

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."—Hebrews 13:8

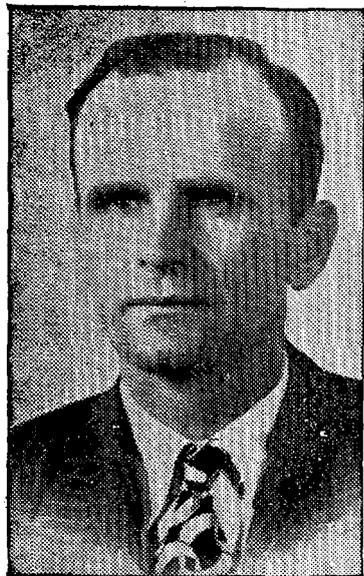
# THE VOICE OF HEALING

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## Inter-Evangelical Policy of the Branham Campaigns

After much prayer, Brother Branham has decided to form a committee which should direct the policy of the Branham healing campaigns and the publication of *The Voice of Healing*. This will supersede all previous arrangements. This committee, besides Rev. Branham, includes Rev. Jack Moore and Rev. Gordon Lindsay. All correspondence concerning campaigns should be directed to Branham Healing Campaigns, Box 4097, Shreveport, Louisiana.

This paper, *The Voice of Healing*, is to be specially dedicated to the great truth of Divine Healing, but not to the exclusion of the other great evangelical truths of the Scriptures. The ministry of healing was Christ's chosen method of reaching the multitudes. And today, the efficiency of the method has not waned, but indeed outreaches every other means of turning people to Christ.

As God has spoken directly to Brother Branham, making known to him that his ministry was intended for all, this paper, as well as all the Branham healing campaigns, are to be conducted on an inter-evangelical basis. This will be explained more fully elsewhere in this paper.

## EIGHTEEN DAYS OF BRANHAM MEETINGS IN THE NORTHWEST YIELD GREAT RESULTS

### HOW THE GIFT CAME TO ME

By William Branham

Concerning the coming of this gift of healing, I can only relate to you the experience as it came to me. It is my sincere and honest belief that gifts are foreordained of God. Many do not believe in foreordination, but it is proven by the scriptures that many events of the Bible have been divinely foreordained. For instance, the birth of Christ was foreordained from the Garden of Eden. And about 712 years before the coming of John the Baptist, Isaiah saw and spoke of him as the voice of one crying in the wilderness. The prophet Jeremiah said that before he was formed in his mother's womb; God knew him and ordained him a prophet over the nations. I believe that foreordination is responsible for the gift for this reason also: I have had no religious background. My parents were of different religions, and because of that, I never went to church.

The first time that I had any idea of what the future held, I was about the age of seven, having just entered school in a rural section a few miles north of Jeffersonville, Indiana, where my father was a private chauffeur for a wealthy family. I have always loved to fish and hunt... even my conversion did not take that out of me... and that late September afternoon some of the boys had gone down to the well-stocked fish pond to fish, while I was having to carry water for my father. I regret to tell you what the water was to be used for. My father drank very heavily, and at this particular time he was making whiskey, so I had to pack water to the stills, which would be running that night. Coming down the lane, I set my little syrup buckets down and dropped down under a tree to rest for a few moments, crying because I couldn't go fishing with the rest of the boys. While sitting there by the tree, something took place which I can never forget. Seemingly, there was the sound of the blowing of the wind through leaves, but, looking up, I saw no leaves being shaken nor any sign of a wind. I sat still, startled and wondering where the noise was coming from, when I heard it again, so I picked up my buckets and started up the lane. This

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The great Northwest meetings will long be remembered by the many thousands of people that attended. The first of the series of three or four-day campaigns was held in Vancouver, B.C. Much of the success of this meeting came as the result of the fine work and preparation made by the local committee which included Rev. Walter McAlister, Rev. W. J. Ern Baxter, and Rev. Clarence Hall. The report of the meeting by Rev. Baxter has appeared in print elsewhere, but it so admirably describes the Vancouver campaign that we reproduce part of it here:

"Scenes of indescribable glory were witnessed during the all-too-brief, four-day, city-wide campaign with Rev. William Branham. As in other cities, so in Vancouver, the largest available auditoriums were inadequate to accommodate the teeming multitudes that waited on the ministry of our brother. Surrounding towns and villages seemed to literally empty into Vancouver, until the whole city was conscious of the spiritual impact of thousands of praying, believing people. Ministerial delegations from various cities attended with a view to securing the ministry of Brother Branham for similar meetings in their various fields of labor. Thousands were unable to gain access to the meetings, and this in spite of a transportation strike involving all street cars and buses."

"The Vancouver meetings were preceded by three mass prayer meetings, and three great preparation services on the day before the meetings commenced. Right from the beginning of negotiations for the coming of Brother Branham to Vancouver, a salutary spirit of unity and cooperation prevailed among the Vancouver ministers. This gracious spirit continued, and in fact increased throughout the meetings, and is yet very much a reality, finding expression in fellowship groups and meetings. We have noted this to be one of the outstanding features of Brother Branham's ministry in other cities, also. And how desperately it has been needed."

"Many testimonies of healing have continued to come to the attention of local pastors, and many marvelous works were wrought by the immediate action of the Holy Spirit at the time of prayer. To undertake any kind of a report on the healings experienced would be an impossible task,

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## BRANHAM MEETINGS IN THE NORTHWEST

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for should one speak of crossed eyes straightened, or of bed-ridden invalids raised, or of the deaf hearing, or of the dumb speaking? Or should one seek to recount the thrilling testimonies of those relieved of cancers, tumors and goitres? The task is too great, and when seemingly completed, it has only begun. Final records will only be read when we stand before the Giver of every good and perfect gift."

### Portland, Oregon Meeting

The next meeting began on Armistice Day in the city of Portland, and continued four days. Services were held in various buildings, but no auditorium was found that was able to take care of the crowds. For the last three nights the municipal auditorium was engaged, but on the final night even this spacious place was crowded out. Many miracles of healing took place during those four days. Hundreds of ministers attended, and, with few exceptions, all reported that they had received a mighty inspiration from the services.

It is impossible to recall the many things that transpired during this brief campaign, but there is one instance, because of the excitement that it caused at the time, we shall relate. This incident happened on the third day of the meeting in the municipal auditorium with perhaps between four and five thousand people in attendance. Brother Branham had been speaking some minutes on the subject of faith. He had just made the statement that "all things are possible to him that believeth." At this moment our attention was arrested by a man who was making rapid strides to the platform. As he drew near it was observed that there was a demoniac grin upon his face, and he had all the appearance of an insane man. As was later learned, the man was not insane, but he was possessed with a demon which he worshipped. Later information revealed that he had attacked other ministers in town and broken up several meetings. In a moment he was on the platform, ready to challenge the evangelist to a physical encounter, at the same time cursing him in a fearful way. One was reminded of the encounter of old Goliath challenging little David. Hissing and cursing Brother Branham, the man drew back his arms ready to crush the speaker. The great congregation looked upon the scene with wonder and amazement hardly knowing what to expect next. Ministers looked at the developments with considerable dismay, knowing that the intruder, as far as his physical strength was concerned, was easily capable of carrying out his threats. Some were for the immediate call of policemen standing in the wings of the auditorium, fearing that this demon-possessed man not only might cause injury to Brother Branham, but might break up the meeting and bring reproach upon the cause of Christ. One

minister came forward to interfere but he was waved back by Brother Branham. Policemen came forward but they, too, were told to wait.

At this moment, the man, in a passion of hatred, cursing and hissing, drew back his arms to crush the little frail man who stood against him. Something, however, held his arms and he could not strike. Softly, but determinedly, the evangelist began to rebuke the demon, whose strength was augmented and sustained by all the powers of evil in the vicinity. The intruder made fearful exertions to overcome the power that was beginning to subdue him, but soon the congregation was to literally see that the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST is greater than all. The evangelist spoke again and said, "Satan, you shall bow before the Name of Jesus and this great company of people!" Suddenly the man who a few moments before had challenged the man of God with such boastful and blasphemous impudence, gave out a fearful groan and slumped to the floor, sobbing hysterically. There he lay writhing in the dust for some little time. Eventually he arose and left the building as hastily as possible. His deliverance was probably not permanent, for it was apparent that he worshipped the demon, and soon it would be back on him again.

Needless to say, the great congregation, awed by what had taken place, worshipped God and the praises of the Lord filled the place. In the healing service which followed a great wave of glory was manifest. The policeman, awed by what had transpired, requested an audience with Brother Branham, which was granted.

### Meeting at Salem, Oregon.

From Portland the Branham party went to Salem, Oregon, the capital of the state. Plane service which commuted the speaker back and forth from Phoenix, Arizona was held up, and Brother Branham was unable to arrive in time for the first service, so the meeting that was held in the Salem armory lasted but three days. Certainly it was a time of visitation and blessing. Rev. Walter Fredrick, chairman of the local committee which included a good number of the Salem ministers, wrote concerning the meeting:

"From Salem, Oregon, we too wish to sound out a note of praise to God for the mighty visitation from God during the Branham meetings. People came from many states and Canada. It was necessary to install loud speakers in three of the basement rooms of the city armory, and even then the people were turned away. Never in the city's history has such a crowd thronged a place for religious meetings. Salem was stirred and made God-conscious. Many were the miracles of healing, and one is still hear-

ing testimonies of deliverance. Each one of the six cooperating churches received a definite spiritual uplift, as did other churches also who did not fully back the meetings."

### Ashland, Oregon

The next scheduled meeting was at Ashland, Oregon. We might mention that while Brother Branham was meeting these Northwest engagements, he was also preaching in Phoenix, Arizona on Sundays. This necessitated his commuting back and forth by plane. Then an unfortunate thing happened. The big planes which made the long lap of the journey from Portland to Los Angeles in less than four hours were grounded by government order. The result was that for Brother Branham to make the long journey on the disrupted schedule, he had to travel at night, which resulted in his losing several nights' sleep. Thus it came to pass that while he was in Ashland he practically suffered a physical collapse.

Nevertheless, the Ashland meeting was one of great blessing. Ashland is a comparatively small town of seven or eight thousand, and isolated from the main centers of population. Notwithstanding, the local armory, seating perhaps 1200, was filled almost to capacity the first night, and before the meeting was over there was not room for those who sought to attend. People came from great distances, although a thick fog, unusual for that time of the year, made traveling very difficult. Many were healed and reports came in daily after the meeting of healings that had taken place.

### Boise, Idaho

From beautiful Ashland which lays at the foot of the Siskiyou, the Branham party traveled by car through Southern Oregon over to Boise, Idaho. Information came to us after we arrived that school authorities had held up the main high school auditorium, saying that the small auditorium would be sufficient to hold the crowds that would ever assemble for religious services. One night convinced them, however, and the larger auditorium seating some 2400 was filled to capacity the next two nights.

A rather dramatic incident took place on the first evening of the campaign. After Brother Branham had delivered the message on how the gift had come to him, he was about to come down from the platform to commence prayer for the sick. However, for a moment or two he failed to appear. So Brother Baxter went up in the wings to find out the cause of the delay. Soon he returned, and, taking the microphone, he began to tell the audience that already a drama was unfolding on the platform. What had happened was this: A lady lying on a cot, in a very serious condition, had been placed on the platform over near the side wings. As Brother Branham was about to come down, he saw this woman's condition,

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# WHY ALL ARE NOT HEALED

By REV. F. F. BOSWORTH

## PART ONE

Since it is so clearly revealed everywhere throughout the Scriptures that our Heavenly Father wills our healing, why do some in our day who seek healing, fail to receive it? This is the question in the minds of many honest inquirers. There are many answers to this question, which we will briefly mention since by these answers, many who had failed to receive healing, have been enabled to locate themselves, after which they have been gloriously healed.

First: Ignorance of this—physical healing—part of the Gospel. Faith cometh by hearing . . . the word of God. Many in our day seek healing before they have heard or read enough of the Word of God to produce real faith. The early church was united and unanimous on the subject of healing and praying for the sick; They lifted up their voice to God with one accord, in prayer for signs and wonders of healing; and it was not the faith of the evangelist but of the whole company of believers that brought healing to "everyone in the streets of Jerusalem" after Christ's ascension (Acts 5: 14-16). A large part of the present church, through ignorance and tradition, are opposed to healing for which the early church unitedly prevailed in prayer; the present church as a whole has not accepted our Lord's attitude towards sickness as fully revealed in the Gospels. In this day opposition often takes the place of united prayer; unbelief takes the place of united faith; lukewarmness the place of being spirit-filled, as all were, in the early church. So I will ask the question, May not the blame for the failure of some to be healed be largely due to the unbelieving part of the church herself since we are members one of another? I believe you will say yes. Suppose it was generally believed now that the day of regeneration was past. How this would hinder the success of the ministry in that part of the Gospel! On the other hand, suppose that from infancy we had all been taught the healing part of the Gospel as definitely as any other part, I believe very few would have any difficulty in evidencing faith for healing.

Second: Community unbelief. Although Jesus worked miracles and healed all that were sick in other places, when He came to Nazareth where He was brought up, we read, He could do no miracle there . . . because of their unbelief. Think of it! Christ Himself, under the full anointing of the Holy Ghost, was hindered by community unbelief. Since this is true, is it strange that some in any city, should fail to receive healing? God would not allow the gift of miracles to operate in Christ where, by their unbelief, they were making Him a liar.

Did the fact that Christ could do no miracle there prove anything but the un-

belief of the people? By withholding the Gospel of healing, and preaching in its place the traditions of men, many of our present day teachers have turned almost the whole world into a Nazareth of unbelief so that we have to labor in Nazareth nearly all the time. If it is right to account for the failure of some to receive healing by calling into question Christ's willingness to heal, then why not call into question His willingness to save all men to justify the unsanctified condition around us? Considering the fact that in the minor or healing part of our ministry we are compelled to labor in the face of almost universal unbelief, and that those who preach only the soul salvation part of the Gospel are laboring in the midst of almost universal faith in the matter of salvation, I think that God is giving proofs of Divine Healing as bright and convincing as the proofs of regeneration, and that, with not nearly so much teaching to produce faith. When I consider the lack of teaching, the opposition, the unscriptural condition and the general attitude of the present-day church toward this part of the Gospel, instead of wondering why some are not healed, I marvel at the success that God is giving to those who pray for the sick. I think you will agree with me when I say that the proofs of Divine Healing among those now attending the meetings who say they have been healed, are as bright and convincing as the proofs of regeneration are among the same number in any church who profess to be regenerated. Are not the hundreds who now testify that they have been healed in as good health physically as a like number of professing Christians in any church are spiritually?

Would not the *physical* health of those who have been healed compare favorably with the *spiritual* health of even the average minister of today, and yet the latter has heard a hundred times more on the subject of salvation to produce faith than the sick have heard to produce faith for healing. I think that the average professing Christian of today is a poorer proof of the doctrine of regeneration and consecration than those who testify to being healed are of the doctrine of healing. Many who have been deaf and dumb mutes from birth, whom Christ has healed perfectly in our revivals, can now hear better physically than the average church member can hear spiritually and that, without nearly so much teaching to produce faith. I have seen many who could not walk a step from birth, who since being prayed for are walking better physically than the average church member is walking spiritually. Many who have had totally blind eyes can now see better physically than the average church member can spiritually.

Are all who have been baptized washed from all their sins? No, but those who have faith are; and what water is in the ordinance

of Christian baptism, oil is in the ordinance of anointing the sick for healing. You say, "So-and-so was anointed and was not healed." I answer, "So-and-so was baptized and is not saved." Some say, "I know a man who was prayed for and was not healed" and I ask you, "Did you ever pray for a man who did not get saved? If so, yours was the bigger failure because it is a thousand times more important to be saved than to be healed." Would you reject the doctrine of consecration because some church member or even some minister is not consecrated? Let us be consistent. I, for one, will preach all the Gospel if I never see another man saved or healed as long as I live. I am determined to base my doctrines, not upon phenomena, but upon the immutable word of God.

Third: The healing part of the Gospel is hindered, and even made void by traditions of men. Jesus said to the Jewish teachers in His day, "Ye have made void the law by your traditions." In our day we have done worse and made void some of the Gospel by our traditions.

One tradition is that God is the author of disease and wills the sickness of some of His worshippers. It is a mystery to me how anyone can hold this view in the face of the Scriptures and the ministry of Christ during which, for three years He healed all that were oppressed of the devil, that came to Him. If sickness is the will of God for His worshippers then every physician is a law-breaker, every trained nurse is defying the Almighty and every hospital is a house of rebellion instead of a house of mercy. If God wants you sick it is a sin for you to even want to be well because we are to love the will of God.

Another tradition which is responsible for thousands dying a premature death after years of bodily agony, is the teaching that we can glorify God more by remaining sick and expecting patience. An honest but unenlightened minister will often kneel at the

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### Arranging the Branham Campaign Schedule

The preparation of the schedule of the Branham healing campaigns is, by no means, an easy task. Literally hundreds of invitations have come in during the past few months. It is Brother Branham's desire to minister to as great a number of people as possible. Naturally, the great metropolitan centers, with their transportation and auditorium facilities, afford the best opportunity to do this, although there has been and will be occasions when Brother Branham goes to smaller communities. In view of the fact that this healing ministry was given as a ministry to all peoples, it has been considered obligatory on the part of the Branham campaign committee to give preference to those cities where a large representative number of the ministers are willing to unite in the campaign. Special consideration will be given those communities where much prayer has gone up for the success of such a meeting.

### DOCTRINAL POLICY

It is the permanent policy of the Branham healing campaigns to avoid doctrinal controversies. There is, of course, a more or less unanimity among Spirit-filled people concerning the great evangelical truths of Salvation, Divine Healing, the Second Coming of Christ, and the Spirit-filled life. And these will be preached with full liberty in the Branham meetings. But doctrines that are peculiar to one denomination, or involve the mysteries of Divine Sovereignty, or which concern formulas of water Baptism, are to be avoided in the meeting, and not to be identified with it afterwards. All groups, of course, are free to preach their convictions in their own churches.

## BRANHAM PARTY NEWS

### MIAMI MEETINGS

Jack Moore

For the benefit of those interested, the following statement has been prepared by the Campaign Committee and signed by William Branham:

"Due to the wide reach and influence of the ministry of Rev. William Branham, drawing into the fellowship of his campaigns many ministers and people of various denominations, it has been found necessary to officially publish the doctrinal Policy followed by Rev. Branham and his party in all his campaigns.

Realizing the importance of Christian doctrine, and the rights of various groups in the matter of interpretation, Rev. Branham nevertheless feels, that in the large union meetings, all doctrinal issues, apart from the great Evangelical fundamentals, should not be raised or discussed in the campaign services. All cooperating ministers are kindly asked to studiously avoid the precipitation of argument and debate on points of denominational difference, for the campaigns are to be entirely interdenominational.

Rev. Branham also requests that, for the sake of God's work, he be identified with no doctrinal issues by cooperating pastors after the close of a union meeting."

(Signed) Rev. William Branham

### Conversations with Evangelist

#### F. F. Bosworth

Most interesting while we were in Miami, were our conversations with Evangelist F. F. Bosworth, one of the nation's greatest authorities on the ministry of Divine Healing. Multitudes of people will remember the great Bosworth healing meetings of the Twenties. Vast crowds filled the most spacious auditoriums of the nation to listen to the message of the Gospel of Healing as well as that of salvation. In one city, as many as 19,000 persons confessed Christ as their Saviour. Mighty miracles of healing took place, the fame of which were reported in newspapers of the time over the length and breadth of the land. These campaigns were held before many auditoriums had public address system facilities, and preaching to such vast audiences and praying for thousands of people severely taxed the energies of Brother Bosworth, so that at length he found it impossible to continue the conduct of these great campaigns. Nevertheless, at seventy, Brother Bosworth appears and preaches with the step and voice of a much younger man. On Sunday night in Miami, Brother Bosworth brought a message on "Faith," preceding Brother Branham's appearance at the tent. It was greatly appreciated by the congregation. A special article on Divine Healing by Brother Bosworth appears in this issue.

Two separate campaigns in Miami were held in January and February. The first time, the Branham party went as guests of the "Little David" campaign, the phenomenal boy-preacher of 13, who with his manager, Rev. Raymond Hoekstra and the Kenzie party, had been engaged in several weeks' meeting under the new, spacious Tent Cathedral, which they offered to accommodate the crowds which always follow the Branham campaigns. On the first trip, four nights of service were rendered in Miami, and six nights on the second. We were also invited to minister in Little David's meeting in the resort city of Orlando, where we spent three nights in the municipal auditorium. These Florida services were enjoyable, to say the least, but hardly comparable to the success and enormity of the regular Branham campaigns. Accompanying us on this tour were my wife, daughter, and Juanita Hemphill, who furnished the music and singing, besides Rev. D. L. Welch, who joined us at Pensacola.

One of the highlights of our stay there, besides the beauty of the place itself, was the privilege arranged for us by Brother Hoekstra for a personal visit with Avak, the young Christian Armenian, whose fame as manifesting the gift of Divine Healing in his native country first and later in America, had brought him the recognition of many nationally prominent newspapers and magazines. We found in this young man of 20 years, whose radiant countenance was framed by long, dark beard and hair flowing about the shoulders of his white robe, a spirit of godliness and humility impressively like that of our Brother Branham. The conversation with him, emanated through an interpreter, proved him to have been the humble, illiterate son of an indigent widow, who had at the age of 16 been visited by a supernatural being and endowed with the complete knowledge of the Bible and the gift of healing, similar to the experience related by Brother Branham. We were particularly impressed by his expression of belief that in these closing days of time, God is raising up these prophets in various parts of the earth, as a sign to the unbelieving world that the end of the Gentile age is at hand.

### LITTLE RANEE MARTZ

Staying in the same tourist home that we occupied at Miami, Florida, was little Raneé Martz and her parents. This is the little girl that has been publicized in several of the leading magazines and newspapers of this country, as well as abroad. Only seven years old, she has preached to capacity crowds in great auditoriums of America, England and Australia.

## Instructions for Those Who Live at a Distance from the Branham Meetings

At the beginning of Brother Branham's ministry, an attempt was made by him to answer all calls for prayer for the sick. But soon multitudes sought for his ministry. Tens of thousands of appeals for prayer have been received—by mail, by long distance phone, by wire. Manifestly it became physically impossible for our brother to minister in person to such a multitude. We therefore advise everyone that has a request for healing to give careful attention to the following instructions:

1. Announcements will be made in *The Voice of Healing* as to the time and place of the various campaigns. Prayer cards will be given out in the day services of these meetings only. These will entitle you to a place in the reserved section, but will not guarantee your healing—that depends on your faith and meeting the conditions required in the Scripture. (Secure and read the booklet "Divine Healing in the Branham Meetings." One will be given free if you do not have the few cents it costs).

2. Please do not write for prayer cards or for special personal advice. It is quite impossible to keep up with such a volume of correspondence. If you come from a distance, prepare to stay for several days. It is to your advantage to receive enough of the Word of God that your faith may grip the Divine promise. Remember that because of the great numbers to be prayed for, several days may elapse before your turn comes. It is hardly fair to take someone out of the line and give their place to another that has just come. Please do not ask special favors that are impossible to grant.

3. Those who, because of distance, illness or infirmity cannot attend the meetings, may receive an anointed ribbon by making written request to Rev. William Branham, Box 325, Jeffersonville, Indiana, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. (Acts 19:11-12.) It is impossible for Brother Branham to respond to invitations to visit hospitals, make trips to homes, or to answer telephone calls. It is not advantageous, even if he were physically able, to ask him to pray for you after the meeting or at his hotel room, as he prays most effectively when the special anointing of the service is upon him.

## Schedule of the Branham Healing Campaigns

(Month of March: Brother Branham will minister to the Mexicans, Spanish people, and Indians in the Southwest.)

Pensacola, Florida . . . . . March 30-April 4  
 Kansas City, Kansas . . . . . April 10-14  
 Sadalia, Missouri . . . . . April 16-18  
 Wichita, Kansas . . . . . Indefinite  
 Elgin, Illinois . . . . . April 28-May 3  
 Tacoma, Washington . . . . . May 12-16

## AN APPRAISAL OF THE BRANHAM CAMPAIGNS

By REV. GORDON LINDSAY

It has been my privilege at the time of this writing to have been in some nine of the Branham healing campaigns, having assisted in most of these. I am therefore in a position, in some degree, to analyze the results of these meetings. It is not an exaggeration to say that the manifestation of the power of God in signs and wonders exceeds anything that I, or others whom I have talked with, have previously witnessed. While some evangelists in past years have had great results in a ministry of healing, few, indeed, have attempted prayer for the sick the first night of their campaigns, and if so, with such visible results. Nor has the gift of detection of diseases and of evil spirits been previously manifested in any such a manner so far as I am aware. And what rare drama is it to see the eyes of a cross-eyed child instantly straightened, or to watch the expression on the face of a parent whose deaf and dumb child is lisping words for the first time.

Great as the blessing of God has been upon these meetings, it would be unfair to assume that all or nearly all are healed who go through the prayer line. Because some of the healings are so spectacular, it is somewhat difficult to impress upon the people that there is a needful preparation of faith on their part in receiving healing. Indeed, it is much the same as in the days of Christ, when He said, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." The Lord did not heal people indiscriminately, but usually took time with each one to give them special instructions. With one, there was a gentle rebuke because of his unbelief. Another, he led out of town before He healed him of blindness. To another the Lord spoke of his sin, warning him that from then on he must live a holy life, if he were to retain his deliverance.

We shall be frank in saying that it is true that some who are healed apparently lose their healing. Some people depend almost entirely upon Brother Branham's faith, and when the first temptation comes of returning symptoms, they give way. Jesus warned that demons, when they are cast out, usually sooner or later make an attempt to reenter the body from whence they were ejected. If the individual was so foolish as to continue a careless, worldly life, not inviting the Spirit of God to take the place of the ejected evil spirit, it was quite possible that the demon, reinforced by several of its fellows, would succeed in the attempt. Nevertheless, observation indicates that the number who retain their healing compares favorably and probably exceeds the proportion of those who make professions of conversion during Gospel campaigns, and who ultimately continue faithful in the Christian way. It is also apparent that pastors who have a strong faith for divine healing and teach their

people these truths, reap far greater results from the Branham meetings than those who exercise a weak, vacillating faith. On the other hand, it is also true that people with a very simple faith, such as the Mexicans, Spanish people, and Indians, when they have witnessed a miracle or two, have come forward and been healed in great numbers.

The spirit of humility is a most marked characteristic of the evangelist. Poverty in his childhood prevented him from having anything but the most meager education. There is no pretense on his part of possessing anything more than the most modest of human abilities. In the sweet humility of the man, mistakes of grammar, and scientific inaccuracies are readily overlooked. Here is a man that has been like Moses of old, "face to face with God"; a man who has drunk deeply of earth's sorrows and thus has learned to have a deep compassion for the sick and afflicted.

Ministers attending the Branham meetings, in some cases at first hostile, witnessing the simplicity, the humility and power of Brother Branham's ministry, often come to the realization during the service that they are receiving a spiritual quickening that they have never felt before. Testimonies have come to us that such have returned to their own congregations with inspiration and renewed consecration, to work for the Master as never before. A few . . . very few, because of their own lack of faith and spiritual discernment, perhaps caused by a conformity with the world, have let doubts creep in and have thus deprived themselves of blessing and have hindered their own congregations from receiving. The light which illumined the Israelites in their crossing of the Red Sea was darkness to the Egyptians who followed behind.

A few ministers, men who no doubt love the Lord, have been obsessed with such sectarian zeal that they can think only of the Branham campaigns as a means of serving their own group, and would insist on identifying Brother Branham's ministry with some particular doctrine. When Brother Branham has asked them to kindly refrain from so doing, they have felt that he was compromising the faith. Alas, that our spiritual discernment is so gross that we cannot discern between the great fundamental truths that unite us in the Body of Christ, and those in which the most godly of men differ. Notwithstanding, many ministers of the gospel are rejoicing that the ministry of Brother Branham is serving as a common denominator of those who, though members of different groups, yet are members of the same body. Let each church preach its own convictions, but let us not proselyte one another when the great multitudes are perishing without Christ on our doorstep. Who knows

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# STATEMENT OF POLICY

From REV. JACK MOORE

The Lord has been gracious to us as we have traveled many thousands of miles with the Branham campaigns in the last several months. One of the treasured memories is the sweet fellowship we have had with our brethren of like precious faith.

Now the ministry of Brother Branham is reaching greater proportions, even perhaps to becoming world-wide, and touching the religious life of a community or a city in an amazing manner. Even large cities become healing-conscious even though these revivals are conducted only for a period of a few days, generally not more than six or eight days.

In most places we have been there has been a flowing together of God's people that we had long hoped for. But in some cases there has been a competitive spirit among the different groups that made the matter of placing new converts somewhat difficult, so like Paul's seamen of old, "we cast anchor and wished for the day," and the Lord seemed to lead us thus.

To work for and through all Full Gospel groups in every city into which we go, especially the cities in which the churches have gotten together, is our aim. These campaigns are short but very intense, that is, day and night services, with signs and wonders and generally hundreds of converts. These are encouraged to go to one of the cooperating churches of their choice when the meeting is over. There the different pastors can teach and baptize according to their convictions. In this way *all* will gain, for this is mass evangelism. Now we realize that some will say this is *compromise*... but let us consider... No one is asked to violate his convictions... Is that unreasonable?

We admit this is a very imperfect age... (only when the Lord appears in Zion will the watchmen see eye to eye.) We admit also that this is a dying world, and time is very precious. Also our natural means is small. The harvest is great... but perhaps worst of all, His flock is scattered. Never before in all the long centuries of human history have men faced what we face; we have come to a world-wide supreme crisis. His people of old refused when He would have gathered them together... Will we also? The church of Brotherly Love had this promise—that they would be kept from the hour of temptation that will try the whole world. Do you belong to that invisible body? This church was also given the Morning Star promise (Rapture)... That is the hope of the church... her escape; but will she make herself ready? The truth is, His body (the Church) is marred above that of any. Only a revival of brotherly love can heal the wounds, and if we fail

to have it, judgment is God's only alternative. Which do we want? Do we think our denomination can save us? Be not deceived... Organization is necessary for the sake of the work; but history proves that all denominations have drifted towards apostasy, and as yet not one has ever been rescued. Also the history of the past shows God never gave such a revival to a certain group, but in almost all cases sent it outside of organized church. We may not please everyone... But if we can help to break down that system of self-righteousness that many are in and don't seem to know anything of the consequences, then we will have pleased Christ.

## AN APPRAISAL OF THE BRANHAM MEETINGS

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but that this great move is prophetic—not toward the merging of denominations, but toward the creation of a spirit of good will and fellowship as the world has a right to expect from those who are members of the body of Christ.

There is another problem confronted in the Branham meetings which, because of its nature, is not easy of solution. People come for hundreds and even thousands of miles to be prayed for in these services. Those in charge of the conduct of the meetings are solicited continually by calls from those who wish immediate attention. If only a small fraction of these calls were heeded, Brother Branham would not have a moment's respite. It is well that everyone who attends the Branham meetings should carefully consider the fact that no one can properly minister to the tens of thousands of people who are in need of healing. If in the sweet humility of his ministry, if in the miracles that take place, if in the testimonies of the great number who are healed, a new faith and inspiration should be instilled in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, surely Brother Branham will have done his part. Finally, we must mention the fact that Brother Branham is not a man of unlimited strength. Praying and ministering to the thousands of people often wears him down to the point of absolute exhaustion. We trust then that all shall understand the reason that it becomes necessary to keep our brother in a quiet place where he can pray and wait on the Lord without interruption from the many who desire to converse with him.

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## WHY ALL ARE NOT HEALED

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bed side of one suffering with arthritis or cancer and pray, "Lord, since in thy loving providence thou hast seen fit to lay thy afflicting hand upon our dear sister, give her fortitude and patience to bear this affliction." This is done in place of obeying the plain command to anoint any sick in the church and to pray the prayer of faith for their healing, which John Wesley says was the only process of healing in the church until it was lost through unbelief. Now if it is true, as many are taught, that they can glorify God more by remaining sick than by being healed, then Jesus hesitated not to rob the Father of all the glory He possibly could by healing everyone that appealed to Him for help during His entire earthly ministry. And His successor, the Holy Spirit, who was sent down to augment what Christ had begun to do and to teach, hesitated not to rob God of all the glory He could by healing in the streets of Jerusalem (Acts 5:15, 16) and Paul did not hesitate to rob Him of all the glory he could by healing all the other sick on the Island of Melita.

Then the most common and threadbare tradition is the worn-out statement that the age of miracles is past. Of all traditions, this is the most foolish, illogical and unscriptural of any that I have ever known. The Holy Spirit, in whose age we now live, is God's only miracle Worker, the only Administrator of the Father's will; the One who healed all the sick multitudes who came to Christ for healing during the days of His flesh. All the miracles ever wrought until the Day of Pentecost were accomplished by the Spirit, the miracle Worker, before He had entered the world officially for His own dispensation. The age in which we live was intended by our heavenly Father, to be the most miraculous of all because it is the miracle Worker's, the Holy Spirit's age or dispensation. During this age the great promise is that God will pour out the Holy Spirit, the miracle Worker, upon all flesh; this is the only age when the Miracle Worker would incarnate Himself; this is the only age when the nine gifts of the Spirit, including the gifts of faith, healing and miracles, were to be distributed to every man severally as He will. Jesus promised that the works which He was doing and greater works would be continued and augmented by the Holy Spirit, the miracle Worker, after He entered office during Christ's exaltation, which is the Spirit's dispensation. How absurd and ridiculous for any Bible teacher to pick out this, the miracle Worker's age, as the only age when miracles are done away with. How absurd to teach that the Holy Spirit will work miracles in every age but His own, which is a better dispensation with better priest and better covenant, better promises and better everything.

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## HOW THE GIFT CAME TO ME

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time it came again, louder than before, and as I looked back to see what had happened, I noticed that about half-way up in the tree there seemed to be a whirlwind, out of which an audible voice spoke these words: "Don't ever smoke, drink, or defile your body in any way, for there will be a work for you to do when you get older." I was so frightened I didn't know what to do. Screaming and running to the house, I fell into the arms of my mother, who thought I had been bitten by a snake. I told her I was just scared, so she put me to bed and was going to call a doctor, thinking I was suffering from nervous shock. Now, friends, I am aware that many people would scoff at this story, but I cannot be responsible for what others say. . . . I am only responsible for my own experience. Needless to say, I never did go by that tree anymore. I would detour down the other side of the garden to avoid it, for I thought there was a man up in that tree. And I believe yet there was a man in the tree. It was the angel of God, and in later years, I met him face to face and talked with him.

A few weeks after that, I was playing marbles with my brother, when an odd feeling came over me. I sank down by a tree, and, as if in a trance, I saw a large span rise up and cross the river, and watched while a number of people fell off into the river and drowned. Coming to myself, I ran and told my mother, and again she concluded that I was just a nervous child. Twenty-two years from that time, the Municipal bridge was erected across the Ohio River, and that same number of workmen were drowned, falling off the bridge. You see, these things did not come about by prayer or desire, but were foreordained in the divine will of God.

The next event of this nature came about one day while I was going to the river with my dad and another man. They had offered me a drink of whiskey, and because I wanted to find favor with the man so he would let me use his boat, I started to take the drink. But as positively as I am speaking today, I heard that sound like the blowing of the leaves. Looking around, and seeing no leaves or sign of the wind, I put the bottle to my lips again, when I heard the same noise, only louder. Fear swept over me as before; I dropped the bottle and ran away, while my own dad called me a sissy. Oh, how that hurt! Later on, I was called a sissy by my youthful girl friend when I told her I didn't smoke. Angered by her mockery, I took the cigarette and was going to smoke it anyway, when I was arrested by that familiar sound, causing me to throw down the cigarette and leave the scene crying because I could not be like other young people, while the jeers of the crowd rang in my ears. These are only a few of the many similar things that happened all down through life. There was always that peculiar feeling, like someone standing near me, trying to say some-

thing to me, and especially when I was alone. No one seemed to understand me at all. The boys that I would have associated with would have nothing to do with me because I wouldn't smoke or drink, and all the girls went to dances, of which I couldn't partake either, so it seemed that all through life I was just a black sheep, knowing no one who understood me, and not even understanding myself. But I did not know at that time what the great future was holding as I know now.

