

**Editorial—****Do You Have an Outstanding Answer to Prayer?**

Are there those of our readers who have had some outstanding experience of answer to prayer? Has some great miracle of healing taken place that has been an especial witness of Divine power in your community? Have you witnessed some supernatural manifestation of the power of God in other ways than healing? If you have, and you think that the publishing of it would be for the glory of God, then send us this testimony with photographs if available, and corroborating witness by pastor or physician (in the case of a healing), if such is available. If such is published in *THE VOICE OF HEALING*, we will send the correspondent a free copy of Rev. F. F. Bosworth's book, "Christ The Healer." However, manuscripts not used cannot be returned.

**A "Thank You" To Those Who Have Helped**

From time to time we have mentioned the demand for copies of *THE VOICE OF HEALING* for free distribution. We have done our best, but the demand far outdistances our resources to supply. We greatly appreciate those who have been kind enough to send donations for this purpose. One person alone sent \$40, which meant that perhaps 1500 people were given the message of the gospel of healing and salvation. Please keep up this good work. The requests are many, and the field is unlimited, if funds were available.

**The Voice of Healing Will Be Read By All**

Most religious publications are read by people who are already Christian. *THE VOICE OF HEALING* is unique in this respect. People seeing the photographs of the large crowds, the testimonies of the great miracles of healing, are fascinated to the extent that they will sit down and read the magazine through.

While in Shreveport recently we met some of the personnel of the staff of the large newspaper which prints *THE VOICE OF HEALING*. One of the ladies, by way of compliment, complained that they could not keep copies of *THE VOICE OF HEALING* on their regular office files. People attracted by the unusual testimonies and features of the magazine, persisted in taking the copies from the files. This is an interesting testimony, coming as it does from a large metropolitan newspaper. We do believe that this magazine carries the message of the gospel in a way that gives it access to the eyes of the people who ordinarily never read a gospel publication.

**Renewals**

The time draws near when the subscriptions of many will soon expire. Many have already renewed. Why not sit down this moment and send us your renewal. In this way you will not miss a single issue. And

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON DIVINE HEALING**

(The purpose of this column is to give help to those who have special problems or questions concerning deliverance from sickness and affliction. If you have a question that is of sufficient general interest, the answer will be printed in this column. We cannot enter into discussions of controversial theological subjects, but we shall try to make this column a practical help to those in physical need. Address such questions to "Question and Answer Editor, The Voice of Healing, Box 4097, Shreveport, La." All letters must be signed, but writer's name will be withheld upon request.)

**QUESTION 8. WHY IS IT THAT SOME, IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK, DO NOT USE ANOINTING OIL?**

The command to anoint with oil was given by James in his instructions to the elders who were to pray for the sick. "Let them call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."—James 5:14-15.

We find also that the twelve apostles, at the beginning of their ministry, anointed with oil. "And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them."—Mark 6:13. It is generally agreed that the purpose of the oil is to symbolize the presence of the Spirit of God in the healing of the afflicted one. This, of course, must be true, for admittedly the oil alone has no power to heal.

Human beings living in a natural world, seem to grope for visible tokens to stimulate their faith, when believing for the unseen power of the spiritual world. Gideon requested that the Lord let dew fall alternately on the fleece and the ground as evidence of victory over the Midianites.—Judges 6:36-40. A sign of the shadow going back ten degrees on the sun-dial was given to Hezekiah as a token of his recovery.—II Kings 20:8-11. The presence of the anointing oil signifies to the sick person that the prayer of faith had been made, the the Spirit of the Lord is indeed present to heal, and the promise of deliverance will be fulfilled.

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**Our Visit With Rev. William Branham**

It was a great pleasure to be with Rev. William Branham in the Hot Springs, Arkansas, meeting for two nights. We had the privilege of speaking one afternoon, and at the close of the message, some fifty people responded to the altar call, which was a specific call for sinners and backsliders only. We were unable to stay the whole time of the meeting, but we witnessed some fine miracles while we were there, and we know that the brief cam-

However, where the Gifts of healing are manifest in great power, the anointing with oil is perhaps superfluous. When people witness the deaf hearing, the blind seeing, the dumb speaking, the symbols are hardly necessary. People are already convinced that the power of the Lord is present to heal. Thus, in the actual ministry of Christ, we do not find Him anointing with oil. The manifest power of His ministry was sufficient, and stronger than any symbolic evidence. Although Peter anointed with oil during the days of his early ministry, yet we find that after the day of Pentecost, he apparently dispensed with this. To the lame man he said, "Look on us . . . In the name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk."—Acts 3:4-6. Even those who lay in his shadow as he passed by were healed, although they were not prayed for, much less anointed with oil.—Acts 5:15.

Nevertheless some men who have had outstanding ministries of healing, have continued to anoint with oil as they prayed for the sick. There is no reason why they should not continue this preference. Indeed, in most cases it is perhaps desirable.

**QUESTION 9. SHOULD HANDKERCHIEFS OR CLOTHS THAT ARE PRAYED OVER AND WHICH ARE TO BE LAID UPON THE SICK ACCORDING TO ACTS 19:12 BE ANOINTED WITH OIL?**

There is no Scriptural evidence that handkerchiefs for the sick were anointed with oil. The sick person is not present at the time and does not get the benefit of the symbolic use of the oil. Paul took the handkerchiefs or cloths and placed them against his body, and the power of God was impregnated in them. In one sense we may truly speak of them as anointed handkerchiefs, although they be not anointed with oil. For they have become the repository of the power of the Spirit, just as we may speak of a minister receiving an anointing of the Holy Spirit to preach.—(I John 2:27; II Cor. 1:21.)

paign climaxed in a mighty manifestation of the power of God.

**Our New Book on Divine Healing**

Among the multitude of other duties we hope to have time to complete our book on Divine healing. It is to be a rather complete textbook on the subject, both from the standpoint of the ministry of the prayer of faith, and the Gifts of Healing. One great objective is to show people how to remove the cause of sickness, so that after they have been healed they may stay healed. Its great purpose is to bring the Christian into the fullness of the promise "And I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." (Exod. 23:25.)