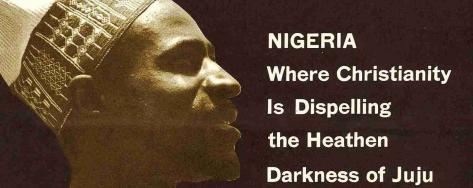
# THE VOICE OF HEALING

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# From the Editor's Desk



According to the ringing testimonies given by those who attended the Seminar at Christian Center, June 5-19, the sessions were a great success. (See page 11.) For two weeks there was intensive instruction on the operation of the gifts of the Spirit and the ministry of faith. Kenneth Hagin's prophetic ministry was rich and powerful. Wayne Myers, who has superintended the construction of some 230 churches in Mexico, gave a series of stirring lectures on what is required to be a successful missionary. Charles Trombley, who is a converted Jehovah's Witness, presented a plan by which any small church can become a large church. Larry Hammond, one of the world's outstanding soul winners (he witnessed to men like Prime Minister Nehru), gave the classes the benefit of his vast experience in winning souls to Christ. Incidentally, Kenneth Hagin will return for another Seminar beginning Sunday afternoon, October 2.

#### Good News for Latin America

During the past year we have been busy securing proper translators and typesetters to produce our 13 basic books in Spanish. Plans call for the initial publication of about 200,000 books in that language, of which 100,000 are already printed. We have had many calls for these books in nearly all the 19 Latin countries, not to speak of other Spanish-speaking countries such as Spain and certain countries of Africa. As soon as the other books are off the press, we shall initiate a program to set up depots and distribution centers throughout Latin America.

#### **New Books Available**

Two new books are just off the press. One is entitled *Visitation: Key to Church Growth* by Charles Trombley. Every Christian should have this most important book which shows the way to reach a whole community for Christ.

The other book is *The Mystery of Jeane Dixon: Prophetess or Psychic Medium?* Many questions are being asked about this woman and her gift. The reader will find within its pages the Bible answer to these questions.

# Nigeria — Africa's Most Populous Country

This month we are featuring the nation of Nigeria. Although it occupies a small area of the continent, one fifth of the people of Africa live in that country of nearly fifty million. This is a land in which The Voice of Healing has a major interest. Some 110 churches have been sponsored in Nigeria, and we now have plans for an extensive literature program here with books in English and in the four major languages of the country.

One of the translators of these books is Ekpo Umo, who has a most fascinating story to tell. (See page 10.) In Nigeria there is a dangerous cult that practices juju, another name for sorcery or black magic. While he was just a young convert, a juju man came to him, telling him that the juju power was greater than any other. Inexperienced in the ways of demon power, he was unprepared to cope with the spell that the juju man cast on him. A little after midnight the same night, a strange being picked him up and actually threw him out of the window. Only because the people of God gathered together and prayed mightily for his deliverance was he set free from Satanic power. Today he is one of Nigeria's outstanding preachers. Some time afterward Ekpo became an assistant to the king of Ibadan.

It was a mighty victory for God the day the king of Ibadan became a Christian and began to use his great influence for the cause of Christ. He himself built a large church and preached to nis people, winning many of them to the Lord.

We regard Rev. S. G. Elton as the key man in this country, although there are other excellent missionaries, some of whom it was our pleasure to meet. But many others have gone to this land of juju and black magic and have come back broken in body and spirit. The missionaries must have a real faith preparation in order to cope with the terrific powers of darkness that control the land.

At the beginning of the year 1966 there was a brush with utter disaster in Nigeria. Mohammedan power in its most fanatical form was rising in that nation, and for a time it looked like the end for Christian missionary enterprise. But the heads of government overplayed their hand. Corruption became so widespread that at length the army rose up against the leaders. The people turned to violence, and the ruling class was forced to flee for their lives

We thank God not for revolution but for the fact that this one has worked for the good of the missionary cause. The new leaders are apparently friendly to Christianity. Missionaries are now encouraged to believe that they have another five years to work. But they know they are in a race against time, and they must work fast. They tell us that the only way to reach the masses quickly is to flood the country with Full Gospel literature. They are calling on the Native Church-Native Literature Crusade to provide help for them. For you who have a burden for Africa, Nigeria is the great land of opportunity. We have at least ten literature projects in that country now waiting for sponsors.

## Shlomo Hizak in U.S.

To the best of our knowledge, the work directed by Shlomo Hizak, who was former guard of David Ben Gurion and now heads our Israel Crusade, is by far the most productive of any work that is going on in Israel. Shlomo will be in the U.S. for a short time and will be able to accept a limited number of engagements. Any church that has him will be amply repaid in blessing. Letters addressed to him in care of our office will be forwarded to him.

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# Nigerian Notebook



by Carole Lindsay

WE UNFASTENED our safety belts and gathered up our things to leave the plane at the Lagos airport; we heard the door open. In one moment we felt we had been engulfed in a steam bath. My father and I had arrived in the capital city of Nigeria, the most heavily populated country in Africa. Rev. S. G. Elton, the Native Church and Native Literature Crusades' representative, received us.

We then headed north with Rev. Elton to his home and head-quarters in Ilesha, 160 miles inland. Passing through the outskirts of Lagos, we saw that the houses were all about the same—a sort of mud with plaster walls and corrugated metal roofs. Farther away from the city the houses began to slant—some at rakish angles, as there are no instruments except the eye to build a straight wall. As a Westerner I was somewhat bothered; each house looked as if it were about to topple. However, I was assured that the houses would probably last as long as the straight ones; therefore, why be concerned?

Both men and women dress in colorful floor-length gowns, some of which are quite beautiful. Actually at times the men seem to outdo the women in elegant and expensive clothes. The ladies walk very straight and dignified with a graceful stride that comes from balancing loads on their heads.

The day that Rev. Elton, my father, and I were traveling to Ilesha, there were great preparations for a Moslem holiday. Literally thousands of rams stood in the small villages and towns. waiting to be slaughtered as a sacrifice for the people's sins. Meanwhile, the people were gathered in groups all along the highway, beating their drums and dancing wildly.

As we entered another city, Rev. Elton announced that this was Ibadan, the largest Negro city in the world, with a population of about 500,000. In this city and many others a king reigns over the inhabitants. In fact a former king of Ibadan who reigned for many years before his death was a born-again Christian gentleman who did much to further the gospel—even to building a church himself, which is now one of the strongest in that region.