The next important event that I remember came about when I was near the age of nineteen. I was strolling through the carnival grounds one night with some other boys, when a voice called out, "Say, you. Come here!" Looking back, I saw a young lady sitting under a tent, an astrologist. She motioned to me to come over to her, and, thinking she wanted me to do something for her, I obliged. She said, "Say, do you know that you were born under a sign, and there is a star following you? You were born with a gift." Of course, the boys got to teasing me about 'having a gift,' so I tried to pass it off with some remark to the lady, who told me that though I resented her telling me that, someday I would understand what she meant. I tried to push these things in the back of my mind, working at different jobs, never satisfied, moving from one place to another, having to suffer the death of my wife and baby, and many other sorrows which were almost more than the human heart could bear. I sought peace and satisfaction in everything imaginable, but seemingly there is a space of about ten inches over the fifth rib of the human body that just won't fill up until Christ comes in. And besides by own griefs, there was always that feeling of something hovering over me, adding to my misery. Finally, my love for nature brought me to a job as game warden for the state of Indiana, which carried me to different parts of the state.

(Lest any should misunderstand, let me emphasize that the practice of astrology is unscriptural, and certainly not for a Christian to play with. (Isaiah 47:13-14). But it is scriptural for even Satan to give witness to the gift of God).

Sometime after this I was converted and gave my life to Christ. (I have written a brief sketch of my life in a little book called "Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever.") After my conversion, which took place in a little shed behind our house, I took up affiliation with a phase of the Baptist church and became a local elder, being ordained by Dr. Roy Davis of Jeffersonville. After a successful tent revival there, they built for me a tabernacle, which is still located at 8th and 10th Streets, known as the Branham Tabernacle, and for a number of years I was rather successful as a minister, having baptized several thousand people and seeing many conversions for the glory of almighty God.

Even then I had success in praying for the sick, though yet not knowing what it was all about, and many times visions and mysterious things would come to me, which numbers of people around Jeffersonville can verify. One time in particular which I might mention: I was at a certain place on the Ohio River, baptizing a large number of converts, amid a great throng of people who gathered on the bank to see the service. It was a warm afternoon, and there while the skies were like brass, a great bright star came and hung over where I was standing. Many of you will remember reading that in the newspapers. It has appeared many times since. Sometime ago I was in a large city for three nights service, among many hundreds of people. The first one I prayed for was a small child, whose feet had been drawn up by polio, causing him to have to walk on his toes. As usual in our meetings, the audience was sitting with heads bowed in reverence as I had the boy in my arms and was praying for him, when it seemed that a bright light was turned on me. I wondered at the rudeness of the custodian in turning the spotlight on me, and as I opened my eyes in wonder, there before me stood the morning star! I dropped the little boy, or either he jumped from my arms. . . . I did not know what happened, for it seemed that every nerve in my body was paralyzed. As he hit the floor his feet became normal, and for the first time in his life he walked naturally off the platform. Many great things happened. Several hundred people gave their hearts to Christ that night. Many of you people that were there will read this. . . . God bless you. I am still trying to do all I can for Christ.

Now by way of explanation concerning a question which frequently comes up. Many ministers have asked me, "Brother Branham, what do you think about astrology? Do you do this by the power of astrology, and, if not, why do you give those astrologists public credit for having prophesied to this thing?" I can only say this: Tell me one place in the world where the power of astrology is healing the sick. Of all the star-gazers, fortune-tellers, mediums, etc. that the world has known, tell me where one has opened the eyes of the blind, made the deaf to hear or the dumb to speak. There is only one way. . . . through the Name of Jesus Christ and His shed blood at Calvary. But what is so strange to me, (in the days gone by as also today,) are facts like the following: When the Gift was lying in the manger, the priests were in the temple debating whether or not there was any resurrection of the dead, and at the same time a group of wise men came from afar and recognized the Gift of God to the earth. Surely, I say astrology is of the other power, but even the devil has to testify of God's gift. Let those wise men be whoever or whatever they were. . . . they *did* testify of God's gift and came to worship him before the priests in the temple did. Also when Paul and Silas were

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in Philippi, and the priests and ministers of the city were calling them impostors and ordering them to prison, a certain little fortune-teller cried out to the people that those men were sent of God to show them the way of salvation. Isn't it strange that this little slave-girl, possessed of an evil spirit, recognized the power of God in Paul and Silas, when the officials didn't even accept them. Wasn't it strange that, in another instance, when many were saying that Jesus was Beelzebub, that the devils in a man cried out and said they knew who He was . . . The devil confessing to His divinity, and the pharisees saying He was the devil. And so it is today, that many are debating about their doctrines and theories, and keeping the people away from healing meetings, while God's divine gift is working on thru the earth and many of them missing it. Oh, clergymen! I trust to God that you will wake up . . . Not because I was made a carrier of this gift; I have nothing to do with its coming. . . . God sent it. When the children of Israel were down in Egypt crying for a deliverer, God sent his angel to Moses. Moses had nothing to do with it. . . . it was God's angel that did the work, performed the miracles. Moses was just a mouthpiece for the angel of God; and that is all I am today. . . . Just a mouthpiece for the angel.

I must tell you of the angel and the coming of the Gift. I shall never forget the time, May 7, 1946—a very beautiful season of the year in Indiana, where I was still working as a game warden. I had come home for lunch, and was just going around the house taking off my gun, when a very dear friend of mine approached me and asked me to go to Madison with him that afternoon. I told him it was impossible as I had to patrol, and while walking around the house under a maple tree, it seemed that the whole top of the tree let loose. It seemed that something came down through that tree like a great rushing wind. . . . I staggered. . . . They ran to me. . . . My wife came from the house, frightened, and asked me what was wrong. Trying to get hold of myself, I sat down and told her that after all these twenty odd years of being haunted by this strange feeling, the time had come when I had to find out what it was all about, or I would never return home anymore. The crisis had come. I told her and my child good-bye, and warned her that if I did not return in a few days, never to look for me. And here, dear reader, is the part of this mysterious experience which has to do with your healing, so read prayerfully and carefully. That afternoon I went away to a secret place to pray and read my Bible. I became deep in prayer; it seemed that my whole soul would tear from me. I cried before God. . . . I laid my face to the ground. . . . I looked up to God and cried, "If you will forgive me for the way that I have done, I'll try to do better. . . . I'm sorry that I've been so neglect-

ful all these years in doing the work you wanted me to do. . . . Will you speak to me somehow, God? If you don't help me, I can't go on." Then along in the night, at about the eleventh hour, I had quit praying and was sitting up when I noticed a light flickering in the room. Thinking someone was coming with a flashlight, I looked out of the window, but there was no one, and when I looked back, the light was spreading out on the floor, becoming wider. Now I know this seems very strange to you, as it did to me also. As the light was spreading, of course I became excited and started from the chair, but as I looked up, there hung that great star. However, it did not have five points like a star, but looked more like a ball of fire or light, shining down upon the floor. Just then I heard someone walking across the floor, which startled me again, as I knew of no one who would be coming there besides myself. Now, coming through the light, I saw the feet of a man coming toward me, as naturally as you would walk to me. He appeared to be a man who, in human weight, would weigh about two hundred pounds, clothed in a white robe, had a smooth face, no beard, but with dark hair down to his shoulders, rather dark-complected, with a very pleasant countenance, and, coming closer, his eyes caught with mine, and seeing how fearful I was, he began to speak. "Fear not! I am sent from the presence of Almighty God to tell you that your peculiar life and your misunderstood ways have been to indicate that God has sent you to take a gift of divine healing to the peoples of the world. *IF YOU WILL BE SINCERE, AND CAN GET THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE YOU, NOTHING SHALL STAND BEFORE YOUR PRAYER, NOT EVEN CANCER.*" Words cannot express how I felt. He told me many things which I do not have space to record here. He told me how I would be able to detect diseases by vibrations on my hand. He went away, but I have seen him a number of times since then. He has appeared to me, perhaps once or twice within the space of six months, and has spoken with me. A few times he has appeared visibly in the presence of others. I do not know who he is, I only know that he is the messenger of God to me.

Needless to say, I started praying for the sick people. I do not claim to take the place of a doctor. . . . I think that God put doctors here to assist nature, but they are only men. . . . God is almighty. The great things which have taken place during these twenty-one months are too innumerable to ever be recorded, but God has confirmed the angel's words time after time. Deaf, dumb, blind, all manners of diseases have been healed, and thousands of testimonies are on record to date. I do not have any power of my own to do this. . . . I am a helpless human until I feel His presence. Many people who have attended these meetings know that their diseases and sins have been told them right from the platform. Dear reader, please do not misunderstand my poor, illiterate way

of trying to convey all this to you. I say it that you might have a clearer understanding of how to take advantage of God's gift. He told me to be sincere and get the people to believe, and that is what I am trying to do. Remember, we never question God's ability; we know that He can do all things, but the problem is getting one human to believe another. God always has something or someone to work through, and I am only an instrument used by Him. No mortal can take credit for performing a miracle, and I am just a mortal. I do not know how much longer God will permit me to do this, but by His grace, I intend to serve Him the best that I know how by serving His people as long as He allows me to live.

In conclusion, to you who are seeking healing in these meetings. Let me leave these two rules which you must follow, in order to receive that which you expect from God.

1. You must believe this record which I have told you, and that this Gift of Healing, given by the Lord Jesus Christ, is a means that God has provided for your healing.

2. Promise to live for God with all your heart the rest of your life.

## BOISE MEETING

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and was instantly checked in the Spirit to pray for her. The cot was pulled back and prayer was made. With Brother Baxter's announcement through the microphone, a curious thing took place; an empty bed rolled into view from behind the curtains with the sick woman pushing it with one hand, and with the other hand in the air, she was praising God. The spirit of praise then swept through the congregation, and thus from the very beginning the glory of God was manifest in those three great days of service.

The school auditorium was not available in the day time, so it was necessary to use other halls for the day services. But none were nearly large enough, so meetings were scheduled in two different places at the same time. Brother Baxter preached at most of the afternoon services, and his messages were quite a feature in the meetings. Many people were saved in the day services. In one morning service, when Rev. Thomas Welch of Portland, Oregon preached, some 40 came to the altar weeping their way to God. The testimonies of those who had been healed of cancer, deafness, and many other diseases caused all to rejoice and to thank God for the revelation of his power; and many ministers were to return to their churches refreshed and inspired by what they had seen. The splendid cooperation of the ministers of the various Boise churches was greatly appreciated by Brother Branham and the members of his party.

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."—Hebrews 13:8

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## Rev. and Mrs. F. F. Bosworth Work With Branham Party

It is with great pleasure that we are able to report that Rev. and Mrs. F. F. Bosworth have been working with us in the services beginning with the Pensacola meeting. Years ago as a boy the editor remembers that news of the great Bosworth healing campaigns reached the daily newspapers even in the far west. In those days enormous crowds gathered to hear the Bosworth party. The largest crowd ever gathered under one roof in Ottawa, Canada, attended their meetings and some 12,000 sought salvation. The editor has before him a folder showing the great throngs that gathered in the many cities where the Bosworth brothers labored, such as the Arcadia Hall in Detroit, the Arena, Erie, Pa., the Convention Hall at Camden, N. J., and other communities. Besides the great number of healings (Brother Bosworth has received over 200,000 written testimonies of healing), many tens of thousands found the Lord as their Saviour in those campaigns.

Unfortunately, during the Twenties many of the large auditoriums did not have public address systems, and the strain of the meetings began to tell on the evangel-

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## BRANHAM CAMPAIGNS STIR PENSACOLA AND KANSAS CITY

### Kansas City Feels Mighty Impact Of the Branham Meetings

We believe that the dates, April 10-14, will long be remembered by the people of Kansas City, Kansas, as a time of Divine Visitation. Beginning on Saturday night with an attendance of some 1,500, the meeting gained momentum and the break came Monday night during a mighty demonstration of God's healing grace. People were delivered from every kind of affliction, and the Hand of God was gloriously revealed through the instrumentality of a little unpretentious man, William Branham, whom God has sent to pray for the sick. Nevertheless, the fine spirit of the co-operating ministers who came together in one accord, and who backed the meeting with much prayer, were responsible to a great degree for the success of the meeting. A reporter from the Kansas City Star (one of America's largest newspapers from a circulation standpoint, and traditionally conservative) gave the meeting an excellent write-up. A portion of his report appears elsewhere in this issue. After Monday night, the auditorium, with seating capacity of 3,700, was filled to overflowing with hundreds turned away. We shall let Rev. U. S. Grant, who was chairman of the local committee, describe the meeting as he saw it:

"When I was two years old my mother and father were saved in a Full Gospel Revival and lived faithfully to God, bringing me up in Full Gospel atmosphere. I have seen many wonderful things happen by the hand of the Lord, but I can honestly say I never saw anything quite so wonderful and thrilling and faith inspiring as the manifestations of God's power in the Branham campaign here in Kansas City. Some one hundred ministers who attended the campaign concur in this appraisal.

We had heard of Brother Branham's ministry for months, and had made careful checks, talking to many who had been privileged to attend his meetings else-

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### Signs and Wonders Attend Meetings in Pensacola

To those of us who were fortunate enough to participate in the Branham campaign in Pensacola, Florida, the reminder of those six glorious days will always afford a most pleasant memory. For in a world so filled with deception, delusions and fallacies, even the most inanimate of human souls cries out for the real, the true, the infallible, and that desire is greatly realized in a series of Branham meetings such as we enjoyed in Pensacola. If there were an abundance of time and space, our delight would be to relate to our readers some of the outstanding incidents which flood our memory as we recall. You would enjoy reading of the little girl whose face beamed with the radiance of an angel's as she carried her steel braces through the congregation after being healed; or the expressions of surprise and wonder on the faces of those who heard for the first time; or the thrilling sight of hundreds of weeping men and women, broken, convicted and standing to their feet as a sign of surrender after listening with rapt attention to the heart-rending narrative of the life of William Branham in his own sincere words. I would like for you to hear the comments of all the fine ministers who co-operated in the meeting, but here is the report given by one, Rev. D. L. Welch, who was largely responsible for bringing this campaign to that city:

"The Branham Campaign which came to Pensacola, Fla., will be long remembered. The country for hundreds of miles was stirred. Many great healings and miracles were performed. It was the talk of the city; everywhere one went, he could hear people discussing the meetings. It seemed the whole city became stirred overnight. People were asking one another the question: "Were you there, and did you see the great things that happened?"

Rev. Branham was only here six nights,  
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but what happened in those six nights stirred the city of Pensacola as I never saw it stirred before. It was estimated that over 2,000 people asked to be saved in one service alone. The manner in which the Branham campaign was held, strictly non-sectarian, enabled all people to enjoy the benefits of Rev. Branham's gift. Many ministers of different churches took part in the campaign. It seemed that all people and ministers of different faiths just melted together in the Branham meeting.

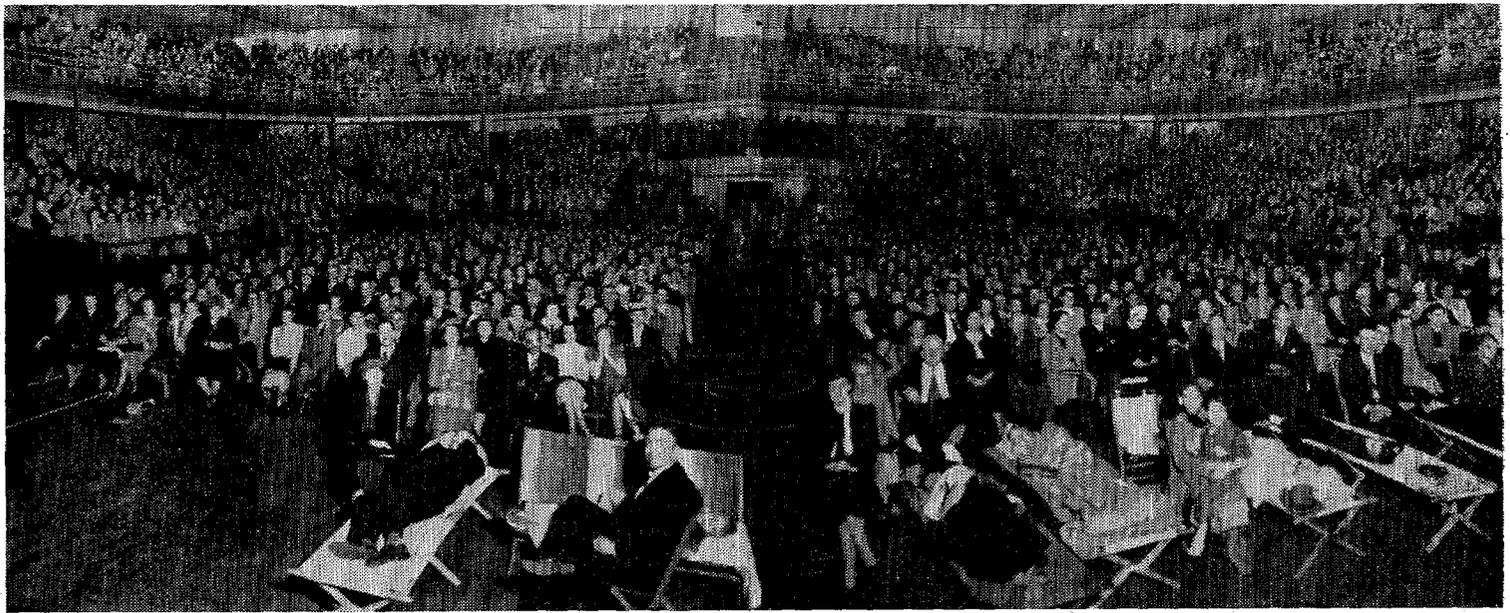
In the Branham party this time were Rev. F. F. Bosworth and wife. Rev. Bosworth was a wonderful help with his mes-

sages on faith, preceding Brother Branham each evening. Also, Rev. Gordon Lindsay of Oregon, Rev. Jack Moore and daughter, Anna Jeanne, of Shreveport, La., Rev. Lyle Palmer of Shreveport, La., and Miss Juanita Hemphill of Monroe, La. (Miss Moore and Miss Hemphill's music and singing were especially enjoyed by all), and Rev. Young Brown of Shreveport, who so ably assisted in the healing lines.

The great fire of God's love which seemed to melt the city of Pensacola as a whole is still burning. The people are still stirred. The crowds were the largest in the history of Pensacola. The services were held in a large tent, seating some

3,000 persons, but the people could not begin to get under the tent. The tent was surrounded by great numbers. Sick people came from as far as 1,700 miles to be healed. Strong men wept like babies at the preaching of William Branham. Many wonderful things happened in the way of healings, but the preaching of Brother Branham which seemed to grip the hearts of thousands, was one of the most outstanding features of the campaign. Revivals are breaking out in different churches as the result of this city-wide campaign of Rev. Branham.

God surely paid Pensacola a visit, and the people of this city are praying for the day that God can send Brother Branham back our way again."



Branham healing campaign brings overflow crowds to Memorial Auditorium in Kansas City, Kansas. There are 3,700 seats in the Auditorium, but many people stood and hundreds were turned away.

## KANSAS CITY TIMES GIVES FINE REPORT OF BRANHAM MEETING

The following report of the Branham campaign in Kansas City, Kansas, appeared in the Kansas City Times, page 3, of the April 13, 1948, issue. Because of the length of the report only part of it is republished here. While the article was written in "newspaper style," we believe that the reporter did a very fair job in his description of the meeting. Incidentally, we might say that although only 2,000 were present on this night, the auditorium, seating some 3,700, overflowed on the following nights with several hundreds turned away:

Amid the loud "amens" of the congregation, the Rev. William Branham, Jeffersonville, Indiana, conducted the third of a series of five "healing campaign" meetings before about 2,000 persons at the Memorial Hall in Kansas City, Kansas, last night.

"Whatever you ask God to do, He will do," Mr. Branham said. "No matter how near death you are from sickness, He can cure you, even now, if you will just take God at His word. The Scripture says that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. Faith is the safeguard of health."

A score of ailing people crossed the stage last night and professed to have been cured of various illnesses after Mr. Branham had prayed briefly with them. They had left a group of persons in the front of the auditorium who were in various conditions of disability, even to requiring wheel chairs.

"Thou demon," Mr. Branham shouted before each new arrival, "I come to meet thee in the name of Jesus Christ. Come out!"

Most of the persons then walked off

the stage shouting that they had been made whole, and praising God. The audience was moved. There were tears in the eyes of many and their lips moved as though in prayer. Some mothers sobbed as they rocked restless babies in their arms.

Rachael Maddox, 17, of Mobile, Ala., said her father had heard of Mr. Branham and had sent her to Kansas City, Kansas, to attend the meetings. She said her eyes were crossed when she went on the stage last night but that after Mr. Branham had called forth the demon, her eyes were normal and her vision clear.

"I felt a goiter pass!" Mr. Branham shouted at one stage of the campaign from the floor. "Did someone over there just lose a goiter?"

Mrs. D. E. Smith, 59, of 823 Tenny Avenue, who had just passed through the line, held up her hand and said a goiter had just disappeared from her neck. Mrs. Smith said she had had the goiter for years, and that a year and a half ago a physician told her only an operation would remove it.

# The Ministry of Angels and the Appearance Of the Angel to William Branham

By Gordon Lindsay in Collaboration with William Branham

The remarkable angelic visit received by William Branham some two years ago has caused no little wonder among the people of God as well as the unsaved. While a few reject the ministry of the supernatural, even as some did in the days of Christ, the overwhelming majority of the people who attend the great healing meetings are fully convinced of the reality of the angelic visitation.

Indeed the truth of angelic ministration to mortals is quite in line with the Word of God. It has been recognized generally that at least to some extent the gifts of the Spirit have been restored to the church. But what about the gift of discerning of spirits? Many have assumed that this gift includes only the discerning of evil spirits. Although the gift must certainly involve the detection of evil powers, **WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE MORE GOOD SPIRITS THAN BAD.** What about the angels? In what realm do they minister? The answer is given in Heb. 1:14: "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

## ANGELS MINISTER TO GOD'S PEOPLE

Though ordinarily we cannot see angels, it is evident from the Scriptures that they are in the company of the children of God much of the time. No doubt, if we fully realized that there were heavenly persons in our vicinity who are daily watching our conduct and perhaps our thoughts, it would have a profound effect upon our lives. Yet such must be the case. (Matt. 18:16), also Psa. 34:7: "The angel of the Lord encampeth about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." We could cite the great number of Scriptures which deal with the earthly ministry of angels, but that is not necessary. The fact is that practically all Bible teachers believe and teach the actuality of such ministry. Why then are not angels seen more often? Evidently we need the operation of this above-mentioned gift to enable our dull human senses to peer beyond the veil and perceive such highly refined beings as angels. Elisha apparently had this gift and we have the record of his prayer in which he requested that his servant's eyes might be opened that he, too, might be able to see the heavenly host of the Lord.

"And Elijah prayed and said, Lord; I pray thee open his eyes that he might see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man: and he saw: and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." (II Kings 6:17).

There are numerous cases on record where people just prior to their passing



Altar Call at Kansas City, Kansas

from this world, have witnessed attending angels. Apparently from the words of Jesus, it is one of the duties of angelic beings to transport the human spirit, when it leaves its crumbling tenement of clay, into Paradise (Luke 16:22). It appears that when the grosser human senses fail, the senses of the spirit become quickened and are able to witness things that ordinary mortals cannot.

## THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE TO BROTHER BRANHAM

The angel conversed with Brother Branham during the first visitation for perhaps half an hour. We have never asked our brother to divulge more of that conversation than what he has voluntarily felt led to tell us. We are coming into Bible days again, and no doubt there will be more supernatural revelations as time goes on. Concerning this there is one point that is fundamental. An angel of the Lord will never reveal anything but what agrees strictly with the Scriptures. Satan, too, may appear as an angel of light. But he is quickly detected by the spiritually minded. Satan is the father of falsehood, an habitual liar, and he cannot long show himself without telling a lie or making statements that twist, distort, deny, take away or add to the Scriptures. His first

conversation with a member of the human race, Eve, involved his telling an outright lie—a denial of the veracity of God. We shall now consider some of the things that were spoken by the angel to Brother Branham, and we note that his words agree strictly with the Word of God.

## THE ANGELIC VISITATION

(Because the first issue which gave Brother Branham's story of how the gift came, has been exhausted, we include herewith his testimony of his meeting with the angel at this point).

"Then along in the night, at about the eleventh hour, I had quit praying and was sitting up when I noticed a light flickering in the room. Thinking someone was coming with a flashlight, I looked out of the window, but there was no one, and when I looked back, the light was spreading out on the floor, becoming wider. Now I know this seems very strange to you, as it did to me also. As the light was spreading, of course I became excited and started from the chair, but as I looked up, there hung that great star. However, it did not have five points like a star, but looked more like a ball of fire or light, shining down upon the floor. Just then I heard someone walking across the floor, which

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where. We thought we were prepared for what was to happen, but I am personally convinced that one is never quite prepared for the phenomenon of Spiritual power and demonstration. The Spirit that pervaded the very atmosphere, the anointed preaching (such preaching!), the fellowship of so many kindred minds, and the one thing expected above all others—the many marvelous healings and deliverances. Yes, they happened; we were not disappointed. God was there and His works were accomplished.

The meetings are not many days past, but we have checked on a few of the cases prayed for. The first night a minister of the Gospel who had come all the way from California was healed of a cancer that was fast taking his life. Since the meeting he has preached a number of times, and is gaining his strength rapidly.

In the second night service, a lady had just gone through the prayer line when Brother Branham stopped suddenly and shouted: "Someone just lost a goiter back here. Who was it?" A lady who is a member of my congregation felt at her throat and a goiter she had had for years had suddenly disappeared. There was a wave of rejoicing then. I learned later that another lady who had been attending my church sat beside her daughter-in-law in the meeting that night. At the same instant the lady mentioned above lost her goiter, this lady had a slight strangling spell. Her daughter-in-law felt at her throat and she, too, had lost a goiter of several years' growth.

A young Catholic mother came with her twin boys, about five years old, born deaf and only able to speak a few chosen words learned at a private school. Both boys were instantly healed. We have checked on these boys and they are improving rapidly and have already increased their vocabulary amazingly.

These are only a very few of many testimonies we could record here. People were attendant at the meetings from all over the United States and Canada. Faith is very high as a result of these meetings. We talked with one pastor who had a crippled man in his church who was not ministered to in the campaign, but his faith was so built up that he received a complete deliverance the following Sunday night. Many people are coming to our church asking for prayer, people whom we have not known before. The glorious thing about this is that they are being healed. I have talked with a number of pastors, and all have reported that this meeting has been the springboard for revival in their churches. It has also brought us closer together in the unity of the Spirit and the bonds of peace. We feel the ministry God has given Brother Branham is simply the forerunner of a great restora-

## PHOENIX RESIDENT HEALED OF CANCER

Last September I went to Dr. Weldon Baker, 713 North Second Street, Phoenix, Arizona, and he made two x-rays. He found that I had a bad case of colitis, that my heart was enlarged from poison, that only one-fifth of my liver was active, and that there were several stones as big as my thumbnail on the right side of my liver. I started on a six-week treatment, but became very sick. Dr. Anderson attended me and said I had cancer, but had waited too long before getting help. I became very sick and couldn't take any more treatments. My colon had to be opened up to permit the waste to pass through. I had a very bad spell. Dr. Baker came, and the saints were praying when he got there. He told me later that I had been dead two minutes, but that Jesus had heard the saints' cries.

I was in bed nine weeks and lost 40 pounds. At times I was so bad that I could not swallow water for five days. Then came the announcement that William Branham was coming to Phoenix the second of March to pray for the sick and afflicted. My husband was at church early that first Sunday night, but Brother Branham was unable to get to me. Nor was he able to get to me the following night, although I witnessed many miracles of the healing of others. The next day I was taken again, but when I reached the church I became very sick. They brought a cot for me, but I don't remember when I laid down.

The first I knew, Brother Branham was talking to me, saying: "Look at me, sister." At first it was just a faint whisper, but the third time, he repeated it I tried to open my eyes. After a while I could see him and he asked me if I believed what he told me. I said, "Yes, because I could see the angel standing beside you." Brother Branham then said, "Sister, your faith has saved you. That cancer was all over your stomach, but God has healed you. Every root is cursed and you will be well if you continue to believe, although it will take a month or six weeks for this to rot away. In 72 hours from now you will be very sick and in great pain, but just believe through it all." Then the Lord spoke through Brother Branham, and a warm oil started through my head outside and inside and went to my feet. As it went down, the pain left entirely and I felt very strong. I got off the cot shouting and dancing and was able to attend five other services Brother Branham held in Phoenix.

When the 72 hours were up, I became very ill, and hurt so badly I couldn't even

tion of the gifts to the church in these closing moments before He comes to gather us unto Himself."

cry. I was terribly sick for a little over two weeks, then I began to eat anything I wanted, where before I had been living on fruit juices and soup.

Seven weeks after I had been prayed for, I had several more x-rays taken and these showed I was entirely healed. Dr. Baker told me that I might tell all of this, and he would gladly show the x-rays to anyone who would like to see them, or he would talk to them personally. I am praising Jesus for it!

MRS. HATTIE WALDROP  
2912 E. Adams Street  
Phoenix, Arizona

EDITOR'S NOTE—This testimony appeared in print sometime before. I personally visited and talked with this lady in Phoenix a few weeks ago and can confirm the facts of the healing and that she is still healed today.

## Tumor Gone—Symptoms Gone

Dear Brother Branham:

I wish to add my testimony to the number. Brother Branham was here in Dallas last February a year ago. I had a large lump in my breast, which itched, burned and hurt me for a number of years. When I went up for prayer for eyes and kidney trouble, I forgot for a time about the tumor. Brother Branham took my hand and said, "What about the tumor in your breast?" It frightened me. He prayed and I came over to one side and sat down. About that time Satan told me, "Yes, it is a tumor and your faith won't help enough." About that time a deaf and dumb from birth said, "Mama" and "Jesus." The power came over me and faith took hold and I was healed. Hallelujah! In a few days the tumor was gone. But symptoms remained for a couple of months. I had Brother Branham send me an anointed handkerchief, which when applied in Jesus' name sent the power of God all through my body. All symptoms are now gone. Satan will hinder if he can, but if we hold on, healing is ours. Thank God!

MRS. H. A. TOWLES  
1103 Elsbeth  
Dallas 8, Texas

March 30, 1948.

## We Hope to Make the Voice of Healing Available to Those Unable to Subscribe

It has been the desire of Brother Branham and his committee to make THE VOICE OF HEALING available to those who are unable to subscribe to the paper. Many who have been ill over a long period are not able to afford even its small cost. No doubt there are those who will be interested in such ministry as that of making possible the distribution of this message of Divine Healing to many who may be in need of healing.

## Three Wonderful Days At Sedalia, Mo.

For three brief days the Branham party was in Sedalia, Missouri. Rev. J. Ern Baxter of Vancouver, B. C., a member of the campaign committee, arrived in time for the last two services. His speaking in the afternoon was a feature of the meetings. Just as this issue of the paper is about to go to press, we receive a special delivery letter from Rev. Bird Campbell, chairman of the local committee, giving a report of the Sedalia meeting. It reads as follows:

"We are praising God for a three-day meeting held in Sedalia, Missouri, by Rev. William Branham of Jeffersonville, Indiana. This was the greatest meeting ever held in this city. We obtained the largest auditorium in the city, seating some 1,600 people, but this proved far too small for the large crowds that came. After packing the place out, people sat everywhere, in the windows, doors and aisles, and many unable to enter at all stood on the outside looking in. In fact, a newspaper reporter told me that one had to get there in the morning service to be able to get a seat in the evening. Sick people came from every direction, some in wheel chairs, some on cots, having been brought there by ambulances. All were hoping and praying that God would heal them.

As the crowds were so large it was impossible for Brother Branham to give special time for each one. A long faith line was formed and he just asked God to heal them as they passed by. Testimonies are coming in daily of the miracles and healings that were effected in that line. One girl whose toes were crossed, found the next morning that they were all right. Another lady who had a cancer under her arm and was unable to use her arm, found the next day that the cancer was gone. Now she is using her arm. One lady had a goiter, but upon arising the following day her husband called her attention to the fact that it was gone. And on and on it would go if we had time to tell of the wonders of the Branham meeting. We are praying that God will send Brother Branham back to Sedalia in the near future."

### Arthritis — Crutch Gone

Dear Brother Branham:

I didn't try to get into the prayer line because there were so many more in a worse condition than myself. But I was healed last night—walked out perfectly straight, carrying my crutch in my hand. May God give them all faith to be healed.

MRS. JOHNNY BROXSON  
1501 North W Street  
Pensacola, Florida



Nearly 100 Ministers were present at the Kansas City, Kansas, meeting on the night this picture was taken.

## Rev. F. F. Bosworth Speaks

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ist, and he found it necessary to terminate that type of ministry. Then for a long time Brother Bosworth maintained a radio ministry in which many thousands of healing testimonials were received.

It was in Miami, Fla., that Brother Bosworth met Brother Branham. Both men fell in love with each other, and it seemed the hand of Providence drew them together. Brother Bosworth has reached the age where he, though in striking health for a man of his age, is nevertheless unable to carry on the responsibility of great campaigns himself. However, he still is able to minister the Word of God in incomparable fashion, and give the party the benefit of his many years of experience. The sweet humility of Brother Bosworth, not seeking for himself, but always seeking to defer to Brother Branham, and the latter manifesting the same spirit, makes a remarkable combination.

With Brother Bosworth taking the morning services with special instruction to the sick, and Brother Baxter the afternoon service with special emphasis on evangelism and Bible teaching, and finally Brother Branham in the great healing service at night; it is believed that these meetings will be the instrument of even greater visitations of salvation and blessing. Your editor, who is acting as a sort of co-ordinator behind the scenes of the many phases of these meetings, rejoices in the

rich blessing of fellowship he enjoys with these humble yet great men of faith.

Brother Bosworth, remarking concerning the ministry of Brother Branham, declared: "In my own ministry I witnessed all the miracles that I have seen in the Branham meetings, but never in this fashion. I have never claimed the Gift of Healing. Sometimes it took us months to get the crowds to come, and to build up faith so that the miracles would take place, but in Brother Branham's ministry it is different. Miracles take place the first night and the crowds gather from the first. This is the difference between the Gift of Healing and the prayer of faith."

### Canadian Subscriptions

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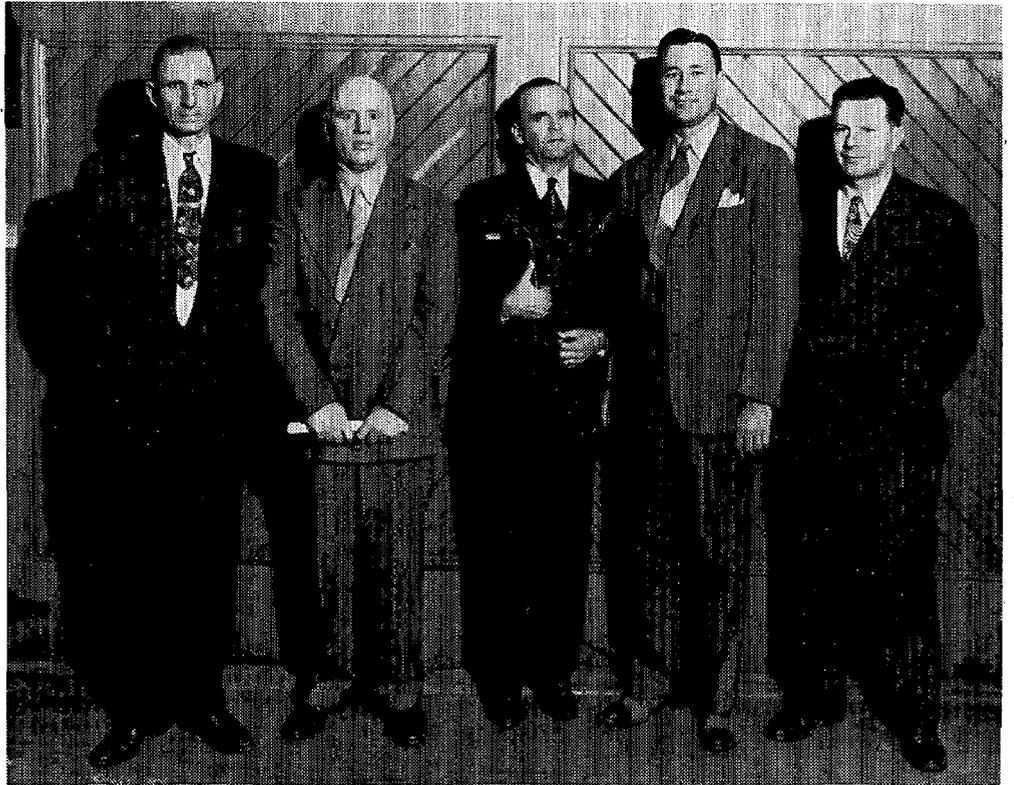
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**BRANHAM PARTY NEWS**

Picture taken at the Kansas City Auditorium. From left to right, Young Brown, Rev. Jack Moore, Rev. William Branham, Rev. Oral Roberts, Rev. Gordon Lindsay.

