

While our brother slept, the temperature dropped lower and lower. The neighboring ranchers worked feverishly throughout the night, their smudge pots belching out their black cloud of smoke. Finally dawn arrived and the temperature returned to above freezing, many wondering whether they had been able



Before

After

LIFE FROM DEATH

Photo at left was taken of Miss Nightingale in January, 1950. She was suffering from cancer of the stomach and had to be fed intravenously. Friends heard the Branham Parry was to be in London and flew her from Africa to London. In answer to a call, the party went to where she was staying. A pitiful condition was hers, as the picture shows. After prayer, Brother Branham told her he felt she would be all right. One year later, photo at right was taken, showing indeed life from death. Brother Branham considered her healing as a token for him to make his trip to Africa.

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STARTLING INCIDENTS AND AMAZING ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Because of many requests that we continue our STARTLING INCIDENTS AND AMAZING ANSWERS TO PRAYER feature, we have decided to resume this page. Write us your experience in not more than 400 words and send it to us, double-spaced type written, if possible. Upon its publication, write us and we will send you as a gift your choice of any book we list, plus a free subscription to the magazine.



One of the breakfasts held in conjunction with our deliverance conventions. This one was at Tacoma, Washington. Speaker's platform, from left to right: Rev. David Nunn, Rev. Consmo, President of the Tacoma Full Gospel Businessmen's International, Rev. R. W. Culpepper, Rev. Gordon Lindsay, and Virgie Sundquist.

to ward off the cold sufficiently or not, for the temperature had fallen even lower than predicted.

The next day the ranchers checked their orchards to see if their blossoms had been "burned" by the frost. Many found that even though they had "smudged" all through the night, much of their crop had been frozen. However, the trees of Brother P's "covered by His feathers" had been spared by an *Almighty God*. The blossoms had not been "nipped" by the cold even though he hadn't "smudged." God had answered prayer again to prove once more, that "all things are possible to them that believe."

AN AMAZING ANSWER TO PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF R. W. CULPEPPER

When my wife and son and I came to Los Angeles in 1946 the area was over crowded, and it was almost impossible to find a place to live. For a short while we stayed with my wife's mother, who lived in an 18 ft. house trailer. Because of the very crowded condition it was apparent that this could not last very long.

I had enrolled in the Southern California Bible College to begin at the first of the next semester. It was necessary for us to find a place to live at once. I told my wife at the dinner table that "tomorrow we would fast and pray, and I will find a place for us to live." We prayed that night and again the next morning. As I left, my wife asked where I was going to look, and I told her I would find a good residential area near the college and rent a house.

I drove to an area where I thought we would like to live, parked my car and went up to the first house and knocked on the door. A lady came to the door and

I told her I was looking for a house to rent. She informed me that I must be crazy, and asked if I didn't know that people were sleeping in the parks and some were even allowed to sleep in the jails, that there were thousands of people in Los Angeles without a place to live. I thanked her and went to the next house. I was again informed that there were no rentals available in Los Angeles, and what rentals there were had a long waiting list, and the rent was so high a Bible school student couldn't afford to pay it. I thanked her and went to the next house, praying again before I knocked on the door. This time a very dear elderly lady came to the door and introduced herself as Mrs. Pearson. She invited me to come in. I told her I was a young preacher about to start to Bible School and I needed a place to live. She told me she had a son who was a missionary in South America, and she wished she could do something to help me. After our visit we had prayer, and she prayed, "Dear Lord, please help this young man find a place to live." Then she suggested that I go around the corner and see a Mrs. Green and to tell her that she had sent me. This I did but Mrs. Green informed me that she only had single rooms for elderly ladies, and could not imagine why Mrs. Pearson would send me to see.

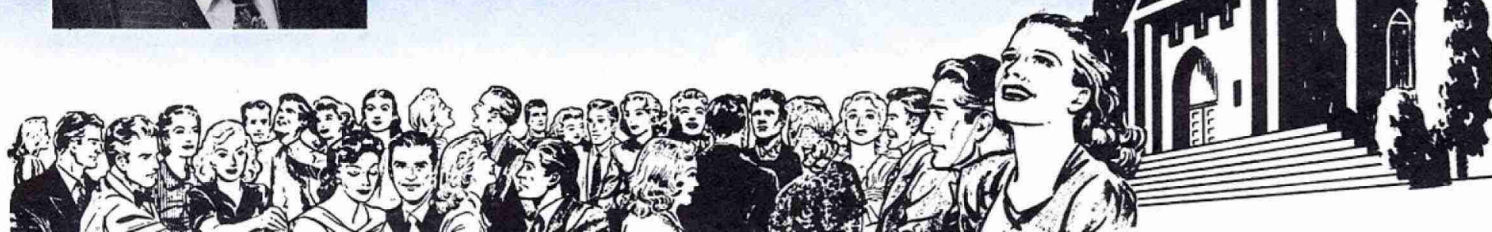
While we were talking, the telephone rang. It was Mrs. Pearson wanting to talk to me, and requested that I come back to her home. This I did immediately, and she told me that she had a house that would be vacant in two days and she felt that the Lord wanted me to have it. She asked how much income I would have and I told her that I would

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Which Church Is the True Church?

by Gordon Lindsay



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HEN A MAN accepts the Christian faith he is confronted with making the decision of which church he should join. While some find it no difficulty to decide, others are confused with the old problem of "which church is the true church." Sometimes conflicting claims of various groups can be real puzzling to a young convert. In considering this problem it is not out of the way to repeat what has been said many times, that the joining of any church, *without a born again experience*, (Jn. 3:3, 5, 7) can result in disappointment and perhaps tragedy. Such a person may be led to believe that by his act all is well with his soul, when the very opposite is true. Jesus said, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3) Therefore repentance is required before any one can become a genuine member of the church. Having said this, we nevertheless hasten to add that it is important that all true followers of Christ should affiliate themselves with believers of like faith. For the church is a New Testament institution ordained by none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. Each believer should actively become a part of it.

Many excuses have been raised to rationalize failure to become an active member of a church. "Too many hypocrites in the church." "Poor preaching." "Too much asking for money," etc. While it is easy to find an excuse, the question remains whether it will be recognized as valid before the tribunal of Heaven. There are no perfect churches because there are no perfect Christians—no yet at least!