As we left the city, a tropical storm hit, forcing us to travel at five to ten miles per hour because of poor visibility. Then a dense fog appeared which seemed to cut the visibility even further. But we noticed that the fog was only on the highway. We realized it was actually steam rising high into the air, because of the contact of the rain with the scorching road. With the steam in front and the jungle on our sides, we traveled to Ilesha.

Missionary Elton had been educated as a school teacher. After some years in this profession, he turned to radio and worked as a radio engineer and announcer for ten years. Meanwhile in 1928 he had a conversion experience, and from that day on his uppermost thought was to give himself to the Lord's work full-time. The only thing he knew to do was to start where he was. Day after day he and his wife passed out tracts and testified to all who would listen. He thought—and rightly so—that if he could not find anything to do in his own city, it would be the same if

he went to the mission field. Thus he and his wife did not "wait for a call." The desire to tell others became their way of life.

Soon his chance came. An authentic revival led by nationalists had broken out in Ilesha, Nigeria. Over 8,000 were baptized in six weeks, and the new converts began fanning out over the country. Someone must go to supervise and instruct these new babes in Christ. He determined in his heart that he would go and stay, no matter what. His wife and child would follow shortly. When he arrived there was not one single church building, but 5,000 Christians gathered under palm leaves to welcome him. On one side was a great pile of juju charms which was set on fire and burned.

The missionary began to teach them the meaning of their salvation. They had been converted on the manifestation of healing only. They had formed among themselves about 150 congregations with only three or four trained and experienced Nigerian ministers. Rev. Elton opened a Bible school and began intensive

In spite of demon worship, witchcraft, and juju practice, the growth of Christianity in Nigeria is one of the most rapid of all nations. In this exciting narrative, Carole Lindsay reports on her recent visit with the missionary family of S. G. Elton in Nigeria and the profound influence of their 33 years of ministry in that land.

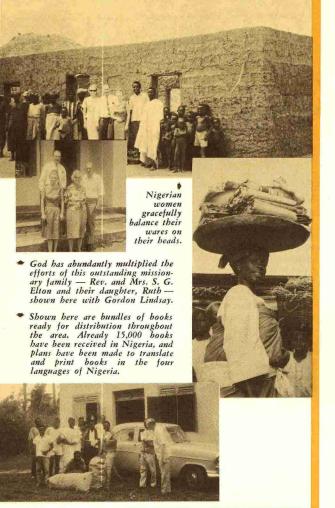
training. With the school and church services he held from 18 to 21 meetings a week. He traveled many miles on foot, averaging for a while 20 miles a day and having to leave his family for a week at a time.

He and his helpers went to a different village each day. Gradually the work grew. Men were trained, 180 churches were built, 50 were established, and Rev. Elton had 350 teachers working for him. Some of these teachers later became ministers in the newly independent government.

For twenty years the work grew, matured, and formed a strong bulwark against Satan and his advocates. Then in 1954 another great revival broke out, and crowds of 25,000 gathered nightly. In six weeks another 150 congregations came into existence. Other revivals broke out in various tribes. Each group, some quite isolated, all required training and supervision.

The Native Church Crusade has played an important part in stabilizing the work in this country. Over 100 congregations have a completed church as a result of this program and its sponsors. Now books from the Literature Crusade are being translated into the various African languages. Rev. Elton stated that these books were the only ones he had seen covering the principle doctrines

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of the Bible from a neutral, non-sectarian point of view. Furthermore, they are economically feasible for mass distribution. Even some government schools use them as textbooks for learning English. Where is there a greater opportunity than this?

Later in the week, our party went to visit the Eltons' missionary daughter, Ruth. She has had the advantage of a Christian missionary family all her life. She learned the Yoruba language and interpreted for her mother at a very young age. Thus she soon became thoroughly acquainted with the various problems facing the Nigerian Christian. She spent about four years in England going to school, but there was never any question that her heart was in Nigeria. Like her parents, her only ambition was to serve her Lord there. In her early twenties her plan began to take shape. To do any work at all she needed a car. Since there was no one to help her, she took a job as an art teacher in a Nigerian college. In 1961 as soon as she had her car, she took some nationals with her and moved into a Moslem tribe that lived 140 miles east of her parents. In the evening she and her evangelists would go to a village and begin singing, which always attracted a crowd. Then she would tell what Jesus Christ the Son of God (not just a prophet as the Moslems believe) can do. She did not preach doctrine but would simply tell a Bible story, showing Christ's power. Jesus is alive today, and we can prove it.

♦ With an effusive show of appreciation, these Nigerian Christians thanked Gordon Lindsay and his daughter Carole who represented the Native Church Crusade sponsor who is helping to complete this church in a Moslem community.

Ruth told us that she has yet to meet a Moslem who was convinced with discussion. Yet when they see a miracle, they will believe. How pathetic is the explanation of some very sincere Christians that Christ does not perform miracles today, as there is no need to prove His divinity as in Bible times.

But the example of Ruth proves otherwise. In five years she has witnessed to these people with the boldness and faith of a New Testament ministry. The Lord has given her twelve congregations, all of whom now have a church with the help of the Native Church Crusade. Together we visited some of the new church buildings, and upon our arrival in each new place, the Christians came scurrying out of their little huts, praising God aloud and thanking us in their own demonstrative way.

The night before we arrived, Ruth had been in a new village. Some of the Moslems heckled and disturbed the meeting, but she announced to us that they were going again that night with a loudspeaker system that would quickly finish off any competition.

As we began to talk of the problems that face the church and the Christian, inevitably the subject of juju (sorcery or black magic) was brought up. Juju permeates every phase of the Nigerian life. In front of a medicine man's house, one may see everyone from penniless beggars to well-dressed men in Cadillacs coming to seek help. Rev. Elton stated that he never met a man who was not afraid of juju, except mature Christians, and although they do not fear it, realizing that they have dominion over the effects of juju, they certainly have a healthy respect for it.

The working of juju, its witches, wizards, and other individuals dominated by evil spirits, is as complicated as is the spiritual world over which our Lord reigns. Suffice it to say that anyone really acquainted with the subject will say it exists and is very powerful.

One government-owned magazine named *Nigeria* gives this account of a "witch." A witch is a girl whose spirit seems to leave her body at various times and congregate with other spirits in the night to plan the murder of an individual. The nationals believe in witches because at various times a witch will state that she has been to one of these "meetings" and that they have condemned a certain man or woman. Many times that person is soon found dead for no apparent reason. (This excludes the cases where the individual himself heard of the curse and died of a heart attack, *i.e.* fright.)