## Notes Concerning the Voice of Healing

We appreciate the many commendations that we have received regarding our new paper, THE VOICE OF HEALING. Our first issue contained but eight pages. Our second issue has 12, and perhaps later it will be increased to 16. It is our desire to publish the highest type of articles or sermons in its pages. Besides the articles by our contributing editors we shall publish outstanding messages of other writers which are of especial importance and significance. Manuscripts received cannot be returned, nor can we guarantee publication of any article; the amount of space available, the timeliness and appropriateness of the article, its conformity to certain standards of composition, will determine its availability.

### April Issue Exhausted

Although ten thousand copies of the April issue of the Voice of Healing were published, the entire edition was exhausted in a few days. Many are inquiring about securing further copies, but all future orders will have to be for May copies, of which a much larger number will be printed.

## The Rumor of Brother Branham's Death

Here is an example of the amazing propagating power of falsehood. Up and down the breadth of the land a rumor has gone forth to the effect that Brother Branham has died. Every effort has been made to reassure excited people who write us, phone us and telegraph us, that this rumor is untrue. Yet it seems to persist, with the supposed date of our brother's death gradually being advanced. Brother Branham is very much alive, although it is true that the great strain of praying for thousands of people in the campaigns and then upon returning home to find others waiting at his doorstep for help, bears heavily upon him. We trust that every Christian who has an interest in the Branham campaigns will pray daily that his strength will keep up.

## Private Calls Impossible

Please do not ask Brother Branham to make private calls. Those who are unable to attend the meetings because of sickness or distance may receive an anointed cloth by written request to Box 325, Jeffersonville, Indiana. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

## SCHEDULE OF THE BRANHAM CAMPAIGNS

Tacoma, Wash.....May 12-16  
 In the Arena seating 6,000.  
 Eugene, Oregon.....May 19-23  
 In the Armory seating 3,000  
 Bellingham, Wash.....June 2-6  
 (Not confirmed)

Brother Branham will be in Canada during July and August. Itinerary will be given in next issue. Usually there are three services daily, 10 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7 p. m. Healing cards given out in morning services only. None sent by mail.

For further information concerning the Tacoma campaign write:

Rev. Ellsworth T. Johnson,  
 Secretary of local committee  
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 Tacoma, Washington

For further information concerning the Eugene campaign write:

Rev. Arthur Hyland  
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 Eugene, Oregon

## Rev. Oral Roberts Present At Kansas City Meeting

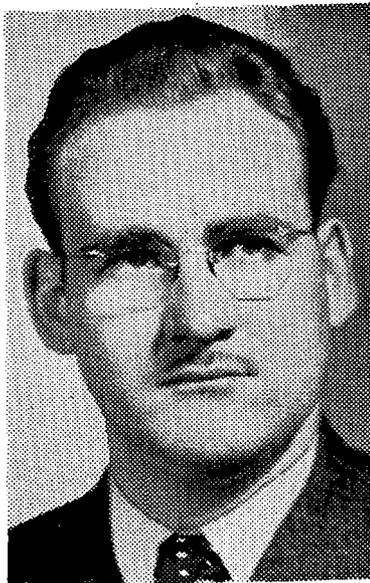
It was our great pleasure to meet Rev. Oral Roberts of Tulsa, Okla., during the Kansas City meeting. A picture across the page shows Brother Roberts standing with several members of the Branham party. It was possible for Brother Roberts to be with us in several of the services, and we rejoiced as we learned the manner in which God was blessing our brother in the healing ministry. It has been Brother Branham's conviction that there will be great manifestations of the major gifts at the end of time. It appears evident that a unique ministry of healing, which began about 11 months ago, is being manifested through Brother Roberts.

According to the testimony of Rev. Oral Roberts, he had been ill for five months with a disease the medical profession could not cure. "Affliction racked my body until my brain reeled under the impact. Clouds of fear and depression swept over me. The darkness of the long nights, the dreariness of the days that seemingly would never end, the knowledge of an incurable disease, the thwarting of ambition, the frustration of a wasted life—all these agonies bore down upon me in unending torment. It was the light of a new day that blessed me and when the 'Sun of Righteousness with healing in His Wings' rose over the horizon of helplessness and hopelessness, I received the blessing of deliverance that lifted me from the deathbed and gave me strength and power to rise up as a witness unto the truth. Since then I have preached the Gospel far and near, from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico."

We praise God for the great work that God has done for Brother Roberts and is doing through him. When one observes the dynamic manner in which our brother is carrying on his ministry it is difficult to realize that not long ago, he was supposedly on his deathbed, without hope from human source. Truly nothing is too hard for the Lord, if we will only believe.

**WARNING**—Because of the great number of people who attend the meetings expecting to be prayed for, some coming from great distances, we advise no one to make the trip under these circumstances unless they are prepared to stay for several days. ALSO, because of international conditions causing cancellation of auditoriums and other reasons it is sometimes necessary to make changes in the schedule. Such changes are never made unless they are beyond our control.

Such was the case at Wichita and Elgin. In the latter city, for example, due to international developments, the army cancelled agreement for the use of the Armory, which caused a slight change in the dates of the Elgin meeting.



REV. J. ERN BAXTER

Our Brother Baxter arrived in Sedalia, Mo., just before this issue went to press. As a member of The Campaign Committee he will be the afternoon speaker of forthcoming campaigns.

## Rev. J. Ern Baxter To Become Canadian Editor of the Voice of Healing

We welcome to our staff Rev. J. Ern Baxter of Vancouver, Canada, who will write the reports of the campaigns, contribute articles and sermons to the paper, as well as assist in the editorship. Brother Baxter is a noted Canadian speaker, who has a fine congregation in Vancouver, British Columbia. He was with us in the Northwest campaigns, where he was a featured speaker in the afternoon services. We have been expecting him as a member of our campaign committee to join our party at Kansas City, Kansas, but because of an important business move which involves his church he was unable to be with us until the Sedalia meeting. Rev. Baxter is an outstanding speaker and we regard his ministry as a most important feature and addition to our party. We expect in the next issue to have a special write-up of Brother Baxter's ministry.

### Cross-Eyes Healed

I am going to tell you my testimony. My eyes are just fine. They have not been crossed since you prayed for me. And they are getting better and better.

I would like to see you again.

With love,

MATTHEW CAMPBELL

(Nine years old)

American Fork, Utah

### Delivered of Bright's Disease

I am writing you to tell of my 10-year-old sister's healing. She had a bad case of Bright's disease and now the doctor says he can't find a thing wrong with her.

DONALD COSSTEVENS

Neoga, Illinois.

December 15, 1947.

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## Questions Concerning Divine Healing With Scriptural Answers

By B. E. ECHOLS

1. Has the Lord made any provisions for the healing of His people? Yes! Isa. 53:5; I Peter 2:24; James 5:14-15; Mark 16:17-18.

2. Are we assured by the Scriptures that the Lord still heals today the same as He did in Old Testament times and when He walked the shores of the Sea of Galilee? Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8.

3. What is the cause of all sickness and diseases? (*Sin*—directly and indirectly). *Directly*: Deut. 28:58-62; Numbers 12:1-2, 9-11; 21:5-7; Psa. 107:17, 10-12; St. John 5:13-14. *Indirectly*: Prov. 26:2; Romans 5:12-14. The afflictions of Job, Hezekiah and the man who was born blind are examples of sickness, diseases and infirmities of this order—coming upon some of God's children due to Adam's sin or fall.

4. Does the Bible teach that God sometimes makes folks sick and afflicts them? Micah 6:13; Deut. 28:27-28; II Chron. 21:14-15, 18-19; Psa. 119:75; Lam. 1:12; Acts 12:21-23.

5. Who is it that often afflicts people and makes them sick? *Satan*: Job 2:7; Acts 10:38; Luke 13:11-13, 16.

6. Why would the Lord ever make anyone sick or afflict them? Psa. 107:17, 10-11; Micah 6:13; Psa. 119:67, 71; I Cor. 11:27-30; Heb. 12:5-13.

7. How does the Bible say we are healed? (a) *By faith* (b) *In the name of Jesus*: (a) Heb. 11:6; Mark 9:23, 5:34, 10:52; James 5:15; James 1:6-7; (b) Acts 4:8-10 with 3:6, 16; John 14:13-14; James 5:14; Col. 3:17; Also *by His stripes*: Ia. 53:5; I Peter 2:24; Gal. 3:13.

8. What does the Bible say for one to do in order to obtain divine healing for his body, or for his children? John 14:13-14; Matt. 7:7-8; James 4:2, 5:13-14, 16; Psa. 107:20 with Romans 10:17; Matt. 6:33; Mark 11:22, 24, 9:23.

9. Who and what should we Christians always recommend to any sick or afflicted person as a remedy and healer? (Jesus and His name, or the Bible prescriptions for obtaining divine healing): St. John 3:14 with Numbers 21:8-9 and Acts 4:8-10; James 5:13-14, 16; Mark 16:17-18; Heb. 13:8.

10. Can God's children please Him without trusting in Him for the healing of their bodies? Heb. 11:6; II Chron. 16:13; Luke 18:7-8. I believe that one would gather from these references that he would need to trust in the Lord for his healing in order to please Him.

11. Who is always in position to obtain healing, and answers to his prayers for the healing of those for whom he prays? I John 3:22; St. John 15:7, 9:31; Mark 11:24; James 5:16 with Isa. 38:1-5.

12. Is it possible that a child of God

## INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

Because of the great number of invitations which have been received by the Branham Committee for campaigns to be held in this country and abroad, and by reason of the fact that the committee is away in meetings much of the time, it has been found necessary to prepare this statement to give such information as may acquaint the pastors in the various cities of the conditions by which a Branham campaign may be held in their community.

We might say to begin with that the final responsibility in the choice of the cities in which campaigns are to be held is with Brother Branham himself. Our brother spends much time in prayer and there are times when he feels a special leading to a certain city. Naturally, the committee gives priority to such leadings as our brother may have.

However, Brother Branham himself is to a great extent guided by Divine Providence. Therefore, when the ministers of a city who believe in Divine Healing, come to the place where they believe the Lord would have them join hands in an effort to reach their community for God, and they will pledge themselves to adhere to an inter-evangelical policy, it then may be assumed that God is leading that way. Such a policy is absolutely necessary, for in the Branham meetings so great is the interest in healing, the people will come from all the churches. If certain groups feel that they are ignored or if doctrines may be classed as a sinner if he fails to trust in the Lord for the healing of his body? Rev. 21:8; Romans 14:23; James 4:17.

13. What may a child of God expect for not trusting in the Lord for the healing of his body? Jer. 17:5-6, 13-14; Psa. 60:11; Mark 5:25-26.

14. Is it safe to trust in the Lord (Jesus: Acts 9:5-6) for the healing of the body as well as for the saving of the soul? Matt. 28:18; Jer. 32:17; Prov. 29:25; Psa. 118:8; 125:1-2, 34:7-10, 19, 23:1, 4; Nah. 1:7; Heb. 13:8.

15. Should one just trust in the Lord with his light afflictions and not trust in Him (believe in Him) for healing when seriously afflicted? Psa. 62:8, 103:2-3; Jer. 32:17; Rev. 2:10.

16. Is it possible for one to obtain healing before the Lord has saved him? (I would think so, if he would come to the Lord repenting and believing). Prov. 28:13; Mark 9:23; St. John 5:13-14; Matt. 6:33.

17. What is advisable for all people to do after the Lord has healed them? St. John 5:14; Heb. 12:1-2; Romans 12:1-2; Luke 17:12-18; Eph. 5:20.

May the Lord enable you, by His grace, to fully trust in Him at all times.

are taught or endorsed in which there is a difference of opinion (and there are such even among the most godly) although in the great Evangelical Truths there is agreement, an opposition will develop which may undo much of the good done in the meeting. The matter then resolves itself to this: Does the salvation of the many souls that may be won by combined effort mean enough that we can for the moment lay aside controversial issues, remembering that afterward in each individual church, full liberty is granted to preach the convictions that each group may hold.

Second, the population of the city and its strategic location is important. It is to an advantage to choose a city in which the location is central and the transportation and housing facilities are ample to serve the great number of people who attend these meetings from a distance.

Third, and this is very important—the availability of a commodious auditorium. The information concerning this must be accurate. Often we get a letter containing for example a statement such as this: "The auditorium in our city will hold 4,000." Investigation may disclose that it holds only 2,600. Of course, no one deliberately misrepresents this, but accurate information is usually only obtained by inquiry from the manager of the auditorium. Let us know the total cost of the auditorium by day, including the cost for morning and afternoon services. Included in this should be any additional fees for stagehands, janitor work, heating, PA systems. You should also inquire from the manager how far ahead the reservation of the auditorium must be made. What down payment is required?

Fourth: Would the ministers prefer the services to be just during the week or to also include a Sunday? It is the policy of the Branham party to underwrite the expense of the meeting from the offerings of the campaign. No Sunday morning meeting is ever held. All local churches will have their regular services at that time. We ask those who send invitations to carefully consider these important matters before writing us. Please do not ask us to come to a local church. Besides what has already been mentioned it is a fact that no church, unless it will hold several thousand people, will be able to accommodate the crowds that attend.

An article has been prepared by a member of the committee which will give information to the local churches as to the best means which should be employed in preparing for the Branham meetings. These booklets will be sent on request as soon as they are prepared, to local committees contemplating meetings in their communities.

# EXPLOITS OF FAITH

## TESTIMONIES OF HEALING IN THE BRANHAM MEETINGS

### Removed Vocal Cords Restored

(See Picture)

Our daughter Judith, when five years old, became hoarse very gradually, and soon she was unable to speak above a whisper. We took her to a throat specialist, then to a diagnostician and associate doctors. They removed a papiloma (growth on her vocal cords), but they thought it might come back. It did grow back three times in nine months, and each time it was removed it would come back. Each of the first two times, she could speak after the operation, but the last time the growth was so large that difficulty was encountered in removing it.

When we found the growth coming back again, my husband and I decided that if the Lord wanted to take her home, it would be agreeable with us, but we wanted to give Him the chance to heal her first. Judith, by this time, was gasping for breath and we knew if the Lord didn't heal her soon she would finally choke.

I placed the handkerchief you sent on her sleeping garment as instructed. Judith gradually improved, her breathing became more normal, and she did not gasp. Still she could not talk above a whisper.

We went through the prayer line in your meeting at Saskatoon and the Lord revealed to you that she needed a new pair of vocal chords. And that is just what happened, for Judith started to sing "Only Believe" out loud for the first time in a year and a half. She began talking more and more and even sing in a "Sunshine Choir" at church. She finds it easier to whisper, but we are encouraging her to use her voice more and more.

MRS. PAUL PHILLIPS

901 9th Avenue North

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

November 10, 1947.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Later reports received from Mrs. Phillips state that Judith is perfectly well and has gained weight so that she is now six pounds overweight for her height. She can skate, run, or do any strenuous exercise which she could never have done before. All of the symptoms of a growth are gone and her breathing is normal.

Whatsoever ye desire when ye pray, believe ye receive and ye shall have. (Mark 11:24).



JUDITH PHILLIPS

### Healed of Cataracts

All last winter I had been to the Doctor regularly for my eyes. In April he said I would have to have an operation (cataract in both eyes, also a blood clot). In February Bro. Branham was here. I did not get to see him but I prayed every day he would return. Easter he came back, next day he prayed for me, told me to keep the faith which I have, and the praises are God's. For six months through faith and believing, I have been seeing. May God keep me just and faithful so that I may show His power to the world. God bless him and his forever.

MRS. LUCY R. JACKSON,

1006 E. Taylor Street  
Phoenix, Ariz.

### Tonsil Trouble Healed

I am the little girl that was healed of tonsil trouble. February 20, 1948, when you were praying for me I felt a strange feeling come over my throat. It sure was the power of the Lord healing me. I was touching the hem of His garment. I got healed right then.

JESSIE MAE JENNINGS

2842 NW 40th Street  
Miami 37, Fla.

February 23, 1948.

### Minister's Wife Healed Of Cancer

That we all might believe that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, I give this word of testimony. The Lord delivered me from cancer in the extreme part of the lower colon, blessed be His wonderful name. I first took fever and was forced to go to bed April 1, 1947, although I had been sick for weeks before this.

There was to be a healing service at San Carlos Indian Church April 8, where Brother William Branham was to pray for the sick. I heard Brother Branham in Phoenix about a month before and saw many miracles of healing. San Carlos is about 50 miles from Superior, and kind Christian friends took me to the service. I was on a stretcher, being unable to stand in line. As there were many hundreds to be prayed for, it was 1 a. m. before Brother Branham reached me. After he prayed, he told us the cancer was killed by the power of God and would pass from my body after 72 hours. The following Sunday morning about 3 a. m. the cancer passed off—about two quarts or more of disintegrated and dead cancer tissue. I was very weak and sore, so that my husband, Brother Mitchell, despaired of my life. Some thought that I should go to a hospital, but we knew the cancer was gone and God who had given deliverance was able to give health again. Jesus has done all this in a very short time. Now I am able to be up to walk about the house some and even out into the yard. Also went to church last night. All honor and praise to our Lord.

MRS. R. W. MITCHELL

Box 603

Superior, Arizona

May 24, 1947.

NOTE—A further report of this healing ten months later:

Ten months later, I am still well and doing my housework and laundry.

—Mrs. R. W. M.

### Crutch Left at Church

Praise God for healing my injured leg. I came to Winnipeg using a crutch and I left the crutch at the church.

WESLEY A. HART

Fisher River

Koostatak, Manitoba

July 16, 1947.

## Arches and Crossed Eyes Healed in Miami, Fla.

Bro. Branham, you said for us to write in our testimonies. I'm going to try, but I can't praise the Lord enough for you and I'm going to write about myself.

I had an awful cramping in my foot and they told me it was fallen arches. I had to wear an artificial arch; my heel and the ball of my foot would draw almost together; seemed like the way it would hurt I would have to jump out of bed and press my foot on the floor to get the bow out. One night during your visit to Miami I was sitting on the front seat; I wanted you to pray for my foot for I knew you could heal it, but there were so many people there on stretchers, in wheel chairs, etc., I didn't get in line. I took my shoe off right where I sat and let the poor sick and suffering people go in line; I believed as you prayed for them and my foot was healed as a cool feeling went over my foot. I can't explain like it was, so I praised the Lord for healing my foot; I reached in my shoe, pulled the metal arch I had been wearing out, and I can walk barefooted now. I know Jesus can heal.

Last night I wanted to take Richard Turpin, a neighbor boy about 10 years of age, who was cross-eyed. I kept begging until they said he could go. He was instantly touched and his eyes were straight. I know without a doubt you have the gift of healing.

Thank the Lord for a servant like you. How can people doubt when they can see the blind begin to see, the deaf hear and the dumb speak. To the benefit of those who read my testimony, I can say I have seen this with my own eyes and I know it is true.

RUE HANNAH DRAKE  
Apostolic Church  
1301 NW 23rd Street  
Miami, Fla.

February, 1948.

## Walking Without Crutches

I wish to thank you and yours for your prayers. I wrote you sometime ago to pray for my healing. I was given up by the doctors as uncurable. I was drawn down by affliction, unable to straighten up. I could not walk without crutches. My body was in pain day and night. My left breast was hard and swollen and in great pain. Now I am walking without crutches, the pain has left my body, my back is straight. I can wash, cook, clean my house, eat without being in misery, lie on my back, also my stomach and my breast are much better; thanks to you and God, I am on the road to a complete recovery.

Yours in Christ,

EMMA LEWIS  
Simonton, Texas

### SEND US YOUR TESTIMONY

Everyone who has been healed should send us your testimony. If healing was sometime ago, would you send us your testimony again? Please enclose a snapshot of yourself if possible. Send to

THE VOICE OF HEALING  
Box 4097  
Shreveport, Louisiana

## Deaf and Dumb Boy Healed In Pensacola

Praise the Lord for healing my body and for healing my six-year-old boy, who never had spoken in his life, until Jesus sent Bro. Branham to our rescue with the angel of Christ.

I only went in prayer line with my little boy and Jesus healed my body and his.

RUTH STRICKLAND  
Route 3, Box 368  
Pensacola, Fla.

P. S.—My little boy is both speaking and hearing.

## Jawbone Healed

I was prayed for on November 21, in your meeting in Salem, Oregon, and I thank the Lord that my face is healed. I was born with a deformity of my jaws and mouth and was unable to bite anything. I went to the Doctor to see if he could help me and he said he could. The doctor said that the bone in my left jaw never developed. I have had four operations which did help some, but I still could not open my mouth to bite an apple. But on November 23, after being prayed for, I opened my mouth wide and ate a large apple for the first time in my life, and I am 20 years old. So I am praising God and giving Him all the glory for my healing, through your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

LILA KNEALE  
P. O. Box 183  
Gervais, Oregon

## Healed of Sinus—Female Trouble

Dear Brother Branham:

Tonight I am thankfully praising God for His wonderful healing power. I have suffered for seven or eight years with female trouble, sinus trouble and low blood pressure, and have spent hundreds of dollars trying to be healed; with no success. I have been praying for God to undertake for me and, praise His name, He sent our dear Brother Branham with the Gift of Divine Healing, and he prayed for me last night, and I was instantly healed. Praise God forever. I am a child of God and desire your prayers that I will ever be found in the center of His will.

MRS. SHURMAN R. PARKER  
Rt. 1, c/o Bessie Patterson  
Robertsdale, Alabama

## Hernia Gone

I was prayed for by you in your Healing service February 1, in Miami, and was healed of a hernia, also for my eyes and I praise and thank God for my healing.

Yours truly,

MRS. J. W. BUSH  
Miami, Florida

February 7, 1948.

## EVANGELIST HEALED

Greetings in Christ!

On the second night at your Fresno meetings, I was completely healed and wanted you to know about it.

Since last July I have been very ill, that is until about two and a half weeks ago, as a result of having more zeal than wisdom, mainly. This was the third nervous breakdown that I've had and I'm only 21 years old. I believe I've learned my lesson now, but it was so hard to see work to be done and no one to do it.

We have been going to lots of doctors trying to find out the trouble, and just before we came to the Fresno meetings, we had started going to the University of California Hospital. Not knowing what the trouble was made me feel worse than before. Finally they told me that my womb had slipped out of place and I had done something to my back. They tried to put my womb in place, but I knew that it didn't stay because it bothered me so and my back felt awful. After you prayed for me, I walked down the aisle and I felt the whole thing move into place. Since then I've even lifted my accordion and it's still all right. When I left the building my nerves felt so calm, that I felt like a different person. Before this I couldn't eat well for I was bothered with nervous indigestion and an acid stomach and couldn't sleep well. Since then I've been able to eat fruit and all kinds of things nearly without trouble with my stomach. I nearly drop off to sleep riding in a car and that's unusual for me and I can sleep even with the light on. My back is all right, too, and also my mastoids and sinus. I know that God healed them even though my faith is tested at times.

FLORENCE CORYELL  
Evangelist  
573 Ninth Street  
Richmond, Calif.

## Healed of Cancer

Dear Brother Branham:

I was healed of internal cancer and other things. Thank God forevermore. May God's blessings rest upon you.

MRS. H. M. COOPER  
Box 38  
Century, Florida

There has been a special request for Miami testimonies. Will those healed in Miami send in your testimony at once.

# WHY ALL ARE NOT HEALED

By Rev. F. F. Bosworth

## Part II

Still others are hindered from receiving healing by being taught to add to their prayer for healing the words "If it be thy will." There is only one case given in the New Testament of anyone asking for healing in this way. That was the case of the leper who said, "If thou wilt thou canst make me whole." He could not pray otherwise because he was not informed as to the will of God in the matter. Christ Jesus did not heal him until he added to his faith that He could, the faith that He would heal him. The words of Jesus, "I will" cancelled the leper's "if," and it is impossible for us to ever pray with faith until the "if" has been removed from our prayer. Faith is to be fully persuaded that God will do as He has promised and no one is ever fully persuaded when they add to their prayer, "If it be thy will." Since God has revealed His will in this matter by His promises, to say "If it be thy will" when praying is the same as to say, "If it be thy will to keep thy promise."

### SOME BREAK NATURAL LAWS

The fourth reason I assign for the failure of some to receive healing is the breaking of natural laws. Let it be remembered that the natural laws are God's laws and as divine as His miracles. Nature is God in action but not miraculously. Some who are weak because of their ignorance of natural laws are not supplying their bodies with the required nourishment. A man may be overeating while asking God to heal him of stomach trouble and thereby hindering the answer to his prayer. After God had revealed Himself as Jehovah Rapha, our Healer, the conditions were that the people observe the laws of sterilization, recuperation, quarantine, etc., as outlined in His law to the people. There are times when sufferers who are ignorant of dietetics and other simple requirements need the advice of a physician who is enlightened in this matter.

Fifth—Some are not healed because of unbelief on the part of the elder or the minister who prays. Christ's disciples, divinely commissioned to cast out devils and heal the sick, failed to deliver the epileptic and when Jesus came down from the mountain He gave deliverance and rebuked the disciples for their unbelief.

Sixth—Some are not healed because their affliction is the work of an evil spirit which must be cast out. Some, because of ignorance on this matter, are praying for healing when the afflicting spirit should be cast out. Jesus did not heal the epileptic disease but He cast out the epileptic spirit; He also cast out the deaf and dumb and blind spirit. He says to

us, "In my Name they shall cast out demons." How many times we have seen people instantaneously delivered the moment we rebuked the afflicting spirit, merely speaking representatively in Christ's Name or by His authority!

### SOME CONTINUE IN SIN

Seventh—Some fail to receive healing because they regard iniquity in their heart. Such ought to learn to say with David, "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." God has not promised to destroy the works of the devil in our body while we are clinging to his works in our soul. Unconfessed sins hinder people from receiving God's mercy. His Word tells us, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy."

Eighth—Lukewarmness is one of the great hindrances in this Laodicean period of the church. After Christ was glorified He sent down the message, "I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot I will spue thee out of my mouth." The best thing for us is to be red hot for God and the next best thing is to be cold, but the worst of all is to be lukewarm. He said He would spue them out. Lukewarmness is a much worse disease than cancer, therefore, God wants to heal it first. He has promised and is waiting to heal our backsliding and flood our hearts with His love, and then God says, "Because he hath set his love upon me therefore will I deliver him." Serving God with gladness and cheerfulness of heart was the condition for healing in the Old Testament times. Surely the standard ought not to be lowered in this day of grace.

Ninth—Sickness and affliction are permitted to remain on some as a halter with which God leads them into the center of His will and then the halter is removed. If God took the halter off too soon, many would run away and rob themselves of the pleasure of living out the divine program. It is impossible to pray the prayer of faith to get the halter off from some who are unwilling to be led into the glorious center of God's will.

### AN UNFORGIVING SPIRIT

Tenth—An unforgiving spirit, or holding a grudge hinders some from receiving the Lord's healing. Jesus said, "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses." The first thing we need and the first thing God wants to grant us is the forgiveness of our sins, but we cannot be forgiven when we will not forgive others. How many times we have seen the afflicted healed in the twinkle of an eye when they were ready to forgive those who had wronged them!

Eleventh—Wrongs unrighted hinder the faith of some to receive healing. Those who have wronged their neighbor in any way must ask his forgiveness. We have known many who were terribly afflicted who were healed as soon as this was done.

Twelfth—Some have no purpose and no diligence when seeking God for healing. He is the rewarder of them that *diligently* seek Him. We have known sufferers to undergo as many as a dozen or more operations without any positive promise of their being well. And yet, many in coming to God for healing, which He positively promises, do not come with anything like the diligence shown by those who apply for earthly help.

### DON'T CONFINE GOD TO MIRACLES

Thirteenth—Many in this day, because of not being sufficiently instructed, fail to be healed by endeavoring to confine God to miracles. Because they are not well and strong in an instant they cast away their confidence. God differentiates between miracles and healing. If every man, wasted with disease would be strong and well in a moment, there would be no healings for they would all be miracles. Paul, in enumerating the spiritual gifts, speaks of gifts of healing and also of miracles. Christ could do no miracle in Nazareth because of their unbelief, but He did heal a few sick ones. This is a very common hindrance to healing in this day when there is so little teaching on the subject.

Fourteenth—Some wax weak in faith by watching their symptoms instead of waxing strong in faith, like Abraham, by looking unto the promise of God. They make their feelings the basis for faith rather than God's Word which He has made its only basis.

Fifteenth—Others fail because they do not act their faith. "Faith without works is dead." It is not God's turn to move until we have faith with corresponding actions. The literal translation of Mark 1:22: "Have faith in God," is RECKON ON GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.

Sixteenth—Others, when tested, cast away their confidence, failing to see that by the test, as with Abraham, their faith should be perfected. We are made partakers on the condition that we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast. If the Word of God is the reason for our faith, then it is never right to cast away our confidence.

Seventeenth—Some fail to receive healing by neglecting to receive the Holy Spirit who is sent to execute for us the blessings of redemption. Paul, in Romans 8:11, tells us that our mortal (not actually, though judicially dead) bodies (also) are to be

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startled me again, as I knew of no one who would be coming there besides myself. Now, coming through the light, I saw the feet of a man coming toward me, as naturally as you would walk to me. He appeared to be a man who, in human weight, would weigh about two hundred pounds, clothed in a white robe, had a smooth face, no beard, but with dark hair down to his shoulders, rather dark-complexioned, with a very pleasant countenance, and, coming closer, his eyes caught with mine, and seeing how fearful I was, he began to speak. "Fear not! I am sent from the presence of Almighty God to tell you that your peculiar life and your misunderstood ways have been to indicate that God has sent you to take a gift of divine healing to the peoples of the world. **IF YOU WILL BE SINCERE, AND CAN GET THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE YOU, NOTHING SHALL STAND BEFORE YOUR PRAYER, NOT EVEN CANCER.**" Words cannot express how I felt. He told me many things which I do not have space to record here. He told me how I would be able to detect diseases by vibrations on my hand. He went away, but I have seen him a number of times since then. He has appeared to me, perhaps once or twice within the space of six months, and has spoken with me. A few times he has appeared visibly in the presence of others."

### HEALING TO BE TAKEN TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD

Perhaps the most striking part of the angel's commission was that Brother Branham's ministry was to be available to all who would believe his testimony. So our brother understood it. He has felt the call to minister to all groups that believe in Divine Healing. We are sure that church organization is necessary for the preservation of God's work. But let no man assume that his circle represents all of the Kingdom of God upon earth. Every reader has met those who mistakenly think that they bear sole authority to preach and minister the gospel. This is, of course, an error, yet even the apostles made this mistake on one occasion. They forbade a man to heal the sick because he did not join the apostolic company. But notice the Lord's gentle rebuke:

"And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followed not us; and we forbade him because he followed not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part." (Mk. 9:38-40).

Church organization is necessary to preserve the work of God, and let no man speak evil of governments. Such are necessary and Scriptural (I Cor. 12:28). Neither should any assume that one par-

ticular organization bears sole authority to preach the Gospel. Let us, like Paul, rejoice wherever Christ is preached. "What then, notwithstanding in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea and will rejoice" (Phil. 1:18). Brother Branham has understood from the angel's words that his ministry was to be to all who would receive him. Not only for the healing of the individual, but perchance if possible, to help in the healing of the Body of Christ, His Church.

### ANGEL SPOKE OF THE SOON COMING OF CHRIST

Another fact of significance was the statement of the angel to Brother Branham that Christ was to return to the earth very soon. Surely this is significant. Every evidence of the days in which we live point to the fact that the times of the Gentiles have run their course, the end of the age is near and the Return of Christ is at hand. Undoubtedly Brother Branham's ministry will have and already has to some extent, some part in preparing the hearts of the people for the Coming of the Lord. Christ prayed that His disciples and all believers that should come after them should become one even as He and the Father were One. May God grant that though we be not one in outward organization, we may be one in spirit, in purpose and in fellowship.

### DETECTION OF DISEASES

The angel also mentioned to Brother Branham that he should be able to detect diseases with his left hand. Sometime after the visitation, our brother took hold of the hand of a woman with cancer. Instantly he felt, as it were, little needles strike his flesh, and for a moment wondered what this meant. Then he remembered the words of the angel, and knew that what had been said had come to pass. Every disease has a peculiar pulsation of its own, and because of this, Brother Branham is able to diagnose the different types of disease. The writer having witnessed many hundreds of such cases which have been diagnosed, has been impressed by the remarkable accuracy of the diagnosis. Of course, the diagnosis does not heal the person. The actual healing comes through faith in the power of the Name of Jesus. The time taken for the diagnosis of a comparative few is really for the benefit of the entire congregation rather than for the individuals themselves. It helps to build up the faith of the sick people and causes them to realize that the Gift of God is present to heal.

### A LATER VISIT BY THE ANGEL

Notwithstanding, at a later time, the angel of the Lord appeared again and told Brother Branham that the people should not build their faith too much on outward signs and miracles. This was indeed Scriptural advice. People need to get their faith founded upon the Word of God. We are reminded of the words of the Lord

Jesus when He said to the people of His day, "Except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe." Only a limited few can be ministered to in the performance of miracles. These miracles are for the purpose of strengthening the faith of the sick and to cause them to realize that the "Power of the Lord is present to heal." While a limited number may be healed through miracles, a multitude may be healed by their believing and standing upon the Word of God. It is significant that there have been cases with whom Brother Branham took considerable time, yet these failed to maintain complete healing, while many who were barely touched by him as they passed by in the healing line were marvelously and completely delivered.

### THE ANGEL'S RECENT MESSAGE TO BROTHER BRANHAM

Recently the angel again appeared to Brother Branham. He was told that he should give much of his time to prayer and waiting upon God, and that he should not dissipate his strength by spending too much time in conversation with people. Many wish to converse with our Brother personally. His friends number hundreds of thousands, but he was told that if his ministry was to be as effective as it should be, he must give a great portion of his time to waiting upon God.

The visitation of an angel is calculated to profoundly affect any life. It is right that men should reverence a messenger that comes from the presence of God, though in no sense to worship him. Worship is for God alone and prayer is to be directed to God only. John the Beloved with all his knowledge of God twice attempted to worship an angel (Rev. 19:10, 22:8-9). But in both cases was told, "See thou do it not." An angel is only a messenger of God. Brother Branham's desire as well as that of the angels is that man may learn to humbly worship God and Him only.

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quicken by the Spirit that dwelleth in (not out of) us. Since our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit applies the healing, we might say He is the Carpenter who repairs the house. Some are consciously keeping the carpenter outside of the house while asking him to repair it on the inside. Paul said, "The body for the Lord" before he said, "The Lord for the body." We should present our bodies a living sacrifice and let them become the temples of the Holy Ghost if we want them healed. This reason for failure does not usually apply to those who are untaught as to their privilege of being filled with the Spirit.

Eighteenth—Some will not believe that their prayer for healing is heard until they see the answer. Christ has not promised that our healing should begin until after we believe that He has heard our prayer. (Mark 11:24).

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

A little over three centuries ago, our Pilgrim fathers came to this waste-howling wilderness and began laying the foundation of this nation under God. The generations that followed reaped much wealth and happiness, for God has had His hand on America. Revival after revival has come to us down through these generations, and this has helped America to be great.

Looking back just a few years, we see how God desired to do something for us, but we were not able to apprehend that for which we were apprehended; namely, we thought we would have to plow under part of our harvest, destroying the substance with which God had blessed us. The all-seeing eye of God spied a golden opportunity for us to incite world peace and placed it within our grasp, but our blinded eyes did not discover it until now, when it is too late, we see His purpose. If our leaders would have obeyed the Bible and fed our starving enemies with this surplus (for Jesus said, "If your enemy hunger, feed him") World War II might have been averted, for war is one of God's methods of judgment to the nations.

Now our way of life is being threatened

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## Elgin, Ill., Unable to Accommodate Crowds Attending Meeting

"You will not get in. There is such a crowd!"

