

## DOES GOD HEAL THROUGH MEDICINE?

### CHAPTER 1

**GOD DREW A LINE** And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. 2 Chron. 16:12,13.

I have declared for quite some time that Asa may have had the gout. He probably could not walk. His disease was exceedingly great; perhaps his toes were coming off. It may have been sugar diabetes or ulcers. But King Asa did one thing and failed to do another. In his case, the thing that he did was the wrong thing. And the thing that he failed to do was the very thing he should have done. So Asa died. If you want to live, if you want to get rid of your disease, then do the right thing. I am persuaded that had Asa done the right thing he would have lived and not have died. But he did the wrong thing. **GOD DREW A LINE AND SEPARATED THE RIGHT FROM THE WRONG.** On one side was the arm of flesh; on the other side was the hand of God. And yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. Asa sought help from man, from physicians, instead of looking to God and trusting Him to perform the supernatural and the miraculous. Help from the arm of flesh sometimes comes in the form of pills, drugs, salve, or ointment. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Prov.14: 12) God draws a Line of separation between the right and the wrong. Should you take a piece of paper and draw a line down the centre from top to bottom, writing the word **WRONG** on the left side of the paper and the word **RIGHT** on the right side, you would list on the left side all the natural means of men for treating the sick. On the right side, you would list God and His healing and His supernatural miracles.

I have been referring to things of the natural, but listen to what God has to say: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the LORD of hosts. ( Zech.4:6). The might and the power that scripture is referring to is natural might and physical power. Doing something physical, taking something concocted by man, is not going to bring deliverance to you for body, soul, mind or spirit. Deliverance comes from God and not from man! It is supernatural! It comes by the Spirit of God! Yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. What happened? God drew a line between what Asa did and what he should have done, and God did not connect the two. He did not connect the LORD with physicians. In this verse of scripture, and throughout the Bible, God has separated medicine from Gods' healing power. God has never resorted to natural means to mans' methods, as good as they seem to be, or as badly as folk may want them. God told man to preach, but even at that, God told man that he would have to preach by the power of the Spirit, by the anointing that comes from God, and not by natural or physical means, education, or learning. God has never resorted to man to save a soul, although He ordains that a man preach and make an altar call. It is only through the blood of Jesus and the power of the Spirit that a soul can be saved and born again. The Bible tells us definitely that Asa, in his great sickness and time of need, did not seek the LORD. He may have been one of those modernists who look in the yellow pages of the telephone directory for help. He may have gone to someone for prayer that someone would direct him to the right physician, as many do today. Though Asa may have thought he was going to the right place, and though he received medical attention, God let him die.

I find no indication anywhere in the Bible that God heals through the cooperation of man.

I do not believe that the gift of healing or the gift of miracles need any help from man. I do not believe that the word of wisdom or the word of knowledge need any textbook or workshop in which to be developed. These gifts are supernatural! And since healing and miracles are from God, they do not

need any assistance from Physicians or from medicine and drugs, pills and prescriptions. In this particular case, God did not heal through medicine. He let Asa die. I am trying to show you what God did to one person who did not trust Him but sought help from physicians. He drew a line between God's healing and the healing that comes through medicine, drugs, and surgery. God heals without any assistance from mankind because there is no limit to His power. God can heal without any help from anything that comes from the prescription counter or out of a jar or package. People today are being taught, even by supposedly Pentecostal preachers, that God heals through medicine, drugs, and physicians. I do not deny that they may help.

But God is never given the glory for them! God let Asa die because he did not trust in God but trusted in physicians.