The story is as follows:

A mother and father brought their girl to a court charging that she was a witch. She had been living with an aunt who was a well-known witch. The population officers, not knowing what to do with her, put her in the hospital where she was under the care of a European matron. For a number of days everything seemed normal, until one day someone rushed to the nurse and told her the girl was found dead. They spent some time trying to revive her, but finally had to conclude that she was truly dead.

But in a few minutes after the nurse had left, someone again rushed to her saying that the girl was sitting on the side of the bed, apparently normal. When the nurse arrived, the girl said, "Why were you troubling me? I was at a meeting of witches, but you kept disturbing me."

What to do? Someone suggested that they go to a juju man who had a stronger power to set her free. A European doctor went to the medicine man for the girl, and upon payment a vial of medicine was given to him. But as the man began to think, he decided that he did not want to be the one to give her the vial,

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In a remote Nigerian village, Missionary S. G. Elton witnessed the meeting of a secret juju cult and learned the surprising story of God's revelation of Himself to the Ishan tribe.

A LTHOUGH the gospel first came to Nigeria over 100 years ago, there are still many isolated areas of deep darkness. One such area is the Ishan tribe in the midwest region of Nigeria. This heavily populated area is full of secret cults, juju, and idolatry. One strong secret cult was called the Iyaye society, which was founded over 30 years ago by a man who claimed to have received a revelation directly from God. It is believed that there are at least 25,000 members of this society.

At the request of this cult's leader and the European Administrative officer, Missionary S. G. Elton met with the leaders and was conducted by a special guard through some of their secret villages. One such village was carefully guarded and contained a number of houses built of sparkling white chalk which glistened in the sun. In the center of this village was a long white chalk building which was overflowing with people. The men all sat on the floor and the women stood at the back of the building. Small looking glasses were placed at regular intervals in the walls. The building had no windows; its roof was made of palm leaves. But the most striking feature was the altar at the extreme end. It was like a throne with steps leading up to it on both sides. On this altar sat the leader of the cult wearing a white European toupee. On the steps sat his seven wives, each of whom were wearing white clothes.

When Rev. Elton had been seated, the whole congregation stood and started singing, accompanying their song with the thuds of their feet on the sand floor and a sharp slap on the palms of their hand from a circular goat-skin fan. On inquiry Rev. Elton was told that the song was his welcome song, and the people certainly looked happy as they sang, "The white man has come . . . the light has now come."

Yet the atmosphere was so tense and strange, so weird and eerie. At a quick signal from the altar, the singing ceased, and Rev. Elton was asked to speak. He rose from his chair and carefully looked at the vast group seated on the ground, eagerly waiting for him to begin.

Here was indeed a unique opportunity. These people had never heard the gospel; they had never heard the name of Jesus. They knew nothing of God's plan of salvation. Yet there were only 30 minutes in which to tell them of Jesus Christ and His power to save, heal, and deliver.

During that time no one moved; not a sound disturbed the meeting. Every eye was firmly fixed on the speaker, carefully listening to every word which he spoke.

At the close of the message, tears conspicuously coursed down the cheeks of a big man sitting in the front row. When the speaker sat down, this man rose, turned to his people and saluted them in their own tongue. He then turned to Rev. Elton, thanked him for coming, and pleaded with him to stay with them and tell them the gospel. "This is the message we want to hear," he said.

Already having more work and responsibilities than he could properly handle, Rev. Elton explained that he had many churches to care for. With an angry gesture the man pointed his finger at the missionary and said, "But, White Man, they have heard this message many times and we have never heard it once. Why must you stay with them?" And how many other places in the world can make the same charge of missionaries and Christians today?

When the speeches were ended, a young maiden came slowly into the hall, gracefully gyrating on her heels and carrying above her head a brass tray which she placed at the feet of the missionary. On the tray, covered with a white cloth, was a gift which the people were bringing to the missionary: some Cola nuts and a number of small Nigerian coins, possibly valued at 15 cents. Also on the tray were two books.

One of the books was called, *Light*, and was their Bible, although no one had ever read it or even could read. The other book was a writing book which contained the revelations that were given to the leader many years ago. Knowing that none could read or write. Rev. Elton was curious to see what had been written. With amazement he turned every page to find it covered with a large cross—not an X but the *cross!* The leader explained that God had given him this revelation years ago and told him that He would send a white missionary to explain it. And that day, from the lips of the missionary, these people had learned the story of the Cross of Christ!

Knowing then that he was the man sent by God to help these people, Rev. Elton stayed for some time among them, teaching and training them in the truths of the Bible. And such training

An elderly woman brings ber juju to be burned, signifying that she has broken away from juju worship. Many people fear even to look on such things, and even strong Christians are afraid to touch such juju.





A woman convert brings her juju and charms to be burned. No one will bring such to be burned until they have fully trusted the Lord.



Ishan evangelists moving to a mass open-air campaign in an adjoining tribe where a good start has been made.



The crowd of worshippers attending dedication services of the newly completed church in Ukpenu, Nigeria.



Seated on the floor is a witch doctor who has accepted Jesus as his Saviour and has handed over all his juju. The woman standing also brings her juju for destruction.

was sorely needed. For example, if anyone was suspected of being demon possessed—and there appeared to be quite a few—such persons were bound and severely beaten until they felt that a cure had been effected. The services in their strange meeting halls were a mixture of singing, praying, and juju worship. They knew that there was only one God and that immorality was evil. Yet their manner of disciplining offenders would make one shudder.

Three years ago a young Christian from the tribe of Ishan, together with a few others who were seeking more truth, came to be trained in the Bible School conducted by Rev. Elton. They then went back to work among their people. Today there are 20 properly established churches scattered over a large area in the tribe, and in each case these churches are the only Christian witness in the place.

The Native Church Crusade has also played a tremendous part in the work. Indeed it can be said that without the Native Church Crusade the work could not have developed. The Lord has honored His Word and many hundreds have been healed and delivered. Many have brought their idols and juju to be burned publically. Many others have turned from the secret juju cults which are so evil and have found peace and power in Jesus Christ. It has changed the entire area and the work has now spread to an adjoining tribe.

A Bible School has been opened in the area and pastors and workers are being trained to carry on the work there.