Some say that they do not need to attend church, that they can worship the god of nature in the hills and in the forests. This is nothing more nor less than the religion of the pagan. Christians are members of one body, the body of Christ, and may not operate or live their lives independently of other members.

Some attend church but will assume no responsibility. They are willing to enjoy its privileges and blessings but are unwilling to pay its bills. They talk about "going to Heaven when they die", but like the hitchhiker, they want someone else to put in the gas and the oil.

Every Christian needs a church home. He needs to do more than attend a lecture forum where discussions on prophecy are conducted. He needs to do more than attend special meetings when they come to town, or a youth center on Saturday night. Nor can a person's spiritual needs be met by merely turning on a radio and listening to a religious program. Legitimate as these things are, and helpful in their place, they are not a substitute for a church home and a local pastor where they can go with their spiritual problems.

WHICH CHURCH IS THE TRUE CHURCH?

With some, this question is a very real one. It is to be expected that when a church sets itself up in business, it will represent itself as of the true church. It is no more than fair that every church should have the right to state its case. But every Christian should carefully ascertain, in joining a church that its case is substantiated by the Scriptures.

There are not a few today who insist that salvation is only possible through membership in their particular organization. We must unequivocally declare that all such claims are false. Salvation is not in an organization but in Christ. The Lord would not allow even the apostles to organize a religious monopoly. When they saw another man casting out devils, but who refused to join their "apostolic party" they forbade him. (Luke 9:49) Jesus rebuked their attitude and said, "Forbid him not: he that is not against us is for us." (Verse 50)

Most organizations recognize God's church as greater than any organization — although some admit this reluctantly. There is of course only one church — the body of Christ. Organizations are not the body of Christ but working agreements between believers who are members of the church. Such associations between believers are by no means to be despised. Indeed men may only work together when they have mutual understanding, when they are in accord on standards of faith, of ethics, of discipline. When a large body of Christians agree to work together they become what is called a denomination.

WHAT IS THE TRUE DOCTRINE?

As far as unity of doctrine is concerned, the evangelical church, although representing many different groups, and despite minor differences, is in surprising agreement on all but a few things. Indeed so close is this agreement that we may say that when a certain group marks itself as espousing some unusual or strange doctrine, thereby creating a deep gulf between itself and other groups, it becomes everywhere suspect. Methodist, Baptists, Pentecostals, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Nazarenes and many others have a general compatibility as regarding their beliefs in the great Bible doctrines, although they may differ sharply on church discipline and minor points of theology. For example, one church may have a strong central government, while in another, a local church is almost completely sovereign.

Nevertheless there is one very important cleavage in belief that divides the evangelical church sharply — and not necessarily by denominations. Indeed we find this cleavage existing in many denominations, some more, some less. The one side

believes in miracles that took place in Bible days, but they insist that none take place now. *The other side affirms that God performed miracles not only in the long ago, but today also! . . .* That Jesus Christ is indeed the same yesterday, today and forever.

1. CHOOSE A CHURCH THAT BELIEVES IN APOSTOLIC CHRISTIANITY

This most pronounced division in the evangelical church today arises from the same cause as existed in the time of Jesus. The Pharisees, the fundamentalists of their day, believed in the supernatural, in healing, in miracles, in the inspiration of the Scriptures (although they add to the Scriptures to fit their peculiar convenience), but they were unwilling to concede that miracles were taking place then. When confronted by miracles, they claimed that they were performed by Satan. Jesus showed that such a claim was mischievous and wicked, and pointed out its absurdity; that if Satan healed the sick, then his kingdom was divided and would not stand. (Luke 11:14-20)

Christ in His Great Commission said: "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned." This is the authority of the Christian church for world-wide evangelization. Evangelical believers everywhere have accepted the first part of this Great Commission, from the days of the Early Church on down to now. But strangely enough, the church, shortly after the apostolic age, began to stop right in the middle of the paragraph, of this Great Commission. The first two verses were accepted literally without a thought of them meaning anything else than what they actually said. But the next verses which followed with the words, "These signs shall follow them that believe . . ." were ignored as if they had actually gotten in the text by mistake (which some actually claim took place!). This view or assumption has been the great tragedy of the centuries. It has robbed the church of the key by which they could reach the masses of heathen with the gospel.

What is this key? It is the ministry of the miraculous. "These signs shall follow them that believe."

The first sign is: "They shall speak with new tongues." Apostolic Christianity is to be marked by the sign of speaking in other tongues! There is no mistake about this. The phenomenon of speaking in other tongues is referred to again and again in the New Testament. Miraculous? Yes! Important? Yes! "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself," not to mention the many other benefits spoken of in chapter 12 and 14 of I Corinthians.

And in the Great Commission Jesus also added, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." (There are other important signs mentioned which we cannot discuss here.) Apostolic believers, Jesus said, will lay hands on the sick and they will be healed! Therefore in choosing a church home you will want to decide on one that believes in the miraculous, in divine healing.

Unfortunately, so far had the church departed from the original apostolic pattern that a few decades ago a man who prayed for the sick was regarded as a fanatic. Today however, a great change is being wrought. Ministers in many denominations, including Episcopal, Presbyterian and Baptist churches, are now praying for the sick. Indeed the Full Gospel movement had better beware lest God leave them behind and pour out His Spirit on the old established denominational churches some supposed He had forgotten! David du Plessis, lecturing on divine healing, the speaking in other tongues, and the gifts of the spirit, in several of the so-called "modernist colleges" and receiving an enthusiastic reception as published in a recent issue of TVH, must be startling news to many!

It is important indeed to be affiliated with a church that believes in the power of God. Paul said:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come . . . Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (II Tim. 3:1,5)

The truth in the above scripture is reflected in the following incidents, which is by no means unique.