I am reminded of a woman who came into one of our meetings suffering with a cancer she had had removed many times. Her doctors had told her it was the same one coming back. She showed scar after scar on her face. Each time there was a certain amount of cancer left that still had life. Eighteen operations had been performed and the doctors said she would need one every year. Do you believe God has to operate on a person every year? I know God can do one complete job and there will be no need for an annual operation! Many people have been healed in Miracle Revival services that have had as many as four or five operations, which had not effected a cure. There are some things man cannot do. I believe God has ordained that there be certain diseases that man will be unable to cure, and in order to be healed of these diseases, folk will have to seek the Lord for supernatural healing and deliverance. If God wanted man to go to doctors and to trust in medicine, why did He have it recorded in the Bible that He let Asa die because he trusted not to the LORD but to physicians. And why did Job, in the 13 th chapter of the Book of Job, say, But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all PHYSICIANS OF NO VALUE, when his friends were trying to comfort him and assist him in his affliction? Once again God drew a line in His Word between the help of God and that of doctors. I am not saying that physicians have not helped people. But I am saying there are some cases where they are of no value. God wants to do the work Himself. And if you will turn to the LORD, He will come to your rescue and do the work. There are many scriptures throughout the Bible that encourage us to trust in God. A few of them are: Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust Psalm 40:4 Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. Psalm 62:8 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Prov.3:5 Trust in the Lord for ever; for in the lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength Isaiah 26:4 They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. Psalm 125:1.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. Psalm 118:8. God wants you to know that He is all power in heaven and in earth, and there is no limit with him. He wants you to trust Him! IF GOD LETS YOU DIE AS HE LET ASA DIE, IT WILL BE BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT TRUSTED IN THE LORD!

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **DOES GOD PLAY SECOND FIDDLE?**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good things unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. Isaiah 61:1 This is written not to condemn physicians, medicine or drugs, or what the medical profession has done or may do in the future. That is not my business. Neither am I going to agree with anybody that God has turned His job, His duty, or what Jesus came to do, over to man. What did Jesus come to do? In Luke 4:16-21 we read: And he came to

Nazareth, where he had been brought up and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when He had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. ( Jesus was treading from the prophecy concerning him recorded in Isaiah 61:1). Jesus came to heal the sick, to open the eyes of the blind, but how did He do it? Entirely by the anointing and supernatural power of the Holy Ghost! Can you find one place in the Bible where Jesus ever gave anybody a shot with a hypodermic needle? Can you show me one place where Jesus ever sent one person to a doctor, where He ever prescribed one pill? If you can, I will believe that God is healing through physicians and medical science. Jesus didn't even send the little woman in Luke 13:11-13 to a chiropractor. He laid His hands upon her, cast the devil out, and she was healed instantly: And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. If God had intended to heal today through medicine and drugs, surely somewhere in the Bible Jesus would have resorted to them, at least in a few instances. But He did not! He depended entirely on God's supernatural power absolutely separate from the help of man. God is GOD, and He will not play second fiddle to any body, I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, (Exodus 20:5). His method is the same today as in days gone by. What was it? WE read in Acts 10:38, God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him. His healings were performed not because He knew drugs and had attended medical school but because God was with Him. He was anointed of God for the work. Isaiah said, Chapter 10, Verse 27: the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. Jesus came to destroy the yoke of the devil, which is found in the 28 th chapter of Deuteronomy. Jesus did not complete the work He started. Before He went away, He called His disciples and told them He was going to have a church and a people who would continue the work He had begun. God said concerning us, they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Mark 16:18. Paul became converted on the road to Damascus, when God threw him in the dust and spoke to him. Paul answered, Lord, what thou wilt have me do? (Acts 9:6). From that time, Paul did the works Jesus called him to do. He healed the sick by the laying on of hands and by means of handkerchiefs and aprons which were sent from Paul's body to the sick. Paul did not resort to the help or knowledge of man but depended solely upon God's supernatural power. And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Act 10:11,12. After Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost, even his shadow healed the sick, and he depended entirely on supernatural power. They brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. Acts 5:15. These occurrences took place right at the beginning of the dispensation of the church. Such operations of the Holy Ghost are recorded all through the book of Acts. You will not find one instance in the Bible where Jesus ever healed by any means except the supernatural. And He still heals today only by the power and anointing of the Holy Ghost. We are to complete the work hat Jesus began. One of these days He is coming back to see what kind of job we have done, whether we have continued the ministry of all that Jesus began to do and teach. (Acts 1:1) Do you believe God turned His work over to the church His anointed, Holy Ghost-filled believers as was evidenced ion the day of Pentecost, or did He turn His work over to manufacturing plants, drug companies, and medical centres?

## CHAPTER 3

### A FAMOUS DOCTOR TESTIFIES

And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse Mark 5:25,26. This is not a condemnation of the use of drugs and medicine, nor is it a condemnation of those who use them and feel they must use them. This is merely to make the Bible plain. Some feel they must resort to medicine, while others believe that God is able to heal, that He does heal, and that He will heal.