Tears! Laughter! Joy! And sorrow! Preaching! Praying! Singing! Shouting!

"Only believe."

"Hallelujah, I am healed."

"Now, I believe."

"I won't need my crutches any more."

"God's Word is wonderful."

"Where are the next meetings going to be? I must tell a friend."

These, and many other fragments were gathered in the reporter's basket after the Branham meeting in Elgin, Illinois.

In a building much too small for the job, the Branham meetings were held three times daily. Hotels from Elgin to Chicago were taxed to capacity, with folks spending the night in the lobbies, where kindly night clerks took pity and gave them shelter. Others stayed all night in the meeting place itself, awaiting the dawn of a new day, with its promise of rich blessing making compensation for the lack of night comforts.

The preparation rally was held the night prior to the commencement of the meetings proper in the Emmanuel Baptist Church. The meetings then opened officially in the Masonic Temple, running for five days of solid ministry, morning, afternoon and night. The grand old man of the party, F. F. Bosworth, laid a rich foundation for each day with his mature Bible instruction each morning. Without a peer as a teacher in the great doctrines of divine health and healing, Brother Bosworth drew from the rich material gathered in years of successful ministry to inspire the hearts of his hearers, giving them strong reason to hope in God.

In the afternoons, W. J. Ern Baxter of Vancouver, B. C., the Canadian member of the party, brought the message. Brother Baxter has a remarkable ministry of the Word, and during his speaking the audience is often lifted into a realm of spiritual victory and ecstasy, which prepares the people not only for physical healing, but

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## SPECIAL NOTICE!

Because of physical exhaustion from praying for tens of thousands of people, Brother Branham finds it necessary to postpone the Canadian meetings. Pray that God will renew his strength.

Beginning June 1st we shall be with Rev. William Freeman in a great tent meeting in Salinas, California. Brother Freeman just concluded a great healing campaign in Grants Pass, Oregon, in which many deaf, dumb, and blind were healed. Pray for us.

## Tacoma, Washington Witnesses A Mighty Stir For God

(We shall give a brief report of the Tacoma Meeting in this issue which reached our office just before the paper went to press. A more complete report will appear the following month).

On May 12, the Tacoma Branham Meeting officially opened. Because of a snow-storm in the Rockies, Brother Branham could not get to Tacoma in time for the first service. Nevertheless, there was a great expectancy, and the following night the crowd was even larger. (To make up for the day lost, Brother Branham stayed over the following Monday.)

Miracles began to take place at once. People rose from their cots—some who were on death beds. Faith rose in the great congregation and wonderful testimonies came even from those who sat in their seats and were healed. One woman testified that she received her sight while listening to Brother Branham.

A great problem presented itself at the beginning of the meeting. The weather was extremely cold, and there was no ample way of heating the building. The temperature inside the arena dropped 20 degrees below what was normal for people sitting. There had to be a solution, otherwise people could not have stayed in the building. Since there were no heating facilities, the only solution was that a sufficient crowd should attend that the spacious arena might be heated by their body warmth. And that

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## ELGIN, ILL. MEETING

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also spiritual healing which in so many cases is necessary. After the first two days, the auditorium during the afternoon services was completely filled, as well as during the evening. As a result of the afternoon meetings, a good number responded to each altar call and gave their hearts and lives to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The climax of each day came in the evening service when, preceded by preliminary messages from various members of the party, Brother Branham came to minister to the people in Christ's name. His inspiring messages on faith were greatly anointed, and many claimed healing as they submitted to the laying on of our brother's hands in the name of our Lord. Hundreds passed through the prayer lines, and eternity alone will reveal the help and blessings received by the multitudes as they thronged to the rich ministry of these meetings.

The local committee, headed by Rev. Merrill Johnson, did a splendid job of making preparation for the meeting, and steering it to a successful close. Visitors from all over the United States and parts of Canada were hospitably received and treated, and the brethren in the Elgin community are to be commended.

It is the hope of the Branham party that the fellowship commenced in these meetings will be taken up again when the party returns in the will of God to a great Chicago meeting in the not-too-distant future.

In the meantime, God bless Elgin and its people, and although the voice of the Branham meetings is no longer heard in its streets, may the echo carry on to the glory of God."

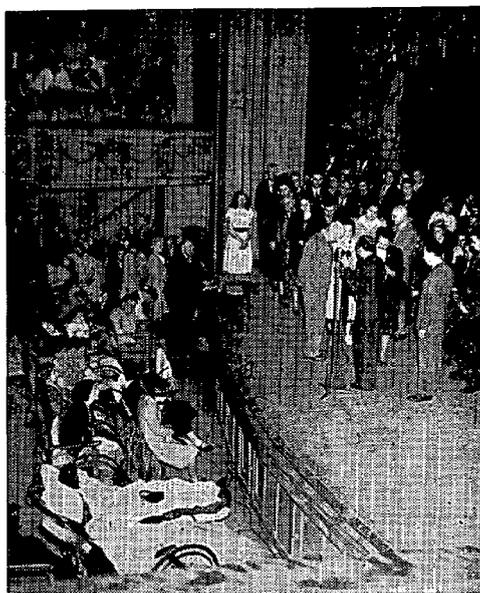
Just as this paper was going to press later reports of the meetings were received from pastors in the Elgin area, excerpts from which we shall pass on to you. The following are the words of Rev. Johnson, chairman of the local committee:

"This has been my second occasion to attend the Branham meetings. It is my firm conviction that in many ways this meeting excelled my first experience. As someone so aptly put it, 'Never since the days of the great Chicago fire has Elgin and its surrounding cities been so mightily stirred.' For days after the meetings came to a close, the subject seemed to be on the lips of everyone. A great realization has also come to the Christians for the need of more men like Brother Branham. Reports, however, do indicate that God is increasing within the ranks of the Church of Jesus Christ in these last days more men with this ministry of healing. The Spirit of God is undoubtedly rapidly preparing the Church for its great exodus to Glory. That must be very soon.

One cannot attend the Branham meetings without a sense of feeling what it must have been like to be living in the days of the Apostles. Words fail to describe the

sudden burst of ecstasy and inexpressible awe that grips the people who for their first time experience the power of God to heal and perform miracles. What words can describe the experience of witnessing blind eyes being opened, deaf ears unstopped, the dumb speaking their first words, the cripples walking, crossed eyes straightened, and many other glorious sights.

The sweet, unassuming and lovable character of Brother Branham so vividly portrays the spirit of Christ that dominates his life. To see Brother Branham's great love for children would touch even the hardest of persons. For seldom would a child with crossed eyes, blind, deaf or crippled pass by Brother Branham without



Brother Branham praying for the sick in Elgin, Illinois.

his arms embracing them and beseeching God to perform a miracle in their little bodies; and in every instance to my knowledge God granted our brother's prayer with a miracle.

The meeting in Elgin seems to have taken on it the nature of many great camp meetings rolled into one. The throngs which came from all over the United States and Canada literally rocked this city. It reminded one of reading in the Scriptures of the throngs that pressed about Christ in the days of His earthly ministry.

Another significant feature of the Branham meetings in Elgin was the congregational singing and special numbers. Faith soared to new heights and the blessings of God descended on the people as they worshipped the Christ in song. Many received their healings in their seats and surrendered their prayer cards without going through the prayer lines. Some of these were in the miraculous. The special singing and music rendered by the students

from the Great Lakes Bible Institute at Zion, and other visiting evangelistic parties, deeply enriched the meetings. The co-operation from all who served to make the meetings a success was so characteristic of this great spiritual meeting. All the members of the committee found it pleasant to work with the Branham party. Few meetings of such intensity are conducted so smoothly and with such general approval.

The leadership of the Branham party—Rev. Gordon Lindsay, Rev. Jack Moore and Rev. Young Brown—was divinely accepted and was conducted in such a manner as gave the meetings wide acceptance, inspired faith and manifested the high standard of Christian leadership.

The ministry of Rev. F. F. Bosworth from Miami, Florida, gave a rich foundational basis from the Word of God for the ministry of divine healing. Some very definite healings resulted from Brother Bosworth's ministry of the Word.

Rev. W. J. Ern Baxter from Vancouver, Canada, with his fiery, rich and dynamic preaching, brought deep conviction and decisions for Christ. His ministry inspired faith to such a degree that all skepticism and unbelief seemed impossible to exist within the walls of the temple. At the close of every message from Brother Baxter, the spiritual tide had risen to such proportions that the people seemed perfectly prepared for the ministry of Brother Branham to pray for the sick.

The meetings in Elgin have left a testimony in this Chicago area that will live in the hearts of the people throughout their lives. Everywhere one hears the people inquiring, "When will the Branham party return to Elgin?" The people are waiting, praying and planning for a return visit of the Branham party. In the meantime, they are rejoicing for the great things done in their midst. The ministry of Brother Branham and his associates have gained a multitude of new friends in this area, and done an immeasurable good for God and His Kingdom here."

### CHIEF USHER REPORTS

The position of head usher in the meetings was most efficiently filled by Rev. Matthew Eaton, also a neighboring pastor, who gives the following account:

"With great anticipation and prayer we looked forward to the coming of Brother Branham and his party to Elgin, Illinois, for a healing campaign, and we were not disappointed, as there were marvelous manifestations of God's wonderful grace.

From the very first night, God worked in opening blind eyes, making the lame walk, and the deaf to hear. Truly our hearts were humbled in the great presence of God. Many who came to the services said they had never been in services like these where God was felt and His power was present to heal. Many backsliders from the Fox Valley and far-reaching cities returned to the Lord, and are now testifying of the goodness of God.

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# FOR THIS CAUSE . . .

## OR WHY THERE IS SO MUCH SICKNESS IN THE CHURCH

BY GORDON LINDSAY

The question has been asked more than once, "Why is there so much sickness among the children of God?" We may understand that in the world, where men daily break the laws of God and disregard His will, that according to the law of sowing and reaping, there should be, and is, a harvest of sickness and disease. But why is it that in the Church, which is the Body of Christ, should we also find sickness and disease holding in these days almost undisputed sway? There are, of course, various causes of sickness; and in many cases the immediate cause may be traced. As the writer of Proverbs declares, "The curse causeless shall not come." But now we do not speak of individual cases, but we would go deeper than this and search for the fundamental reason why the church cannot rise to the challenge, claim its inheritance and throw off the shackles of sickness and disease which harass her.

The need of healing for the church is urgent. In the great Branham healing campaigns, we have had opportunity to observe the proportion of sick Christians, and surely what we have witnessed is startling. Out of 3,000 Christians there may be 2,000 who wish to be prayed for. Surely this sad state of affairs arises not because God has not made adequate provision for His people. The Scriptures declare that the ancient Israelites had so appropriated God's promise of healing (Exod. 15:26) that "there was not one feeble one among the tribes." The children of Israel had little faith for their soul's welfare, but apparently did for their bodies. Today the evangelical church pays more attention to the soul, and this is altogether right and proper, but it need not be to the disregard of the health of its members. Among the last words of John the beloved were these: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospers." The Psalmist declares of him who dwells in the secret place of the Most High that "neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Psa. 91:10.

There must then be some fundamental reason why there is so much sickness in the church. We need not go far to find it, for it is plainly stated in the Scriptures. Paul gave the reason in I Cor. 11:29 and the context:

"For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, *not discerning the Lord's body*. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep (have died). For if we judge ourselves, we shall not be judged;



Only a fraction of the crowd seeking admittance to the Elgin meeting could be accommodated.

wherefore my brethren when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another."

### SICKNESS CAUSED BY FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE BODY OF CHRIST

It is generally understood that the above passage speaks of the Holy Communion, and the elements of which are symbols of the Broken Body of Christ. This explanation as far as it goes is correct (verses 24 and 25). Primarily it refers to the fact that those who partake of the Lord's Supper should discern that those elements are more than food to be eaten as in an ordinary meal. By faith one should see in them the Broken Body and Shed Blood of the Lord. *But beyond this the context plainly shows that reference is made to the church of Jesus Christ which in a mystical way is the Body of Christ* (I Cor. 12). In Paul's day, as in our own, the members of the church were busy judging one another and thus bringing themselves under judgment. In verse 31 of our context, the apostle declares that "if we judge ourselves we shall not be judged." He told the Corinthians to tarry one for another, to care one for another, to love one another, *for they were members of one Body!*

### THE CHURCH IS ONE BODY

Though the Corinthians were divided in doctrine and leadership, yet Paul said they were members of one Body. He repeats and carries this thought along throughout the succeeding 12th chapter of Corinthians. That by one Spirit they were all baptized into one Body (verse 13). The Corinthians thought that they could get along without certain of their number. But Paul said that one member was not to say to the other: I have no need of you (verses 14-21). Indeed, they were not to despise the weaker and more feeble members of the Body (verse 22), that there should be no schism in the Body, but that the members should have the same care one for another (verse 25). The Corinthians little thought that if some other Christian suffered it would affect them, but that was exactly the case. The inspired writer continued: "That if one member of the Body suffered all the members suffered with it" (verse 26).

### THE PENALTY OF A DIVIDED BODY IS SICKNESS AND DEATH

In Corinth the Church had been seriously divided, just as the Church has been  
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## TACOMA MEETING

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was what actually happened! Some 6,000 people filled the building and the temperature became just right. Praise the Lord!

One of the notable features of the Tacoma Meeting was the fact that the ministers of so many churches had united in a Full Gospel Fellowship. It was wonderful and glorious. We shall have an article from these ministers in a subsequent issue, explaining how they were able to achieve such a fellowship and the results of the efforts in this direction. We trust that the example that the Tacoma ministers have shown in this matter shall be emulated by groups in many other cities.

tains on the police force came forward and gave their testimony to Brother Branham, of how they had been blessed.

Brother Bosworth and Brother Baxter spoke at the morning and afternoon services. Their ministries contributed greatly to the success of the meetings. A good number found Christ at the arena, but many were giving their hearts to the Lord in their homes and elsewhere as the result of the meetings.

The one sad thing about the meeting was that because of the thousands who came to be prayed for, only a comparatively few

## Usher Healed While Serving In Elgin Meeting

Praise God! The Lord healed me of an awful hernia in the Elgin (Ill.) meeting on Wednesday evening, April 28, 1948. I was an usher up in the balcony, and while Brother Branham was praying for the other sick people, I, too, was healed. The hernia is all gone, praise the Lord! My intentions were to only be in the meeting a day or two and get healed, then go home, but I enjoyed it so much that I just had to stay through the entire meeting.

RALPH W. GOERTZEN  
Route 1  
Walton, Kan.



The great Tacoma ice arena seating 6,000 people filled the third night of Rev. Wm. Branham's appearance in the city.

During a noon hour luncheon, Brother Branham spoke to the ministers concerning some things that were on his heart. It was a solemn and impressive hour and not a few tears fell across the faces of ministers as they listened. Incidentally, the editor happened to overhear a remark or two between brethren sitting near him, which was typical. Said one to the other, "When this meeting is over, and while these wonderful things are all fresh in my mind, I want to get away a few days, and get alone with God."

There is no doubt but that the city became God conscious in a remarkable way. The Youth For Christ leader gave a wonderful testimony of how he had come to the service wondering concerning the story of the angelic visitor and the light that appeared to Brother Branham. He told how he had prayed and God led him to turn to Acts 12, and to read the account of the supernatural light that shone into the prison where Peter was, and the angel that appeared to him. He said, "Surely God is alive to do this thing again today." Cap-

could receive special ministration. Most of the people had to come through the line with just a word of blessing from Brother Branham. Many of these had faith to be healed. Nevertheless, it has become increasingly clear to our brother that in order to do justice to a meeting, he must stay a much longer time.

### Mother and Son Are Healed Simultaneously

I had nervous stomach trouble and I was healed the moment you took my hand. I can eat and really enjoy it now.

My little boy had rheumatic fever and he was healed. He is growing fast now.

MRS. D. E. JONES  
Route 1, Box 209-A  
El Dorado, Arkansas

January 8, 1948.

### Washington Resident Testifies of Healing

I was taken ill in July of 1946 and nearly hemorrhaged to death. I was in bed a good part of the time for 17 months. I went to a doctor for an examination and he said I had fibrous tumors and cancer. If I would walk even a few blocks I would be in bed for days, and only as God would hear and answer prayer would I be able to have strength enough to get up.

I was prayed for and God set me free. On the following Friday, I was real sick for about two hours and the cancer seemed to pass from me. The odor from it was terrible.

I have been working and helping to care for my family of ten and live a normal life. I feel wonderful!

I went to the doctor for an examination as you requested and he said there was no more cancer.

DOROTHY LEWIN  
422 Karr Avenue  
January 1, 1948. Hoquiam, Wash.

## MESSAGE FROM REV. MR. MOORE

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by a ravenous beast of totalitarian Communism and atheism. We have come to a supreme crisis such as man has never faced throughout human history. Woe is us that we have lived to see this terribly fatal hour if we fail to awake to righteousness. They say in principle we can make the poor rich by first making the rich all poor. On this point the Anti-Christ will deceive the world. Oh, Church of God, this is your hour . . . this is your opportunity! The Lord of Heaven is visiting His people, preparing them for the glorious event of His coming!

In recent months, all over this nation and Canada, we have traveled with Brother William Branham and have witnessed how God has been working, mighty signs and wonders of healing and saving many hundreds (sometimes as many as 1,000 to 1,500 are moved for Christ in one service). Christians everywhere are coming together as if some unseen hand is moving them, and truly this movement is of God. Satan has greatly gained the advantage over us in the past, but now we are not ignorant concerning his devices. This spirit of love and fellowship will help bring Jesus back for, says the Apostle, He is coming to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe.

We name the three greatest needs of the world . . . (and Jesus fills them all):

1. To save the lost.
2. To heal the sick.
3. To make the poor rich.

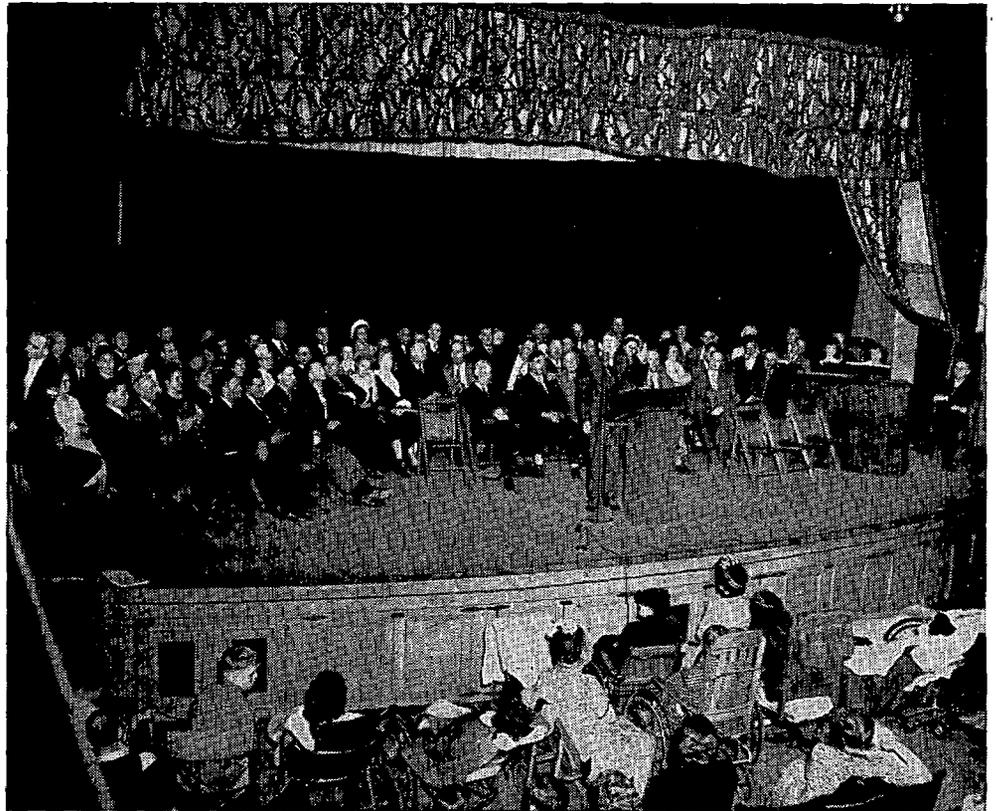
I will pass over the first two listed as I feel much has been said and written on these subjects; I will proceed with the third.

Jesus called the poor before even the lame, halt and blind (Luke 14:24). Come, and welcome all ye poor to Jesus Christ, for He desires to make you rich with the true riches. Hear Paul in II Cor. 8:9: "Though He was rich, for our sakes He became poor that we through His poverty might be made rich."

1. Why are we so poor? (Many have visible means but no invisible means). Hear Christ's answer. A certain individual put the question before Jesus: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus' answer to this man's final question of "Who is my neighbor?" gives us much light on the subject. Jesus relates the incident of a certain man who went from Jerusalem to Jericho, fell among thieves and was robbed. Here, then, is the reason for our poverty.

2. How poor are we?

We offer Christ's answer again. Peter has asked a question: "How oft shall I



Branham campaigns provide a mutual meeting ground for ministers of various organizations. This group of ministers photographed in Elgin, Ill., is typical.

forgive?" Jesus speaks of a king who would take an account of his servants; one was called who owed ten thousand talents, a sum he could by no means pay. His lord had compassion and forgave him (Matt. 18:21-27). Therefore, says Paul, we are saved by grace. But that is not all. Grace makes us *rich*. How rich? As rich as Christ Himself and He is heir of all things seen and unseen, all worlds known and unknown . . . and we are joint heirs with Him.

Finally, the story of the Prodigal Son concerns every man of Adam's race. The present world system is typical of that in the far country of sin.

Here the good are bad.  
Here the rich are poor.  
Here the living are dead.

There is none good, no not one, except those who are crucified with Christ and now He lives in them.

The rich are poor because these are not the true riches. "I have counted all things but loss that I might win Christ," wrote Paul.

The living are dead because in Adam all died. "Ye who were dead in sins He has made alive," again we quote Paul.

The rich He sent away empty, the poor He has filled with good things. Now we need not make the rich poor, for Thou who wast rich made yourself poor that we through Your poverty might be made rich. This is *Grace*.

## Missionary Healed, Returning to Alaska

(Testimony appearing in the Pentecostal Evangel, April 3, 1948).

Dear Christian Friends:

Our year of furlough has slipped by quickly, and we are once again looking northward. Along with recovered health, a new and greater vision is given unto us, and we are restless with desire to return to our appointed field of labor.

One year ago, with hearts broken even more than our bodies, which went down under the strain, we climbed into a small plane, flown by one of Alaska's most daring bush pilots at the risk of his own life, with temperature at 60 degrees below zero. God graciously protected us in the flight of 2,000 miles to Seattle.

At that time I thought that my time had come to depart this life; but many were praying for me. Then last Thanksgiving Day we attended (the Branham) healing service at Ashland, Oregon, where along with many others, God wonderfully healed my pain-racked body. All praise to His wonderful name!

Now, dear friends, we cannot rest. Having already built two churches in the far north, we are returning to establish a third. Won't you put us on your prayer list once more?

Sincerely yours in the Master's service,  
JAMES M. REB.

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For the benefit of those interested, the following statement has been prepared by the Campaign Committee and signed by William Branham:

"Due to the wide reach and influence of the ministry of Rev. William Branham, drawing into the fellowship of his campaigns many ministers and people of various denominations, it has been found necessary to officially publish the doctrinal policy followed by Rev. Branham and his party in all his campaigns.

Realizing the importance of Christian doctrine, and the rights of various groups in the matter of interpretation, Rev. Branham nevertheless feels that in the large union meetings, all doctrinal issues, apart from the great Evangelical fundamentals, should not be raised or discussed in the campaign services. All co-operating ministers are kindly asked to studiously avoid the precipitation of argument and debate on points of denominational difference, for the campaigns are to be entirely inter-denominational.

Rev. Branham also requests that, for the sake of God's work, he be identified with no doctrinal issues by co-operating pastors after the close of a union meeting."

(Signed) Rev. William Branham.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING BROTHER BRANHAM'S ITINERARY

During the past two years Brother Branham has held campaigns in forty or fifty cities. These generally run from one to eight days. A few have been extended to several weeks. It has now become clear to our brother that he must make some change in the manner of arranging the schedule of his meetings. People come from great distances, sell their property to pay the expenses of the trip, only to find upon arriving that so many more have come upon a similar errand that there is no time to properly minister to all of them. Some go away disappointed and this weighs heavily upon our brother.

Regarding future meetings, our brother believes that it is the mind of God that he should go to the large centers, secure suitable auditoriums and stay for several weeks. While there is no hope that the number who come to be prayed for can be exhausted, yet it will give opportunity for all those who come at the beginning (some at great expense), and to stay for instruction, to be properly ministered to. Then too, those who have been healed but whose faith is weak, may draw inspiration from the meetings until their strength is fully restored.

As for Brother Branham himself, it is highly important that he take an immediate rest. There will be no meetings during the month of June. Meetings scheduled in Canada have all been cancelled for the time being until our brother's strength is restored.

We are always glad to receive invitations from ministers of various cities, but at this time it is impossible to make further commitments. We ask that everyone who has an interest in Brother Branham's ministry, pray to God that He will give him strength to continue.

## Has Your Copy Failed to Come?

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## Literature Available

Inquiries are coming to our office concerning literature. The following are now available:

"Jesus Christ the Same" and "The Heavenly Vision," 15c each, two for 25c. "The Coming of the Gift," in tract form, 25c per 10. "The Voice of Healing," Rolls of 50 or more 7c each copy.



REV. WILLIAM FREEMAN

We have just received glowing reports of the ministry of Rev. William Freeman of Porterville, California, which declare that many deaf, dumb, blind, etc., are being healed in his meetings. The editor attended one of his services at Salem, Oregon, and we are happy to be able to confirm these reports. Further accounts of his meetings will appear in subsequent issues.

## MORE TESTIMONIES

I had suffered from tumor 12 years. As I was going through the prayer line, I asked you to tell me what was wrong with my right side, because I hurt there all the time, and you told my husband it was a tumor. Also, you said I would get awfully sick in about two weeks, and exactly two weeks from that day I took sick and was in such great pain that I thought I was dying. The Lord comforted me with these words: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." I passed that tumor and I thank and praise God for healing.

MRS. MARY PRESSON  
3405 Harvey Avenue  
Fresno, Calif.

January 24, 1948.

I want to testify and give Jesus thanks for my wonderful healing of cancer. I was healed at the Kansas City meeting, April 11, 1948. I went to Kansas City with just one purpose in mind, and that was for Brother Branham to pray for me. Jesus answered his prayer. Bless His Name.

MRS. M. M. VAN NATTAN  
327 S. Eighteenth  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

May 12, 1948.

## NEW FEATURES TO BE ADDED TO THE VOICE OF HEALING

Every believer knows that the Lord, in these last days, has been gradually restoring the Gifts to His Church. It has been Brother Branham's deep conviction that major manifestations of these gifts are shortly to be revealed for the purpose of perfecting the Church and drawing her members together into unity and harmony. True to our brother's belief, these major sign-gifts are now beginning to appear. After conversations with Brother Branham, there has been a decision to recognize in The Voice of Healing, such ministries, which by their scope and authority, appear to be those that God has singularly chosen for this work. It is evident that those who receive this ministry will, with Brother Branham, feel a definite conviction to maintain their ministries on an inter-evangelical basis, and will avoid interjecting controversial issues which might divide rather than unite the people of God. The prayer of Christ was that His disciples might become one even as He and the Father were One. The time for the drawing together of the members of the Bride of Christ has come, and the sign-gifts are being given to the entire Church. It is remarkable that God is choosing men for this ministry from different groups. Those who are moving with the Divine tide, will recognize the significance of the hour in which we are. In this and subsequent issues, The Voice of Healing will recognize these ministries. Since Brother Branham cannot respond to a tenth of invitations that have been sent him, we recommend that those living in areas where our brother is unable to minister, may attend the campaigns of these other brethren that God has chosen for a similar ministry.

Ever since I was a little girl, I had a goiter. I took different kinds of pills to get rid of it, but it was in vain. My parents wanted me to have an operation, but I was afraid, and they didn't insist. I attended a few healing meetings, but never was prayed for, and I heard many testimonies and knew the Lord was able, and yet I doubted.

After I attended two of your healing meetings, I believed with all my heart that if you only asked the Lord I would be healed. I could hardly wait for my turn to come. I awoke the next morning feeling like a new person and I can't explain how relieved I was. The first thought that came to my mind was that I was healed. I jumped out of bed and when I took a deep breath, there was a space open in my throat. I was instantly healed!

DORIS SUPROVICH  
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Edmonton, Alta., Canada

August 20, 1947.

## Late News From Rev. Oral Roberts

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I heard the fine reports of the Elgin Branham meeting. Truly it is refreshing to hear "What God hath wrought!"

Our Moline meeting turned out well. We were not able to seat them from Friday on. Over 300 saved, many went on through to Pentecost. Seven deaf and dumb healed, all those you saw in front of the church with their interpreters were healed. They were all present at the final service and their interpreter told how they were hearing, how their ears were all popping and how acute their hearing.

God is good and I worship and love Him in all humility for "His wonderful works to the children of men."

The Duluth campaign is off to a good start; last night a little Catholic girl, born deaf and dumb, was healed and heard and spoke for the first time; there was not a dry eye in the audience. We move to the Armory Friday. It seats 3,800. I know you will remember us in prayers. A large number of unsaved are finding God in this campaign, more than in any previous meeting.

Please give my sincerest personal regards to Brother Branham; let him know that I am calling his name before the Father's throne, although I know his need of prayer is not as great as mine. With warmest personal greetings to you, and in His love, I am

Yours because of Him,  
ORAL ROBERTS.

## Woman Testifies To Seeing Star In Elgin Meeting

(The following is an excerpt from a letter received just before this paper went to press. This further confirms other reports from persons who have witnessed the visible appearance of a star at different times in the meetings, corresponding with Brother Branham's testimony of the coming of the Gift.)  
Dowagiac, Michigan  
May 17, 1948

Dear Editor:

I received one of the May issue of The Voice of Healing when we were at the Branham meeting in Elgin, Illinois. My wife saw a star over Brother Branham's head while he was standing in line praying for the sick. She was healed of a chronic stomach trouble of many years' standing, praise the Lord!

Elder J. C. Ryan,  
312 Wooden Ave.  
Dowagiac, Mich.

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Granite City, Ill., July 8-25.

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# FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

BY REV. LYLE G. PALMER

As it has been our privilege to be in some of the great Branham meetings, we have often been reminded of the similarity of conditions to those found in the ministry of Jesus, as recorded in the four gospels. In the days of Christ's greatest popularity, vast multitudes followed Him. See Matt. 8:1; also Mark 1:45. From the people who made up those multitudes, we find several classes of followers: some of these truly followed the Lord, but others, alas, came for the loaves and fishes or for other reasons.

## SEEKING TRUE FOLLOWERS

Christ's first command was for us to take up the Cross and follow Him. Mark 8:34. He also gives the promise of making fishers of men of those who wholeheartedly follow Him. There is no use trying to follow unless first we take up the Cross of Christian duty and unselfishness. We cannot truly serve God unless we learn to put His interests first.

If we walk with Him, we shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12. But to return to our group of followers, we find those that *followed because they saw the miracles*. John 6:2. "A great multitude followed him because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased."

## THOSE WHO COME OUT OF CURIOSITY

There is something electrifying about a miracle. Of course, it cannot be a miracle except it be something above and beyond the ordinary. Many people come to these meetings to satisfy their curiosity. They see the miracles of healing, but they are not concerned about serving the One Whose power alone can make it possible. According to Paul, in Rom. 15:18-19, the purpose of signs and wonders is to make people obedient to the Gospel of Christ. When Philip preached at Samaria and cast out devils, healing the sick, the people with one accord gave heed to the things which he said. Acts 8:5-8.

## THOSE OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES

Then, there was a second group that *followed because they ate the bread and were filled*. John 6:26. The blessing of God is beyond all human understanding and its immediate effect upon the soul and even the flesh is to cause the recipient to have a wonderful sense of joy and well being. Unfortunately, many people follow Christ today merely to enjoy His blessing. He blesses us that we might be a blessing to others. Many Christians and followers of Christ today live only from blessing to blessing, whereas they should live from *faith to faith*. The Blessed One is greater than any blessing and to continue in His blessing, we must walk by faith, not by sight.

## THE GROUP INTERESTED IN SELFISH GAIN

The next class we shall consider are those who *follow to present their personal*

*selfish cause*. Lk. 12:13. In this instance, Jesus had been saying things of the utmost importance to His disciples about the fear of God, and the blasphemy against the Spirit, and how God's Spirit would teach the believer what to say when on trial for his faith. A man spoke up and said, "Lord, speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me." He apparently had paid no attention to the Words of Jesus, but had followed, thinking he could get Jesus to help him to further his covetous intentions with regard to his family estate. Oh, precious friends, so many of us come to Jesus for help when we are sick or discouraged or in poverty or trouble, but we stay only until our present need is satisfied; then, we go our way until we get in trouble again. Jesus wants to help us in our personal needs, but He is more concerned with our eternal soul than anything else. If we put Him first, Matt. 6:33, all things we need will be added.

Then there was Peter who, when our Lord was on trial, *followed afar off*. Peter was not a coward as long as he could fight for God in his own way (or after the flesh), but when he had to submit to God's way, which is always contrary to the flesh, he followed afar off. Of course, he later repented (as we trust these others will) and was restored to fellowship, and blessed.

## THE CRITICAL GROUP

But there was yet another class who *followed only to criticize*. Criticism is one of Satan's sharp tools to hinder God's work. No matter what Jesus did, they criticised Him. If He cast out a devil, He did it through Beelzebub. If He healed on the Sabbath, it was wrong. If He forgave sin, it was blasphemy, and so on in all that He did. And so it is today; in spite of all the marvelous healings and deliverances accomplished in these meetings through our brother, yet he is criticised by certain groups who are powerless themselves to do the thing he is doing. Oh, brother, Jesus said no man could do a miracle in His Name and speak lightly of Him. These things have brought incalculable harm and have caused many to miss the blessing of these great meetings. Jesus said, "Judge not before the time." He also urged, "Believe me for the works sake."

## THOSE THAT REALLY LOVED HIM

This brings us to our last group and how happy we are to present them to you—those who *follow because they love the Word of Life*. Peter answered, upon being questioned by Christ as to his faithfulness, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Jn. 6:68. The word that brings healing and casts out devils is the Word of eternal life. No human word can do this; only God's eternal Word. Oh, I love Him for His Word, because God has spoken in these last

# HEALED OF TUMOR

Dear Brother Branham:

I received the anointed handkerchief that you sent me. I was a very sick woman when I wrote for you to pray for me.

We had been living in Dunsmuir, California, for about four months and I had been sick all the time. The doctor examined me and told me that I had a very large tumor and unless I went right away and had it removed, I couldn't possibly live, as I would soon begin to hemorrhage and they would be unable to do anything for me. I felt I could not stand another operation, for I had already had 15. I then wrote to you for prayer.

He advised my husband to go right away with me to the U. C. Hospital in San Francisco. Only God knows how I suffered as we started by automobile. When we got to Woodland, Calif., I got much worse and I told my husband to stop the car and let me lie down, if I had to lie on the ground. I was so sick I could go no farther. Just before he came to a place where he could stop, something came over me, it seemed, it came in at my head and went right out at my feet. I thought to myself that the end had come and I was dying, but when that spell passed, I knew what had happened. I felt that you had prayed for me and my dear Lord had healed me. I told my husband to stop at the next service station, and he came around to help me out, but oh; thank the Good Lord, I didn't need his help as I was free from pain and I got out of the car myself and started singing the praises of the Lord for His healing. I sang all the way to Oakland.

The next morning I went over to the U. C. Hospital, as I had a letter from the doctor here telling them what he had found. Two of their doctors examined me and they looked at me and said, "Why did you come here. We can't find a thing wrong with you, you are as normal as any woman could be. You don't need an operation."

When I came home and the doctor here heard what had happened he sent for me to come to see him. He said he could not believe it. He examined me again and he was the most surprised man I ever saw. I told him what God had done for me and he said that prayer must have done something as there is nothing there now. We run a rooming house and I do most of the work by myself.

Sincerely yours,  
MRS. ROSE GRIMSHAW  
805A Sacramento Avenue  
Dunsmuir, Calif.