A beautiful example of the value of Christian cooperation is seen in the Native Church Crusade. The new converts in Ishan have been amazed to see the wonderful help given to them by Christians in America toward the completion of their church buildings. The converts themselves work willingly; but they have very little money. Some of them do not handle more than ten dollars monthly for all their expenses. Yet now they give sacrificially to have a good building. Words cannot adequately describe their reaction when they learn of the sponsors in the Native Church Crusade who are enabling them to complete their church so quickly.

This is the answer to critics today who feel that the days of miracles have ended. It proves that God is still ready to move when we are ready to step out and trust Him. It proves that the heathen too are ready to forsake their juju and idols when they can see a demonstration of the power of God and the preaching of the Word of God.

## What Is the Native Church Crusade?

The Native Church Crusade assists the building of churches by sending between \$250 and \$500 per project to be spent on The congregation must do the actual labor or hire materials. workers with their own money. In many cases very little additional funds are needed by the congregation. Yet when finished the church is worth perhaps ten times as much as the sum sent by the sponsor. (Several sponsors have assisted over one dozen churches each.) Thus N.C.C. not only helps the church to completion, it also teaches the nationals to work together, and to be responsible. It is the most effective way of rapid yet permanent evangelization. For once the church is built the congregation grows strong, and its members branch out into surrounding villages and towns. The program is made possible through the sponsorship of each church by an individual who contributes \$250.00. A sponsor may pledge \$250 and send monthly payments of whatever he is able. In this way, almost any family can help build a church if they so desire, in the same way they purchase a television set or refrigerator. The congregation is given 12 months in which to build the church. When completed the sponsor is sent a picture of the congregation and the finished building, with a brief report from the church. Since its inception almost three years ago, N.C.C. has sent \$250.00 per day for the building of Native Churches (not including the many other phases of The Voice of Healing missions).

# WILL YOU ROOF ONE OF THESE NATIVE **CHURCHES?**



#### MUKONO, UGANDA

This congregation began by meeting under a tree, but the heathen persecuted them and asked them if their God was so great, why didn't they even have a building. They obtained a plot from the government and started making blocks for the building. But before the roof was finished, their funds were exhausted.



## PROGRESO, MEXICO

This church was started through the testimony of a Christian who owned a restaurant in the town. He distributed literature and managed to build up a sizeable congregation. Though the work is less than two years old, the congregation has sacrificed much to build the church



#### CAYES, HAITI

This mother church has sponsored three missions, each of which has grown into a large church. Five preachers have come from this congregation. Hurricane Cleo flattened their former church, and they are presently worshipping in two small rooms. Cayes is the third largest city in Haiti, and the opportunity for the gospel is great.



## MIZPAH-MANCHESTER, JAMAICA

The missionary is now conducting classes for this Bible school and holding services in the dining room of his home. The new church building will serve as a boys' dormitory, classrooms, and a church for the Bible school and surrounding area.



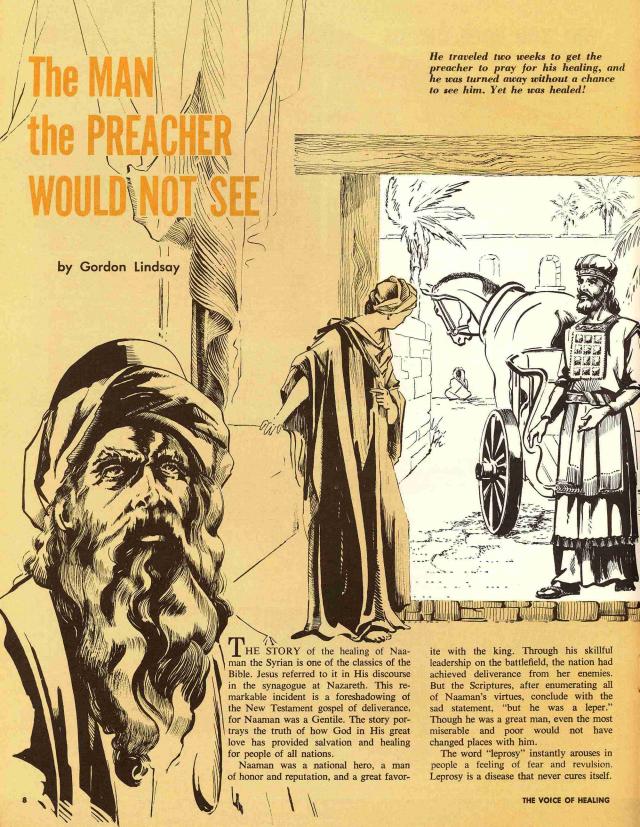
#### TOKYO, JAPAN

This congregation witnesses where the idols of heathenism threaten to destroy the illumination of Christ. Two zealous members of this congregation have consecrated their lives to God and are studying in Bible school. One young person led her mother to Christ, who then testified that Christ has power over idols by burning them before the Christians.



### **ELBURGON TOWN, KENYA**

Begun in 1963, the church has grown to 360. Recently 60 new converts were baptized. The missionary says of the people, "We do believe that the Lord, who has helped up to now, is able to help with the rest of it." Though Kenya has had a bad year economically, the people have remained faithful witnesses for God in this area of 5,000 population.



It is an affliction from which the victim ever wishes that he could be healed, but he usually takes it with him to his grave.

We may be sure that no means was left untried for the healing of a man as important as Naaman. The king regarded him as the chief support for his throne, and naturally the ablest physicians were available to him. He tried every remedy that he heard of. The physicians vied one with another in faithful attention to the patient, but their most zealous efforts proved ineffectual. But just when all hope had fled, an event transpired in Syria that was to prove to be the turning point in Naaman's life.

A little Israeli maid had been taken captive by one of the Syrian bands which had invaded Israel. The poor girl had been brought to the city of Damascus and put on the auction block. There, trembling, her face stained with weeping, she stood awaiting her fate. Presently a luxurious carriage rolled by and stopped, and a distinguished lady stepped out. It was Naaman's wife. She had come to buy a slave. She looked over those who were offered for sale, and her eye fell on the young maid from the land of Israel. A price was asked, and a bargain was made. Whatever the lady thought about the girl, she had chosen better than she thought, for the young maid would prove to be a messenger from heaven. It is strange how God sometimes uses the humblest instruments to bring God's blessings to us.