I have approached this, not from the standpoint of what God has to say about healing, but from the standpoint of what God has to say about healing.

I do not preach a negative gospel but a positive gospel! This is positive! It comes right out of the Bible, right out of God's Word. And now I would like introduce the world's most famous doctor. More people know of and have heard of this doctor than of any other in the world. I am speaking of Dr. Luke. Let Dr. Luke testify about a little woman who had spent all her money on [physicians, yet grew worse. And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, NEITHER COULD BE HEALED OF ANY, Came behind Him, (Jesus) and touched the border of His garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchd.- Luke 8:43,44. Does God heal through medicine and physicians? To me, the verses from Luke draw a definite line between the arm of flesh-the physicians-and the Spirit and divine healing. If God heals through physicians, then that woman would have been helped during the twelve years, but she was not helped. If God was not working through physicians in Bible days, then God is not healing through them today. If God is healing through physicians today, then He would have worked through them in Bible days. It was Jesus who healed her. If God heals through physicians, then that woman would have been helped. God can help everybody. He must not have had anything to do with the physicians treating her, for the physicians were unable to help. The subject of this book is not Can doctors heal you, can drugs help you, or can surgery assist you? My subject is Does God Heal THROUGH Medicine? I do not believe God does. God said in the last days knowledge would be increased. I believe physicians are doing the work by themselves, by their own knowledge and skills. You may ask me whether I do not believe that God helps them. I am drawing the line exactly where Luke drew the line. Mark tells us the same story as Luke, with this account: And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and HAD SUFFERED MANY THINGS OF MANY PHYSICIANS, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but RATHER GREW WORSE (Mark 5:25-26). Those words may not have gone down in the medical annals, but they did go down in a greater annal. Medical annals and records will pass away, heaven and earth may pass away, but Gods' Word will remain forever. The scripture in Mark tells us that this woman suffered many things at the hands of physicians. If God works and heals through doctors, then this woman suffered at the hands of God, neither could be helped by God, but grew worse. Does that sound like God? Don't you see that God draws a distinct line between the arm of the flesh and the Spirit of God?

I believe God is healing today and that he is performing miracles, but if I take a pill and am helped, I am not going to say that God did it. If medicine helped you, I am not going to say that God helped you. If medicine helps, then the glory should go to man and his great knowledge and ability. But if God heals by the power of the Spirit through a supernatural gift, then I am going to give the glory to God. I am going to say that GOD did it. Remember, the Word of God declares, Not by might, nor my power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD OF HOSTS.(Zech. 4:6). Healing from God is not by physical might

nor by natural power. It has nothing to do with physicians, or with the wisdom and knowledge of man. Healing comes straight from heaven. It is divine! It is supernatural!.

## CHAPTER 4

### GOD IS A SPECIALIST

Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One Of Israel. Psalm 78:41` This book is not intended to condemn, belittle, or discourage the use of medicine or drugs by those who have no faith or trust in God. But it is for those who are interested in taking the limit off God, who wants God to do something for them. Many preachers across the nation make the statement on radio and television and in printed literature that God heals through medicine and drugs, and that He heals through physicians. But I have never yet heard them back that statement up with scripture. If it is Bible truth, there must be some substantiation in the Word. If it is just a theory, it would be better left out of such sermons and literature because one mans' theory is as good as another man's theory./ God's command is Preach the Word, not Preach theory, Some claim that God heals in many different ways. They declare that they believe God heals through medicine and drugs. I say, I am waiting for scripture to back up that statement! But so far, they have produced no scripture.

I repeat, I am not fighting doctors. I am not fighting medicine. I am fighting false doctrine.