August 29, 1947.

days through His Son and we should give most earnest heed to His Words lest we let them slip away. Those who love God's Word love Him, and those who reject the Word, reject Him. Hold fast to the precious Word of life and may God help us all to be true followers of Christ.

# EXPLOITS OF FAITH

## TESTIMONIES OF HEALING IN THE BRANHAM MEETINGS

### Miami Man Healed In Faith Line!



2768 N. W. 57 Street  
Miami 38, Florida  
Phone 7-0991  
May 18, 1948

The Voice of Healing  
Box 4097  
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Brother Branham:

I am happy to have this opportunity to send you the testimony of my healing.

For the past 3 or 4 years, I had suffered with a backache. Sometimes it was not so severe, but other times it was quite intense. Not a day went by that my back did not ache some. I went to several local doctors, and was under their treatment during most of that time, but they never discovered what caused my back to ache, and were never able to get rid of the backache.

On the night of February 1, 1948, my wife and I went to the meeting held at the Big Tent Tabernacle in Miami. There must have been 3,000 people present that night, and about seven or eight hundred were prayed for. I went through the faith line; you took me by the hand and said "God heal my brother, in the name of Jesus Christ" and I was healed. My back has not ached since.

When you returned to Miami on February 17th through 22nd, my wife and I attended all of those services. If anyone cares to get in touch with me I would be glad to tell them of the healings I saw at your meetings.

Sincerely,  
J. I. Singleton.

Whatever ye desire when ye pray, believe ye receive and ye shall have. (Mark 11:24).

### Spanish Sister Reports Profound Experiences Of Healing and Baptism

April 22, 1947.

Today I truly say that God is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever. WHY?

We heard about our dear Brother Branham in Stockton, Calif., and immediately were on our way to see him. At that time he was in Oakland, Calif., some distance from where we live. When I saw him I knew it couldn't be anything else but the work of our Lord. For that night there were great miracles performed when Bro. Branham prayed. The deaf and dumb were healed and could hear and speak. Blind could see, cripples could walk. Oh, praise the Lord. It was just wonderful to see this dear brother that the Lord is using in this way. The meetings ended at Oakland and were to be held at Sacramento, closer to where we live. So we attended all the meetings there. But it wasn't until Friday, March 28, that the Lord touched my body and I was healed through Bro. Branham's prayer.

The church was full, all around it people were listening. My sister and I were seated right in front of the pulpit. I sat there, just thinking, when I heard my sister tell me: If I could only go through the fast or faith line I know I would be healed. I thought to myself if she has faith enough to believe that I'll try and build mine up also. So I thought to myself and said: I believe Bro. Branham's testimony with all my heart and tonight I'll be healed just as soon as he begins to preach. And to confirm it I know and will be positive if only I could get Bro. Branham to look at me straight in the eyes. He began to preach, and I took it all in, for it was a wonderful message sent right from God.

When he had preached about half way through, I saw him looking towards me. Finally, he said, "There is somebody in the audience that has faith so much that I can feel it contacting over where I'm standing." I never thought that that person would be me. He stopped preaching, and soon the prayer line was to start. Just before he started he looked down at me and asked, "You're suffering, aren't you?" That is when he looked at me straight in the eyes. At that moment I felt a terrible headache, my back had been a constant pain all through the service. And at that moment it felt worse, I couldn't answer

him; I began to praise the Lord, and tonight I still praise Him, for I knew that in that instant I had been healed. Soon after that the prayer line began and Bro. Branham told Bro. Moore (one of his assistants) to call me. As I walked up to where he was, I heard him say, "This is the young lady coming up now that I said earlier in the service had faith."

The line was formed when I got there; about six (6) were to be prayed for before I got to him. As Bro. Branham prayed for the others I felt as though something was slowly leaving my body. I felt my hands and arms cold as ice. As he stopped praying that cold feeling would stop at a certain place also. He prayed for about four persons, just when he stopped praying I felt the "DEMON" leave my body completely. I had reached Bro. Branham then. The joy was mine. I couldn't stop praising the Lord for He had healed me. My words when I talked were, "I'm healed, Bro. Branham." He took my hand and said the vibration on your hand has stopped; your Faith has healed you; praise the Lord. Surely I can say he can if you only "BELIEVE."

I didn't know for sure what I had. Doctors had told my folks that it was tuberculosis and wouldn't get well unless I took treatments that were necessary. They made me take it but never told me what would become of me if I didn't.

That night Bro. Branham told me: I won't tell you what you had because it might make you nervous. But I said, "Tell me, Brother; I'm healed." He then said, "You had tuberculosis."

Today I praise my Lord for His healing power through Bro. Branham. He told me that through my faith other things that I asked for would be granted. What I wanted most was my baptism of the Holy Ghost. Two days later God sent down His mighty power and I was filled with the Holy Ghost.

That's why today I know God is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever. It's for you, anything can be granted. "ONLY BELIEVE."

MISS EMMA MARTINEZ

(Age 19 years)

560 N. Broadway

Stockton, Calif.

(The Spanish Faith Sister)

P. S.—If more information concerning my healing is desired, write me at the above address and I will be glad to send it to you.

## Remarkable Faith Brings Healing in Tacoma

Kelso, Washington  
May 19, 1948

Dear Brother Branham:

As I sat in the meetings in Tacoma, Washington, I was in much pain. I had arthritis of the spine. I saw so many that needed healing more than I did because I was able to be up and some were not even able to walk. We sat through four days of meeting and never tried to push ahead of anybody or ask special favors to get in line, and it seemed it would be impossible to get prayed for, but oh how God proved Himself to us.

As I sat there Friday night, May 14, something hit me on the shoulder where the pain was the worst. I felt rays go through my body every way, and the coolest, most soothing feeling as if something was being poured over my shoulder, so real that I put my hand on my shoulder and looked to see just what it was. It was the power of God. I felt something seemingly swimming around me, and then inside of me something began to expand and I felt so free. Thank God for my healing. I never did have to get in the prayer line.

Mrs. Herman Raff,  
808 N. 6th Ave.

## Heart Trouble Healed

I had heart trouble for the last 25 years and in the last two years developed dropsy. My heart was nearly three times the average size and the specialist said they could do nothing for me. I haven't been able to do any house work and have been in the bed most of the time since last January.

I began hemorrhaging and my folks took me to the hospital for an operation. God undertook, because I didn't go through with the operation and was taken home. I was so weak I could hardly stand up.

I went to your meetings and went through the fast line. God not only healed my heart, but took over my whole body, completely healed me.

MRS. W. L. GIBSON  
3835 S. E. Center Street  
Portland 2, Oregon

November 18, 1947.

## Operation Averted

My little 12-year-old girl had a bad ruptured stomach and the doctor said the only cure was an operation. But God did the operation without doctor or money when you prayed for her. I also was healed of a stomach ailment.

WILLIE MAE STACEY  
Box 462  
Castroville, Calif.

February 11, 1948.

## SEND US YOUR TESTIMONY

Everyone who has been healed should send us your testimony. If healing was sometime ago, would you send us your testimony again? Please enclose a snapshot of yourself if possible. Send to

THE VOICE OF HEALING  
Box 4097  
Shreveport, Louisiana

## Anointed Cloth Brings Healing and Baptism Of The Holy Ghost

I received the handkerchief you sent, followed the instructions, and was not only healed but filled with the Holy Ghost. A friend and I were praying and all at once I started speaking in a different language. The tenseness in my neck started loosening and now I feel wonderful.

MRS. ESTHER L. HARRIS  
Corsor Avenue  
Penticton, B. C.

May 6, 1947.

## Cross-Eyed Child Now Well

My nine-year-old son had whooping cough when he was just a little over two years old, and it affected his eyes and mouth, the left one turned in quite badly, especially when he was tired. He had worn glasses since he was two and one-half years old.

He got in the fast line and his eyes were immediately straightened and have been so ever since. Praise God for simple childlike faith.

MRS. HELEN M. McLEOD  
4149 Union Street  
Vancouver, B. C.

February, 17, 1948.

## Specialists Declare Canadian Well After Prayer

I took a severe attack of acute bronchial asthma with other complications, gasping for breath for 24 hours. The doctor gave me eight injections of adrenalin that day, also brought an oxygen tank. I got some relief, but remained very low due to the strain on the heart.

My wife, who is also a firm believer in prayer, went to your meeting in Vancouver and sent in a request for prayer for my healing. From that time forth, I began to get better. The local doctor had made an appointment to have a specialist check me over, and they could find nothing wrong with me. Both my wife and I had the assurance of the healing before I took the tests and I know the Lord answered your prayer.

CHARLIE McDOWELL  
Woodfibre, B. C.

November 24, 1947.

## Mother and Child Healed

I am sending in my three-year-old girl's testimony as well as my own. I had faith that God could heal us both while going through the faith line in the Kansas City meeting. She was healed of kidney trouble and of car sickness. She didn't vomit once on our way home on the bus, which was a trip of around 200 miles. God has made my eye straight, and is healing the other afflictions I have had since birth.

MRS. TWILA PANURE  
2506 Washington Street  
Bellevue, Neb.

## Cancer Victim Testifies

In July, 1946, I entered Community Hospital at Fresno, was X-rayed and found to have cancer of the bone. I was paralyzed and it seemed the cancer was wrapped around every bone in my body. I was given only a short time to live.

I began taking radium, which was turned on 12 different parts of my body. The last two treatments almost burned me to a crisp, but the rays did help stiffness in my joints. If I got a little cold, they would stiffen up again.

Brother Branham prayed for me and, glory to God, I am healed and well again.

LELA SMITH  
Route 5, Box 175  
Fresno, Calif.

## Pronounced 100 Per Cent Well

I had tumor for five years and two years ago it developed into cancer. The doctor said it was in the third or fourth stage, but they gave me radium and did all they could for me. I seemed to grow worse all the time.

When you took hold of my hand, I was healed and now I have a well body. The doctors couldn't take my word for it, so they gave me an examination. They marveled at my being 100 per cent well. I am now doing all of my work and am praising God for what He did.

PAULINE BARNES  
Boulder Street  
Modesto, Calif.

May 5, 1947.

## Child Sends Testimony

I had a mastoid operation five years ago and my ear had been draining ever since. You prayed for me and my ear is well and I feel fine.

TEDDY RAY STACEY  
Box 462  
Castroville, Calif.

February 15, 1948.

# THE FAITH THAT TAKES

By F. F. BOSWORTH

*"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye have received them, and ye shall have them."*

Mark 11:24

## FAITH A TITLE-DEED

"Faith is the evidence (or title-deed) to things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). In Jeremiah, a title-deed is repeatedly spoken of as "the evidence." Your deed is "the evidence" or proof that you own your home. So faith is the title-deed to what you have not yet seen. When you have been given a deed to a home which you have not yet seen, you already have a home before you see it.

In Mark 11:24, Jesus commands us to believe we "have received" the things we pray for, at the time we pray, without waiting to see or feel them; and on this condition He promises: "Ye shall have them." Faith for the healing of your body, the same as faith for forgiveness, is to believe, on the authority of God's Word, that you were forgiven before you felt forgiven. Nothing else is faith, for "Faith is the evidence of things not seen." As soon as the blessing we take by faith is manifested, faith for that blessing ends.

If you are the beneficiary in a rich man's will, you are already wealthy the moment the rich man dies, though you have not yet seen any of the money. Just so, everything bequeathed to us in our Lord's Last Will and Testament is already ours by virtue of the death of Jesus, the Testator. Faith is simply using what belongs to us.

In connection with healing, the same as with forgiveness, to believe we "have received" healing at the time we pray, before seeing or feeling it, is the "confidence" which the Holy Spirit, in Heb. 10:35-36, tells us not to cast away, for the reason that it "hath great recompense of reward."

Believing that our prayer is granted, at the time we pray, and that, therefore, we already have what we prayed for, before we see it, is the "confidence" referred to in I John 5:15-16: "We know that we have the petition that we desire of Him."

The fig tree which Jesus cursed, dried up, not from the leaves which could be seen, but "from the roots" which were out of sight. The death of the tree could not be detected at first by looking at the leaves.

## FAITH FIRST—RESULTS AFTERWARD

Calvary was our "Emancipation Proclamation" from everything outside the will of God. We are simply to believe what God says He has done for us, and act upon it, taking our blood-bought liberty just as the slaves of the South did after the Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln. Suppose the slaves had judged by the evidence of the senses, saying: "I don't feel different; I can't see any change; all my surroundings are just the same as they were." Would that be faith? It was *faith* only when they acted on the

freedom which was already theirs.

Just so, by believing and acting on the Word of God, everything that belongs to us in Christ, becomes available at once. To accept any contrary physical evidence in preference to the Word of God is to nullify the Word as far as you are concerned. Faith is believing what God says in the face of the contrary evidence of the senses. We are to be "steadfast" in resisting, as reasons for doubting, everything contrary to the Word of God. Faith means that we have left the sense realm.

If a friend should deposit in the bank a hundred thousand dollars to your credit and bring you the pass book and a check book, you wouldn't examine your empty pocketbook to see how much money you have; you would examine your pass book. The Bible is the Christian's pass book. God has deposited in Christ all I need. It is already mine. To neglect it is not a proper attitude toward God.

You have to receive Christ before experiencing any of the wonderful results of receiving Him. Christ *first, afterwards* the results. We receive healing, divine life and strength, and every other promised blessing in exactly the same way we received Christ and forgiveness. Since forgiveness is invisible, how did you receive it? Answer: by faith in God's Word. Why not receive divine healing, and life and strength in the same way?

Any blessing which is received by *faith*, you must have before you see it—before it is manifested. Otherwise it would not be received by *faith*, which is "the evidence of things not seen." The "ten lepers" already had healing in its unmanifested form when they started on their way to show the priest that they were healed. "As they went they were healed." Their healing was manifested while they were acting their faith.

## THE SIX SENSES

As perfume is non-existent to the sense of hearing, so what we take by faith according to Mark 11:24, is, at first, non-existent to the five natural senses. You do not doubt the existence of what you see because you can't *smell* or *taste* or *hear* it; then why doubt the existence of what you have taken by faith (the sixth sense) because you can't *yet see* or *feel* it? The five natural senses belong to "the natural man" who, Paul tells us, "cannot know the things of God." It is only by our *sixth* sense—faith—that we can see and take and hold on to the blessings God offers to us until they are fully manifested. To consult our natural senses for evidence that our prayer has been granted is as ridiculous as trying to see with our ears or to hear with our eyes.

## ALL SENSES INDEPENDENT OF EACH OTHER

All of our six senses work independently of each other; you see what you can't hear; you hear what you can't see, etc. Just so, you have by faith what is, at first, non-existent to the natural senses. It is important to see that the contrary evidence of the senses is no reason for doubting; because the evidences upon which faith rests are still perfect. It is faith only when we are believing in the face of the contrary evidence of the senses.

You must already have perfume before you can smell it. You must already have food before you can taste it; and you must already have healing before you can feel it. Faith receives forgiveness and healing and praises God for them when there is nothing to praise Him for as far as the five senses are *yet* witnesses.

Jesus said, "I thank Thee that Thou hast heard me," when the raising of Lazarus was yet in an unmanifested form. Just so it is before we see or feel any change that we are to believe that our prayer for healing is granted and we are to say as Jesus did, "I thank Thee that Thou hast heard me." The angels at Dothan were already present before they became visible to the servant of Elisha. The ability God gave him to see these angels did not create them.

God works while we maintain the mental habit of faith—"while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen"—at God, at His promises, His faithfulness, His justice, etc. (2 Cor. 4:18). Faith has to do only with the unseen and unfelt. As soon as what we have taken by faith is manifested to the senses, it ceases to be faith.

## TO BE RULED BY SENSES MEANS SPIRITUAL DEFEAT

No person who allows his mind to be ruled by his senses can have victorious faith. The mind that is ruled by the senses lives in a realm of uncertainty. Until God's Word gains mastery over your mind, your mind will be swayed by feelings and by things you see or hear, rather than by the Word of God. The mind and thoughts of those seeking healing must be "renewed" so as to be brought into harmony with the mind of God as revealed in the Bible. Faith for God's promised blessings is the result of knowing and acting on God's Word. The right mental attitude or the "renewed mind" (Rom. 12:2), makes steadfast faith possible to all. God always heals when He can get the right co-operation.

## HAVING BEFORE SEEING

I put a certain amount of money in Mrs. Bosworth's coat pocket, and later told her

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I had, asking her if she believed me. She said, "Of course I do," and thanked me for it. She actually had this money before she saw it. Why should we believe the bare word of *others* and demand visible proof from God?

Continue to believe that God gave you what you asked for when you prayed, thanking and praising Him for what He has given, and it will always materialize. This always puts God to working. So many are waiting for God to heal them, when He is waiting for them to take what He is offering them. How trying it would be to a friend who offered you a gift, for you to cry and beg for it, and keep him waiting for you to take it!

Let me put this in another way. Since Jesus commands us to believe we "have received" the things we pray for at the same time we pray, and before they take visible form, it is clear that they exist in two forms: first, *invisible*; afterwards, *visible*. First, "believe that ye have received them (in their invisible form) and ye shall have them (in their visible or material form)."

We have them *first*, in the *faith* realm, *afterwards* in the *sense* realm. So, Jesus, in Mark 11:24, commands us as soon as we pray to believe that we "have received" (in its invisible form) what we pray for, before He changes it into its visible or material form. The angels at Dothan were just as truly present and real in their invisible form as when they became visible to Elisha's servant. The "ten lepers" each had their healing in its invisible form while they were on their way to show the priest their healing in its visible and material form.

When Jesus said, "I thank Thee that Thou hast heard me," the raising of Lazarus was complete in the faith realm before it was seen, a few moments later, in the sense or material form. Just so, we are to believe that we already have our complete healing in its invisible form before God changes it into its visible or material form. The fact that "faith is the evidence (or title-deed) to things *not seen*," proves that we must already have the things we pray for in their invisible form, before God can change them into their visible or manifested form.

The entire eleventh chapter of Hebrews records the actions of God's saints in the faith realm *before* the results of their faith took visible form. All the acts of faith are in the realm of the yet unseen. Believing that we have received the things we pray for at the time we pray, is the "confidence" which is to be steadfast and unwavering until God changes the blessing we have taken, from its *invisible* to its visible form.

Walking by faith is walking by the kind of sight which sees and is occupied with "eternal" things—with God, with His promises, His faithfulness, and the many

other perfect reasons for faith. It was *believing without seeing* that gave Peter "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

The sacrifice of praise and the giving of thanks continually is done in the *faith* realm, or before our blessings have been changed into their visible form. Jonah called his symptoms "lying vanities" and sacrificed with the voice of thanksgiving while he was still in the stomach of the great fish. The Israelites sang praises on their way to battle.

## FOR THIS CAUSE

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today. There were differences of doctrine, differences in the matter of leadership, differences in the matter of water baptism. (I Cor. 1:10-17) These variances had produced contentions and divisions in the Body of Christ. But Paul remonstrating said, "Is Christ divided?" **EVIDENTLY THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH DID NOT DISCERN THE LORD'S BODY**, and as a result many were **WEAK AND SICKLY AND MANY SLEPT (IN DEATH)**. The penalty of such division and lack of discernment was sickness and premature death. What was true in the Corinthian church is true to a great extent today. We must discern the Lord's Body, which is His church, before we may banish sickness from our doors.

### CONTENTIONS BRING OUT THE WORST IN CHRISTIANS

May we ever contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. We must fight the good fight against those who would compromise the faith, who would deny the Virgin Birth and even the "Lord who bought them." We must stand unflinchingly against those who would deny the Deity of Christ or His miracles, His Atonement, His Resurrection from the dead, or His power to accomplish miracles and reveal Himself supernaturally today. But, having stood against those who are of a different spirit than we, shall we not be able to discern our own brethren in the battle? Should we war against them, too? To do so will mean that the entire Body shall receive wounds. Division and contentions bring out the worst in a Christian. Sectarianism honors the ego of a man and flatters his vanity. He supposes that he of all men has arrived at the truth. He is the champion of the faith. We saw a letter not long ago in which the writer fiercely argued that if other men did not fully agree with him on a certain minor point of doctrine, he would be translated when the Lord came and the others would be left behind. How lacking in humility was this spirit. Jesus said that after we had done all these things, we were to consider ourselves as unworthy servants.

### DIVINE LOVE MUST GO WITH GIFTS

The Corinthians were strong on the manifestation of the Gifts, and that was to their credit. They had faith in God and the Lord recognized their faith (I Cor. 1:6-9). Yet as Paul spoke and instructed concerning the use of these gifts in the

12th and 14th chapters, he inserts in between, that wonderful exhortation on love (I Cor. 13). He said, "Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way." Then he shows that if he speaks with the tongues of men and angels and has not love he is as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. Though he would have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge (**BE PERFECTLY CORRECT DOCTRINALLY**) and had all faith so that he could remove mountains, but had not love, he was nothing. (Revised version).

Paul knew that men could never perfectly agree on all doctrine. True enough, concerning the great evangelical truths of salvation in Christ, there must be and there is a general agreement. "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost." (I Cor. 12:3) But on certain doctrinal details there was disagreement and perhaps will be until Jesus comes. For now we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. For now we see through a glass darkly, but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope and love. These three: but the greatest of these is love. Love will bind the church together in heaven. Love will endure beyond the everlasting hills. Love must bind the Church together now.

In the gathering together of the people of the inter-evangelical groups, it is necessary that they come together in love, **DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY**: not in seeking some selfish advantage for themselves or their own denomination. This gift that God has given to the church through Brother Branham was expressly given to all people. If we accept it as such, and the other gifts that God has given and will give to the Church, thus discerning the Lord's Body, the whole body may be healed and honored.

## REV. EATON REPORTS

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No matter where one goes in the Fox Valley, whether in Aurora, Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles or Elgin, you will hear people of all walks of life talking about the Branham meetings. Many who were spiritually dead have been awakened to the wonders of Jesus and His willingness to heal.

A number have voiced the thought of a sense of being transplanted to 2,000 years ago and felt as though they were present when Jesus Himself walked the shores of Galilee.

I have been a pastor in the Fox Valley for almost 16 years, and I have never seen the people so stirred and awakened to spiritual things. How we all wish it were possible for the Branham party to return. I am sure many souls would be saved and much good done for the Kingdom of God."

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."—Hebrews 13:8

# The Voice of Healing

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## WORD FROM BRO. BRANHAM

Knowing that many people are anxiously awaiting word concerning Brother Branham and his physical condition, we made a long distance inquiry just before this issue went to press. In the few minutes that we talked over the phone, we learned that God had done a miracle for our brother. We rejoiced greatly over this news and we know that the readers of *The Voice of Healing* will do likewise. The fact that after the coast meetings, our brother's nervous energy had ebbed completely—the natural result of having gone too hard and too long. He failed to gather strength after his return home and he lost weight steadily, going down to 121 pounds. Finally in desperation he got alone with God in an old shed, and the God of heaven met him and touched him and a miracle was wrought. He is now feeling fine, but he is being advised not to begin any more meetings until he has had a good rest and his weight brought back to normal. When he is ready to enter into the field again notices of his meetings will appear in *The Voice of Healing*. We are expecting a further word from Brother John Sharritt who is with Brother Branham. If his letter arrives in time it will appear in this current issue.

## Forthcoming Campaigns of Freeman Healing Meetings

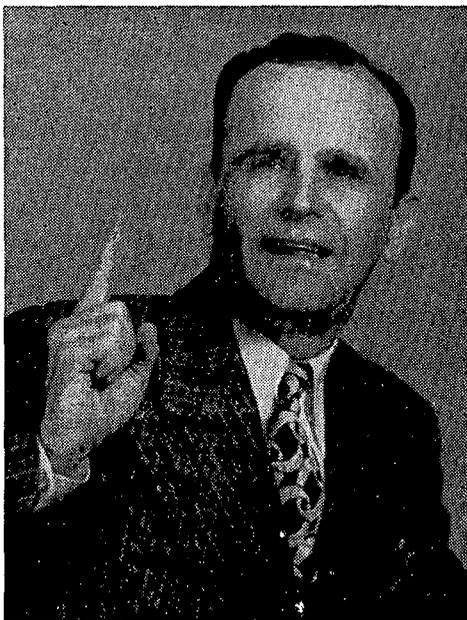
Spokane, Wash., August 4-15. Write Rev. Wm. H. Boles, W. 124 Fifteenth Avenue, Spokane, Wash.

Richmond, Calif., August 22-29. Write C. E. Persing, 1502 Bissel Avenue, Richmond, Calif.

Oakland, Calif., September 14-26. Write Rev. Eleanor Johnson, 1004 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley 2, Calif.

Riverside, Calif., September 29-October 10. Write Rev. Carl A. Goad, 3357 Lime Street, Riverside, Calif.

Shreveport, La., October 20-24. Write Voice of Healing, Box 4097, Shreveport, Louisiana.



## Believest Thou This?

BY REV. WILLIAM BRANHAM

*Electrically recorded and transcribed  
from the message preached at the  
Armory in Eugene, Oregon,  
May 23, 1948.*

I want you to turn with me in your Bibles to John 11:18 and read with me to the 27th verse.

The Lord Jesus Christ had left His carpenter shop at Nazareth. His ministry had grown until now great crowds followed after Him. He had a friend by the name of Lazarus, and He was staying at the home of Lazarus and Mary and Martha. It's good to have friends. We should treat one another as sons and daughters of God.

The life of our Lord Jesus Christ was strange. Many of God's children to whom God has given His gift have been reared strangely and led strange lives. Notice back in the Old Testament where the Scripture speaks of Christ's forerunner, John the Baptist. You Baptists know that we need some more Johns. Notice the manner of John's birth. An angel appeared and told of his coming birth. Perhaps it was a minor angel that came to me, I do not know. But it was none other than the archangel Gabriel that spoke of the birth  
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## Watsonville and Oakland Witness Divine Visitation

Union Revival Held at  
Watsonville, California

BY FRED C. WHITE

While Rev. Wm. W. Freeman was in our city, I was privileged to see some of the things I have desired to see ever since I have been in the Pentecostal movement. I have heard many great reports from way back, but was never privileged to be present in such meetings. We were sad when the last amen was said and the people were gone from the last service.

It was not just an ordinary meeting, but an extraordinary meeting; not a promotion of an organizational program but a calling together of God's people for God to manifest His power to His own glory and Him receive all the glory. There was no high-pressure money pulls but lots of "red hot" praying, preaching, teaching and Holy Ghost deliverance for the rich and poor, bond and free, Jew and Gentile, saint and sinner. Whosoever came in faith was delivered.

The meeting started at 2 p. m. Sunday, June 20, and continued through June 27 at 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. each day (in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, seating 1,500). Brother Lindsay taught the Word of God each afternoon and prepared the people's hearts for God's deliverance. So mightily grew the Word of God and multiplied and God worked with them and confirmed His Word with signs following. Praise the Lord! No man can do the things that Brother Freeman does except God be

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## Literature Available

Inquiries are coming to our office concerning literature. The following are now available:

"Jesus Christ the Same" and "The Heavenly Vision," 15c each, two for 25c. "The Coming of the Gift," in tract form, 25c per 10. "The Voice of Healing," rolls of 50 or more 7c each copy, less than 50, 10c each.

"Christ The Healer"—250-page complete work on Divine Healing by F. F. Bosworth —\$2.50—(no C.O.D.'s, please).

## Watsonville and Oakland

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with him. We did not make a count of those who came for salvation or restoration but hundreds came and at the last service about a hundred people stood for Christ and so many came for healings that it was impossible to pray for all of them at times. Signs and wonders were done in

the name of Jesus Christ through Brother Freeman. Everything from bunions to tuberculosis was healed. The lame were made to walk and sinners made whole.

The fellowship and co-operation of the Full Gospel ministers was wonderful. We were all ready for God to work and so Jesus never fails. It was a meeting that Watsonville will not soon forget.

When God's people get together in one

accord, all hell cannot stop them. It is high time we forget our man-made traditions of division and get together for the last great push against the forces of evil before Jesus appears in the clouds. If God directs these men your way, throw open the door and let them mind God the way He tells them to, and you will never be sorry. God bless them!—Fred C. White, Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle, Freedom, Calif.



The Oakland Civic Auditorium with approximately 2,000 attending the Freeman Healing Campaign June 29-July 4. From left to right—Rev. Wm. Freeman, Rev. Gordon Lindsay, Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Lowry.

## Return Union Meeting In Oakland, Calif.

(Editor's Note—The Freeman meetings are now on a union basis. The Oakland meeting had been arranged for previously to be held in the Oakland Revival Tabernacle. In the meantime Brother Freeman's ministry had grown in scope until by common consent when the brother came to Oakland the meeting was in effect a union service. Most of the churches closed their weekday services and co-operated. The evening services were held in the Civic auditorium. The following report of the Oakland meeting was written by Dr. Cecil J. Lowry, pastor of the Oakland Revival Tabernacle):

The Oakland Revival Tabernacle just closed with Rev. William W. Freeman and his able coworker and director, Rev. Gordon Lindsay, with what was perhaps one of the greatest meetings of its kind ever to be conducted in Oakland.

Rev. William Freeman brought the

evangelistic message each evening in the Oakland Civic Auditorium. Great crowds thronged the auditorium nightly. On two occasions the crowds approximated 2,000 people. It was a soul-inspiring sight to see scores of sinners and backsliders hit the "sawdust trail" in the evangelistic services.

Several hundred were prayed for at each service. Never have I witnessed God's healing power in such a way as I did in these meetings. Multitudes testified to their healing. Many were healed of such afflictions as deafness, dumbness and blindness.

Two meetings were held daily during the week preceding the Fourth of July. The afternoon instruction meetings were conducted by Rev. Gordon Lindsay in the Tabernacle, a beautiful edifice seating slightly over 1,000. These meetings proved a great blessing to hundreds who attended the services daily.

The pastor of the Tabernacle was gratified to see practically every Full Gospel church in Oakland, together with other assemblies, co-operate in this great meet-

ing. This meeting has helped to convince me further that God is going to manifest His power in our day in the greatest demonstration since the first century.

### RETURN UNION MEETING

A union meeting sponsored by the Full Gospel Churches of the East Bay area and conducted by William W. Freeman will be held in the Municipal Auditorium of Oakland, Calif., September 14-26, inclusive. There will be no meetings on Saturday, and Sunday afternoon of September 26 will be the closing service. Preparatory services for the purpose of instructing the sick and the afflicted in the Word of God will be conducted each afternoon at 2 p. m. in the auditorium by Rev. Gordon Lindsay, who is assisting Brother Freeman in his nation-wide ministry. Brother Freeman will pray for the sick each evening and on Sunday afternoons. Those interested in this campaign may contact Rev. Irving F. Ford, General Chairman, 4801 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland 2, Calif., or Mrs. Eleanor M. Johnson, Secretary, 1004 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley 2, Calif.—(By Rev. R. H. Moon).

## Believest Thou This?

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of John the Baptist. When God sends Gabriel you may be sure that something is going to happen. Gabriel announced the first coming of Christ. Perhaps he will announce the second coming of Christ. The angels of heaven are interested in us and what is taking place in our lives, yes in what is happening this afternoon in this auditorium. If we were as interested in this meeting as they are anything could take place.

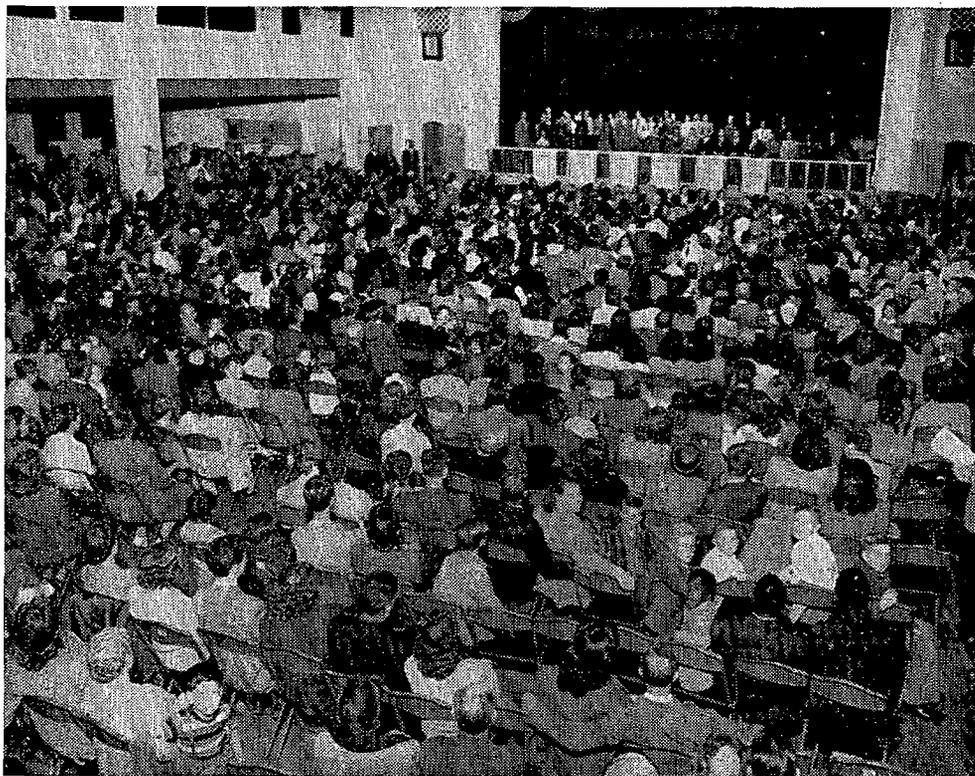
### FORERUNNER TO THE COMING OF CHRIST

God sent a forerunner of the first coming of Christ in John the Baptist. And I believe that He will send a forerunner of His second coming—and that forerunner will be the restoration of the Gifts to His Church. I believe it. Notice that it is already taking place.

Now the angel appeared to Zacharias the father of John, and told him of the coming birth of a son. But Zacharias could not understand this. He was stricken in years and his life stream was dry. And he doubted. But when God has determined to do a thing, that thing shall come to pass, and none can hinder. So I believe that God is going to bring out a blood-washed church in which the gifts of the Spirit are restored. I don't know how it will be done, but I know that God is going to do it. So because Zacharias doubted he was stricken dumb. He went home. He was not able to speak until the baby was born.

### BECAUSE SHE BELIEVED

Then six months later the angel Gabriel came down to the city of Nazareth. It was probably as bad a city as they had in the world at that day. Nathaniel said, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip answered, "Come and see." Notice that the angel came down to this wicked city of Nazareth because one little girl in that city found favor in the sight of God. No matter where you are, if you can find favor in the sight of God, He will come to you. Then let us look at this drama a moment. Perhaps it was blue Monday and Mary was doing her washing. Perhaps she was carrying a pitcher of water upon her head as she was coming from the spring—a spring that still flows from the hillside of Nazareth. Perhaps she had just returned to her room when suddenly there met her the archangel Gabriel. And when the angel spoke he said, "Hail, thou art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women." It frightened the little virgin to see a mighty angel standing there. It would frighten you. It would frighten me. It did do it. But notice the difference between Zacharias and Mary. When the angel appeared to that minister, that clergyman, he doubted the angel. But the little virgin believed the angel. Notice those who come through the prayer line,



Freeman meeting at Watsonville, Calif. Many that were deaf, dumb, or blind were delivered.

those who get healed, those on whom the miracles are performed. Often it is the children. They believe what you tell them. People read these smutty old true-story magazines and whose minds are filled with such trash, how can they get healed? There has to be a certain simplicity to believe God. So it was that Zacharias could not believe. Yet it should not have been too difficult. The miracle promised to him had been accomplished before. Abraham had begotten a child in his old age. But in the case of the virgin Mary, the birth of a child to a virgin had never happened before and would never happen again. Yet she believed. She took God at His word. She didn't wait until the baby was born but she began at once to rejoice and praise God. You don't have to wait until you are prayed for to be healed. Start right now believing. God will keep His word. The people on the Day of Pentecost had been praising God for several days before the Holy Ghost fell. Is that right? You don't have to believe for anything very difficult. You are seeing healings taking place every night—deaf people healed, cross eyes straightened, short legs lengthened. What you see taking place every day, sure you can believe for yourself. You know God's word says, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Take Him at His word. Don't say, "Oh, I don't feel any better." That doesn't count at all. Take God at His word. Not what you feel or what you see, but what you believe.