The sad story of her master's condition was soon learned by the young girl. The wife of Naaman in confidential conversation one day told her about her husband's leprosy. The girl moved by a sudden impulse said, "Would God my Lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria, for he would recover him of his leprosy."

Ordinarily a lady of such high rank would hardly think of taking advice from a servant, but she was desperate. There is nothing like an incurable illness to cut through the pride of life and cause people to realize that after all there is just a brittle cord that hangs between life and death. The girl was eagerly questioned about all that she knew of the prophet, and when she had given all the information she had, the king of Syria decided to send Naaman into the land of Israel with "ten talents of silver and six thousand pieces of gold and ten changes of raiment" with which to purchase his healing.

It was a serious blunder indeed to think that gold or silver could buy healing. It is true that everyone has a responsibility in giving to God, but there is a time for healing and a time for giving. We cannot purchase healing with silver or gold, for it was bought on the cross of Christ at the cost of His stripes and His blood.

Naaman came in his sumptuous carriage with all his pomp to the court of the king of Israel. A letter was delivered to the king, and after breaking the seal, he read the message. You can imagine the king's astonishment and indignation as he read the letter. We can see him change color and hurl the note from him as he went into a rage. He called his servants around him and said, "Am I God to kill and make alive that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? Wherefore consider I pray you and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me?" And the king tore his clothes in anger.

It was the same as if a man, after reading the promises in the Word of God for healing, and filled with anticipation and hope of deliverance from his affliction, should go to an unbelieving clergyman who tells him that the days of miracles are past, or that God is dead. God is not dead! God is not the God of the dead but of the living.

The news of the king's anger reached Naaman, who was astonished. He never supposed that he would receive that kind of reception. What had he gotten himself into? It looked as if he were a fool on a fool's errand. But while waiting in bewilderment as to what to do next, the news reached the prophet Elisha, who sent a message to the king saying. "Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

Those were brave words, although they would be considered presumptuous by many theologians today. Yet the Bible commands us to heal the sick. Jesus said to His disciples, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out devils. Freely ye have received and freely give." We are to be bold to appropriate the promises of God. The Lord is never offended because we take Him at His word.

The king, relieved to receive Elisha's message, lost no time in sending Naaman to the prophet who lived at Jericho. Arriving at the prophet's house, Naaman looked up in astonishment. The house of Elisha was nothing but a miserable hut. It contrasted oddly with the splendid equipage in which he was traveling. What kind of preacher was Elisha to live in such a place? If he were a successful man, he ought to look more prosperous than this. Naaman did not seem to know that the power of God does not need the support of great outward splendor.

Although Elisha had called Naaman to come to him to be healed, he knew that the leper was not ready to be delivered.

Naaman wanted healing, not preaching or instruction. He wanted healing, but he wanted to tell Elisha on what terms to do it. There were many things which Naaman had to learn. One thing after another was to come to his attention that would change his whole outlook on life.

But if the meanness of Elisha's habitation offended Naaman, it was nothing to what he experienced in regard to the behaviour of the prophet himself. The general had supposed that when his stately chariot halted at the door, the prophet would immediately come out and in an awed manner hasten to offer his services. But everything turned out differently from what he had expected.

Elisha knew who had halted at the door, but the show and the pomp made no impression on him. He acted as if it were a matter of little consequence that the great Naaman was there. Elisha did not even come to the window to observe the stately cavalcade. The only thing he deigned to do was to send his servant out to Naaman and tell him how he could be cured of his leprosy.

"And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper" (II Kings 5:10-11).

Certainly these words of Elisha were unexpected. Naaman was insulted. We can see him saying to himself, "I have come on a long journey. I have spared neither trouble nor expense. And for all this, what have I received? I have been told to go to the Jordan and wash seven times."

But Elisha knew what he was doing. Naaman had to be relieved of his self-sufficiency, his pride, and his trust in high-sounding titles. The general had to realize that he was coming as a poor needy soul, a supplicant to the throne of grace. But this fact he would not accept — not yet. Self-righteousness is so deeply ingrained in human nature that it takes the work of the Holy Spirit to free a man from this false pride.

The thing that exasperated Naaman the most was the trifling nature of the remedy. He was told to go down to the River Jordan, dip seven times, and be clean. It is natural for men to spurn a salvation obtained by a simple act of faith. Naaman had come prepared to pay a king's ransom

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W HILE WORKING as an agricultural assistant in the government, I attended a Pentecostal revival and became interested in these meetings. Soon I was converted and baptized in water; then I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Later I was anointed an elder in a local church in which I did some preaching and helped the pastor in his work.

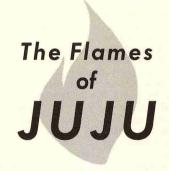
It was during this time that I came in contact with the evil forces of juju—an experience which I shall never forget!

A certain man paid me a visit one evening. He said, "Mr. Umo, you are very fond of singing, 'There is no power to hinder the work of the Lord.' I want to tell you that there is power to hinder the work of the Lord."

I answered, "I know that there are other powers, but none so great as the power of the Lord."

The man said that he would prove to me that there was a power higher than the power of God—juju power. He slept in my house that night, and in the morning he left for his own town. Before he left he said that he would send thunder on my house to kill me and that there would be nothing which could prevent that thunder from coming.

On the following night the room in which I slept shone with a supernatural light. Then I remembered what this man had said, and I awakened my wife to pray with me. When I knelt to pray, there appeared to be another being under my bed, and it took hold of me. The strange being picked me up and threw me out of the window. My whole body was lighted up



## by Ekpo Umo

with a flame. I cried out to God and began to rebuke the thing. While these strange flames were about me, I ran to the police station. When I got there, they asked what was the matter. As I started to answer I was overwhelmed by that evil spirit and began to fight the police in the office. Then I was beaten by the police and thrown into a cell.

Meanwhile, the people in the church heard what had happened, and they began to pray for my deliverance. One night I saw the angel of the Lord coming into my cell. He reached down and touched the strong iron chain and broke it. Then the angel left.

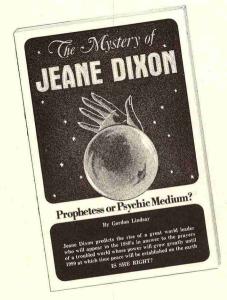
A strange thing happened then. My spirit left my body. I could hear people around me saying, "He is dead, he is dead." In the morning the people came to

get my dead corpse, but after they got my body to the hospital, I opened my eyes. When the doctor came in and looked at me, he said that he had no treatment to give for my trouble was mental. However, the people in the church were still praying.