I am preaching the gospel, the Word of God. You will not hear me preach one thing from the pulpit, on radio or television, or anywhere else, that I cannot back up with Thus saith the Lord. So it is not what A. A. Allen says , or what some other man declares, that counts. It is what God says. It is time to take the limit off God and know that God can. God can do anything! Is anything too hard for the LORD? CAN GOD? Look at the 78 th Psalm. The sin of the children of Israel, that provoked the Lord to anger, was that they limited God. They forgot what He had done and did not remember His great works. They turned back because they thought God couldn't meet their need. Every one of them died. The reason some declare that God heals through medicine and drugs today is because they have put a limit on God. It is time to take the limit off God and say GOD DID, GOD CAN, GOD WILL. Is anything too hard for the LORD? In the first chapter of Genesis, we read: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. God spoke and it came to pass. All things He created were created by His own spoken word. When He made man, where did He get him? Where did He get the world, the mountains, the seas, the stars, the moon? God just said, Let there be and there was! Why? Because God is unlimited. All things are possible with God, and there is nothing impossible to him that believeth. My friend, did God make you? Did He breathe into you the breath of life? Did He make your lungs? Then He ought to be a lung specialist. Did He make your feet? Then He ought to be a foot specialist. Did he make your heart? Then He ought to be a heart specialist. Did He make your head? Then He ought to be a head specialist. Did He make your eyes? your ears, your nose, your throat ? Then he must be an ear, nose and throat specialist. Did he make your bones? Then He must be a bone specialist. Bless God, where did He get all the material in the beginning? He still has plenty if material to make some new bones if He wants to. He has plenty of material to make some new feet, some new arms, some new brains, new eyes, ears, nose, mouth. He made you in the beginning and He knows all about you. That's why He specializes on your body, on your soul, your mind, your spirit. He made you in the first place. And He is a specialist! All God has to say today is, Let there be a new toe on that foot. All He has to say is Let there be a new lung in that cavity. Let there be a bone where there is none. As the centurion said to Jesus, Just speak the word only, and it shall be done. Two ladies came to our Philadelphia Campaign rejoicing over the fact that, in answer to prayer in a miracle revival service, God had restored female organs that had been removed by surgery. They were about to become mothers! And they were shouting happy. God is a

specialist! Is this hard to believe? Listen, friend: Is Jesus the same yesterday, today, and forever? Has He ever changed? If you can get the Spirit of God to move, and get God to speak the Word, something is going to happen! Something SUPERNATURAL is going to happen! Quit doubting! Believe God for a miracle! Take the limit off God! GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!

## CHAPTER 5

### THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE

The just shall live by faith. Heb.10: 38. According as His divine power hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be [partakers of the divine nature, having escaped corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Pet.1: 3,4 From the above scriptures, we know that God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. Therefore, God has given us nothing that pertains to death and devilishness. If God heals through medicine and drugs, He would have said, whereby are given unto us exceeding great and miracle drugs, that by these you might live. He didn't say that! He said, Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye may be partakers of the divine nature. He said also, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life not unto death! He has given us everything that pertains to life, to health, to strength, to a good strong body. In 3 John 2, we read: Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. In this book, this Bible, God has given me all that pertains unto life and health and godliness not in a drug store, not in a hospital, not in a bottle, not in a box. Do you believe it? This old book is all we need. And are we to obtain these benefits by faith? In the 11 th chapter of Hebrews, we find much about faith. By faith, by faith, all the way through the chapter. Every verse tells us of an amazing incident wrought by faith. Paul tells us to Look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. (Heb 12:2) If you will let Jesus be the author and finisher of your faith, then you can live by faith! WE can receive all things that pertain to life BY FAITH not by something that comes out of a bottle or a box that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature We have God, and God healed the sick before man ever knew anything about medicine. WE have God, and God performed miracles before man ever breathed. He made man out of the dust of the ground-that was a miracle. Man didn't become alive and become a living soul until God breathed into His nostrils the breath of life another miracle. But before man began to breathe, God had put a soul into him. God spoke the world into existence and formed the mountains, poured out the seas, put the sun, the moon, and the stars in the heavens miracle after miracle. Hear me! God doesn't have to have man to perform a miracle. He has proved to us that He could perform miracles before man was ever created. God is a miracle worker. He doesn't need man. He can do the work Himself. He doesn't need doctors and medicine and drugs. Do you believe it? God is all power in heaven and in earth! Recently, we televised one of the greatest miracles I have ever seen. A lady, who had been bound, fettered and almost insane was delivered by the power of God. She returned to the service with a whole sackful of sleeping tablets, tranquilisers, drugs, sedatives, and dope.

I lined them up all over the pulpit to show the audience. There were so many I did not have room to lay down my Bible in order to preach to that TV audience.

I didn't ask her to bring them. Why did she? Because after God had healed and delivered her, she didn't need them anymore.