### JOHN PREACHED CHRIST

I have often wondered what kind of a

man John the Baptist was. He didn't come out of a school of theology, but he had taken a course in "kneecology." And he preached CHRIST! Christ is the greatest drawing card in the world today. "And if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." John the Baptist was a man without fear. He wasn't afraid to tell the king that he was living with the wrong woman. John the Baptist did not preach about himself. He said, "I indeed baptize you with water, but there cometh one after me whose shoelatchet I am not worthy to unloose; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." The Pharisees did not like John. They said, "Do you think that all our sacrifices and burnt offerings are to be done away with, impossible!" But John replied, "A man shall take away the sin of the world." Remember the same flood that destroyed the antediluvian world saved Noah and his household. And the same Holy Ghost that will catch away God's people will condemn those who blaspheme the wonders that are done by Him. For blasphemy against the Holy Ghost hath no forgiveness in this world or the world to come. The church that has gone through the hall of critics is going to be placed in God's Hall of Fame. And the world can only stand by and say, "There she goes."

### CHRIST AND THE CHURCH KNOWN BY SIGNS

How did John the Baptist know Christ when he saw Him? It was by a sign. God had said unto John that "Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remain-

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# MIRACLES OF HEALING

*In The Wm. W. Freeman Campaigns*

## Woman Gloriously Delivered From Suffering

June 11, 1948.

Brother Freeman:

I am the sister you prayed for the first night of the meeting you held in Salinas, Calif., starting June 1, 1948. I was so sick I had to be helped up the steps to the platform, had been under morphine all night before as the pain was so terrible. Was in the doctor's office at 6 p. m. that night to have a hernia that was as large as a child's football taped in to hold it in. I had an enlarged heart, high blood pressure which the doctor could not keep down, diabetes, and cataracts on both eyes caused from the diabetes. My back hurt so all the time I had to sleep on a board between springs and mattress. When you prayed for me all the pain left me and I was healed. I have had no pain since, praise the Lord. I could not drive my car since October 16, 1947, could not go to church, could not sit up that long. I am now driving my car and I have only missed one meeting up to date. I have not felt so good in years. This was not just a healing, it was a Miracle. I am so thankful Jesus let you pass my way. God bless you.

A Sister in Christ,

MRS. HARRIET M. WHEELER  
Salinas, Calif.

## Skin Cancer Gone in Three Days

June 23, 1948.

Brother Freeman:

I want to thank God for His wonderful healing power. The night you prayed for me I was healed of skin cancer and three days later it slipped off. No sign of cancer now.

I give the Lord the praise.

A sister in Christ,

SARAH E. JONES  
Salinas, Calif.

## Operation for Tumor Not Necessary

June 25, 1948.

Dear Brother Freeman:

I am happy to testify that the Lord healed me of high blood pressure and a tumor I have had for over 10 years. I went to Kansas City, Mo., to a doctor there and was told that I would have to have an operation but the Lord healed me in your meeting.

MRS. ALTA M. CARRELL  
424 S. A Street  
Madera, Calif.

## Lady Healed of Tumor

Dear Brother Freeman:

I want to praise the Lord for the wonderful healing of a tumor Sunday, June 20, 1948. And I am thankful of being a witness to a great number of healings in your San Jose healing services. I saw the deaf and dumb healed and I saw an old fellow healed that had only one hip bone socket. He walked off the platform and left his crutches up on the altar. In your services at Salinas I saw a girl healed there that was deaf and dumb and blind in one eye. And I saw people healed in Watsonville that had been bound to a wheel chair for years. I saw people healed that left their crutches and walking sticks on the altar. I am thankful for being a witness to the many signs and wonders that are coming to pass in the last days.

And God bless Brother and Sister Freeman and Brother and Sister Lindsay in the great sacrifice that they are making to fulfill God's command. May God give them strength to carry on for Him.

EDNA R. DAVIS  
P. O. Box 713  
Watsonville, Calif.



## Adhesions Are Gone; Spine Trouble Healed

June 25, 1948.

Dear Brother Freeman:

I was healed of adhesions in my colon and spine trouble I had had for 27 years. I can eat anything I want and I sleep good. It is such a change for I had been in pain for so many years. But praise God I am made whole.

MRS. PEARL McCREARY  
1099 Powell Street  
Hollister, Calif.

## Family Healed— Husband Saved

June 15, 1948.

Dear Brother Freeman:

I would like to add my testimony to the many others that will come from this wonderful meeting in Salinas.

I was healed of cancer. I was supposed to be operated on the week you started your service. I had gone several nights and I saw the mighty hand of God move in such a way I said "Lord, why can I not believe You can heal me of this, for I have seen the blind to see and the deaf to hear and the mute to speak?"

I was prayed for and I was healed of cancer, high blood pressure and other ailments that I had been bothered with for a number of years.

My son was healed of tonsillitis, adenoid and stomach trouble. We had to wait in line for three nights but he did not lose faith. He would say, "If we ever get up there I know I will be healed." Oh, if we all had faith as little children!

My husband was also saved in the meeting who had been backslidden for 10 years.

May God bless you and your family and richly supply your every need.

Yours in Christ,

ALMA BURTON  
150 Natividad Road  
Salinas, Calif.

## Asthma and Gland Trouble Healed

June 29, 1948.

Dear Brother Freeman:

I am sending in my testimony. I was healed of asthma and gland trouble. I have lost 14 pounds since the Lord healed me. Thanks to the name of the Lord. I was saved also in this great meeting.

MISS LORRAINE SCOTT  
Kings Ct., Elsie Street  
Watsonville, Calif.



Large tent used by Rev. Wm. Freeman in the Salinas Campaign.

## Latest News of Rev. Branham Just Received From Bro. John Sharritt

Greetings to the brethren everywhere:

Truly the Lord has been good to all of us, blessing us with many of His blessings that He gives unto His children, but He has been especially good to me within the last few days, giving me a blessing that I had not expected, one that I will always remember.

I was with Rev. Branham in the Tacoma (Wash.) and Eugene (Ore.) meetings in the month of May. After leaving the Oregon meeting I returned to my home in Phoenix, Ariz. Brother Branham was so tired and weary at that time that he had told me he was expecting to return home, then go away into the mountains and take a good rest to try to regain his strength until he heard from the Lord as to where to go next.

Being free to leave my business in Phoenix for a while, my wife and I started on a vacation on June 29, expecting to visit a number of our relatives in the Eastern states. After making some visits in Kansas and Missouri, we went to Evansville, Indiana, to visit some others. While there I felt the urge to phone Rev. Branham's home, expecting, however, to find him away on his vacation, taking a much needed rest. His mother-in-law answered the phone, and informed me that Rev. Branham had experienced a nervous breakdown two or three weeks before and that he was not taking any phone calls or talking to anyone for a while.

We left the next day for Jeffersonville, Rev. Branham's home town, to see if there was anything that we could possibly do for our dear brother, who has done so much for so many others, giving his very life almost, that others might be saved and their bodies healed through the gift that God has given to him.

When we arrived we found him in a very weakened condition, hardly able to eat, and weighing only 124 pounds, much less than his normal weight. The enemy of our souls had been giving him a terrific battle, as Satan would like very much to destroy his life and this gift that God has given him. He was happy to see us, as Satan had tempted him, that now in his weakness, all of his friends and co-workers had deserted him.

We talked with him that afternoon, and asked him if he would not take a trip with us into Michigan for a few days to take a much needed rest and relaxation, and to visit with Rev. and Mrs. F. F. Bosworth up on one of the lakes there. After talking it over with his wife, both of them agreed to go with us for a few days.

Rev. and Mrs. Bosworth had been with the party in the last two meetings in

Tacoma, Wash., and Eugene, Ore. They are certainly a wonderful couple, whom the Lord has mightily used in many large revivals and Divine Healing Campaigns throughout the nation in years gone by, mostly between 1920 and 1930. As high as 19,000 people have gone to the altar in just one of their campaigns. Afterwards they were on a national radio hook-up for about 15 years, broadcasting from Chicago, and they have received over 225,000 testimonies of Divine Healings from people

with the faith and inspiration that it brings, was certainly a great blessing to all of us, but especially to Brother Branham. He was renewed in faith, and placed his feet firmly on the Word of God and the promises of God, and began to eat regular meals again, which he had not done since last April, on his way home from the Pensacola (Fla.) meeting, when he suffered a severe nervous attack. God surely undertook, and he began eating heartily of the most wonderful meals that only a cook such as Sister Bosworth could prepare.

Five days of visiting, feasting upon the Word of God by Brother Bosworth, and of material things from Sister Bosworth, soon came to an end, and it was time to leave; however, God had undertaken, and



Group of local ministers and their wives who backed the Freeman meeting in Watsonville. Rev. Freeman and Gordon Lindsay are seated on the far side of the table.

who have been healed, most of whom they have never seen or prayed for in person. These people were healed after receiving instructions over the radio, and in reading Brother Bosworth's book and literature on Divine Healing, then claiming God's promises by faith. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

Brother and Sister Bosworth were very happily surprised upon our arrival. Brother Bosworth had been under a burden of prayer for Brother Branham, and had been praying for him and for God to send him up there. He felt as if our coming on this visit was certainly of God, and rejoiced in the expectancy of being able to visit with him for a few days, and talk of the things of God.

Truly, it was a time of refreshing from the Lord; a time of building up of new courage, and taking hold upon the Word of God as never before. Brother Bosworth's teachings on the Word of God,

our dear Brother Branham began to pick up weight and to feel like a different person. He had won the victory over the devil and the powers of darkness; he had planted his faith more firmly than ever on the Word of God, and upon the promises of God. We left with the expectancy of having Brother and Sister Bosworth as co-workers in future meetings, as the Lord leads. The trip home was made through the northern part of Michigan, then down through Wisconsin to his home in Jeffersonville.

Our dear Brother Branham is now recovering, and needs the prayers of all of God's children, that his health will soon be restored to the place that he will again be able to go out into the harvest's fields that are so white, ready for harvest. He has given of his life in praying for others; now, let us all stand behind him in prayer until his strength is fully restored. He does

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## The Policy of the Voice of Healing

The *Voice of Healing* is now representing or has a working agreement with several men of God, whom the Lord has seen fit in His Divine Providence to endue with special sign-gift ministries. Because of the wide range and influence of these ministries drawing into the fellowship of their campaigns many ministers and people of various denominations, we of the staff of *The Voice of Healing* feel it necessary to officially publish the doctrinal policy followed in these campaigns. This statement represents the unanimous will of the men who have been given these sign-gifts as well as the editorial staff of *The Voice of Healing*. For it is their deep conviction that the sign-gifts have been given for the purpose of bringing the people of God together and to heal the Body of Christ.

Realizing the importance of Christian doctrine and the rights of various groups in the matter of interpretation, we nevertheless feel, that in large union meetings, all doctrinal issues apart from the great evangelical fundamentals should not be raised or discussed in the campaign services. All co-operating ministers are kindly asked to studiously avoid the precipitation of argument and debate on points of denominational difference, for the campaigns are to be entirely interdenominational.

We also request that, for the sake of God's work, these meetings be identified with no doctrinal issues by co-operating pastors after the close of a union meeting.

## Has Your Copy Been Delayed?

We regret that many subscribers were delayed in receiving their June copy of *The Voice of Healing*. A company in Washington, D. C., has been making the plates for our addressing machine. Despite urgent calls upon the part of this office,

## Editor Resigns Church At Ashland, Oregon

It was with regret that because of the pressure of many other duties, the editor felt it necessary to resign his church at Ashland, Oregon. Although absent from the church over half the time during the past year, nonetheless the congregation has manifested a most sympathetic and co-operative attitude during that time. And if the editor understood their hearts correctly they were half hoping that we would find it possible to return to the church, and yet they, too, having witnessed a few days of the great Branham healing services, felt that the Hand of God was being manifested in a new manner, and if we could be helpful in a small way in advancing the work of God, that at all events the Will of the Lord should be done. To us, the closing service was a scene long to be remembered. We preached, using Paul's farewell sermon to the Ephesians as a text.

The congregation presented my wife and me with two lovely farewell gifts. We shall never forget the kindnesses and courtesies of the people of Ashland. During the four years in the city, we witnessed hundreds of conversions and hundreds were baptized in the Spirit. During that time the church enjoyed a fourfold growth in each department. But credit for this must be attributed to a great extent to the fine co-operation of the people and officers. Never once during the time was there ever anything but complete unanimity in the board meetings. There are many pleasant memories that can never be forgotten, and may God continue to bless the people of Ashland, Oregon, and their new shepherd, Rev. Oscar W. Klingsheim, who, incidentally, was elected pastor unanimously.



Sunday School of the Ashland Church, of which the editor has just resigned as pastor. The superintendent, Mrs. George Icenhower, holds the register. Brother and Sister Lindsay stand second and third to the left. Smith and Rogers, evangelists, stand to the left and right of them.

this company delayed sending the plates for a full month. Although we anticipated considerable interest to arise in our publication *The Voice of Healing*, we did not look for the rush of subscription orders that have come to the office—sometimes reaching several thousand a month. We are now planning the installation of new equipment in the office that will facilitate the addressing of many thousands of copies in a short time. Our printer also has been delayed in the publishing of the paper—the July issue being almost two weeks late in coming off the press. We hope, however, in the near future to obviate these difficulties and get the paper to the reader a few days after the first of each month. If for any reason any subscriber is failing to receive his paper, please notify *The Voice of Healing* office at once.

## Ruth Brown Joins Voice of Healing Staff

We are happy to announce that Miss Ruth Brown recently resigned her position with a large Shreveport concern to become a member of *The Voice of Healing* staff, assisting the circulation editor with the many and varied tasks necessitated by a publication of this size. We have found her to be competent in every way, besides being a worthy Christian and a life-long friend of our own. Her coming to us had been an object of much prayer, as the need for an experienced assistant such as she would be had become so great, and the circulation editor is most grateful to the Lord for answering prayer in this matter. Ruth is a daughter of Young Brown, who has labored in many of the Branham campaigns.

# A LETTER FROM BRO. ORAL ROBERTS

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am so happy the Lord is blessing Brother Freeman, and you are directing his meetings. I know that you have a wonderful combination. How glad I would be to attend your meetings. I know I would be blessed.

The Durham meeting exceeded all expectations. Peak crowds were 7,000; average crowds close to 5,000. Some 3,342 knelt to accept Christ as their saviour, and about 6,500 healing cards were given out and I prayed for all. The miracles reminded me of my first great tent campaign here in Tulsa last summer. My tent is too small although it is 90 feet by 220 now with the new section.

I am weary and plan on much rest in a few weeks. O for a harvest of souls! O for an army of deliverers! Why are there so many so feeble in faith? They say it was *Great Fevers and Little Faith* that killed the Roman empire. That is obviously our trouble today. However a small army of preachers from the Durham area have received a new vision and plan a ministry of deliverance. The local churches tell me they received a great boost.

Brother Hanson is still with me and is a precious God-send. He has great ability and is full of the Spirit. He is in Florida working out the Miami and Tampa meeting dates for the winter. We plan on coming to the West Coast in the spring for about three brief campaigns, returning with the tent for two or three summer campaigns. We hope to have a larger tent by next summer. Our plan is for one 200 by 300 feet which would seat about 6,000 people.

We are expanding our office force, about 1,000 letters coming in each week now. I am adding new radio stations monthly. Please remember me before God. I will be pleased with a word from you soon.

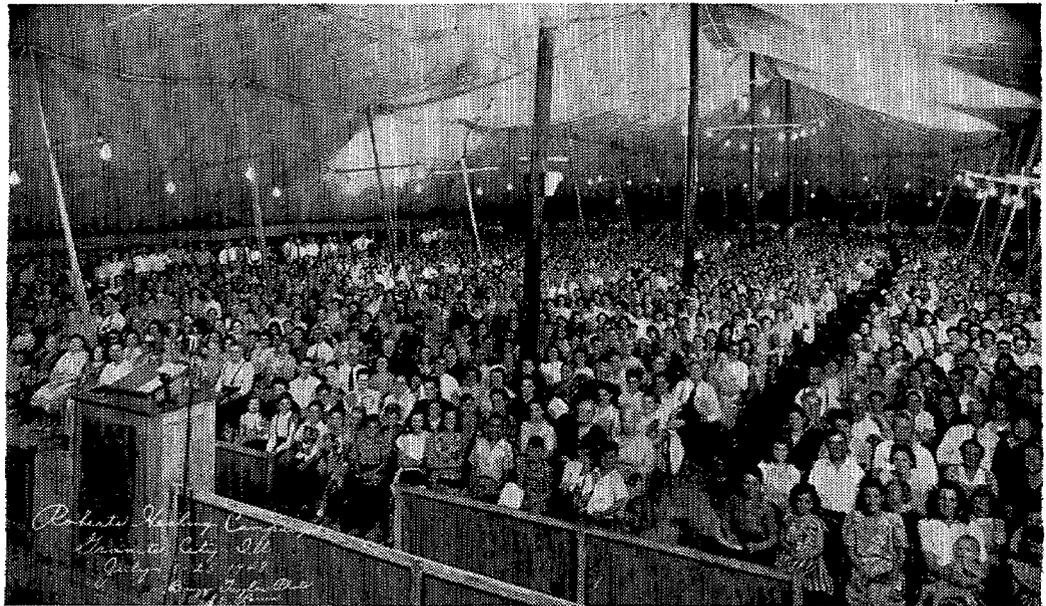
Yours because of Him,  
**ORAL ROBERTS.**

## News of Bro. Branham

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not know how long it will be before he will be able to return to the field again, but he expects to as soon as he is able, and the Lord tells him to go.

He expects to depend entirely upon the Lord for all of his future plans; his great desire and determination is to be led by the Spirit of God; to be in the center of the perfect will of God. He expects to wait until the Lord speaks, telling him where to go; then go to that place, no matter what hindrances the devil may bring up, and stay at that one place until the Lord tells him to leave, no matter how long it



The great tent meeting at Granite City conducted by Rev. Oral Roberts with over 3,000 in attendance. Brother Lindsay attended this meeting on July 18. The Pastor, Rev. Hilliard Griffin reports a remarkable meeting.

is; then return home again and get the mind of the Lord again for the next meeting.

If any city, therefore, has a desire for Brother Branham to come there for a campaign, it will be necessary for them to pray and ask God to speak to Brother Branham, telling him to come to that city. I believe that most of you will agree that this is the best way—being led by the Spirit of God, as the early church was, and not by man. It is impossible for him to hold meetings at the many hundreds of places that he has had requests from, but if he is led by the Spirit of God, then God will show him where He would like

for him to go; then he will be a faithful servant of God; and this is his heart's desire. Please pray for him to this end.

## Schedule of Roberts Meetings

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Dallas, Texas . . . . . September

There has been some change in the schedule of Bro. Roberts' meetings. For further information write:

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# THE WORLD IN PROPHECY

## *Sidelights and Incidents of World Events in the Light of Prophecy*

*The Angel's Message: "Tell the People Jesus Is Coming Soon."*

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Brother Branham, one of the things he commissioned him to do was to tell the people that Jesus was coming soon. Brother Freeman received the same charge when an angel appeared to him. The instructions were: "Warn them and tell them that Jesus is coming very soon; that the people are sleeping and slumbering and they must be awakened, for great darkness is already upon the land." World events that are now transpiring indicate beyond the shadow of doubt to those who are spiritually minded that Bible days are here again.

For the devoted, prayerful Christian, these are glorious days to be alive. There is little doubt but that this generation shall indeed see the fulfillment of all things pertaining to this age, the catching away of the Bride of Christ, the chaining of Satan, the resurrection of the dead, and above all, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in great power and glory. Alas, for the man or woman who knows these things, and through carelessness or neglect fails to be ready for the coming of Christ. For them this is a sad time to be alive. Let us then give heed to the words of Jesus who said in Luke 21:34-36:

"And take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and the cares of this life, so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come upon all them that dwell upon the face of the whole earth. Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all things and stand before the son of man."

### MANIFESTATION OF THE SUPERNATURAL SIGN OF THE ENDING OF THE AGE

We are living in an hour when the manifestation of the supernatural is being denied in many quarters. The Pharisees opposed the ministry of the Lord. When confronted with the actual fact of the miracles they declared that Christ cast out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. These men have long since died in their sins, having no hope of forgiveness in this world or in the world to come (Matthew 12:22-32). Is it not strange that men today, by carelessness or hardness of heart should fall into the same error, attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan, and thus sharing the dreadful fate of the Pharisees? Satan is not in the business of casting out Satan, healing the sick, or turning thousands of people to Christ as is now taking place in the great healing campaigns. A testimony appearing in a previous issue of *The Voice of Healing* calls to mind a dramatic miracle of deliverance

that took place in Pensacola, Florida, recently, and illustrates the compassion of Christ for those bound by the chains of Satan.

### INSANE MAN DELIVERED

A high wind struck the great tent in Pensacola, Florida, when the Branham campaign was held there last March. While repairs were made on the tent, a service was held in the local sports arena. It was a great service and many miracles of healing took place. After the meeting was over we were informed that a young man who had been brought from an insane institution was still sitting in the building and refused to leave. It took half a dozen men to take him from the arena and place him in a car. They then left him, thinking that all would be well. But no sooner had they gone than suddenly he rushed from the car and ran headlong toward a group of people standing at the entrance of the arena. Naturally enough they fled in dismay in every direction. Then he charged at one of the members of the Branham party standing by. Demons have power to even break chains, and without Christ Satan had all the advantage. But the name of Jesus is greater than all other names! Hallelujah! Though struck at time after time, the brother was not touched by a single blow. That, in itself, was a miracle as was attested by those who stood by.

Finally two officers rushed up and attempted to subdue the young man. It required ultimately the services of a squad of policemen before he could be taken into custody and locked up for the night. His sister then tearfully called upon the members of the party, pleading for Brother Branham to pray for him in the morning. The following morning Brother Jack Moore relayed the story of the events of the previous evening to Brother Branham. But in the meantime God had already spoken and showed our brother that there was an insane man that he was to pray for that day and who would be healed. The scene was identified in the vision by the presence of a red car and the manner of clothing worn by the man.

Arrangements were made with the Pensacola police for the release of the young man. They notified us that they could not let him go unless he was taken outside the city limits. So a rendezvous was made to meet on the Gulf beach by the parties concerned. When Brother Branham arrived, he looked at the cars, but not a single one was red, and made the remark that this did not seem to be what he saw in the vision. At this point, however, Brother Moore decided to drive his car up a little distance as there were several others in the car. Brother Branham got out and walked over to where the

young man was sitting, wearing the apparel Brother Branham had described in his vision. Then a peculiar thing happened. As Brother Branham told it afterward, "I looked back toward Brother Jack's car. Most of the beach was of white sand. But where the car had just been parked, there was a bank of red clay. The reflection of the red clay on the highly polished tan sedan caused it to appear red. I knew then that this was what I had seen in the vision. I went over then and pronounced the words: 'Thus saith the Lord, the evil spirit shall leave you and you will get well.' Instantly the young man was delivered and regained his right mind."

This was a great testimony to the police officers of Pensacola, as they realized that God had done something remarkable. The personal testimony of this young man appeared in last month's *Voice of Healing*. He is now working at a good job and praising God for His great healing power. Jesus Christ has made him whole!

Let the modernists deny these things and thrust them aside. But let them fear lest God pass them by as He did the Pharisees of old. Nevertheless, "the common people" heard Jesus gladly. So today the multitudes glorify God for the manifestation of His mighty power.

### JUDGMENT IS COMING—A LAND WHERE THERE IS NO SINGING

The hour of judgment is at hand. Sin has filled to the full the world's cup of iniquity. Now alas! she must drink thereof. The promise of eternal life has been made to all who will forsake their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Church membership is not enough, neither is a religious profession. We must be born again (John 3:3-7). John the Beloved gave us the warning: "Love not the world—neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

The other day in the campaign at Vallejo, Calif., the famous singer, Einar Waermo, was present. The audience was moved to tears as the Swedish singer sang the beautiful gospel song, "He the Pearly Gates Will Open." Afterward, in his testimony, he told of a singer he had known of years ago back in Sweden. This man was a famous opera tenor, whose fame had been heralded far and wide. Though not a wicked man in the sense that the world judges wickedness, nevertheless he was

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# EXPLOITS OF FAITH

## TESTIMONIES FROM THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

*"But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits"—Daniel 11:32.*

### Sister Weighed 78 Pounds; Saved From Death by Cancer

April 28, 1948.

My sister, Mrs. Morgan, was healed of cancer through Brother Branham's prayers.

It was my pleasure to be with my sister when God so wonderfully saved and healed her instantly. "Praise His wonderful name."

I never doubted that God could do such things, but I had never witnessed a healing before.

My sister, a registered nurse for around 20 years or more, a haughty, proud, naive person, was stricken with cancer. She was operated on, or rather just opened. The doctors (the best surgeons) said it would be instant death to cut. The cancer would wind like an octopus around her bowels and organs, slowly gripping her intestines.

So the doctors sewed her up, started giving blood transfusions, then X-ray treatments, and finally radium. She was in the hospital from November until February 14 (Valentine Day). I can never forget. I was with her before she left the Baptist Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

I saw her a woman of 78 pounds there, when before she had weighed around 150 pounds. She knew she was going to die, everyone told her she didn't have a chance. She dug the covers on the bed, she cried, she pleaded.

They finally sent her home to die. I went from Indianapolis, Ind., to Jeffersonville to stay with her and wondering every night if she died what would I do, how I would stand it; and through her husband's friends we all heard of Brother Branham.

We went to his church every night. She was so weak and thin. She wanted healing, yet she wouldn't yield to God. I can remember her sharp, pointed elbow, yet how she nudged me to keep still when I kept trying to lead her to be prayed for.

Somehow, I'll never know, but God took her to the altar. Brother Branham prayed for her. "God so wonderfully healed her right there and then and saved her, too. Hallelujah." From that day on, she never went back to bed. She baked pies, and we took long walks, back through the fields; we went to church, and she began gaining weight and looking healthy. She ate all kinds of meats and foods she wanted, even beans. Before, I would go across the bridge from Jeffersonville to Louisville, go down in the markets and buy broccoli, spinach, and all different kinds of vege-

tables, using vegetable oil, or oleo, no butter, meats or pastries. I had her on a very strict diet, so you can surely see something really happened.

That has been four years ago this past February and the woman now weighs 150 pounds again. She does all her own work and is living for the Lord every day.

MR. AND MRS. RAVEY  
544 S. Sixth Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona

### YOUNG FATHER GRATEFUL FOR HEALING

May 28, 1948.

In July of 1947 I had a cerebral hemorrhage. Since I have been ill, the United States Civil Service Commission has put me on a disability pension and now expect to go back to work soon.

I have seen eight doctors and have been in two hospitals and no one could do me any good. I could get up and walk a little with my cane. It seems my body could go so far and no farther.

Last April while Brother Branham was here, I went through his healing line and through faith in God and Brother Branham's help, I have averaged walking from ten to thirty blocks every day without my cane. Two days after I went through Brother Branham's healing line, I was out sweeping the yard and playing ball with my son. While I was playing ball with my son, I began to cry from my heart because I had thought I would never be able to play ball with him again.

That is what faith in God has done for me and many others.

THOMAS V. WAITE, JR.  
1306 E. Gonzalez Street  
Pensacola, Fla.

### HEALED WITHOUT GOING THROUGH PRAYER LINE

June 21, 1948.

I was present at the healing meeting at Elgin, Illinois, and went through the prayer line and was healed of colitis and gall bladder trouble and I sure praise the Lord for it.

My husband was also healed the first night of Brother Branham's meeting. He was healed without going through the prayer line. He turned in his prayer card the next morning. He has been gaining weight and strength ever since we came home.

MRS. T. E. TOLIVER  
Ewing, Missouri

### INJURED EYES NOW 150 PER CENT STRONG

June 6, 1948.

I am a little boy that you prayed for. My eyes had been hit by a wire, but they are perfect now, since you prayed for them. I thank Dear Jesus for my healing. I thank God for your precious gift of healing.

Please tell everybody that my mother had my eyes tested and they are 150 per cent strong.

RAY DEVERLE RAYBURN  
7615 Pacific Avenue  
Tacoma, Wash.

### Husband's Cleft Palate Healed; She Loses Desire for Tobacco

October 13, 1947.

My husband was born with partial cleft palate 49 years ago, and in that day the doctors knew nothing about it or what to do for it. At the age of 7 years a doctor sewed it up and when he was 24 years of age, he had a specially made plate put in, and this made his throat close in such a manner that the sounds came out of his lips instead of through the nose.

Three days after receiving the blessing in the fast line, he had to take the plate out for it became too tight to wear. Oh, it is marvelous to see what is taking place in his mouth. New flesh and membranes are growing and filling in right from behind the teeth. My words can't describe it. For two days the pain in the mouth and throat was so intense it was almost unbearable. The pain is gone now, but there is action going on all the time. Sometimes the opening will close and he will talk as plain as you or I, and other times he can hardly get certain words out.

Now in regards to myself, I had a complication of things, none of them serious to my knowledge. I do know that after I was prayed for I began feeling better bodily, and my mind is cleared. This latter I believe is due to my taking a test to myself insofar as I was smoking rather heavily and my husband was worried and hurt, but one day while waiting to come and hear you, I decided then and there to test myself and I laid my cigarettes and matches on the table, and I can truthfully say the smell of tobacco or the want of it doesn't bother me at all. I fully believe the Lord has taken the desire away from me.

MR. AND MRS. ROY TALBOT  
Bowness, Alberta, Canada.

# THIRTY-ONE QUESTIONS

## *Reasons Why We May Expect Divine Healing*

*From Rev. F. F. Bosworth's Book "Christ The Healer"*

1. Since the seven compound names of Jehovah, one of which Jehovah-Rapha (I am the Lord that healeth thee) reveal His redemptive relationship toward each person, do they not point to Calvary?

2. Since all the promises of God are yea and amen in Him, do not these seven names including Jehovah-Rapha (the Lord our Healer) owe their existence and their power to the redeeming work of Christ on the cross?

3. Has not every believer the same redemptive right to call upon Christ as Jehovah-Rapha (the Healer of his body) as he has to call upon Him as Jehovah-Tsidkenu (the Healer of his soul?) Is not His name given for healing as long as it is for salvation?

4. If bodily healing is to be obtained independent of Calvary, as opposers teach, why was it that no blessing of the Year of Jubilee was to be announced by the sounding of the trumpet until the Day of Atonement?

5. If healing for the body was not a part of Christ's redeeming work, why were types of the Atonement given in connection with healing throughout the Old Testament?

6. If healing was not in the Atonement, why were the dying Israelites required to look at the type of the Atonement for bodily healing? If both forgiveness and healing came by a look at the type, why not from the antitype?

7. Since their curse was removed by the lifting up of the type of Christ, was not our curse of disease also removed by the lifting up of Christ Himself? (Galatians 3:13).

8. In the passage, "Surely He hath borne our sicknesses and carried our pains" (Isaiah 53:4), why are the same Hebrew verbs for "borne" and "carried" employed as are used in verses 11 and 12 for the substitutionary bearing of sin unless they have the same substitutionary and expiatory character?

9. If healing was not provided for all in redemption, how did the multitudes obtain from Christ what God did not provide?

10. If the body was not included in redemption, how can there be a resurrection or how can corruption put on incorruption or mortality put on immortality? Were not the physical as well as the spiritual earnest (foretastes) of our coming redemption enjoyed by God's people throughout history?

11. Why should not the "Last Adam" take away all that the first Adam brought upon us?

12. Since the Church is the body of Christ, does God want the body of Christ sick? Is it not His will to heal any part of the body of Christ? If not, why does He command "any sick" in it to be anointed for healing?

13. Are human imperfections of any sort, be they physical or moral, God's will or are they man's mistakes?

14. Since "the body is for the Lord, a living sacrifice unto God," would He not rather have a well body than a wrecked one? If not, how can He make us "perfect in every good work to do His will," or have us "thoroughly furnished unto every good work?"

15. Since bodily healing in the New Testament was called a mercy and it was mercy and compassion that moved Jesus to heal all who came to Him, is not the promise of God still true, "He is plenteous in Mercy unto all that call upon Him?"

16. Does not the glorious Gospel dispensation offer as much mercy and compassion to its sufferers as did the darker dispensations? If not, why would God withdraw this mercy and this Old Testament privilege from a better dispensation with its "better Covenant?"

17. If as some teach, God has another method for our healing today, why would God adopt a less successful method for our better dispensation?

18. Since Christ came to do the Father's will, was not the universal healing of all the sick who came to Him, a revelation of the will of God for our bodies?

19. Did not Jesus emphatically say that He would continue His same works in answer to our prayers while He is with the Father (John 14:12-13), and is not this promise alone a complete answer to all opposers?

20. Why would the Holy Spirit who healed all the sick before His dispensation began, do less after He entered into office on the day of Pentecost? Or did the Miracle-Worker enter office to do away with miracles?

21. Is not the book of Acts of the Holy Ghost a revelation of the way He wants to continue to act through the Church?

22. How can God justify us and at the same time require us to remain under the curse of the law which Jesus redeemed us from by bearing it for us on the cross? (Gal. 3:13).

23. Since "the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil" has He now relinquished this purpose which He retained even during

the bloody sweat of Gethsemane and the tortures of Calvary? Or does He now want the works of the devil in our bodies to continue that He formerly wanted to destroy? Does God want a cancer—"a plague," "a curse"—"the works of the devil" in the members of Christ? "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ?" (Cor. 6:15).

24. Are the proofs of Divine Healing among the one hundred and eighty-four persons who testified in this Tabernacle the last two Friday nights, less bright and convincing than the proofs of Spiritual Redemption among professed Christians today?

Are not these 184 who have been healed in better health physically than a like number of professed Christians are spiritually?

Would not the physical health of these 184 compare favorably with the spiritual health of even the same number of ministers of our day?

25. Would not the argument commonly employed against Divine Healing, drawn from its failures, if employed against justification, regeneration and all the rest be simply overwhelming?

26. Does the fact that Christ could do no miracle at Nazareth prove anything except the unbelief of the people or would it be right to conclude, because of the failure of Christ's disciples to cast out the epileptic spirit from the boy, that it was not God's will to deliver him? Christ proved by healing him that it is God's will to heal even those who fail to receive it.

27. Is not God as willing to show the mercy of healing to His worshippers as He is to show the mercy of forgiveness to His enemies? (Rom. 8:32).

28. If Paul (as a New York minister says) "was the sickest of men suffering from ophthalmia of the eyes," or if, as others teach, his "thorn in the flesh" was physical weakness instead of what Paul himself says it was, "Satan's angel" inflicting the many buffetings which Paul enumerates, how could he labor more abundantly than all the other apostles? Or since he had strength to do more work than all the others, how could his "weaknesses" be physical? Since Paul's "thorn" did not hinder his faith for the universal healing of "all the rest of the sick folk on the Island" of Melita (Moffatt's trans.), why should it hinder ours? Would not Paul's failure to be healed, if he was sick, hinder the universal faith

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# The Casting Out of Demon Spirits

BY GORDON LINDSAY

*These signs shall follow them that believe  
in my name; they shall cast out  
demons (Mark 16:17).*

## SATAN RESPONSIBLE FOR SICKNESS

As in the days of Christ, a great number of sick people who come forward to be prayed for are oppressed, obsessed, or possessed by demon spirits. In a very real sense, Satan is responsible for all sickness. Peter associated sickness with oppression of the devil.

Acts 10:38—"How 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."

Jesus Himself identified sickness with the power of Satan. Not only did He cast devils out of many people, thus restoring them to their right mind, but He spoke of evil spirits causing deafness, dumbness and other afflictions. One woman was bowed together with an infirmity and Jesus attributed the direct cause of this infirmity to Satan.

Luke 13:16—"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom *Satan has bound to these eighteen years*, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

It is evident that the reason that many people are not healed from the more serious of afflictions is because they are bound by demon spirits, and they cannot get well until the demons are cast out. Jesus therefore gave instructions to His disciples that they should cast out demons.

In the course of prayer for the sick, in Divine Healing meetings, many demons are cast out. A demon is an evil spirit which immediately after being cast out desires to re-enter the body (Lu. 11:24-26). Some people, through unbelief, or sin, or physical weakness of some kind are susceptible to demons. The eyes are the gateway to the soul, and it has been found advisable for people to keep their heads bowed in prayer as a precaution when these demon spirits are cast out. These warnings are not given to inspire fear in the hearts of people as fear is the tool of the enemy. But it is to be remembered that when powerful demon spirits are challenged, we enter to that extent on the devil's territory: Only the power of God can cast out demons, and when that power is in action we must be in great reverence.