Not long ago I received a phone call from a mother who was almost hysterical. She explained to me as she sobbed over the phone, that her baby was dying. Would we pray for the child? Of course we are always ready to pray when an emergency case like this comes to our attention. But I said, "Lady, how does it happen that you called me up?" Well it seemed that she had attended our meetings when we were in her town a few years before, and she had seen many miracles occur, and she was convinced of God's power to heal. I said: "Sister in a matter as important as this, why do you not go to your pastor and have him pray for the baby?" In a faltering voice she replied that it would not do any good. For he taught that the days of miracles were past. Strange that she believed in divine healing and then attended a church that denied the power of God, especially when there were several churches in that city that vigorously taught that truth! Now that an emergency had arisen, she could not call on her pastor and expect any help.

We have occasionally noted that a family who has been fully taught in the Full Gospel message, has transferred membership to a cold denominational church because apparently, that church had people whom he deemed were of a higher social level. What a tragedy! What will they do when the time comes that they need God to work a miracle for them? Having despised the group that believes in miracles, they may find that when their hour of need arises that they have no one to turn to, who has real faith in God.

Summing up: In deciding on a church home, choose one that fully believes in divine healing and the apostolic ministry with the signs that Jesus said would surely follow true believers.

2. CHOOSE A CHURCH THAT IS INTERESTED IN YOUNG PEOPLE

If you have a family, look for a church that has a real interest in its youth. Most churches want young people in them, but alas, many do not make the effort necessary to hold them. However, we wish to make it plain that when we speak of a church that is interested in young people, we do not mean a church that caters to youth merely through means of entertainment, nor that over-emphasizes a social program, although of course young people need some social activities. The youth of today are the only ones who will carry on the work of the church tomorrow. To keep them in the church requires careful planning on the part of its leaders. The pastor must understand young people and work unceasingly to meet the peculiar needs and problems.

It is unfortunate indeed to find churches without any imagination in the handling of their youth. As children grow up into the teen-age, the world makes a great play to capture them, often greater than does the church. Too often we see the youth slipping away, and no one takes it to their heart, until it is too late. One of our fondest memories of work as a pastor was that almost all our young people remained with the church as they grew up. It is possible to hold the young people if two things are done. First the church must give itself unremittingly to prayer for them. Second, that studied effort be made to supply their particular spiritual needs. While young people are, as may naturally be expected, the least stable part of the church, on the other hand they are the most responsive to a spiritual vision. They want to see things happen and dull plodding ecclesiasticism has no particular appealing to them.

Second: In choosing a church, take note of its ability to hold the young people, not with purely social activities, but with a spiritual program and vision that will appeal to them. Young people want to belong to something that is alive, something that is going somewhere and is worthy of their confidence and respect.

3. JOIN A CHURCH THAT IS SOUND DOCTRINALLY

Because the Bible teaches a supernatural gospel, does not mean that it is not a sound gospel. The Apostle Paul repeated

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Paul Finkenbinder Now on Television! Fourteen Stations Included in the Daily Network. Radio Program Conducted by Paul Finkenbinder. Gospel Invasion of Latin America Underway.

PAUL FINKENBINDER REPORTS SUCCESS IN NETWORK RADIO IN LATIN AMERICA



Paul Finkenbinder

The report from Brother Paul Finkenbinder regarding the growth of the network radio broadcast to 14 stations is indeed inspiring. While other worthy programs to send the gospel out over Latin America via short-wave have been in existence for years, we have felt that there were so many limitations to short-wave radio, that programs over broadcast band would be much more valuable. Reception of shortwave is spotty geographically, and often accompanied by fading and static. Nothing can take the place of the local station, for good reception. Furthermore, most radio sets do not have the shortwave bands, and those that do are usually used for either amateur or commercial purposes.

Therefore, when Paul Finkenbinder proposed a radio network to cover Latin America by local cities, we felt that this was a move of God, and THE VOICE OF HEALING takes pride in having a substantial part in instituting and carrying on the program. Others are now assisting Bro. Finkenbinder and we hope these donors will increase until Paul Finkenbinder's goal of 100 stations in Central and South America, will be reached.

BROTHER FINKENBINDER SENDS THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

"My estimated potential listening audience at the present time is 10 million. Some 97% of the audience is Roman Catholic and about 50% are illiterate. We will have been broadcasting for five years next July. Notwithstanding many of the people cannot read let alone write, we receive 200 letters a month, and many more when a special offer is made. No appeal for funds is ever made on the radio. A radio Bible Course is sent out to those writing us requesting it."

TELEVISION

On January 24 the first gospel telecast to be aired in Latin America was viewed on YSU-TV, San Salvador—the station with the largest coverage of the three stations throughout Central America. The choice time of 7:30 to 8:00 Sunday evening was chosen. This is the greatest opportunity possible for reaching the elite of the country who would have no other contact with the full gospel message. By faith Paul Finkenbinder signed the contract for one year at which time he had only enough to pay for three telecasts costing \$120 each. The next day a businessman with a burden for the radio ministry said he wanted to sponsor the first television program, but gave a check in the amount of \$500, which would pay for four programs.

NEWS FLASHES FROM THE WINNING THE NATIONS CRUSADE

HARRY HAMPEL IN SAN SALVADOR: Harry Hampel has just begun meetings in San Salvador with splendid attendance. On the third night many blind and deaf were healed and the meeting is progressing with God's mighty blessing upon it. Brother Hampel plans to stay in San Salvador for several months.

RICHARD JEFFERY LEAVES FOR URUGAY: He and his wife: "Yesterday we received your check. We appreciate it very much. It will be a wonderful help to us as we leave at the end of the week for Montevideo. We are expecting one of our greatest meetings. Please remember us in prayer."

KOREA. We understand that a cable has been sent to clinch the purchase of the downtown property in Korea, thus setting in motion one of the most important projects in the history of missions.

COLOMBIA: The Harry Bartels have sent the good news that a great revival has taken place in Bogota and surrounding cities under the ministry of Brother Jimenez. When we consider that a short

time ago a reign of terror was taking place in that country with many killed or injured by agents of the state church, it is wonderful that the doors should open there, and that 10,000 people should gather together from night to night to receive healing and salvation. We have been informed that the revival center there (on which TVH is making payments) has made tremendous progress, and the Bartels are getting new churches started in various parts of the country.