I am not condemning you who still take such medication but if you will receive God's deliverance and trust Him, you will not need them either. I am not condemning the 67 million Americans who have to take sleeping tablets every night to go to sleep. Psalms 127:2 says, He giveth his beloved sleep.

I am not condemning those of you who have had a nervous breakdown, for taking dope. I suppose you

will have to take dope for your condition if you don't have any faith and trust in God or in His promises. But, if you will trust in God, He will deliver you. He says, Great peace have they that love thy law. (Psalms 119:165). God will give you peace! He also says He will appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. (Isaiah 61:3). God will lift that oppression, that mental sickness! And when He does, you will not need help from any one else. But until folk realise that God can and will help them, they will go on using medicine and drugs. As far as I am concerned, medicine and drugs are not God-given or heaven-sent they are accomplishments of man. God's help is divine. It comes by the Holy Ghost, and it has nothing to do with the flesh. Our help comes through the blood of Jesus, through Calvary. The Bible says concerning Christ, Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healed all thy diseases, (Psalm 103:3). When Jesus died at Calvary, He paid the price for your hospital and surgery bills. He paid for all your prescriptions. He paid for everything you need. He cried, It is finished. What is finished? Everything for soul and body! Why don't you claim it and accept it now?

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **WOE UNTO YOU IF**

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord! Now the Egyptians are men, and not god; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the Lord shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they shall fail together. Isaiah 31:1,3. God warns of woe to those who depend on men for their help, for they are only flesh, not spirit. People are still setting their eyes on man for their help. They set their eyes on people, even on preachers, but you should not put your eyes on flesh. The works of the flesh are these: Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal.5: 19-21. This I say, ye, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. Gal 5:16,17. You can't depend on flesh. You must trust the Spirit. Now the Spirit works through flesh as long as we keep the flesh subdued and stay yielded to the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, talk in the Spirit, sing in the Spirit, and live in the Spirit. Then the Spirit of God can move and work through us. But if we let anything clog up the channel, the Spirit of the Lord cannot move and operate through us. If some preachers, whom God has called and at one time anointed, fail God and fail you, how much more certain to do so are filled with the Spirit. Such people know nothing about the things of God, about the way the Spirit of God moves and operates. God calls that Egypt. In the Bible, Egypt is a type of the world, a type of those who have never come out of bondage and captivity. He said, Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help. You must get your eyes on the LORD for your help. God bless the saints of God who have been liberated and set free from Pharaoh's whiplash! If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (John 8:36). When God brings you out from under Pharaoh, you don't have to go back to him because he has a lot of strong horses and a lot of strong chariots. They are not the Holy One of Israel! They are not the Lord! They are not Spirit! They are flesh! And woe to those who go back to the flesh for help. God said they are going to fall, they are going to fail. And if you look to them for help, you are going to fall; you are going to fail right with them. Let us not forget what happened to Asa. He died because he trusted the physicians instead of trusting God in his affliction.(2Chron.16: 12) He went back to Egypt for help and

he fell. God says in Isaiah 31:3 when the Lord shall stretch out His hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they shall fail together. It is not that those horses and chariots might not have been able to help, but God said they are going to fall down too, and they shall all fail together. Why did Asa fail? Why did he die? Because he went back to the flesh and trusted the flesh instead of trusting God. He called on the flesh instead of trusting the Lord. God has chosen to be our healer. He has chosen to do the work Himself because God wants the honour, the praise, and the glory. And how can God receive honour out of a bottle of pills? Hundreds of people come to our meetings and testify to healings. But I have yet to hear one say, Friends, the LORD sure did heal me through this bottle of pills, and I give God all the honour and glory for this bottle of pills. Generally when pills, medicine, or drugs are employed in connection with a cure, God is left clear out of it. You don't say God did it, now do you? Who did it? Man, of course. There is a vast difference between receiving help from doctors and receiving help from God. Doctors give you a shot or an anaesthetic to knock you out so you don't feel the pain. They perform surgery with a sharp instrument, taking extra precaution that you do not bleed to death. Sometimes there are four or five doctors and nurses standing around you. They check your heart; your pulse and blood pressure closely so you don't die while you are cut open. After they have removed portions of your body, they sew you up. That is a physicians' method, and there is usually much suffering after they have finished. But what is Gods' method? Why, God operates on you without even making an incision. He doesn't give you an anaesthetic, doesn't even put you to bed. He does the work while you are standing on your feet and it doesn't even hurt. You shout while it is going on and you feel wonderful! It is always a success, and there is never a mistake. You don't have to mortgage your home or automobile in order to pay the bill. But when you depend on doctors, sometimes there are mistakes and failures. So God says woe to you that turn back to Egypt for help. The Lord is your help!