Then some of my relatives, who did not believe in prayer, came to the hospital and took me away. They tried all sorts of treatments, none of which worked. Three months went by, and my relatives lost all hope. Then they took me to the church where the Christians began to pray for me. God's power came down, and the Lord completely healed me.

Through a friend I received some literature from Pastor S. G. Elton which said, "If you have been saved, we will pray for you; if you want to deliver others, we will train you." So I wrote to Pastor Elton, saying I was saved and wished to deliver others. He sent me a telegram to come to llesha for a Bible training course. After I completed the course, I returned to assist the American missionary, and from that time I have been in the ministry.

Since my experience with the dreaded juju, I have prayed for others and seen them delivered from its evil power. At the present time I am translating books, including those used in the Native Literature Crusade. into the Efek language. There are areas in Nigeria where no missionaries can go, but books can be sent. In other areas there are so many people that the missionaries can reach only a few of them. Through literature we are able to get the story of salvation to the multitudes who otherwise would never hear it.



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T HE BENEDICTION was pronounced and the last "amen" was spoken when on June 19 the two-week Deliverance Seminar, held at the Christian Center in Dallas, came to a close. But for the ministers and laymen who attended these Godanointed sessions, it was not the end but just the beginning of a new and deeper walk of faith as they apply to their lives the practical truths and principles of God's Word which were forcefully preached from day to day.

The ministries of five dedicated men of God blended together to present a well-rounded message that would not only inspire the believer's faith but also would challenge him to greater Christian service. The speakers were Gordon Lindsay, Editor of *The Voice of Healing;* Kenneth Hagin, nationally-known Bible teacher; Larry Hammond, Spirit-filled Episcopalian and noted personal worker; Wayne Myers, faith missionary to Mexico; and Charles Trombley, converted Jehovah's Witness and outstanding teacher on visitation.

From all over the U.S. and from four foreign countries people came who were

hungry for more of God.

Dr. Hobart E. Freeman, pastor of the Brethren church in Claypool, Indiana, and formerly a professor at Grace Seminary, commented: "The Deliverance Seminar has opened a new spiritual dimension and depth, undergirding one's faith in the promises of God's Word whereby the Church can once more be clothed with the power of the Spirit of God, enabling it to meet and overcome the increasing flood of Satanic and demonic activity today. The Seminar has Biblically confirmed the validity and contemporaneity of the supernatural manifestations of the Spirit which Christ promised would follow those who believe, and that His Word would be effectively proclaimed 'in demonstration of the Spirit and of power'."

Among those who came to the Seminar for the purpose of increasing his understanding of the supernatural power of God was Howard B. Fox. He says: "Being quite new in the Full Gospel way, there were several areas where my comprehension of God's marvelous provision for His own was sadly lacking. We had lived so far below our inheritance for so long, but we're beginning to live up to our inheritance now. I came here facing a decision in Christian service which I had prayed about for several months. I felt totally inadequate for the task and kept hesitating with indecision. Under the teaching at this Seminar, confidence was given and a 'yes' was said to my Lord to launch forward in His strength."

For one merely to come and go away blessed and spiritually satisfied would not be accomplishing God's highest purpose. But many have been the testimonies of those who have returned to their homes and pulpits more effective servants than before. One such example is Rev. E. E. Morrison, pastor of the First Church of God in Augusta, Kansas, who wrote: "My wife and I want to express our deep appreciation to you for the tremendous blessing which the Seminar was to us. We know that our own lives were blessed and that we in turn can be a greater blessing to others."

All the way from the beautiful island of Jamaica in the West Indies, Rev. Frank duCille came to receive a deeper under-

# His Works Were

# Mighty

standing of the operation of the gifts of the Spirit. He says: "I thank the Lord for having led me to attend this Seminar. God has blessed me, and after spending two weeks of study and fellowship, I find myself still hungering for more.

"I have been in the Full Gospel since 1948, and in the active ministry since 1953. But there were always certain questions in my mind which were unanswered. We have preached that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, but we have largely failed to have first-hand knowledge on certain of the gifts of the Spirit. But here at this Seminar we have had the opportunity of receiving from God-anointed teachers knowledge concerning the lost art of operating the gifts. We have had the benefit of participating in services charged with the power of God where decency and order do not minimize the moving of the Spirit of God."

Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Sherry, of Davis, Oklahoma, commented: "We have been greatly blessed by this Seminar. Someone has wisely said that the most important decision one can make in life is to find which way God is moving, and then move with Him. We believe God brought us to this Seminar for this purpose."

One of the first miracles took place on the opening day of the Seminar. Just before the Sunday afternoon rally, the report came that Mrs. Gant, who was to prepare the meals for those attending the Seminar during the next 14 days, had been seriously injured in a fall. The congregation joined their faith in prayer for her immediate and complete healing, and Mrs. Gant later testified that at that same hour "something snapped into place." Early the next morning she was busy at work in the kitchen, and for the next two weeks she

# Among Them ...

A report on the Deliverance Seminar recently held in Dallas, Texas

capably directed the kitchen crew in serving delicious meals three times a day.

God wonderfully blessed Dr. John Rea. from professor at Moody Bible Institute, who testified: "This Seminar on deliverance, healing, and faith has been a revolutionizing experience in my life. Praise God, He has been patient and gracious with me during these last four years since I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I came here knowing I had needs, but never expecting the Lord to deal with me so definitely and dramatically. I have studied the Bible diligently since I was converted in 1943, and have taught it in adult Sunday School classes, a Christian college, a seminary, and a Bible institute for over fifteen years. Yet I have never heard or read such living, stimulating teaching on faith as I have during these two weeks!"

And so as the people went their separate ways, returning to churches of their various denominations in distant parts of the U.S., the impact and blessing of the Seminar will continue to spread as we "...give thanks unto the Lord and ... make known His deeds among the people" (Psa. 105:1).

# THE MARCH OF PROPHECY

## Fiery Death in Saigon

A 19-year-old nun walked out of the Buddhist headquarters in Saigon. After unrolling a rice straw mat on the pavement, she seated herself in a position of prayer, then doused herself with gasoline. Having completed her preparations for immolation, she lit a match and became a fiery torch. In seconds the flames did their work and she toppled over backwards while hundreds of frenzied Buddhists crowded around close and began chanting and lighting red candles around her feet.