The Bartels write: "This was the first United Salvation-Healing campaign in the history of the city. Brother Eugene Jimenez and his brother, Raymond, were evangelists in the large campaign. Some ten thousand people were in attendance at the major services. Seven thousand names and addresses of people wanting prayer. Severe opposition came from opposing religious forces but God always protected. Miracles of healing took place and many professed salvation. New church buildings are badly needed for many of new congregations . . ."

ISRAEL. We have received word that the 100,000 booklets have come off the press in Israel. Brother Paul Kopp and his assistants now are busy going from village to village praying for the sick, and distributing these Messianic books and Bibles. Thank God for those that are getting healed and accepting their Messiah!

FROM BOON MARK GITTISARN OF THAILAND: "I am now in the states and will be travelling around preaching and telling what the Lord has done in Thailand. Right now we have more than sixty churches with more than two thousand members. This is the work of the Holy Spirit in four years time. We need to build a Bible School to train our native workers to reach more souls for Christ. We need to have cars and boats to transport workers from place to place. Many countries have been closed to the Gospel but Thailand is still wide open. We need your help. Now is the time." (Brother Gittisarn can be reached for meetings at 722 Grand, Shreveport, La.)



The audience which came to hear Brother Whyte in Sao Paulo.

Maxwell Whyte Has Fruitful Campaign in Sao Paulo

by Rev. Luiz Schiliro and Rev. Juan Alvear, Directors of the "WORLD EVANGELISTIC CENTER"

(Ed. Note) TVH is now encouraging pastors with deliverance ministries to conduct campaigns in foreign lands. Brother Whyte's meetings in Brazil show the potential of this ministry.

The visit of Rev. Maxwell Whyte to Sao Paulo, Brazil, with its 3 million inhabitants, was announced with short notice. Nevertheless, even on the first night of his campaign, a great multitude filled the auditorium of the "World Evangelistic Center", a building which was once used as a theater, but has now been transformed into a house of God.

The message which this servant of God brought to the Brazilian people was one of the most powerful we have heard, and caused a genuine revolution in our Gospel realms!

Confronting Satan and his cohorts with dynamite from the Word, Brother Whyte was not afraid to say that the reason for the failure of innumerable churches lies in the fact that they have not taken a definite stand to fight against sin and its originator. In his messages, he spoke very frankly of the power which Satan has held over the people, even to the Christians who were oppressed by demon power.

The multitude increased night after night, filling the main auditorium of the Evangelistic Center. They came from all over Sao Paulo, as well as from distant villages and cities and even from other States! All were unanimous in their opinion that

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Winning the Nations Crusade is unique in that it works on a cooperative basis with many groups which have a vision of world evangelism. While the crusade does assume complete financial responsibility of certain projects (as the Manila Campaign) in general its design is cooperative. In all cases the evangelist is encouraged to raise as much as he can on the field and personal supporters should continue their regular giving. Although overseas mass evangelism is revolutionizing missionary work, its cost is inevitably heavy. The evangelist, beside his fare, has regular home expenses to maintain. Moreover of vital importance is the building of shelters and churches to take care of the converts. The purpose of the Winning the Nations Crusade is to share, not to completely underwrite, responsibility of reaching the nations through mass evangelism.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO GET STARTED ON COURSE 3 PRAYING TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Praying to Change the World

by Gordon Lindsay

The following is a series of lessons on prayer which will show how to tap the resources of infinite power — power which can change the course of your life. These lessons reveal the secrets of how men of God, in past ages, down to our present day, overcame all hindrances, and whose prayers made history and helped to change the world for their generation.

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- ☐ Please send me information on how I can get Course I, Course II.
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PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF R

For 16 years I suffered with bad eyes. The nerves of my eyes went out of focus. I suffered from eye strain, and had constant headaches. It was becoming impossible for me to read. I could not drive a car at night and shouldn't have driven one in daylight because of my vision. Any kind of lights bothered me, and I had to wear tinted glasses all the time to try and find relief.

I went to the best doctors for several years, but they could do nothing.

After God saved my soul I began to look to God to heal my eyes. I went to the great revivals of Dr. Charles S. Price and had him pray for me. I was prayed for by that great man of God five times. I went to other great revivals for prayer. I believe I was prayed for about 100 times. I was desperate for healing, but received no help for my body. It was certainly not the fault of these great ministers. They had done their best and had prayed for me according to God's Holy Word. I didn't

The Difference Between Healings a

by Velmer Gardner

Thousands today fail to receive healing because they are trying to hold God to a miracle. We must leave this in the hand of God. He will do what He knows is best and will bring the most glory to His name.

Healings usually are gradual and maybe no change will be noticed when you are prayed for. When Christ cursed the fig tree, the life immediately began to die within it. However, there was no outward change at that time. The next morning it was dead.

We must believe that when prayer is made the work is done. The disease is cursed and must die. It may take it some time to pass from your body, but leave that to God. You will be healed if you do not doubt.

God promised Abraham a son and Abraham believed God. Rom. 4:20-21. Oh how many today cast away their confidence when God does not immediately perform the miracle. Heb. 10:35-26. In Mark 16:18: "They shall lay hands upon the sick and they shall recover." He did not say how soon. Commit yourself to God; rest upon His Word after you are prayed for, and you shall recover.

A lady came in our meetings to be prayed for. One leg was shorter than the other. Her spine was twisted and she was unable to bend over or stand upon her feet for any length of time. We



anointed and prayed for her, and I felt the Gifts of Healing in operation. I told her I knew God had heard our prayers, and that she was healed. She walked off the platform with a peaceful smile on her face, but her spine was still twisted and one leg was one and one-half inches

shorter than the other. That didn't bother me. I knew that the healing virtue of Christ was beginning to flow through that body in answer to prayer.

She and her family started home in their car. They were praising God for His goodness, and she thanked Him for healing her. They had just gone about ten blocks when the bones in her back began to crack, her spine straightened and both legs were the same length. She did all her own work the next day, waxed the floor, and stayed on her feet all day without pain. The next night she testified to God's healing power. If she had not accepted it because God did not instantly do it, she never would have been healed.