## **CHAPTER 7**

### **HOW DOES GOD HEAL ?**

Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zech. 4:6. God works not by physical might or by natural power but by His spirit. He does not use any vessel that is not filled with the Holy Ghost. be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord, (Isaiah.52: 11). When God uses man, it is not the man who does the work, but it is the power of the Holy Ghost operating through that man. I have often said that it is not my hand that heals or performs a miracle; it is the Spirit of God and the gift and power of God working through a man who is yielded to Him. The word of God declares: I am the LORD that healeth thee(Ex 15:26). He didn't say, Sloan is the man that healeth thee. He didn't say, Dr. Miles' Little Nerving Pills, working in cooperation with the LORD, healeth thee. Or, This little red pill with God's blessing on it will heal thee. God just said, I am the LORD that healeth thee. God works by His Spirit, and not because of something we do ourselves. Especially is this true when it comes to the gift of healing, and the gift of miracles, as well as the gift of wisdom, the gift of knowledge, and the gift of discernment. The gift of wisdom, made mention of in I Corinthians has nothing to do with wisdom that is acquired from books. Solomon had wisdom that came from God. It was heaven sent, God-given, supernatural, and anointed. If you don't think so, read the book of Proverbs. The gift of wisdom comes from God. After He gives you wisdom you may put it in a book and people may read it, but you are not going to exercise God-given wisdom as the gift of wisdom unless you get it straight from God yourself. The gift of miracles is not working in co-operation with men-made ideas or with what man can do. It needs no help from men. Nowadays men have made miracle suds, miracle oil, miracle roofing, miracle floors, miracle wallpaper. They can put a miracle in the washing machine, a miracle in the crankcase , and just about everywhere but in the church. But I want a miracle in my life! I want a miracle in my ministry! I want a miracle in the church! The gift of wisdom has nothing to do

with books. The gift of knowledge has nothing to do with school. The gift of tongues has nothing to do with mans' languages. The gift of discernment has nothing to do with psychology. The gift of healing has no connection whatsoever with medicine, drugs, surgery, or physicians. If the gift of healing had to work in co-operation with the medical profession, God would be performing healing through natural channels. But that gift has nothing to do with medicine, drugs, hypodermic needles, and pills. You can use all the Sloan's Liniment and all the pills you want to, but God is not healing through Sloan's Liniment. He is not healing through pills. He is not healing through drugs. If that were true, the gift of healing would be working through a means. Then God would have to have something out of a bottle with which to heal. If God could not heal without something out of a bottle, then what kind of God would He be? That would be against all the teaching of the Bible because God said that He works not by natural means, natural power, physical might or the knowledge of men-GOD WORKS BY HIS SPIRIT! The gift of healing needs no help from doctors for it is all-powerful to remove a cancer or a tumour. This is why God said, NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS. The devil would like for God's children to believe that they cannot fully depend upon God, that God is not altogether able to take care of their needs. He would like to establish the belief that God's children must work in co-operation with natural means.