This was only the beginning of a chain of suicides. A 30-year-old monk burned himself to death in the main pagoda at Dalot. A 17-year-old school girl did the same in rebellious Hue., Other Buddhists slashed their veins and chopped off their fingers—a gruesome show in a frenzied effort to topple the regime of Premier Ky.

But the most fanatical attempt at mass suicide occured in Saigon when 20 Buddhists drenched themselves with gasoline and were restrained only by force from setting themselves on fire.

What is the significance of these mad acts? It is clear that dark forces of demon power are at work to frustrate the American effort to save the little nation from the curse of Communism and atheism.

## TIME Magazine Reports on Billy Graham's London Crusade

Time Magazine (June 10, 1966) reporting Billy Graham's London Crusade quotes him as saying, "The hour is late and the world is sick," as he preached to 19,000 spellbound opening night listeners at the Earl's Court arena. 'The world is moving toward a rendezvous with a frightful destiny.' From the hydrangea-festooned platform, Billy denounced the radical 'Death of God' theologians and shouted, 'I fear that sex has become a goddess—and that one-eyed thing in our living room has become our god'."

Speaking of preparations for the campaign, *Time* says, "Advance preparations began in earnest 18 months ago when Graham assistants set up offices overlooking Piccadilly Circus. Billy's organizers sent letters asking for cooperation to every Protestant and Anglican clergyman within 40 miles of London. The Rev. Robert Ferm, head of the enlistment team, talked to more than 4,000 clerics; 2,000 churches agreed to help the project. Dividing greater London into postal zones . . . 20,000 laymen were recruited to make 'threshold visitations' to 300.000 London homes."

The Graham effort is not without persecution. Rev. Graham says, "I feel greater opposition than ever before." *Time* adds, "The crusade has been ignored by both

fundamental and progressive theologians." The Archbishop of Canterbury made it publicly and pointedly clear that Billy did not have Anglican sponsorship. The sharpest attack came on BBC-TV when one questioner charged that Graham "had the same hypnotic effect on a mass audience as Hitler." Another spoke of "sanctified lies" and "engineered emotion."

Billy Graham preaches a sound evangelistic message. It appears that the laymen are giving the campaign more backing than the lukewarm ecclesiastics and clergymen. We predict that, despite the opposition, Graham's efforts in London will result in great good for the Kingdom of God.

# The Latest Word on China and the Hydrogen Bomb

U.S. News and World Report (May 23, 1966) declares that China is racing down the road to move into the hydrogen bomb club, when she will have unchallenged nuclear supremacy in Asia. Two years ago her effort was derided by the U.S. as "puny" and "primitive." But her latest explosion proved to be six times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 which killed 100,000 persons. It also produced dozens of times as much fallout. Apparently the test contained the thermonuclear materials of the hydrogen bomb.

The explosion touched off new fears all over Asia. There are demands in India to begin nuclear bomb development. U.S. defense personnel state flatly, "In two or three years, Red China will be capable of launching a nuclear attack on countries within 500 to 700 miles from the mainland. This would threaten all or part of Japan, Korea, Formosa, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaya, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Burma, Pakistan, and India.

"In ten years (1976) Red China will be able to deliver A-bomb warheads by long-range missiles to much of the U.S.—that is able to deliver a warhead of 10 megatons, or the equivalent of 10 million tons of T.N.T."

# The Government Watch on 200 Million Americans

According to U.S. News and World Report (May 16, 1966), alarms are being

sounded about the government's increasing control of the lives of its citizens. A system is gradually being built up that will record every important fact about an individual from the cradle to the grave. A "dossier bank" of information will be centered in a great electronic system in Washington, D.C. Press a button and out will come the life story of any person to be used for the purposes of the government. In this bank will be a complete tax record, records on any brushes with the law from traffic violations in youth to old age, school records, records of any personal transactions involving the government.

The possibilities of abuse are recognized as enormous. The promise that there will be no such abuses means nothing. When Social Security was instituted, the Social Security number was to be used for only one thing. Now it is a universal identification number around which the lifetime record of an individual is built.

The use of computers makes it possible to take the billions of pieces of information and make it accessible at the push of a button. The Federal government, since the institution of Civil Rights laws, is radically moving its police power into wider and wider fields. Even today people are feeling the advance of these dread police powers in the matter of income tax returns. Information is gathered from a thousand sources, digested in the computers, and brought to bear upon the individual.

The gravest danger lies in the fact that false information could be fed in the computer, and this could result in persecutions and prosecutions of innocent individuals. As one business executive says, "It is not going too far to see emerging the outlines of an all-knowing, all-seeing government Big Brother."

Bible-reading Christians can see in this that the way is being prepared for the rise of the antichrist who will keep absolute check on all his subjects. "And no man might buy or sell save he that had the mark ... of the beast ..." (Rev. 13:17).

#### The New Jets

Much has been said about the supersonic jets that will span the ocean in two hours—jets that are scheduled for service in the early seventies.

But equally dramatic are the giant superjets which are scheduled to cross the Atlantic within three years. These will carry no less than 500 passengers each. Pan American has ordered 25 of these superjets from Boeing. Predictions are made that there will be 400 of these in operation by 1975.



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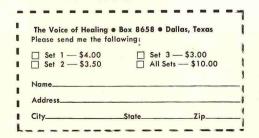
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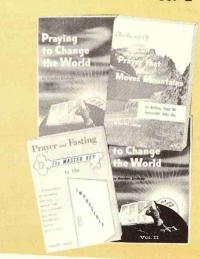
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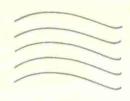


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# OUR READERS WRITE

## **Proving God's Promises**

Two months ago when I knew our 19-year-old son was in the thick of battle in Viet Nam, I started calling on God for His protection and deliverance. It seemed that Viet Nam is such a "hard place." About that time I received a letter from you with a list and pictures of some other "hard places." places where poor Christians were working day and night with their bare hands to build a church where they can worship God. I chose the one that seemed the "hardest of the hard," and used it as a challenge to the faithfulness of God's promise.

I made a covenant with God and you that I would sponsor a certain church in Mexico and claim each person there as a witness before God to His faithfulness. I sent two payments on the promised \$250, and God answered me and proved that His promise is true.

This week I received a letter from our son. He didn't know why he had been singled out of his company and sent to the Philippines on a special assignment, but I believe that I know the reason. God can't fail His word, and the little church in the hard place in Mexico is a living monument to God's answer to hard problems.