On another occasion I prayed for a lady who had been in an automobile accident eleven years before. Her spine was injured and she could hardly get around. Every hour of the day she suffered with the terrible pain. When we prayed I rebuked the pain, commanded the spine to straighten up and for her to receive healing. Then I told her to go home and thank God for doing the work. I warned her that the enemy would try to attack with symptoms and make her distrust God. She went home and had the worst night's sleep she had ever had. The pain was very severe. The next morning she sat down and began to thank God for healing her. The devil came and said, "Your back still hurts doesn't it?" She had

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realize then that I was hindering God myself. I was trying to confine God to an instant miracle, not knowing that the Gifts of Healing are a gradual work of God to bring recovery. Because the work was not completed instantly, and the pain did not vanish when God's servant touched me, I would doubt and not claim what God had promised. Because I doubted, God could not help me. (Heb. 10:23; James 1:6,7)

In 1949 after preaching healing for over 10 years, God showed me the operation of the gifts of healing. I went to a humble servant of God again for prayer, determined this time to stand upon God's Word and *nothing else*. After he prayed for me I took my glasses off, and determined by God's grace, never to wear them again. The devil really attacked me that night. Unbearable pain was in my eyes all night. The next day I prayed and the devil told me, "God once more failed to heal you." I said devil you're a liar, God healed me last

night." The devil said, "How do your eyes feel?" I said, "They feel worse than they have ever felt in my life." The devil said, "That proves God didn't heal you. If you were healed, the pain would be gone." I said, "Devil, God didn't say anything about the pain. *He just said if they would lay hands on me, I would recover.* They have laid hands on me, the gifts of healing are now working in my body, and *I will recover.*" The devil said, "If you don't put your glasses on you will go blind." I said, "Devil if I do I'll be a blind preacher holding healing campaigns and praying for the sick, because I am going to believe God's word." The devil left me then. I rebuked the devil for six months. After God saw I was determined to stand on His Word instead of what I felt, and to believe that the gifts of healing were bringing health back to my body, God made me perfectly well. My vision is perfect; no strain, no headaches. I preach under thousands of watts of glaring floodlights in tents and auditoriums with perfect vision and no eye strain. *My God's*

Word is True:

A few years after this I had two tumors on the side of my head. The pain was very severe, and I suffered day and night. I was talking to Oral Roberts one night and told him the devil was trying to destroy me again. He laid his hand on the tumors, cursed them and said now believe God and don't worry. I went home thanking God. The tumors didn't fall off, the pain didn't stop, but I believed God was faithful. I stood on God's word for four years. I refused to doubt. After I returned from a great revival overseas, I arose one morning to wash my face, and laying on my cheek were the two tumors. Nothing left but two scars on my head. God is a good God and God's promises are true if we will stand on His word and doubt not.

If He performs a miracle and you are healed instantly thank Him for it. If He does not perform an instant miracle, thank Him anyhow, because He will keep His promise. You will be healed gradually as I was.

and Miracles

to answer, "Yes." Then he said, "If God healed you all the pain would leave." (God didn't say so). Then she began to talk to the devil. Make him listen to you. She said, "Listen devil, if I broke my arm and went to a doctor to have it set, the pain would not leave. The doctor would set the bone, put the arm in a cast and the laws of nature would bring the healing. I wouldn't go all over town telling people that the doctor didn't set the bone because it still hurt. I would expect that for a while. Last night I went to Doctor Jesus and He set the twisted bones in my back. Sure it hurts, but He has it in His Divine Cast, and His healing virtue now is beginning to work and I will soon be normal with no more pain."

She had no more than said these words, then the power of God struck the top of her head, surged through her spine and she was healed. All the pain instantly left. God saw she had enough faith so He rushed the answer through.

When I pray for the sick I believe this: I can pray and appropriate the healing virtue of Jesus to your body through the power of His Name. When you have a cancer I command that living, evil spirit of cancer to come out of your body. It must obey. There is no other alternative for it, because I command in His power. Usually this is the process if it is a healing: When the command is

given the spirit comes out. The cancer becomes dead flesh in your body. This dead flesh dissolves and passes from your body in a few days, and you will be perfectly well then. Usually the people get very sick and upset as this material comes from their body.

YOU MUST HAVE FAITH—NOT HOPE

I prayed for the sick many years and HOPED they would get well. I prayed for hundreds of people and they HOPED they would get well, but this is not faith. Everyone knows God CAN heal — Faith believes HE WILL!

God has given a new revelation of faith that is bringing healing to many. This is my simple definition of faith. FAITH BELIEVES THAT GOD WILL DO WHAT HE HAS PROMISED TO DO! Isn't that simple? A child can grasp that, and that is the way God wants it. Jer. 33:3. I believe if we call — He will answer. As hands are laid upon you for healing, let your faith arise and touch God until you can see by faith that in reality it is the hands of Jesus upon you. That is why we pray in His Name. People have absolutely, literally felt the hands of Jesus touch an enlarged heart, crushing it instantly to normal size.

Faith never waits to see the answer. Faith believes regardless of circumstances. Some people say if I could see someone get out of a wheel chair then I would have faith. That would not be faith, that would be sight. Faith believes what can't be seen. Heb. 11:1.

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constantly in his letters to his preachers that they preach sound words, sound doctrine. Alas, how many churches by their undue emphasis on certain peculiar doctrines, mark themselves as unbalanced and unsound in their theology.

What an army of will o' the wisp doctrines, some persons will lend themselves to, and even champion, to the neglect of other things which are obviously of so much more importance. A recital of these things which have come to our personal attention would make a long list indeed.

Today, fringe sects that have no fellowship with other members of the body of Christ abound. Usually such sects vigorously denounce all other churches but their own.

Often the pet doctrines of these sects are defended with a zeal worthy of a better cause. It is always well to be zealous of a good thing, yet certainly a modest ability to discriminate between the vital truths of the gospel and those that are otherwise necessary if we are to be of any benefit to the cause of Christ. These scismatic doctrines range all the way from the grotesque to the subtle. One sect claims it is all-important to wear a beard. Another says you must not eat fish on Friday. Still another says you must eat no meat at all. These are the sects which make issues of small mat-

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HOW CAN I HAVE A SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY?