I am not saying that sunshine cannot be instrumental in killing certain types of germs, but sunshine will not heal tuberculosis. If it would, every such sufferer could just lie in the sunshine and be healed. There are many areas where the climate is beneficial to certain ailments. A high, dry climate, for instance, helps those who suffer from asthma and arthritis. It isn't the climate that heals them. It is just easier to breathe in a high, dry climate. Arthritis is not so painful in such a climate as in a cold, damp one. However, I have not yet found, even though God can use sunshine and use nature, that God heals through such means. If you cut your arm, the flesh will close up. That is natural healing. But that is not what I call HEALING. I am talking about the gift of healing - God's healing power. If the gift of healing works in cooperation with the help of man, with the help of doctors, what is there for you to do when your doctor gives you up to die, that God has no more power, and that he knows nothing about this illness? If God's healing depends upon the help of medicine and drugs, or if the gift of healing and the gift of miracles depend on the cooperation of doctors, then there are times when God cannot do anymore, when God is helpless. Hundreds of people come into our meetings so sick that they can't even fill out their own prayer cards. They are the incurables, given up by the doctors. Almost every night there are quite a number of these people. If God heals through medicine and drugs, then God has had to give up these cases. If God is healing through medicine, then there are some that God can't do a thing with. Then God is helpless! Then God has had to admit defeat! But God does NOT heal through physicians, medicine, and drugs. God heals through His own children, using them as instruments for the Holy Spirit to operate through. Who are the children of God? Only those who are born again Christians. Until one experiences the new birth, he is a sinner and a child of the devil. Jesus declared this when He told the Jews, Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. (John8:44) Therefore, if God were to heal through the medical profession, He could not use any doctor who was not a born-again Christian, full of the Holy Ghost. But if God healed through physicians as a whole, He would be using a group of people, many of whom are sinners, God-haters, God-rejectors, and who are violently opposed to the teachings of the Word Of God and particularly to those regarding healing of the body. We experienced this kind of opposition in connection with a daily radio broadcast in an eastern city in which were located a great medical school and the officers of a certain national medical society. These physicians exerted all the power and influence of their great organisation in an effort to force our broadcast off the air, because we were preaching that God can take over where man leaves off, that God can take over when man has to give up, that God can heal those who have been given up to die. If that group of physicians is being used of God to heal the sick, if God is healing through them, why is it that they fight me and what I preach from the Word of God? If God does heal

through the medical [profession, with their medicine and drugs, why don't the doctors work in cooperation with the Bible and with preachers who are proclaiming the truth as set forth in God's Word? Furthermore, if God heals through medicine, why doesn't every bottle bear a label: This bottle of medicine is manufactured in the Name of Jesus and for the Glory of God? Why is it when a physician gives you a prescription, that he does not say, In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I write this prescription for the glory of God. Why do not all the doctors, when about to perform an operation, bow their heads and pray, Oh, Almighty God, we give you all the glory, and in the Name of Jesus and for the glory of God, I am going to make this incision. You will never see that because it would be contrary to all the teachings of the Bible. God declares that He works not by natural means nor by the knowledge of men, but by the operation of his Spirit. In Joel 2:28-32, we read:

I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old man shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And upon the handmaids in those days I will pour out my spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call. On the authority of God's word, I declare that God uses only His own Holy Ghost filled people to finish His work-to save the lost, heal the sick, cast out devils, and prepare people for the kingdom. Since that is your work, since that is my work, I say that God is NOT doing our work through somebody else. I say that He does NOT heal; through physicians, medicine, and drugs. The Word of God declares, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit; saith the Lord of hosts. (Zech.4: 6)

God's Word should never be doubted because God cannot lie. Whatever God has spoken, He is able to make good, and the Word declares that HE SHALL make it good? Num.23: 19. God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent; hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Num.23: 19. This all-powerful, unchanging God has promised to heal ALL our diseases. This is not hope-so, or think-so, or maybe so. It is definite promise. It is the plain emphatic Word of God. If God has promised to forgive sins. He has promised to heal, and GOD CANNOT LIE. Can God break a covenant, or alter the thing that has gone out of His lips? NO! My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Psalms 89:34. UNDER THE OLD COVENANT, GOD PROMISED HIS PEOPLE: HEALTH: Then they shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily. Isaiah 58:8. If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon Egypt: for I am the Lord that healeth thee. Exodus 15:26. Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. Psalms 91:10. HEALING Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgives all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. Psalms 103:2,3 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them ALL. Psalms 34:19. If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2Chron.7:14. For I am the Lord that healeth thee. Exodus.15:26. The Old Testament is filled with accounts of healings: Naaman, the leper (2Kings 5); Job and his friends (Job 42); the Shunamite's son (2 Kings 4). Nearly three million people comprised the Israelites at the time that they came out of Egypt. God had said to them, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee. Exodus 15:26. God was faithful to His covenant, for we read, There was not one feeble person among their tribes. Psalm 105:37. Nevertheless, when some among them failed to keep their part of the covenant, they learned to their sorrow that God was not blind, and that He meant what He said! \*\*\*\*\* A. A. Allen