Ada Haight San Jose, Calif.

#### Healed in Answer to Prayer

Thanks for your prayers. The skin cancer dropped off today, and there is no sign of one ever having been on the left side of my head. I don't have any more dizzy spells or heart trouble. I tell others about Jesus every chance I get, and I pray for all the other Prayer Band members.

James Chambers Waco, Texas

I want to thank you for praying for my son and for sending him a prayer cloth for his legs. Since he got the cloth, his legs have not bothered him at all. Before that, his legs would get numb and he could not walk a step, sometimes for two or three days. Thank the dear Lord!

Mrs. Virginia Montgomery August Springs, Va.

I wrote you to remember me in prayer for my hands. God has wonderfully healed them.

Valorie Hamilton Fresno, Calif.

# TVH—"My Most Treasured Magazine"

The Voice of Healing is the most treasured magazine I receive. It has helped me over many a rough place and has inspired my faith to keep pressing on at times when nothing else had helped. I have had many miracles from God in my life and at present I am trying to find God's will for complete yielding of myself to Him for the rest of my life. The Voice of Healing has played a part in bringing me to this point of yielding.

Mrs. Charles DeFur Gary, Ind.

I am so very thankful for your *Voice of Healing*. A dear friend of mine who led me to the Lord had your magazine sent to me. It is truly inspiring.

Mrs. Harold Freese Cedar Falls, Iowa

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Marion Peers Los Angeles, Calif.

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I have made quilts and sold them to help build a native church. I praise God for allowing me to earn this extra money for His work.

The best thing I ever did was help support a church overseas. It has been a great blessing to me.

Mrs. Holcomb Dayton, Ohio

I received your letter and certificate for the church that I sponsored in India. I am so proud to be a sponsor, and I cried for joy when I looked at the picture of all the people in front of the church and read the good news of those who were healed and saved. Truly, my sacrifice is not much compared to theirs. I am praying that God will bless this work that it may prosper and be a lighthouse for the Lord and an influence to the surrounding area.

Ernest Codiga Oakland, Calif.

#### NIGERIAN NOTEBOOK

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for what if it were poisonous or dangerous? He asked the medicine man to give it to the girl. For a further fee, he did this. The girl has not been known to be involved in any unusual activity since.

Actually juju and witchcraft are demon possession and demon worship. As is true with men of God, some juju men seem to have more power than others. Thus some pronounce curses or cures which do not take place. Others have large numbers of followers who can give many proofs to their effectiveness. Some are known for one thing, such as promoting a certain type of curse, and some another.

Any rational person can see that with devil worship such an integral part of the Nigerian's life—and for that matter, much of Africa—preaching Christianity without supernatural power to combat these forces would be a fruitless task.

Thanks be to God this is not the case. There are literally hundreds of churches established, and the growth of the Body of Christ in Nigeria is one of the most rapid of all nations. We feel that this increase has been helped to a considerable degree by the Native Church Crusade, and with the Native Literature Crusade taking root, we believe that the number of converts will pass our greatest dreams and hopes. How else can this vast nation of \$55,000,000 be reached? We believe this is the way God would have it.

# THE MAN THE PREACHER WOULD NOT SEE

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if need be, but all he was asked to do was to dip himself in the River Jordan.

In a rage Naaman ordered his chariot turned around, and the cavalcade moved forward on its long journey back to Syria. But the servants felt that Naaman had made a mistake. The chariot had proceeded some distance when they drew up beside him and signaled for his attention. They said to him, "Father," a manner of approach which implied that under the rough exterior, Naaman had a kindly nature. And such is the case of many a man in his ordinary conduct of life until he is asked to wash and be made clean.

The Scriptures state: "And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?" (II Kings 5:13-14).

The general finally listened to their plea.

After a little more indecision he said, "You are right. I should be more willing to attempt what is easy."

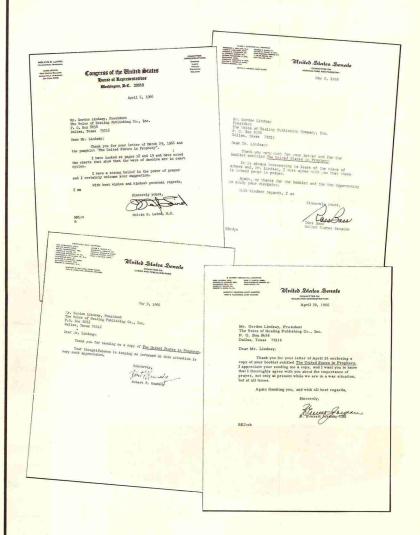
Once more the chariot was turned around. They all made their way to the Jordan, and the leper descended into the water. The servants on the shore stood in anxious silence as he began to dip himself. Naaman dipped and dipped again. Nothing happened. He did it six times. Nothing happened, and then for the final time he went down into the Jordan, knowing that if nothing happened this time, his fate was certain. But even as he emerged from the water, Naaman felt an amazing change taking place. He looked, and his leprosy was gone! There was not a diseased spot left on him. But an even greater miracle than this had taken place, for he could say, "The Lord he is God. There is no God but the God of Israel.'

After giving thanks to God, Naaman lost no time in returning to Elisha. It was a triumphal procession as the restored leper proceeded to the hut where the prophet lived. As the general came to the humble dwelling, he ordered a halt - but this time with joy. What a different Naaman we see! He descended humbly from his gilded chariot and hastened to the cottage. The man who a little while before had departed the scene in frustration and rage returned as a child of God with a living light in his soul. But even before he got to the door, Elisha was there to meet him and rejoice with him in his great deliverance, for Naaman thanked God for his deliverance.

There comes a time for us to make a confession of faith. Even before the healing appears you are to confess to yourself and to God that the work is done. God counts the things that are not as though they were. He sees things not as they are, but as they will be - as faith will make them. Then when healing becomes visible, it is time to take the second step and to confess to man what God has done. We are to return and give God the glory. Some fail to do this. They get their healing and go their way. Their body has been healed, but not their spirit. God would heal us of the disease of our soul as well as of our body. We are to become a new person, Naaman became a new man. He, therefore, came back to give God glory.

Naaman was determined, even at the risk of sacrificing his dignity, to be healed of his leprosy. And just as Naaman, through perseverance, received the deliverance which he sought, so today God will honor the faith of the person who in boldness and determination will step out on His promises.

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