God has promised "these signs" will follow our ministry if we preach the gospel to all the world. People will be healed, devils will be cast out, the gifts will be manifested and men will receive the Holy Ghost. We will have power over serpents, poison and over all the power of the enemy. (Mark 16:15-17) These signs are not promised to people who are not interested in carrying the gospel to ALL the world—those who only want to keep it between four walls.

One pastor told me that he did not want to advertise the revival. He said he was not interested in anyone coming except his own members. One of his members became sick. He told his congregation to pray that she would "bow submissively to God's will, and that she would resign herself to death." He did not once mention her healing.

....One pastor recently said that he wanted a revival, but he had a "higher class" of people than the other churches, and he did not want them mixing with any other groups.

A preacher's wife said, "Jim and me raised this church up for our own special benefit; I don't want anyone else 'fooling' with it."

Another pastor said, "I am here for only one purpose, and that is to build a church for my denomination." That is fine, but the first purpose should be to build for Jesus and win souls.

Elisha told a widow woman, who was deeply in debt, to borrow some vessels — not a few. As long as the vessels lasted the supernatural miracle-working power operated. When the oil stopped flowing he told her that had she brought more vessels more would have been filled. The power will continue to operate as long as we have vessels to fill. If you are only interested in your group; if no one is brought in who needs to be saved, filled or healed, you will see no deliverance.

GOD HAS PROMISED TO GIVE US AN APOSTOLIC MINISTRY IF WE CARRY THIS GOSPEL TO EVERY NATION. (MATT. 28:20) This power is not promised to an isolated group



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which is content to keep the gospel fenced in — one group or a "chosen few", they must have a vision to win ALL the world for Christ.

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An old bear will fight for her cubs. An old hen will fight for her chickens. An old cow will defend her calf. Anyone will pray for his own children or his own denomination, but the love of God will cause us to try to win people who are not our own relatives.

GOD HAS PROMISED TO REDEEM OUR BODIES IF WE CARRY THE GOSPEL TO ALL THE WORLD.

If we preach the gospel to ALL the world then the end will come. The power that raised Jesus from the dead will quicken our bodies. (Matt. 24:14) The Gospel of the Kingdom must first be published to all the world.

One pastor told his young people who wanted to win souls in street services and tent meetings that "The hospital is the place for people to be born, and not out on the street." He seemed to think that if someone were born outside of his church he was an illegitimate child, and the gospel would be adulterated, so he finally trained his young people to have skating parties instead of street meetings.

A certain man made a great supper. (Luke 14:16) People refused to come. The Lord said unto the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come." The Lord is preparing the Marriage Supper in the air. His chosen ones will be there, shut away from the "wrath without mixture." He is saying, "Call the poor, maimed, lame and blind." We are now in that day. That is why the love of God constrains us to go even to the uttermost parts of the earth, to a people of a strange language, and risk our lives to help prepare these precious people for His coming. We go. That is why He confirms the Word with signs following.

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ters. Jesus in one of His few remarks of irony said to the Pharisees:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel." (Matt. 23:23-24)

Avoid the faddists and the fringe sects. Paul had them in his day and warned against them. Some were fanatical on the matter of circumcision. Paul was willing to let them continue circumcision, but this did not satisfy them. They maintained that it was necessary to be circumcised to be saved. Others of Paul's day claimed it was all-important to keep the whole Mosaic Law. Still others fought over the day, whether to keep this day or that. It was not that Paul objected to them indulging their peculiar views, it was that their fanaticism diverted people from the gospel of grace.

Today we have every kind of sect. Some of long standing are swallowed up in ecclesiasticism and ritualism. Others will allow no musical instruments in the church, although musical instruments are used in Heaven. (Rev. 14:2) Some teach that those who do not keep Saturday have the mark of the beast. (Although Joshua's long day now makes Sunday the same as Saturday!) There are food faddists who declare that true religion consists in vegetarianism. Others, on a higher theological level battle over the issue of predestination, declaring that everything is predestinated by God — so many sinners going to hell and so many saints going to Heaven, and nothing can change it. Despite all this, the fact that nothing is clearer in the Scripture than man's moral responsibility, and God's universal call to all who will to accept Christ. (John 3:16) We should beware of the church that adopts some peculiar doctrine that sets it apart, and then makes the issue a "stock in trade" to proselyte members from other churches.

Continually there come to our desk lengthy manuscripts which purport to be some "new revelation." For example one party wrote: "I know the very name of the antichrist, and I don't mean maybe." It was intimated that I should at once fall in line and espouse this "revelation" or be definitely out of line with God.

The fact that apparently some good men allow themselves to come under delusions is sad. John Alexander Dowie was the greatest man of his time. Single-handed within a few years' time he fought and won 100,000 people to apostolic Christianity. Then he came under the delusion that he was Elijah the

prophet. Tragedy and failure followed swift and sure. As another more recent we see the sorry spectacle of the son of a founder of a respected church laboring under delusions of grandeur, believing and avowing himself to be the "king of the world." Recently he has travelled around the world announcing himself as head of the nations. He set crowns on his head and made startling pronouncements of doom upon those who hesitate to accept his remarkable claims. He has announced himself as the next president of the United States and respectfully solicits your vote. Though the only credentials to his astounding claims is his own word, yet apparently he has succeeded in getting a following, albeit a small one.

THE TRUE SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY

God has given us the ministry of deliverance. We have the Bible ministry of miracles and the nine gifts of the Spirit. The Bible has given us enough to satisfy all legitimate desire for the miraculous. Our calling is not to sensationalism. Why should we desire to astound the world? The word of God has shown that in the last days there will be false cults, seducers and strange doctrines rampant. Men deceiving and being deceived. No devout Christian wants to become entangled in these.

Third: Choose a church that believes in the supernatural, but at the same time make certain it is sound Scripturally; one that does not make a play for the spectacular and for sensationalism, nor indulges in fanatical controversy over a minor doctrine; one that in no way offends the dignity of the gospel, yet a church which stands squarely for the operation of the nine gifts of the Spirit.

