

Questions and Answers

QUESTION:

I have been reading your book "Bible Days Are Here Again" and will say that I am unable to find anything in the Bible to substantiate your theory of being able to pray for the sick and that they will be miraculously healed. I would like to say here, that unless the Word of God needs reconfirming, there is no need or occasion for miracles today. We read about miracles but don't see them, because they are not performed. If anyone uses Mark 16:17-18 as proof of power to heal, they should also be willing to drink deadly poison and to take up serpents. These signs did follow, I admit, but they are not done in the present time. I refer to 1 Cor. 13:8-10 which reads, "Charity faileth; but whether there be propheties, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

On November 1, 1950, I wrote you and have not heard from you, so am quoting the letter word for word and hope you will try to defend your position. If you fail to answer this time, I will know you realize that your position cannot be defended by the Word of God.

J. C.
Lewisville, Texas

(Editor's note: There is much more to this letter, but we do not have space to print all of it.)

ANSWER:

The tone of this letter shows the reader at the beginning what spirit it is of. We would ignore the letter, were it not that something should be publicly said concerning those who seek to subvert the faith of the suffering who cling in trust to the Words of Christ. Jesus said among His very last words, "These signs shall follow them that believe . . . they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mark 16:16-17. This man denies this and asserts that if believers lay hands on the sick they shall not recover.

Since perfect candor seems to be this person's motto, we shall state that any man that charges the Saviour with an untruth has not the Spirit of God. The man further declares that if we believe Mark 16:16-17, then we ought to drink deadly poisons. Any one can plainly see that the sentence is prefixed with an "if" . . . "if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." The fact that Jesus put an "if" there, makes it as plain as words can make it, that it was a promise to believers, that should they by accident drink a poison, or through persecution they should be forced to swallow some deadly thing, they would be protected from all ill effects. "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God," said Jesus. Christ never taught any one to put on a show, or to tempt the Lord.

The same is true in the matter of taking up serpents. There is no example in the Bible of a believer deliberately taking up poisonous serpents. But there is an instance in which, unknown to Paul, a viper fastened itself around his hand. Now, the apostle did not wave it around in the air, to demonstrate that he could handle snakes. He shook it off into the fire and felt no harm (Acts 28:1-6). Scripture explains Scripture and these words of Jesus spoken as part of the Great Commission, are not to be lightly regarded. We solemnly declare that they are true, despite the contradiction of men.

This man also proposes that the Word of God needs no confirmation today. Such statements of unbelief, as appear in this letter, certainly indicate that the Word needs confirmation, even as it did in the days of the early church, when the Pharisees challenged the miracles. The letter furthermore declares that no miracles take place today. Such a statement is a shameless indictment of the veracity of thousands of people. Does he think that a man that has been blind and had his eyes opened imagines he sees? Or a deaf mute that has had his ears opened, imagines he hears? Demonstrations of

these healings have been made literally thousands of times in the great healing campaigns. We have seen those who attempted to deny the fact of miracles put to shame before multitudes of people. The VOICE OF HEALING each month gives documentary evidence of miracles of the most outstanding nature, but none of this is proof to a man with this attitude toward God's word. The Pharisees of Jesus' day, believed in the miracles of Moses, but refused to believe the miracles of Christ. They even rejected the testimony of a man, born blind, who had been healed. John 9:19. Only when overwhelming evidence was presented did they reluctantly admit the miracle, and then intimated that it was the work of the devil. Why? Why weren't the Pharisees pleased with so great a miracle taking place in their midst? The answer is obvious. They had claimed that no miracles were taking place, and now they were exposed to the people as liars. This correspondent tells us that signs followed believers for a time and then ceased, and that God does not intend for any more to take place. The scripture that he gives in attempting to sustain this position is I Cor. 13:8-10, where it declares that when that which is perfect is come, propheties would fail, tongues should cease, and knowledge should vanish away. Does it not appear that "knowledge has vanished away" on the part of this person. Any one who is so foolish to assert that the Perfect Age has come and there is now no need of healing, is to be in a state of aggravated blindness. Verse 12 of the context declares, "For now we see through a glass darkly; but now we know in part; but then I shall know even as also I am known." Any one can see that the whole reference is to another age than this. We indignantly condemn any such attempt to deny the sick and suffering God's loving bounty for them.

Actually, Christ in His last words, not only told His followers to minister to the sick, but He also commanded them saying, "Teaching them to observe ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU: and Lo I am with you even unto the end of the world." (age R.V.) We have the choice of believing in the "ALL THINGS" of Christ, or in the unbelief of those enemies of the Saviour who would make light of what He said. The devil's first lie was "Yea, hath God said?"

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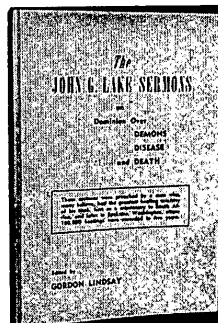


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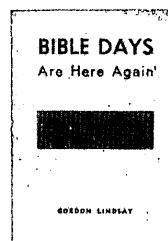
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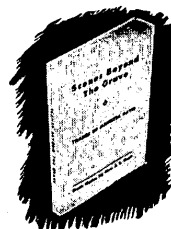
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though that correspondent ignores all this and infers (elsewhere in his letter) that the message of Divine Healing should be dropped and attention given to saving souls. Such an attitude generally owes its origin to a lack of compassion for the sick. Let the broken in body suffer, as long as it is the other fellow. We venture to predict that those who have no sympathy for the sick may find that, in time, suffering will come to them, and then perhaps they will be inclined to have more compassion.

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By W. E. Bryant

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