There are, alas, those who have been known to mock at the work of casting out of demons. This is one of the most serious sins that can be committed. In fact, it borders upon the unpardonable sin: (Read Matt. 12:22-32). On one occasion Jesus

cast the devil out of one that was blind and dumb. The Pharisees, having to explain the healing in some way, made the declaration that Christ cast out the devils by Beelzebub the prince of devils. Jesus answered them with a sharp rebuke. In the first place He said that if He cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom did they cast them out? This silenced the Pharisees for they knew that they had no power to cast out devils. Then He went on to state that the power to cast out devils was proof that the Kingdom of God had come unto them. Furthermore, He said that Satan did not cast out Satan, for if he did his kingdom would not stand. Then finally Christ gave a solemn warning that the attributing of the power that was used to cast out evil spirits to Satan was blasphemy and a sin that would never be forgiven in this world nor in the world to come.

## POWER TO CAST OUT DEMONS PROOF OF THE GENUINENESS OF A MINISTRY

In the words of Christ the power to cast out demons is an attestation of the genuineness of a ministry, and skeptics and doubters should by all means be warned against saying anything disrespectful toward the work of the Spirit in the casting out of demons. Such may well result in the committing of the unpardonable sin. We are glad to note, however, that we have found only a few that have doubted the work of God. On the other hand, people everywhere have glorified God because He has revealed His power in delivering those who have been found by Satan.

It has often been asked, why that with the casting out of evil spirits, the demons are not bound and cast into the pit? This question should not be answered carelessly. It is perhaps true that demons may be bound for a period of time, but whether they can be indiscriminately sent into the pit, cannot be certainly ascertained. Jesus spoke to one demon commanding him to come out of the person and to enter no more into him. It is apparent that Jesus took perfect control of the demons that were cast out and they could do nothing except that He suffered them to do so. However, when the demons of the demoniac protested against being sent into the deep (or the pit), declaring that the time of their punishment had not yet come, He suffered them to enter into the swine (Mk. 5:1-13).

Indeed, it would appear from the words of the Lord, that demons ordinarily are left free to wander about until they find

a body that they may enter, or even re-enter the one from whence they were cast out. Let us notice the passage in Luke 11:22-24:

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house in whence I came out. And when he cometh he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he and taketh to him seven more spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of man is worse than the first."

## SUMMARY OF HABITS OF DEMONS

From these Scriptures certain facts concerning demons and their habits emerge:

1. That demons seek to inhabit human beings, and when cast out immediately seek another human abode, or try to re-enter the one from whence they were cast out.

2. They will not willingly leave a human body. Demons do not cast each other out, but rather invite other demons to join them in their habitation (Luke 11:11-17, 18, 26).

3. Only the power of God can cast out demons, and a ministry in which power is manifested to cast them out is an attestation of its genuineness (Matt. 12:25-28).

4. In the casting out of demons, faith should be exercised against attempts to re-enter the body from whence they came or into others nearby. In the case of the deaf and dumb child, Christ not only cast out the demon but had to command it to "enter no more into him" (Mark 9:25). In the healing services the audience can assist greatly in this matter if they will keep their heads bowed in prayer and faith.

5. The power of God can cast out a demon, also also bind it and send it into the pit, yet there is little record in the Scriptures that Jesus actually did so. On the other hand, he warned that a demon, when it was cast out, immediately sought to enter another body. Failing in this, he took other demons more wicked than himself, and made an attempt to return into the body out of which he had been cast. Jesus showed that this attempt by demons might well be successful if the individual fails to obey God, and the Spirit of the Lord does not dwell in his heart and life.

## THE IMPORTANT MATTER OF KEEPING ONE'S HEALING

This last consideration brings us to the thought of whether it is possible to lose  
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## The World in Prophecy

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a man who lived for this world only and made no provision for the next. It came time for him to die and the scene was very sad. This great singer of other days, as his strength was ebbing away, and as they listened they heard him say, "I have seen a land, and in this land there is no singing." What a pathetic testimony! Friend, the world is passing away. Without Christ every man faces judgment. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Will you accept Christ today, and serve Him with all your heart?

### THE NUMBER 666

Time is running out, and the days of this present age are numbered. Men who are guiding the affairs of this world in most cases, little realize that there is One greater than they who is ruling and overruling. Man proposes, but God disposes. Had we space we might demonstrate some interesting things which reveal the manner in which events of this world are being guided according to a pattern. We shall give one example and perhaps next month carry the demonstration at further length. The question is: Are world events occurring at random or are they following a demonstrable time-pattern, thus evidencing a supreme Being who is overruling the history of the world?

### INVASION OF EUROPE OCCUPIED PERIOD OF 666 DAYS

On July 10, 1943, the Allies began their invasion of Hitler's iron fortress of Europe. The attack began on Sicily and Italy, spoken of by Churchill as the Axis' soft under-belly. On May 7, 1945, just 666 days later, Germany capitulated! But this was not all—the middle day of this 666-day period was June 6, 1944, none other than D-day! This historical event occurred on the 6th hour of the 6th day of the 6th month! Did all these things just happen? They are the evidence of an overruling providence who is endeavoring to show the world the meaning of events now taking place.

What is the significance of the number 666? It is the number identified with the beast-power of prophecy. Note Revelation 13:18:

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred three score and six."

Thus we find the great events of the recent war, that involved Hitler, Nazi Germany, Russia, Communism, etc., are marked by the number 666. These events are truly leading to the great climax of Armageddon and the coming of Christ. But a further discussion of these amazing time-patterns will be made next month.

In the meantime, let us be praying that God shall manifest Himself in mighty power in a world that needs Him so greatly. May every Christian ask God for a passion for soul-winning such as they have never had before.

## The Casting Out Of Demon Spirits

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one's healing. This matter is really of tremendous importance, for we have already seen that Jesus plainly taught that it is possible for one to lose his healing. Almost every Christian will testify that after they were saved, glorious as their experience might have been, sooner or later the enemy was back to tempt and to even make them believe that they had not been saved. Likewise, as we have seen in the case of demon possession, the demon is back sooner or later to recover, if possible, what he has lost. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. If the individual will obey the Scriptures by resisting the enemy, the devil will leave, but if he gives in to him, Satan will rob him of his deliverance. James 4:7 declares, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." If when the enemy brings symptoms to us, tempting us to believe that the old affliction is to return upon us, we resist him and rebuke the thing, we shall find that our deliverance is complete.

We must let Christ and His Kingdom reign in our lives. The man in whom the demon was cast out, continued on in his old way. He did not serve God or live for Him. Consequently, his disobedience was an invitation for the enemy to return. There are those who only attend church during a revival meeting. They are unfaithful in their service to God, and continue to indulge in a worldly life, partaking in questionable things on the devil's territory. Soon they may be back in the toils of the enemy again. Let us remember the words of our Lord when He said, "Behold thou art made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

## Believest Thou This?

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ing upon him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost" (John 1:33). And you can know the church of Jesus Christ by the means of a sign. "And these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17, 18). If your church does not believe in this, find one that does.

Why was John the Baptist so great? Jesus said there was none born of women greater than he up until that time. Moses was great, Enoch was great, Elijah and

Daniel were great. All these had spoken of the coming of Christ. But it was reserved unto John to introduce Christ to the world. He was the preacher that preached at the inauguration of the ministry of Jesus. He didn't have on broadcloth or have a D. D. after his name, but he did preach the baccalaureate message for the Lord, using the muddy banks of the Jordan as a cathedral. The Pharisees who stood by could refused to accept it. But God's work moved on anyway.

Notice that Jesus appeared on the muddy banks of the River Jordan. He moved out into the muddy water, was baptized by a man who did not have a decent suit of clothes to put on. That is what the world would have called silly fanaticism. But what the world calls silly, God calls great, and what the world calls great, God calls foolishness.

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## Thirty-One Questions

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of these heathen for their healing? Why do traditional teachers substitute "ophthalmia of the eyes" or sickness (neither of which Paul mentions) for the "reproaches," "necessities," "persecutions," "distresses" and all the other buffetings at the hands of "Satan's angels" which he does mention? If the former constitute his "thorn," why does he not say he takes pleasure in the former instead of the latter? How could Paul, sick in body, or with the unsightly disease of "ophthalmia of the eyes," and unable to be healed, "make the Gentiles obedient by word and deed through mighty signs and wonders?" (Rom. 15:18-19).

29. If sickness is the will of God, then would not every physician be a law-breaker, every trained nurse be defying the Almighty, every hospital a house of rebellion instead of a house of mercy, and instead of supporting hospitals should we not then do our utmost to close them?

30. Since Jesus in the Gospels never commissioned anybody to preach the Gospel without commanding them to heal the sick, how can we obey this command if there is no Gospel (good news) of healing to proclaim to the sick as a basis for their faith? Or, since faith is expecting God to keep His promise, how can there be faith for healing if God has not promised it? And since the Bible is full of promises of healing are they not all Gospel (good news) to the sick? Since "faith cometh by hearing . . . the Word" how can the sick have faith for healing if there is nothing for them to hear?

31. "Could the loving heart of the Son of God, Who had compassion upon the sick, and healed all who had need of healing, cease to regard the sufferings of His own when He had become exalted at the right hand of the Father?"

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"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."—Hebrews 13:8

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## When God Raised Me From the Dead

By REV. THOMAS WELCH  
Electronically recorded in Spokane,  
Washington, Aug. 7, 1948)

I was an orphan, my parents both died when I was eleven years old. One of the things that I have missed in this life is a mother and a father. I had a wonderful mother—one of the great tragedies in my life was that she was taken when I was so young. The one thing that I remember well and still impresses me, was that I never heard my father and mother quarrel.

### GREW UP UNDER INFIDEL INFLUENCES

I was taken by an uncle who gave me a home. I thank God for the kindness that he extended to me. But it was not a Christian home; and it was quite a change to what I had been accustomed to. My uncle didn't care very much whether I was at home or somewhere else. So very early I was thrown into the company of a man who was educated to be a professor, and had been a professor in schools of higher learning. He was an infidel, a man who didn't believe that there was a God. He  
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## Spokane--Portland--Medford Witness Mighty Miracles of Healing

Spokane Auditorium Unable to Care for Crowds Attending Freeman Meetings  
Brief Meeting in Portland Attended By Many Miracles

By REV. WM. BOYLES

I am sure the coming of Rev. Wm. W. Freeman to Spokane was God's answer to the heart's cry of a great multitude of suffering people. I have heard of people who expressed a wish that they might have lived on earth in the days of Christ, and have witnessed the miracles He performed. But the past 12 days, we of this city have witnessed the scenes of the Bible over and over again as Rev. Freeman prayed for the sick and afflicted. To see blind eyes opened, and deaf ears unstopped, the dumb speaking, and all manner of infirmities departing at the command of the servant of God leaves one with the feeling in his heart that he will never be the same again.

As the meeting progressed, the faith of the people was stimulated by what they saw God performing before their eyes, that days before the meeting came to a close, their expectancy was for God to do the impossible . . . And they were not disappointed.

People came from California, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and from Canada to see God in action, and to touch the hem of the garment of the Great Physician. They came by automobile and ambulance, and one young girl was flown in by airplane.

The large tabernacle was filled to overflowing and many stood along the walls  
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### SCHEDULE OF THE FREEMAN HEALING CAMPAIGNS

Oakland, Calif., September 14-26. Write Rev. Eleanor Johnson, 1004 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley 2, Calif.

Riverside, Calif., September 29-October 10. Write Rev. Carl A. Goad, 3357 Lime Street, Riverside, Calif.

Shreveport, La., October 20-24. Write Voice of Healing, Box 4097, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Ministers interested in a Union Freeman meeting in their city direct correspondence to: Rev. Gordon Lindsay, Box 4097, Shreveport, La.

The meeting in Portland was hastily organized and held at a time when many people were on vacations. Nevertheless in the brief campaign which lasted less than a week, the congregation enlarged four or five times and many miracles of healing took place. Had the meeting gone on a few more days, the most commodious place available would have been filled. The following report was given by Rev. Thomas Welch, pastor of the Church of God:

"Many hundreds of people are rejoicing and praising God because He saw fit to send Brother Freeman to Portland. There were six glorious days of meeting in which the Mighty Hand of God was manifested. If any doubt existed in the minds of people that Brother Freeman had the Gift of Healing, such doubts were dispelled after the first day or so. The sick, the deaf, the dumb, the blind, the lame and halt came in great numbers and in the majority of cases they were delivered. Cancers and tumors melted away and testimonies of their healing are coming in.

One outstanding case at the beginning of the meeting was that of a four-year-old girl born deaf and dumb. She received her hearing as hundreds of people witnessed the healing. The co-operating ministers of various Full Gospel groups in Portland and vicinity realize now more than ever the value of coming together and putting forth a united effort in the interest of the Kingdom of God, as God again restores the ministry of Bible days.

This meeting will be long remembered and plans are already being made for a great healing campaign next summer in anticipation that the great masses of people in this area may be reached with this glorious gospel."

### REPORT FROM MEDFORD, OREGON

By REV. GEORGE BAKER

Since we attended Brother Freeman's meetings in Grants Pass our hearts were full of expectation and all of the Southern  
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# Ministry of Early Church Repeated in Freeman Healing Campaigns

## Spokane Meeting

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and sat in the windows, and many were turned away unable to gain entrance.

Surely this was God's visitation to Spokane. Hundreds were prayed for with almost every kind of disease. And yet, as outstanding as these mighty healings were, there was something still more wonderful, and that was to see men, women and children in every service giving their hearts to God. A person may die with a disease and go to heaven, but he cannot die without Christ and go there. In these moments of invitation one felt the compassion of the Saviour as Bro. Freeman poured out his heart to the unsaved, and the scenes that followed must have caused angels to rejoice and the people of God to offer praise to the Saviour of sinners.

The city of Spokane has never had such a visitation of the power of God to heal in such an outstanding manner. I am sure that those who were saved and those who were healed shall never cease to praise God for sending Rev. Freeman to us.

The afternoon instruction meetings conducted by Rev. Gordon Lindsay and Rev. Thomas Welch were a source of real inspiration and faith-building. This feature of the campaign was greatly appreciated by those who were seeking God for healing.

May I urge all Christians to pray earnestly that God shall continue to give Brother Freeman physical strength and undergird him with the power of the Holy Ghost as he goes from place to place on these missions of mercy.

## Portland, Medford

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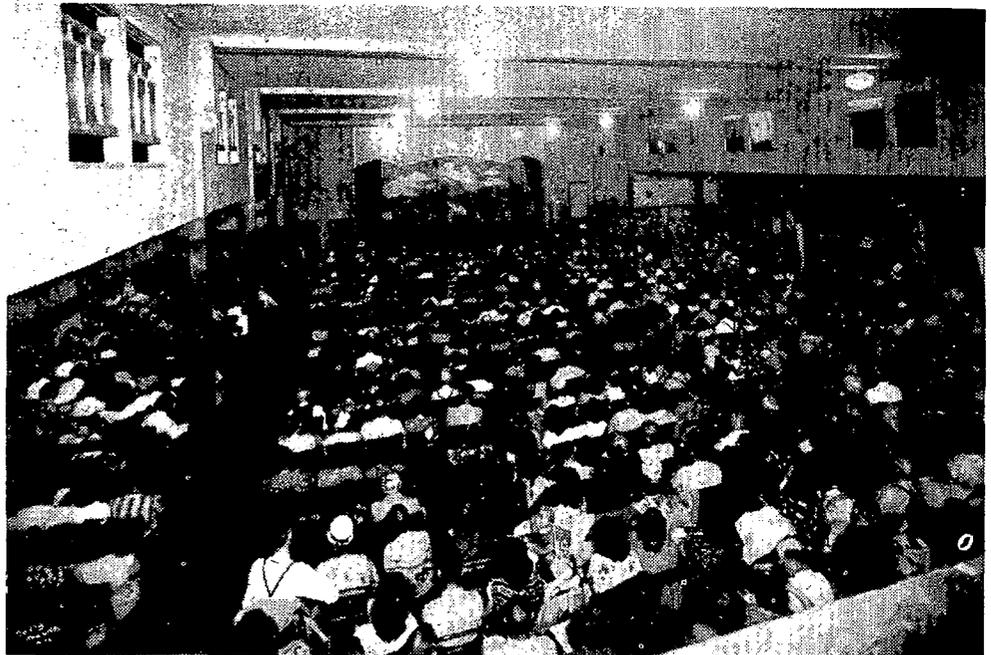
Oregon Full Gospel Churches were expecting one of the greatest revivals in the history of the area. When Brother Freeman arrived the enemy tried to oppose, but the Lord gave our brother discernment and the enemy was met in the Name of the Lord.

We saw the eyes of the blind opened, the ears of the deaf unstopped, the lame made to walk, arthritis and other afflictions melted away before the Presence of the Lord. We have known and witnessed the Power of God for a number of years, but have never seen such a move for God in all our lives. I appreciate Brother Freeman's earnest appeal to the sinner and backslider, and in almost every service there were souls that came for salvation. Many sought the Lord and some are attending the churches that participated in

the campaign. One dear old gentleman, the father of one of my men, came to the afternoon meeting and sought the Lord. He responded again to the invitation at night. I said, "I thought the Lord saved you this afternoon." He replied, "Yes, but it was so good I just wanted a little more." Just a few days after the Freeman campaign, this brother who had lived threescore and ten passed on to glory.

We feel grateful to the Lord for those who helped make the Freeman meetings a success. It was through Brother L. D. Hall that the meetings were brought to

Medford and he managed the meetings here. Brother Gordon Lindsay arrived from an Eastern trip in time to give helpful instructions to the sick in the afternoon services. We would like to make mention of the fine co-operation of all the ministers, musicians, ushers and personal workers who helped to make the meeting a success. Also the fine message brought by Velmar Gardner, evangelist. The Full Gospel churches of Southern Oregon will long remember the Freeman Healing campaign, and only eternity will reveal the full value of the same.



Crowds overflowed the Revival Center Auditorium at Spokane, Washington. The inadequacy of its seating capacity was felt early in the meeting. No larger building with seats and platform were available, so great numbers were turned away from the Revival Center who were unable to get in.

## Letters From Individuals Healed in Campaigns on West Coast

I had been sick so long I wanted relief of some kind. The doctor said I would never be well again until an operation.

I heard about Rev. Wm. W. Freeman's healing campaign and I went. I was healed of tumor, ulcers of the stomach, headache, arthritis in my arms and hands. When I worked there wasn't much rest for me. My body and feet were swollen all the time.

In a few moments after Rev. Freeman prayed for me, the pains were gone. Praise the Lord.

Mrs. Climas Yates  
General Delivery  
Soledad, California.

Dear Bro. Freeman:

I had sore fingers for over two years

and we went to your meeting in Oakland July 4th. There was such a crowd of people I didn't get to be prayed for, but while I was sitting there the sores dried up and the dead skin fell off in my lap. We went to Vallejo July 10th and I was prayed for and God wonderfully healed me of catarrh and internal trouble. I have had catarrh for 8 or 10 years and could hardly smell anything, but since God healed me I can smell very well. I also praise God for healing my little 6-year-old girl of bad teeth and gums in the same meeting (July 10th). May God richly bless you in your ministry.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. F. R. Ruth  
2531 17th Street  
San Pablo, California.

## How God Raised Me From The Dead

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had a great library, and the opportunity to be trained by a man of his learning fascinated me. So I began from that time on to believe like he did.

### THE TRAGEDY AT BRIDAL VEIL

But the hand of God was upon my life. When I was 18 years old, I left Canada and came down to this country. I went to work out from Portland at the Bridal Veil Timber Company. I had been to a number of gospel services in Portland before I went out there, but it seemed like I just couldn't believe. I enjoyed hearing the man's message, but it seemed like I just couldn't believe it. And on the first day of this particular job, I was working on a trestle that was 55 feet above the ground. I missed my footing somehow and fell over backward. The trestle was a structure that had never been trimmed up and beams were sticking out of it four or six feet long all the way down the side of it. As I tumbled off one to another it just smashed my body to pieces. The first place to strike was right here on my head. It broke my skull wide open. The scar from that wound can still be felt by the hand, and anyone who might doubt can see for themselves after the service. All of these ribs on this side were broken. I was just showing Brother Freeman today the marks that still exist—for the marks are all still there. One of the ribs was torn loose in my back and it punctured my lung. My jawbone was broken. So was my right shoulder blade. It was a bad shape to be in.

I am sticking to the details because what I am telling you is just the way that it happened back there in 1924. They all stand out vividly in my memory as well as the memory of many others who witnessed the accident. Down under the bridge there was a pool of dirty water about four feet deep. This pool had been dammed up for purposes around the mill. I lay in that water from twenty to thirty minutes. Some men were able finally to fish me out of it. There was no water in my lungs, which proved, the doctors said, that I had not breathed during the period of time that I lay in that water.

### I LEAVE THE BODY—SEE THE LAKE OF FIRE

I know myself, that during that time, I was gone from this world. I want to tell you this afternoon a few things about what I saw. I remember when I came back into this body, and it was just as real as walking through a door of the house. Every time I go through the door of a building I am reminded of the time that I came back and took possession of this temple in which I am still living. I saw some things in the other world. It was there that I met Christ!

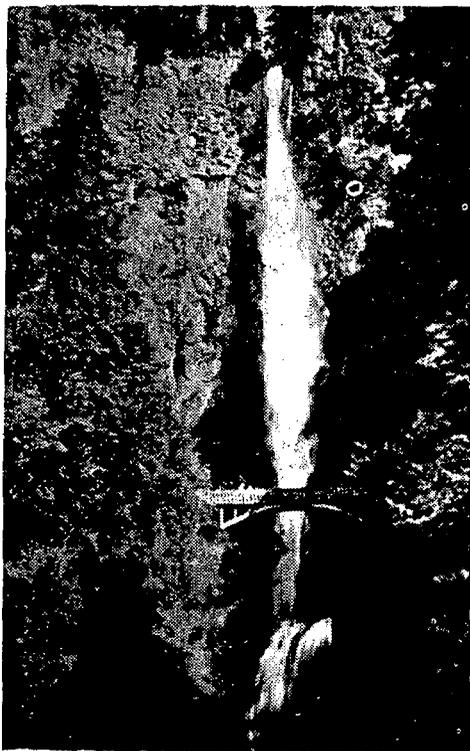
The first thing that I observed when I departed from this scene of action was a

great burning lake, a rolling, turbulent, flaming mass. It appeared to be what the Bible says it is—a lake of fire and brimstone. There was nobody in it yet. I wasn't in it. I saw people whom I had known years before when I was a little fellow—people who had died, and died in sin.

They were looking at the same place, although they were not in it yet. Then I prayed—it was the first prayer that ever went up from my heart. I said, "O if I had only known about this, I would have made preparation, I would have made sure that I wouldn't come here."

### A LOOK FROM CHRIST SAVES ME!

I looked around for some way to get out. There was no way to get out. I was about to give up in terrible despair, when I saw Something. It was Christ standing in the distance! Away on the horizon I saw Him. Hope sprang up in my heart. Somehow I knew that if I could get His



Beautiful Multnomah Falls (625 feet high) located near the scene of the accident at the Bridal Veil Timber Mill.

attention for a moment then everything would be different. But it appeared at first that He wasn't going to look. He went on by. And then just before He went out of sight, He turned around and He looked. And when He did, that is when I came back into this body. His look was enough! There are those today who are doing everything they can to discredit the Word of God and its solemn warnings. But I am here today to tell you that they are true.

Before I was able to open my eyes at all, I could recognize the voices of the people about me. I recognized the voice of a lady, Mrs. Brocke, whom I had known much of my life. She was like a mother to me. She was praying. I could hear her calling upon God, to not let me go out of

this world in the condition I was in. Thank God for people who know how to pray! They told me afterward that she had her hand upon my head, while the blood was oozing out between her fingers. She refused to believe that I was going to die unsaved. At the present time she and her husband, Rev. T. Brocke, are pastors of the Foursquare Church in Woodburn, Oregon.

### GOD DEALS WITH ME

They took me to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. It was about 1:30 when I fell, and they got me into the hospital just before six o'clock. An ambulance took me into town; the doctor did what he could. They put me on a cot. A nurse was left with me while they waited for me to die. But I had already been dead, I knew that I wasn't going to die. They brought me in on Monday evening and I lay there till Friday morning. In those four days I talked with God. He helped me by sending the Spirit of God which led me out of the darkness that I was in. As I lay there and meditated, I remembered the things that I had heard that precious man of God preach. Among other things, I remember a great text he used, "Whatever ye ask in my name, ye shall receive." Faith came into my heart. At about eleven o'clock that morning I had reached a conclusion. God had talked with me. He asked me if I would preach. This was a hard thing. The thought of preaching before a large crowd frightened me. I hardly realized what I was promising God. But I said yes. And I meant what I said. I have kept my promise.

### THE SECOND MIRACLE TAKES PLACE

But I said, "Lord, I can't do it lying here." By this time I was almost completely stiff, wrapped up in all sorts of bandages. The nurse was there reading to me trying to cheer me up. I said to the nurse, "Will you put a screen in front of the door and leave me alone for a little while?" She very graciously did, having no inkling of what was about to take place. When I got alone, the Presence of the Lord came down, and I talked to God just like I'm talking to you this day. I reached up and threw the blankets off, knowing that if God didn't do something I couldn't put them back, but I did it anyway.

When I did, the mighty lightnings of God hit that place where I lay. Brother, it went down through me like a flash from on High, and right down to my feet. And before that nurse could get back, I was up and had my clothes on—and was out of the room and down three flights of stairs and out of the hospital. This thing wasn't done in a corner. There are hundreds of people that know the facts of what had happened—and know it to be the truth.

A friend of mine had an office across the street; he was a printer. I went to him and I said, "Pete, I would like to have your car." He looked at me. He had been

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# MIRACLES OF HEALING

*Testimonies of Miracles of Deliverance in the Freeman Healing Meetings*

## Deaf and Dumb Child and Nurse Healed

Portland, Oregon  
July 29, 1948

I thank God for the healing of the little girl that is in my care. I took her to Brother Freeman to be healed. She was deaf and dumb from birth, being four years old at present. With the prayers of dear Brother Freeman and God's mercy she can now hear and is learning to talk. Thank God for this wonderful man that came to Portland to be used of God.

Also, I was healed of arthritis and high blood pressure and heart trouble. I had been afflicted for 19 years in bed, and on crutches one year; had been doctored for 18 years with very little help. But thank God for Rev. Freeman and the prayer of faith, I am healed:

Mrs. M. Flowers,  
9705 S. E. Ash  
Portland, 16, Oregon.

## Tumor Healed Instantly

July 1, 1948.

Rev. Wm. W. Freeman:

I thank God for this grand opportunity to be able to write in words my testimony. The doctor told me I would have to have an operation for a tumor. I went up to be prayed for while you was here in Salinas. I am thankful to say before I walked back to my seat the tumor burst and passed out and now I am praising God for healing me: I feel perfect. I shall continue to keep the faith.

Very truly,  
MRS. ANNIE OWENS  
13½ A Salidad Street  
Salinas, Calif.

Member of the Church of God in Christ,  
Rev. H. Simpson, pastor, at 103 Lake Street, Salinas, Calif.

## Kidneys and Chest Healed

Dear Rev. Freeman:

The 16th of July you prayed for me and Jesus healed me of kidney and chest trouble in a wonderful way. It is the first time I did my work without pain in months. I tell every one.

Lucille Dreyer  
755 Edwards  
Crockett, California.

July 28, 1948.

## Delivered From Deafness

June 30, 1948.

Dear Brother Freeman:

I was healed of a deaf ear I had had for 40 years and now I can hear perfectly. I was also healed of low blood pressure. I was so bad that I had to take dope to sleep and I was going to the doctor and he was giving me two kinds of shots and medicine. I could not sit down or lie down

without my limbs getting stiff. But God healed me, praise His name. If you need proof of this I have that also.

Your Sister in the Lord,  
MRS. C. E. WILSON  
Kings Cts., Elsie Street  
Watsonville, Calif.

## More Common Ailments Cured

Dear Bro. Freeman:

The Lord healed me of cancer, gall bladder and liver trouble in the Vallejo meeting when you prayed for me. I thank the Lord for the healing.

I'm so glad He bestowed the gift of healing on you and that you came to Vallejo so my family could be prayed for.

I am praising the Lord

Mrs. E. P. West,  
143 Lowe Avenue,  
Vallejo, California.

Rev. William Freeman:

The Lord has healed my body and I am giving God the Glory. My ailments were cancer, arthritis, fallen stomach, and I praise God again for setting me free from the devil's clutches. I surely feel fine.

Mrs. Effie Kreth  
3 Mund Hank  
Watsonville, California.

## Vertebras and Cross Eyes Healed

June 23, 1948.

Dear Brother Freeman:

I had vertebrae slipped out of place in my back for 11 years. They were in such a way that the doctors could do me no good.

I went through the healing line and was healed of that and also cross eyes.

I thank God for His wonderful power.

My brother was healed in San Jose in your meeting there of ulcers of the stomach he had had for 12 years. He had an x-ray and it showed only the scars where they had been.

The same God that healed in the olden days is just the same today.

WILLIE FERRANTE  
Route 4, Box 724  
Watsonville, Calif.

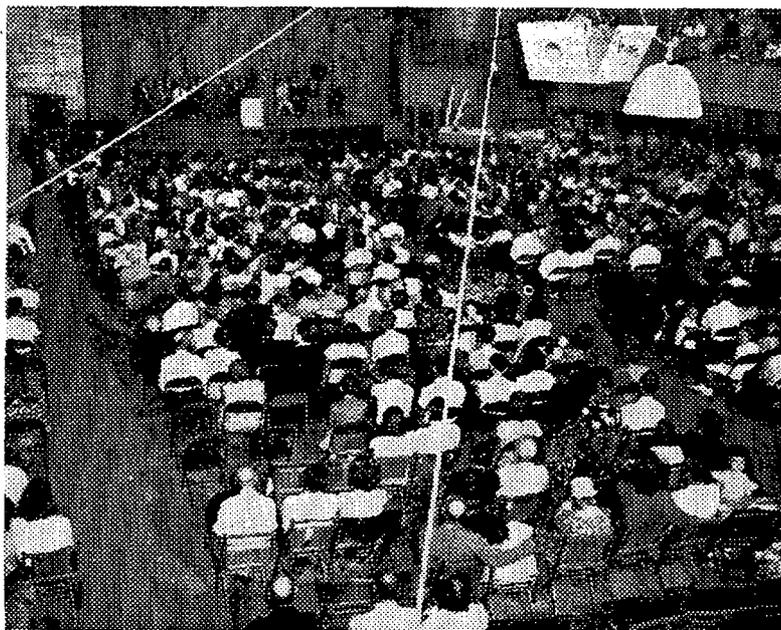
## Sufferer of 15 Years Now Well

Dear Rev. Freeman:

I had suffered with rupture for 15 years and when you were here I was going through the prayer line on the 13th day of June and the Lord wonderfully touched and healed my body through your prayer. I thank the Lord for sending you this way that

I might be healed. On that day it seemed like a needle pierced my side and I could feel this place coming together. I ever mean to lift up holy hands unto the Lord.

Mrs. Willie McNeal,  
103 Lake St.,  
Salinas, California.



Armory at Medford, Oregon, where the Freeman Healing Campaign was held. George Peachy, blind and dying, healed two months before in Freeman Meeting at Grant's Pass, ushered twice daily in this campaign. (Story on Page 8.)

# "BELIEVEST THOU THIS"

Message By Rev. William Branham

(Continued from Last Month)

## YOU LOOK WITH YOUR EYES AND SEE WITH YOUR HEART

You know that you don't see with your eyes. You look with your eyes and see with your heart. Christ told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Man cannot see the kingdom of God during this age with his natural eyes, he has to understand it with his heart. You cannot see the kingdom until you are in it. When I was a little boy I used to race with other boys to the swimming hole to see which one could get in first. I was so poor and had so few clothes, that I usually was the first one in the water. I didn't have to bother with a shirt or anything, so after I jumped out of a pair of overalls, I just dove into the water. If the water was cold, we would hold up one finger; if it was just right we would hold up two fingers. Friends, I want to tell you this afternoon that I'm holding up two fingers; the water is just right. Come and "dive in" and receive this Holy Ghost blessing.

After Christ was baptized in the water and had received the Holy Ghost He went into the wilderness and was tempted. After you have been prayed for your healing, you, too, will be tempted. Sometimes everything that you have had will try to come back on you. Jesus said that when the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places seeking rest and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he and taketh seven more spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. The devil always tempts people where they are the weakest. So Jesus was hungry and the devil tempted Him. Moses had a temper and the devil tempted him there. I don't know where he will tempt you but he'll tempt you at the weakest spot. I used to box. I won the local bantamweight championship, and was undefeated when I entered into the ministry. When I used to box I was fast. I couldn't hit very hard, but I could get out of the way of the next fellow. I wouldn't watch his feet or his hands but I would watch his eye. I would see where he was looking and I would cover up. Then when I found out where his weakest spot was I would pound away at that. That's the way Satan does. He finds where your weakest spot is and punches away as hard as he can. If it's unbelief, he'll punch at that. He'll keep at it to weaken you down.

## GOD'S DELAYS HAVE A PURPOSE

After Jesus came out of the wilderness, signs and wonders began to follow Him.

Now he used to stay at the home of Lazarus when he was near Jerusalem. But when He went to a distance He had to leave that home. So one of those times when He was gone, sickness moved into the home. And when Jesus leaves your home sickness is going to move in. Disappointment, sorrow and poverty will move in when Jesus moves out. But in this case it wasn't because He was driven out but it was because His work had called Him out. It was all for a purpose. The Father had already shown Him what was going to take place. They sent for Jesus to come and pray for Lazarus. But apparently He ignored it and went on. What would you do if you sent for your pastor some time to come and pray for you and he ignored it and went on? You'd probably say, "All right, I'll go over and join another church." Your impatience may be the very reason that the Lord can't do anything for you. Honor the man that is preaching the Word of God to you.

## THE DARKEST HOUR BEFORE THE DAWN

After a while Jesus said, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth." The disciples could not understand, so they said, "If he sleepeth he doeth well." Then He told them plainly in the only way they could understand, "Lazarus is dead." So back they went to Bethany. It was a dark hour in the home of the two sisters. Seemingly the Great Deliverer had failed. The doctor had picked up his grip and said, "There is nothing more that I can do for him." An audience gathered. The call for Jesus had gone out, but still He did not come. Darkness settled over the little home. Lazarus died. They took him to the grave and rolled a stone before his tomb. The first day passed. People from Jerusalem came down to the little home to mourn with them. The second day passed. The third day passed. The fourth day passed. By this time the body of Lazarus began to corrupt. What a dark hour had come to the little home. Probably the darkest that they had ever seen. Maybe you've seen those dark hours, too.

But just at the darkest hour that the little home ever had, then Jesus came along. Maybe this is your darkest hour. Maybe you are sitting there wondering, "How am I going to get into the prayer line?" Maybe you have a cancer and the doctor has said that you're going to die. But remember, at the darkest hour Jesus comes by. Yes, I had a dark hour when I was lying in a Louisville, Kentucky, hospital. The doctor told me that I had three minutes to live. But praise God, Jesus came along. Do I love Him? With all my heart. My devotion cannot be great

enough for Him.

## BUT EVEN NOW, LORD

Martha heard that Jesus had come and she went to meet Jesus. She probably met some in the way who murmured, "That poor woman trusted in that preacher, now see what's happened. Now after Lazarus is dead he comes back to town." But she went right on by. Don't let the skeptic and the scorner stop you. Go on like Martha did until you get to Jesus. Now she might have said to the Lord, "Look, we gave up a whole lot to follow You, and now this one time that we called for You, You failed to show up. We're disappointed." But if she had said that, the miracle would never have taken place. Instead she rushed up to Jesus and said, "Lord, if thou hadst been here my brother had not died; but I know that even now whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee." There are some who come through the prayer line proud and with their heads up. But if you come through the line that way, you might as well not come. Although everything appeared lost to Martha, it seemed like she had a little feeling that something was going to take place. She said, "But even now, Lord." Maybe you say, "I've got a cancer." But cannot you also say, "But even now Lord, You can heal me of this cancer." You say that you've been crippled for 30 years. "But even now, Lord, whatsoever thou wilt ask God, God will give it thee." When will I get it? "Even now, Lord!" Listen, the same Christ that spoke to Martha is sitting at the right hand of God with all power in heaven and earth. Even now, Lord!