4. A CHURCH THAT BELIEVES IN WORLD EVANGELISM

The first words of the Great Commission are "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." That is our pre-eminent responsibility. The church is not to merely provide a social program where people can enjoy each other's company. It should, to a certain extent, provide that, but that is not its chief aim. Neither did Christ create the church to institute world reform. Its members should vote right and do their best to improve conditions around them but they should not dissipate their energies on politics. They have a greater mission — world evangelization. The church should watch for, and cooperate with such means that God is using to reach the nations with the gospel. God is raising men up with the ministry of miracles for the purpose of reaching the masses of the heathen. God's people should back this great work with their prayers, with their material substance, and all that they have. Affiliate yourself with the group that believes in this.

Today we see the frightening potentialities of the hydrogen bomb and intercontinental missiles. We know the time is short. That we are in a race against time. Jesus said, "When this gospel of the kingdom is preached as a witness unto all nations then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14) A church that drags its heels on fulfilling its obligation to the Lord's command is not a group to be recommended. The hour has come when those of like faith must arise, and join their hearts and faith together and get the job done. We must "work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Fourth: Join a church that believes wholeheartedly in the great commission and whose chief goal is to contribute its full part to the evangelizing of the nations.

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Rev. Whyte broadcast over two stations in Sao Paulo covering a potential audience of 12 million.

this movement was a real revival!

Each night, hundreds lined up to be prayed for. Before the surprised eyes of the people, the sick received instant healing from their diseases. The lame were healed and ran up the aisles to the applause of the audience! Deaf ears began to hear! Paralyzed arms were made to feel life again, and the blind began to see! Every moment was charged with the power of the Almighty One! Tumors disappeared by the hand of God, and the demons fled at a simple command given by the servant of God!

Rev. Juan Alvear, superintendent of the "World Evangelistic Association" was the interpreter, anointed by the Holy Spirit, for Brother Whyte. There were nights when there were tremendous testimonies of healing, and those who had been possessed by the most terrible cases of evil spirits, boldly went before the audience to tell of their deliverance!

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THE MARCH OF PROPHECY

RED CHINA WILL SOON HAVE THE A-BOMB!

According to *U. S. News and World Report*, Red China will soon have the A-bomb. Test explosions are being planned to take place by next year, or 1962 at the latest. This, according to world observers, is a startling turn of events. The Chinese apparently are at least six years ahead of schedule, as of previous estimates. The facts are, of course, that Russia has given Red China certain of the ingredients of the A-bomb, beside lending them technical cooperation. This has made the difference. While a successful test will not immediately make China a nuclear power, nevertheless, it will in a few years radically shift the balance of power in Asia. The leaders of Communism have engaged in bloody and daring aggressions without the A-bomb. What may we expect after they have obtained it? The very thought of which causes statesmen to turn pale, which reminds us of the words of Jesus in Luke:

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."
(Luke 21:26)

THE "SPY SATELLITES"

This year \$100,000,000 will be spent by the U. S. to develop "spy satellites" capable of photographing Soviet military strength. Of course we may be sure that Russia is busily engaged in the same development. "Spy satellites" armed with television cameras could, within 24 hours time, locate every ship in the world and any massed group of men. Truly the hour is just ahead when there will be no place to hide. As men then seek refuge in the bowels of the earth, the world will see the fulfillment of Isaiah 2:19.

"And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth."

UNIVERSALIST AND UNITARIAN CHURCHES TO MERGE IN 1961

Announcement has just been made that the Universalist Church has consur-

mated plans to merge with the Unitarian Church. The latter church utterly denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, while the former teaches that everybody, including the devil, will be saved! It is an instructive lesson to observe the final Apostasy resulting in a church that rejected Christ's warning of the reality of hell and judgment. The Universalist Church in joining the Unitarians, now has become part of a group which has been notorious in their opposition to Christ and His divinity.

A NEW ANTICHRIST IN NIGERIA

A new antichrist has risen in Nigeria by the name of Emmanuel Adumosu. He claims he is the reincarnated Christ, thereby adding one more to the long list of pretenders in history, who have usurped the name of Christ. Here are his claims, according to the account in Nigeria's *Drum*:

"I am he. I am Jesus Christ, the very one whose second coming was foretold in the New Testament. I have come, and those who believe in me will have everlasting life and joy. I am the missing link of the Trinity. I have come to prepare the faithful for the judgment day."

Since he believes he is the Christ, he considers himself free to make his own laws. The Bible says let every man be the husband of one wife, but Adumosu now has seven wives, and plans to add more to his harem.

His manner of initiating new disciples is simple. He declares: "After I have flogged you nine times with my cane, you will forget your family and friends and follow me. All my disciples are flogged nine times. The flogging is the baptism, a would-be disciple must receive, before he is allowed to follow me."

Clearly this megalomaniac by his pretensions is another fulfillment of Matthew 24:23-24:

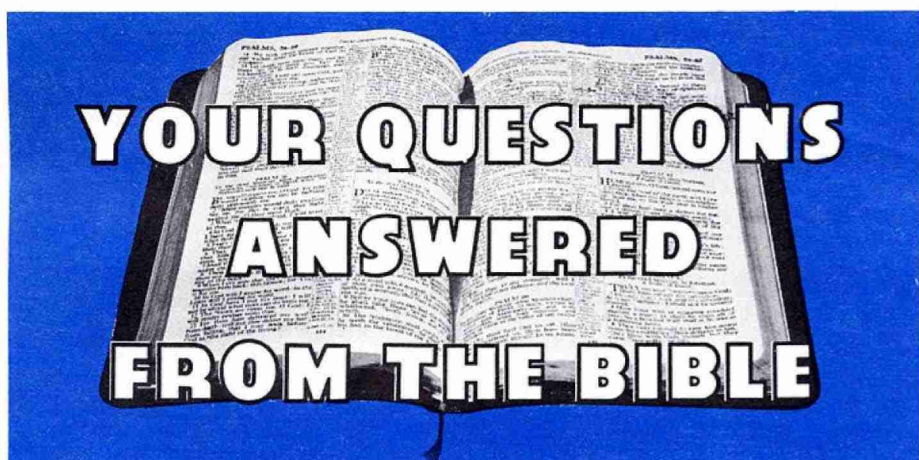
"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christ, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

JESUS CHRIST THE II IN LOS ANGELES

But we need not go as far as Nigeria to find antichrists. Los Angeles just recently discovered a new one. In the *Los Angeles Times* office a few weeks ago stepped a mysterious stranger. He exhibited an engraving of a full page ad. Would they run it in their Christmas issue the next day? The newspaper accepted the ad and the money. With the rush of getting the Christmas issue out, nobody took the pains to examine the ad carefully. Soon 35,000 copies of the newspaper carrying it were on the street. Finally a proof reader discovered what had been printed. He stared in unbelief. The article was headlined "JESUS CHRIST II APPEARING." Below in small print it declared that Christ's coming would be on three successive days, and of all places, in the City of Hollywood. Red-faced, the *Los Angeles Times* spent most of the night trying to get back the copies from news vendors. The false Christ was discovered to be an Angelino by the name of Thomas Lockyer Graeff, who is trying to petition the courts to change his name to Jesus Christ II.

NICHOLAS BHENGU IN SOUTH AFRICA

Time took two-thirds of a page to tell about the remarkable work of Nicholas Bhengu, of South Africa, a minister who has been mentioned in *The Voice of Healing* several times. The article goes on to speak of him as the "Black Billy Graham", and, that his ministry is having such an impact in that nation as to be causing the conversion of many criminals. In one service, three vans of weapons and stolen goods were turned in to be hauled off to the police. In some areas where this evangelist has been, the crime rate has dropped a third! Under his ministry in South Africa, the greatest revival since the days of John G. Lake is taking place. Nicholas Bhengu has built his work firmly on the deliverance ministry. Motion pictures taken during the Velmer Gardner campaign with Brother Bhengu show healing lines over half a mile long!



QUESTION: Why did Jesus tell the man who was healed of blindness not to go back into the city of Bethsaida and testify of his healing?

ANSWER: This miracle had been performed outside the city. The city of Bethsaida had come under Divine curse because of their refusal to repent after they had witnessed the great miracles that Jesus performed.

"Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." (Matt. 11:21)

Bethsaida was one of several flourishing cities including Capernaum and Chorazin on the Sea of Galilee. These towns were situated at the crossroads of world trade. In their prosperity they had no time to heed the message of repentance preached by the Lord. The miracles performed by Christ should have awakened them, but apparently they were too preoccupied with material gain. Cities, like people, have a time of probation, a time when they may find grace and salvation. There is also a day when that probation is ended. Bethsaida, having rejected the message of repentance, would receive no further light. Consequently, when Jesus was asked to heal the blind man, he would not perform the miracle within the city, but took the man outside the limits. After giving the blind man his sight, the Lord told him not to go back into the town, nor to tell his experience to anyone. (Mark 8:26) (Incidentally the above cities including Bethsaida were completely destroyed in A.D. 70. They have never been rebuilt. Nearby Tiberias, not mentioned by Jesus, stands today.)

The fact that there is a definite time limit to the opportunity to accept salvation is one of the most solemn things to contemplate. God has said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." (Gen. 6:3) "He that is often reproveth and hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be

cut off and that without remedy." (Prov. 29:1)

On the other hand the mercy of God is seen in His frequent extensions of mercy. When the men in the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from their coasts, He sent the man who had been delivered from the legion of devils back to that country to testify to them. (Mark 5:19-20)

One further thought: Miracles represent God working among men. Had these mighty works been performed in wicked Sodom, the people would have repented! (Matt. 11:23) The words of Jesus would indicate that they who reject the ministry of healing, sign their own death warrant.

QUESTION: Does the devil heal people?

ANSWER: This is a question of grave importance. The opposers of Christ claimed that Satan had power to heal. At first they had taken the position that no miracles took place. They rejected, or refused to believe, until they were forced to, the blind man's testimony that he had been blind. (Jn. 9:18) Compelled at length to admit that Christ was healing the sick, the enemies of Christ brought up many objections, such as, that because He healed on the Sabbath day, He was breaking the law. (Luke 13:14) These objections had little effect on the mass of the people, who glorified God for what they had seen.

Angered beyond all sense of prudence, and feeling that their own position of importance in the eyes of the people was being jeopardized (Jn. 11:48), they reached the climax of their opposition, by accusing Christ of healing by the power of Satan!

"But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils." (Luke 11:15)

The reply of Jesus is a solemn one indeed. First, He showed that if Satan cast out Satan, then his kingdom was divided and would not stand. (Verses 17 & 18) In other words *Jesus categorically stated that the devil does not heal.* Christ

is the Healer and Satan is the defiler. Then He showed the awful danger of attributing the works of the Holy Spirit to Satan. That those who commit this sin, were blaspheming the Holy Ghost. (Matt. 12:31-32) For this there was no forgiveness in this world nor in the one to come! Hence we see the extreme danger of attributing divine healing to the power of Satan. When a person shows fanatical opposition to divine healing, it is strong evidence that the Spirit of God has left him.

One thing is clearly evident from the Scriptures. It is the devil that puts sickness upon people. (Job 2:7; Luke 13:16; Acts 10:38) Hence if Satan healed, his kingdom would be divided, as Jesus said. Although the devil does not heal, nevertheless, that does not prevent him from appearing to heal. Witch doctors, devil doctors in foreign lands, and leaders of false cults profess to heal. It is significant that the false cults do not attempt to demonstrate the power of healing publicly as Jesus did. The true ministry of healing will not be delegated to a dark room, but it will be manifested openly in the manner of apostolic ministry. As Jesus said.

"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him." (Jn. 10:37-38)

However, it must be admitted that there are cases in which ministers who have practiced divine healing and who had real healings have since fallen into serious error. The supreme example of this is Judas Iscariot. He ministered to and healed the sick the same as the other disciples. (Mk. 6:12-13) Nothing in the conduct of Judas until the time Jesus was taken, set him apart as different from the other apostles. None of them apparently had the slightest idea that Judas would be the betrayer of Jesus — even as late as the last evening they were together. (Matt. 26:22-23) Notwithstanding, Judas at that hour had fully made up his mind to betray Christ.

That today unworthy persons should fit into the same pattern as Judas did, can hardly be surprising. (Matt. 7:21-22) It is a serious thing to appropriate the benefits of the gospel and fail to bring forth the fruits of the gospel. (verses 15-20)

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