## THY BROTHER SHALL ARISE AGAIN

Jesus said to Martha, "Thy brother shall arise again." And Martha answered that she knew that he would rise in the resurrection at the last day. Then Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live." Think of it! A little frail man on earth had power from Jehovah God to give life to the dead. He had the authority. He was the *I Am*, not *I was*. And then speaking a little further He said, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" This was the crucial moment. Mary couldn't understand what it all meant but she believed anyway. She said, "Yea Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God which should come into the world."

## BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

Jesus saw the weeping and the sorrowing. Mary came and said, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not

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### EDITORIAL

We trust that this special edition of THE VOICE OF HEALING of sixteen pages will prove a real blessing to the reader. We hope that the messages within its pages, the testimonials of healing, the reports of the campaigns showing the great things that God is doing; will inspire each heart to be ready for the Soon Coming of Our Lord and Saviour.

We include a message by Dr. John G. Lake whose healing ministry a little less than a generation ago was a phenomenon of its time. His sermons carried in them a spirit of victory and dominion and a remarkable consciousness of God. Very few of his sermons were ever published. We have obtained a rare manuscript which is a stenographical record of a number of messages he preached, and we shall publish them as opportunity affords.

Also some beautiful poetry given directly by the Spirit of God has become available to us. The poem, "Guidance," appearing in this month's issue clearly shows the marks of inspiration. Other great poems, some never before appearing in print, will be published.

#### CONCERNING REV. WILLIAM BRANHAM

We were happy to hear Rev. William Branham's voice over the telephone a short time ago. We rejoiced as he talked to us of God's dealings with him and how the Lord had touched his body, when he thought that he was about ready to leave this world. As soon as he again engages in meetings, we shall carry full reports of his campaigns.

#### NEW QUARTERS FOR OUR SHREVEPORT OFFICE

We are very thankful to Brother Jack Moore who has provided us with a commodious office for the taking care of our rapidly expanding circulation. Miss Anna Jeanne Moore, our efficient manager, made

a recent trip to Dallas, Texas to investigate the latest type of electrical addressing equipment. This equipment will be installed and ready for the mailing of our September issue.

#### GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS OCCUR IN THE FREEMAN MEETINGS

We are more convinced than ever that God is doing a new thing. Night after night as we witness the hand of God in the great Freeman Healing campaigns, we realize that we are seeing things that prophets and kings have desired to witness and could not.

Nevertheless, the need is greater than ever for a uniting of the people of God in order for the Gifts to function at their best. There are those who still insist on magnifying some small phase of doctrine or prophecy to the exclusion of everything else. May God give us spiritual balance in our Christian walk and Christian charity for those who may not have as great a degree of light on some particular truth as we might have. "Knowledge puffeth up but love edifieth." May God grant that believers in the fullness of the Gospel may learn to merge their faith and strength for a mighty unified effort for the salvation of the lost. Then shall we see signs and wonders done "by the Holy Child Jesus" and a revival the like of which we have never before witnessed.

Rev. Thomas Welch, lifelong friend of the editor (we started in the ministry together) assisted us in the meetings at Spokane, Washington. The story of how God raised him from the dead appears in this issue. It is a startling story, but it is all true, and the details of the incident which happened 24 years ago are still remembered by many witnesses. Any one desiring further information may obtain it by writing Rev. T. Brocke, Woodburn, Oregon.

#### A NEW BOOK SOON TO APPEAR

We are planning to publish a book entitled "Bible Days Are Here Again," which will give an account of what God is doing in the way of manifesting the sign-gifts in these last days. This book will carry instructions to those who have need of healing, and is especially adapted for the instruction of those who attend the great healing campaigns. Announcement of this book will be made in this magazine in the near future.

#### THE NEW REVISED "CHRIST THE HEALER" IS A "MUST" BOOK FOR EVERYONE

We would urge our readers to secure Rev. F. F. Bosworth's new book, "Christ the Healer." This is more than a revised edition, it is practically a new book with many additional messages added. This is a "must" book for every Christian home—a classic on the truth of Divine Healing. It is written by a man who has personally received over 200,000 testimonies of healing from people delivered through

his own ministry. This book is obtainable from our office. Price \$2.50.

We are grateful for the rapid growth of the subscription list of THE VOICE OF HEALING, which has brought to us several thousand new readers monthly. To take care of this unusual expansion, our office force has had to put in some long hours.

Occasionally we receive complaints from those who write us that they have not received their paper. If you have subscribed and your copy has not come, please let the office know at once.

#### THANK YOU, MR. ACKLEY

We have just received a letter from Mr. S. A. Ackley, Executive Secretary of the Kingdom Gospel Institute, which reads as follows:

"I am having many requests for information regarding the Bosworth-Branham campaigns. I am suggesting to each that they send you a dollar for a subscription to THE VOICE OF HEALING.

I imagine you will receive a large number of subscriptions as a result, as we have a mailing list of over 5,000.

This idea seemed the best way to serve you, the requests, and ourselves.

Sincerely,  
S. A. Ackley."

We sincerely hope that the policy and purpose of THE VOICE OF HEALING shall be maintained in such a way as to merit the interest and serve all Christian people who believe in the great covenant promises of Divine Healing. Thank you, Mr. Ackley.

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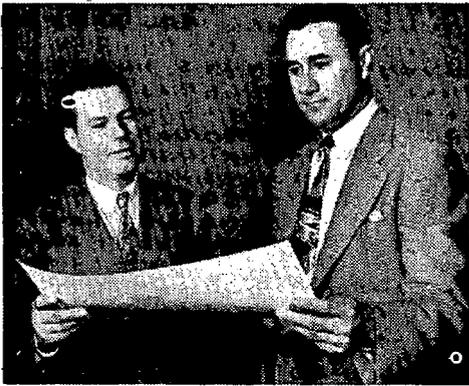
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This photograph of Rev. Gordon Lindsay and Rev. Oral Roberts was taken during the editor's recent visit to the Robert's campaign.

## Visit to Great Roberts Tent Meet at Granite City, Ill.

While stopping at Kansas City it was the editor's privilege to fly to Granite City, Illinois, where Rev. Oral Roberts was engaged in a great tent meeting. The large tent seating some 3,000 was filled to capacity with others standing on the outside. Surely God has given our brother a great ministry. During the Sunday night service which we were privileged to attend, we saw many remarkable miracles of healing. Of not less importance was the wonderful altar call which witnessed a large number of men and women coming forward to accept Christ. After Brother Roberts had prayed for each candidate for salvation, they were sent into prayer rooms thoughtfully provided in the rear of the tent behind the platform.

Brother Roberts has provided himself with perhaps the greatest and most complete equipment ever used by an American evangelist in gospel work. Several men are required in the party just to take care of the tent. A Hammond organ and grand piano provide the instrumental music for the service. Two beautiful streamlined aluminum trucks transport the equipment from one city to another. Surely God has honored the great faith that our brother has.

We understand that Brother Roberts intends to set his tent up in Dallas, Texas, during September, but the exact date and location of the meeting had not reached us as we go to press. Information concerning the Roberts meetings may always be obtained by writing to the address, HEALING WATERS MAGAZINE, Box 2187, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Incidentally, Mrs. Oral Roberts, a highly efficient worker whom we had the privilege of meeting at Granite City, is manager of Brother Roberts' office at Tulsa.

## My Impressions of The Freeman Healing Meetings

REV. HAROLD M. COLLINS  
Superintendent of Oregon District,  
Pentecostal Church of God

For the past several years I have known Rev. W. W. Freeman and have esteemed him as a brother beloved. Some time ago word came to me of how God was using Rev. Freeman in the healing ministry, and how people were being healed of all manner of diseases and affliction. Naturally we had a desire to be in these meetings and see for ourselves. The duties of the district kept us busy, so we prayed and waited.

But now we have had the happy privilege to be in the services and to witness the blind eyes opened, the deaf ears unstopped, the dumb to speak and the lame to walk, through the Gift of Healing that God has given Brother Freeman. There were also many other miracles of deliverance wrought. Yes, it is true, God is definitely using our brother with this special gift.

Three things about the Freeman healing meetings impress me very much. First, his love for, and steadfastness to the Word of God. Brother Freeman is true to the Bible and its message. Sometimes his sermons are short but always anointed with the Holy Ghost and fire.

The second thing I wish to mention is his passion for souls. His altar calls are given with an appeal that comes from a heart of compassion and concern that moves men toward God. In almost every service souls are saved. The Spirit of God moves mightily in all the meetings, but especially during the altar call. Sinners

who never knew God and backsliders are deeply convicted of sin and drawn by the cords of eternal love. God has given Brother Freeman this gift that it may be used in the great harvest field. (John 4:35-37)

Last but not least, we mention that the Freeman Healing Meetings are thoroughly Full Gospel. Not in any sense fanatical, but deeply spiritual. There is something in them that draws the people together and causes a feeling of love and unity of purpose toward one another, and we feel that this manifestation and this operation of the Gifts will again restore unity and fellowship among all true believers. The outpouring of the Spirit when it first fell wiped out denominational barriers, and I feel that God is moving again to cause the walls to crumble, so that the lost may be reached for Christ.

I do not hesitate to say that God is restoring the Gifts of the Spirit to the church. They are now coming into evidence, being manifested through humble servants of Christ, among whom is our beloved Brother Freeman. I have never had opportunity of being in one of Brother Branham's services, but I am glad to know that God is using him, and also others. It is my belief that the Freeman Healing meetings will go far beyond all that we have witnessed yet, if we will stand by him in prayer and faith. Let us stand by these men of God and see the Lord work. God grant it to be so! Amen.

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# THE TWILIGHT OF MODERNISM

*An Answer To A Letter From An Unbelieving Clergyman*

On a recent trip to our Shreveport office, we had opportunity to read some of the many testimonials of healing which are being received. As we have space we shall publish from month to month as many of these as possible in *The Voice of Healing*. It is gratifying in these days of skepticism and materialism to witness the reception given this ministry of healing by people everywhere. We know now what we were persuaded of before, that people as a whole have a deep hunger for the genuine manifestation of the supernatural. Thus in these great meetings, people of all walks of life, business men, professional men, physicians, officers of the law as well as ministers of many denominations have testified to the fact that they have received great inspiration and in many cases deliverance for themselves through this ministry. Opposition which may arise from time to time in almost all cases comes from clergymen of modernistic leanings. Such hostility is understandable, by reason of the fact that miracles destroy, in one fell blow, the entire superstructure of modernistic theology which denies the fact of the miraculous.

## PHARISEES OPPOSED CHRIST'S MINISTRY OF HEALING

Jesus Christ faced the same opposition. It was not from the people—vast crowds followed Him and “heard Him gladly.” They rejoiced in the miracles that took place. But the Pharisees fiercely resented Him. They were jealous of the favor and the honor He received from the multitudes. The Sadducees felt even worse. Their disbelief in the power of the supernatural and their teachings against the miraculous were all rendered null and void in one healing service. For this cause the Pharisees and the Sadducees conspired to take His life, and in that Awful Objective they eventually succeeded.

Yet only rarely did Jesus enter into argument with the Pharisees. The signs and wonders that followed his ministry were sufficient. So today only occasionally would we take time to answer those who would challenge the ministry of healing. The mighty miracles which take place are the best answer.

We must be patient, too. We have confidence that some who have come under the blighting skepticism of Modernism will, when confronted with the facts, believe. If sincere in error, a sincere man will believe when truth is brought to his attention. Paul, a very religious man, but bitter foe of Christianity, after the miraculous visitation, became its greatest champion. Dr. Charles S. Price, once a noted leader of modernistic thought, after witnessing the manifestations of the power of God, was converted and used to lead multitudes to Christ. But if Christ with His

mighty ministry could convince but a few of the skeptical clergymen of His day, it is hardly possible that we can do better. Jesus declared that if men do not believe the Scriptures, they will not believe even if one arose from the dead (Luke 16:31). This was borne out in the miracle of the raising of Lazarus. The only result, alas was to arouse a desire on the part of the Pharisees to put Jesus to death (John 12:10).

Recently we received a letter from a minister in a community where we were a former pastor. In order to spare this man embarrassment we shall not mention his name nor print the letter that he wrote, which in the light of developments places him in an extremely embarrassing position. This man, we hope, is sincere, but nonetheless it is patently apparent that he is completely ignorant of what has been taking place about him.

## OUR REPLY TO THE SKEPTICAL CLERGYMAN

Our reply in part was as follows:  
Rev. G\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Oregon.

Your letter, which was forwarded to me several weeks ago while I was out on the field, has come to my notice and I will answer. I have read it through several times, although the significance of what you have written can be well understood at one reading. Your statements in connection with our ministry of divine healing of “employing primitive magic” and “fetishism” for “money-making possibilities”; the statement in regard to “racketeering” and “prostituting your God-given abilities” are not possibly open to misunderstanding. In view of what has been written, we must confess that we are grieved and shocked. It is hard to believe that you are the writer of the letter. The representations that you have made against us and those who minister the Gifts of Healing are of small import. The Great Judge who reads the motives of every heart will judge us in that day. But what you have said concerning the work of the Holy Spirit is quite another thing and a grave matter. The Pharisees made a daring blasphemy against the Gifts of Healing. It is with painful thought that I find one whom I have known and considered as a friend repeating the offense. If we err God will forgive us. But the sin against the Holy Ghost has no forgiveness, neither in this world or the world to come. (Read Matt. 12:22-34).

What is the root of the trouble of those who oppose the ministry of healing? Usually it is because they have been led of false teachers who deny the miraculous. If the Bible is the Word of God, believe it. If you do not believe, tell the people frankly so.



Mr. George Peachy, of Medford, Oregon:

“I was blind but now I see.”  
This brother was brought to the Grant's Pass Freeman meeting on a cot; his case was closed by the physicians, sent home to die, blind in both eyes. He was healed in the latter part of May 1. Instantly received his sight and strength to get up off his cot. He has now gained over 50 pounds, reads his Bible, drives his own car, ushered twice a day at the recent Medford meeting. Skeptical clergyman who protested against the healing meetings, when asked to investigate this case, has become silent.

(At this point I gave the brother a review of some of the Scriptures on Divine Healing).

You speak of the ministry of healing as a very minor matter, without significance or importance. Jesus didn't think so. Half of His ministry was devoted to the healing of the sick. Jesus taught the disciples to heal the sick (Matt. 10:8). To the Seventy He said . . . “heal the sick . . . and say unto them the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you” (Lu. 10:9). The healing of the sick was one of the signs to follow believers (verse 18). They did follow believers. They still follow believers. The Great Commission which authorizes men to preach the Gospel also commands them to heal the sick (Matt. 28 and Mk. 16).

Is not your statement concerning those who give testimonials as being credulous and ignorant, most ill-considered? Do you think that people who have been deaf and dumb and blind do not know when they are healed? Do you suppose that people who have hideous cancers and tumors do not know when those cancers and tumors are gone? Many of these testimonials have been attested to by physicians. Brother Branham has a number of physician

## REV. G. O. BAKER GIVES REPORT OF TEST CASE

friends who are believers in his gift. I witnessed a county coroner of one of the most populous counties in Kansas come and add his blessing to Brother Branham. In fact, he was even prayed for at the time.

Your difficulty is, my friend, that you have surrounded yourself with unbelief until you do not know what is taking place around you. I could give you literally hundreds of testimonials of people who have been healed of organic diseases, for whom physicians frankly admitted they were unable to do anything. And as a result of these healings multitudes of people have been brought into the Kingdom of God.

Perhaps you are in ignorance of all this. I shall, however, expect, if you are sincere, that you will look into this matter. I will do more than this; I shall give you opportunity to prove your own point. We shall chose a case that is near to your own home. This man was given up by the doctors to die. He weighed only 125 pounds. *He had gone blind.* He was brought into the meeting on a stretcher. God healed him, gave him his sight and now after a few weeks he weighs around 175. But let us have him give his own testimony:

"I received a certificate of disability discharge in April, 1945, with the following ailments: Neuphritis and high blood pressure. Upon returning to the Rogue River Valley, I worked as a mechanic until March 1, 1948, at which time the condition of my eyes forced me to go to the Veterans' Hospital. *My eyes continued to get worse until I had lost the sight in both eyes.* After a short time in which medicine had done no good, my blood pressure had reached an all-time high, and didn't have enough strength to walk. The doctors gave me up to die. Brother Harry Mitchell and Brother Clarence Acree came and visited me at the hospital. Through them I learned of the power of Jesus. I then came home and after a few days Brother Baker and Brother Acree took me to Grants Pass in an ambulance. On a stretcher I was brought into the Freeman meetings and Brother Freeman prayed for me. *I then received my eyesight and strength to walk.* Now I live only for Jesus and can do nothing but give praise and thanks to Him."

George H. Peachy  
325 W. Third Street  
Medford, Oregon

Now, I speak frankly though I trust kindly. Is this the kind of work that you call "prostituting God-given gifts?" Is this "racketeering" and a "money-making" scheme? Is this "primitive magic and fetishism"? Brother, as you cherish your soul, repent of this unbelief, turn from Modernism and its blighting unbelief. If you are sincere, you will make this investi-

gation which will take you only a few miles from your home. You will see that the Bible promises are right after all. I trust that you will seek God and know Him as One who has all power. I expect to hear from you immediately on this matter. I pray for you.

Yours in His Service,  
Gordon Lindsay.

A considerable time has elapsed since the above letter was sent by registered mail. A signed receipt came back but that has been all. I am sure that our readers will agree that we were fair. The test case that we gave the brother allowed no uncertainty of the issue. Hundreds knew of the case. Doctors had dismissed the case and sent the man home to die. Many hundreds witnessed the healing, saw him arise from his cot and receive his sight. Thousands have seen the man since, saw how that he ushered twice a day in our Medford campaign, having gained over 50 pounds in weight. If these facts were not true, how quickly could the clergyman have secured evidence to the contrary. But the silence that followed speaks louder than words. Truly it is the twilight of Modernism—and woe to those who continue to follow it.

We reduced the challenge to one test case nearby to where the clergyman lived. No more are necessary. However, if there were a multitude of other similar testimonies were available. To give the readers the full facts concerning the test case, Rev. G. O. Baker, 1409 W. Main, Medford, Oregon, gives an eyewitness account of the events leading up to the healing and after.

### LAST-MINUTE REPORT OF THE PEACHY CASE

BY REV. G. O. BAKER

I remember my friend Clarence Acree making request for prayer for a young man that worked in the body shop at the Chevrolet Company. He said that the doctors had told the man that he would go blind in due time. He had witnessed to him, he said, about the Lord.

The days passed and then we heard the request, "Please pray for the young man George Peachy; *he is now blind, besides having neuphritis and high blood pressure.*" This was from Brother Acree, who requested that we would pray for him that as he went to the hospital the Lord would help him to win the unfortunate young man to Christ. They had just taken him to the Veterans' Hospital at Portland. When Clarence arrived he learned that the doctors had said that there was absolutely no hope. Mrs. Peachy had just told her husband, "George, the doctors say that you cannot live and the only hope for you is God, but if you will believe God, He will help you."



Rev. G. O. Baker, who gave eye-witness account of healing before and after.

A short time after this Clarence Acree and his friend, Harry Mitchell, pointed both George and Elsie Peachy to the Sacrificed Lamb of Calvary, Who purchased salvation and healing through His Atonement. I was privileged then to visit Mr. Peachy in the Veterans' Hospital, and I shall never forget how he looked as he lay there on the hospital bed, very thin and unable to see a thing. We had a time of fellowship and prayer and then came home.

Inasmuch as the doctors considered his case closed, the Peachys decided that they had just as well return home to Medford. At this time George Peachy weighed about 125 pounds; he was completely blind besides having many other complications. I, when he returned, went immediately to see him and encourage him in the Lord.

Brother William Freeman of Tracy, Calif., had returned to Grants Pass for the second week of meetings. God had wonderfully blessed him in saving souls and healing those that were sick and afflicted. We told the Peachys about the meeting and asked the husband if he would like to go. He suddenly answered, "Yes." I arranged for an ambulance to take him to Grants Pass.

But when I arrived George was not ready. A sad accident had happened just a short time before we got there. A little niece had drowned in a creek and so many people had come in and out that they were not ready. I said, "Well, what shall we do; do you still want to go?" And again came the answer, "Yes, we want to go." I told Mrs. Peachy to get ready and I would dress Mr. Peachy. She gave me his clothes and

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# EXPLOITS OF FAITH

## TESTIMONIES FROM THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

*"But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits"—Daniel 11:32.*

### Miami Testimonies Continue To Come In

May 24, 1948.

I am thanking God for healing my body. Two doctors had examined me and said I would never be any better without an operation and one told me I had a cancer.

Prior to your coming to Miami, I began fasting for the healing of my body and fasted 14 days when you came. There were so many to be prayed for at every service, I didn't get in the prayer line for several days and then it was in the fast line. You called me back though, Thank God, and told me I would have to have more faith. You said I had a soft tumor which would pass from my body in 72 hours and it did, in disintegrated pieces, and I was very nauseated at times.

If you had not called me back, I would have given credit to fasting and to my own works for the healing instead of giving praise to God.

(Ephesians 2:8,9) "For by grace are ye saved thru faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." This scripture applies to healing also and how I do thank God for His grace and mercy to me.

I desire the prayers of God's people that I will stay humble and do God's will.

May God bless you and your ministry.

MRS. DORA WILLIAMS  
Route 4, Box 232  
Miami, Fla.

### Veteran and Wife Testify

May 4, 1948.

When I came home from the Army in November of 1945, my health broke. I was unable to work for six months. Since then, much of the time I have just been able to keep going, having contracted some form of undulant fever. I went to a doctor in Chicago until the money ran out. The doctor did build my body up in the few months I went to him, but he said it would take one to three years to effect a complete healing.

The Lord healed me instantly in the prayer line last Sunday evening in Elgin, Illinois.

My wife had curvature of the spine since she was thrown from a horse when a girl. She was healed by our Lord a few days before in Chicago. "Hallelujah."

WILLIAM H. TREGLOWN  
213 Nobes Avenue  
Lockport, Illinois

### Suicide Attempt Thwarted; Mother Saved

I was a very despondent person about eight months ago. I drank and lost the love of my son and friends. I was so lost in the dark I didn't know what to do. My son begged me not to drink any more and that hurt me so much that I thought the only way out was to take my life. I never realized that Jesus loved me and would help me, as I thought I was past any help from Jesus. "Praise the Lord Jesus—He does care."

One night at 6:30 I left my boy at my mother's. I loved and kissed him good-bye for I thought that I'd never see him again and my heart was broken. When I went home, I knelt by my bed and cried out to God to forgive me for being a coward and to find a place in heaven for me as I was lost. I also asked Him to take care of my boy and guide him through his life. I then got up, took my 30-30 rifle, and placed it upon my heart and shot. Somehow there was no pain and I thanked the Lord, not knowing that He was answering the prayer I had just prayed.

I woke up several days later in the hospital. It all seemed like a dream but very true. My brother and sister-in-law who were saved prayed for me, also all the prayer warriors at Brother Dan Rogne's church. God heard their prayers and had mercy on my soul and saved me. I just can't thank the Lord enough.

The doctor told my folks and Brother Dan the evening they brought me in, that as fast as they gave me blood it ran out. He told them there was nothing more he could do, that I was gone, but Jesus stepped in and stopped the flow of blood. The second week God gave me strength to walk to the bath room and in one month I was home with my son and in five weeks I attended church.

Then God sent Brother Branham here. I had a healing card and I attended every service three times a day, and thought I wasn't going to be prayed for. On the last night I walked through the line and I knew I was healed. I never went back



to my doctor as I was afraid of losing my victory, but my arm ached and I prayed until I felt it was all right to get an X-ray made. The doctor compared the new X-rays with the old ones and I found out I had a new lung, with no scars on it. Also that my ribs were growing back where they had been sawed off. My doctor couldn't understand it. I told him that Jesus had healed me.

I had sometime before asked the doctor when I would be able to go back to work and he told me in about two years, but when I could use my left arm as well as my right, he couldn't get over it.

I'm so happy I can hardly write this testimony. The Lord has saved my soul, given me a new lung, and my ribs are growing back, also delivered me from the drink habit. Now I am a good mother and my son is proud of what Jesus did for me, and for him. Since that has happened, my mother, son and many friends have been saved. Now my son and I want to be workers for the Lord, and we also want the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Pray for us.

Mrs. Cleo Keller  
Route 3, Box 730  
Tacoma, Washington

### Family Rejoicing in Father's Healing

July 17, 1947.

My husband had Bright's disease and had been sick since February, and was swelling all over. Our doctors here couldn't do him any good. We had three different doctors, but it seemed as though he got worse instead of better. He finally lost his mind.

When Brother Branham came to Jonesboro, we took him to the services to be prayed for. Now he is going about the house and doing his work as though he was never sick. The swelling is all gone, and he has his right mind back. How wonderful it was for him to get healed. The family is glad to know that the Lord can do things that man cannot do.

MRS. JOE GAM  
Harrisburg, Ark.

### Mother Thankful for Child's Healing

Sept. 19, 1947.

I am thankful to God for healing my little girl after you prayed for her at Jonesboro, Ark.

As you prayed for Rita, you said, "If the mother wants to know what is wrong with her little girl, she can see me and I will tell her." But the building was so

# EXPLOITS OF FAITH (cont.)

crowded and I was standing in the back of the building and when I did get a chance to get to you I just didn't have the nerve to push in and ask you, as everyone else seemed as anxious to talk to you as I was, so I decided I would wait and write you a letter and ask you what was wrong with her. She has not had the trouble that she did have.

Her nose would swell when she lay down at night and when she woke up in the mornings it was hard for her to breathe. She would tell me I was smothering her when I got close to her, but she is all right now. I want to thank God for her healing, even if I never knew what caused her trouble. What difference does it make now, as long as she is well? I do want to return and give God thanks for He is worthy of all praise.

MRS. JERRY FORD  
Brawley, Calif.

## •Rebukes Satan For Attempt To Destroy Faith

June 18, 1948.

In the Boise meeting, which took place December 2 to 4, 1947, I managed to get into the prayer line. I had written several things on my prayer card to be prayed for, among them were sinus and a chronic bronchial trouble, both of which doctors have very little or no control. I went to one specialist who would not so much as attempt to do anything about the bronchial trouble. I was only permitted to pass through the last end of the faith line on the last night of the meeting. Naturally, by that time I thought I wouldn't get in the line at all and my faith began to be quite weak, but I tried anyway. No changes took place until after the meeting was over and we were out on the street on our way home, and then I suddenly noticed a change in my spiritual condition way down deep in my soul. I could have shouted. Then I realized the sinus was gone.

Not until February, 1948, did I realize a healing of the bronchial trouble was taking place. "Praise the wonderful name of Jesus." This is the part of my testimony that I wish every one might receive. After the sinus healing, I was attacked by the old enemy of our souls and, of course, he tried to make me believe I wasn't healed, by sending what seemed in every instance to be another attack of sinus. I just felt that I could not accept that, and I didn't. I rebuked the enemy in the wonderful name of Jesus, and said, "Satan, you're a liar and the father of it. I am healed and I know I am. In the name of Jesus I command you to leave me." Believe me he had to go.

No doubt many people lose their wonderful healings in this manner, and I just

wish they could know to do just what I did, for if it will work for me, it will work for anyone else who tries the same method, for God is no respecter of persons. If people would put this into practice more healings would be experienced by all.

MISS MARGARET WARWICK  
1230 N. W. 21st Avenue  
Portland, Oregon

## Aged Mother Sends Remarkable Testimony

February 9, 1948.

By prayer and faith on Dec. 4, I went to Boise, Idaho, to a healing campaign given by Rev. William Branham. I was wonderfully blessed. I was healed of my long-standing affliction. I have been afflicted with bone arthritis and neuritis, my hands and feet were badly twisted out of shape. I haven't been able to wear any kind of shoes for 12 years, I had to make them myself with the softest leather. I had lost one eye with ulcers caused from arthritis, and a few years later ulcers developed in the other eye; I spent four and a half months in a hospital to save it. I only had a little vision left. The ulcers left a deep scar on the lower part of the pupil and I was completely blind when it came to looking down; my vision was going fast. I went to the doctor and he said I had a cataract coming on the eye and in six months I would be blind, but I went to a healing service, and praise God, that was saved.

I was to the place where the doctors could do nothing for me, but give me pain pills; I was almost bent over and it was all I could do to get around. I knew I would soon be in the wheel chair or flat on my back and completely blind. Praise be to God for sending deliverance through William Branham, God has heard our prayers and has wonderfully healed me. I can now walk better than I have in 30 years, my feet are just about straight, I can wear stiff leather shoes, and my hands are just about straight, at least I can straighten out my fingers and use them again. The scar has left my eye, something no doctor could do, and my vision has improved a lot.

MRS. CLAUDE C. BARBER  
Hammett, Idaho  
c/o Mrs. W. Hooly

## Five Months Later

June 6, 1948.

I wish to say that the testimony still stands today. At the time of my healing I weighed about 100 pounds, and now I weigh 138 pounds. I am pretty straight, where before I was almost doubled over, and I haven't taken any sleeping pills or pain pills of any kind. I am able to walk better than I have for 30 years.

Again I say to God be the glory for what He has done for me.

MRS. CLAUDE C. BARBER  
Hammett, Idaho

I would like to verify the testimony of my wife's healing on December 4, 1947, at Brother Branham's meeting. She was wonderfully blessed and is still gaining day by day. The Lord has done more in one hour than doctors were able to do. To God be all praise and glory.

MR. CLAUDE C. BARBER  
Hammett, Idaho

## Healed By Radio

June 11, 1947.

Sometime ago you were holding healing services and on the radio you made the remark to the audience if anyone was afflicted to lay their hands on the radio.

I had a growth on my head and I laid my hand on the radio and was healed. I feel 10 years younger. My wife was also healed in one of your meetings.

MR. AND MRS. O. PREMO  
Mammoth Spring, Ark.

June 10, 1948.

I want to thank God with all my heart for healing me of my hearing trouble. The Sunday night that Brother Branham prayed for me I could feel down in my nerves the power of God working. I could feel a current of power going through my nerves and to my amazement, I could hear everything you told me to say. "Glory to God forever and ever." I am not worthy of what He has done for me. My hearing is gradually coming back to me. I can tell it more and more all the time. My neighbors think it is wonderful also. My little girl's school teacher thinks it is just wonderful that the Lord healed her, too.

MRS. GRACE RAYBURN  
7615 Pacific Avenue  
Tacoma 4, Wash.

I was in bad health, female trouble, nervous, run down condition, and had to take medicine all the time, until I was prayed for by Brother Branham. I heard of Brother Branham's meeting at Pensacola, and I went believing I was going to be healed. I haven't taken a dose of medicine since. I left a handkerchief for Brother Branham to pray over, one for my husband and one for my son. And now they are both healed. My husband had sinus trouble. Used nose drops every three or four hours, but hasn't used any since he got his handkerchief. My son had had spells of the headache. Thank God for Brother Branham.

MRS. MONROE THOMPSON  
Sopchoppy, Fla.

# THE DOMINION OF A CHRISTIAN

By DR. JOHN G. LAKE

(As an added feature of the *Voice of Healing* we shall publish from time to time special sermons, classics of faith of their time, given by men of God in years past. The first one which we have chosen is the following message on "The Dominion of the Christian," given by Dr. John G. Lake, who was a missionary to South Africa and who at one time had a ministry of healing which resulted in the deliverance of many thousands. This address was given on January 18, 1923. We trust that this message and others to follow will be an inspiration to our readers.—EDITOR.)

Divine healing is not a new thing; it is as old as the Book. I have chosen today the first chapter of Genesis with emphasis on the 26th verse:

"And God said, let us make man in our own likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."—Gen. 1:26.

I want you to notice the 31st verse of the same chapter. "And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good." I read that as a reminder of the fact that God made everything good, and there was a time in the history of the human race when there was not a man or a woman with a cancer or a tumor, or tuberculosis, or Bright's disease, or diabetes, or any one of the ten thousand things that afflict mankind in our day. Now, God said to this man and this woman that He presented to the world, "Let them have dominion." Do you know that the word "dominion" is almost a lost word in the Christian's vocabulary?

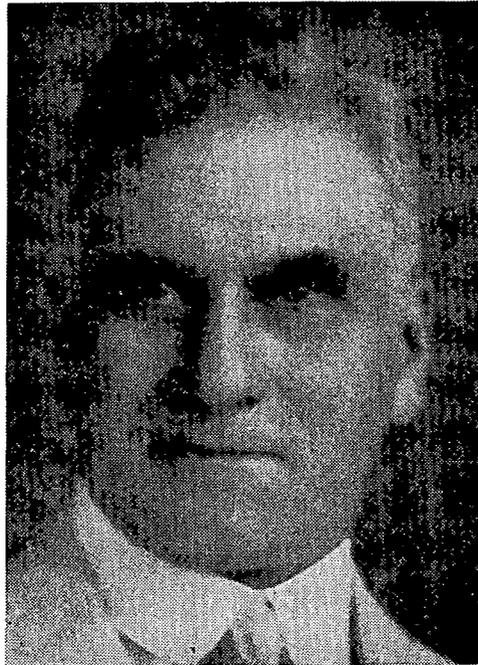
## DOMINION OVER SIN FIRST

But in the soul of him who truly knows God and has been in touch with the Lord as his Saviour and Healer, his first awareness is a sense of dominion. Dominion over sin is the first thing the Christian soul becomes aware of, and in the truly God-enlightened soul, dominion over sickness likewise. Having been under the rule of sin, and having come into union with God, the dominion of the Spirit of God manifests itself over sin. And freedom, freedom of consciousness from the control and power of sin, is possibly the first vivid and lasting consciousness in the soul.

I cannot imagine that when Adam wanted the cows or the sheep he went out with a dog or a club to get them. Living as he did in the place of God where God had the fullness of access to his nature, he had a better control of the cows and the sheep than that. I believe that when

he spoke to the cows they came home; that when he wanted the birds he said, "Come," and they came.

It is good for man to know and exercise the authority of God. Usually we hear a good deal more about exercising the authority of God over everything else but ourselves. It seems that in these days men have studied about everything outside of themselves to a greater or lesser degree. But it is almost a sadness that men know so little about themselves. It is good to know the qualities that God has put within the mind and nature of men. Indeed the Scriptures enjoin us to exercise control of



Dr. John G. Lake

ourselves. "Taking every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." Not a rambling mind, but a mind controlled, a mind directed, a mind fixed on God, a mind with ideals of God's holiness and wholeness of body, soul and spirit established there. A mind whose very structure contains God, and has capacity to obtain, retain and utilize the greatest degree of the living Spirit of the eternal God. Blessed be His Name!

## A SORRY PROCESSION

Suppose we could have lined up this whole audience a couple of years ago, and had them pass before this platform. What a sorry procession it would have been. Miss Celia Prentice would have to pass along in steel braces, with one leg two inches shorter than the other, having been that way from birth. When she passes before the platform today, she walks on equal legs, and her feet are the same size

and shape. That was not a healing—that was a work of creation, fulfilling the pattern that was in the mind of God, and bringing the structural form of that girl to where God saw "it was good."

Mrs. Shields would have had to pass, a poor, dying, suffering wreck, as she was when she first came in contact with the gospel and the power of God. Mrs. Reed would have had to pass a poor, suffering soul, full of internal cancers. A sad procession. You can go on down the line and take one after another, and that is almost the story of each individual in this great audience.

But bless God, there was a day when there was not one to pass God's platform with a cancer, nobody had a tumor, or any other form of disease. Our first parents were lovely, sweet and good. Every drop of blood in their body was perfect—100 per cent pure. That is the thing that we are trying these days to get men to understand. God is trying to get them to separate themselves unto Him, so that that same pure life of God that came from heaven, and took possession of men's lives, will come again. And its same divine sweetness and heavenly purity will be recognized in us making us sweet and pure and lovely, body, soul and spirit.

## THE REDEEMER AND THE REMEDY

God, seeing that men were in difficulty, and that sin, sickness and death prevailed, in order to save the race from extermination, was compelled to manifest the Redeemer and the redemption. Jesus Christ came to this world as God's divine remedy. He has no other remedy yet, but the Lord Jesus Christ. God's remedy is a person not a thing.

When Jesus Christ set up His method of healing in the world it was peculiar and distinct. The devil can manifest some other system, or man can evolve some other system and it may have power in a degree. But God has a particular method. Christ used it because it was divinely superior to every other, and would accomplish a result none other could. No man ever lived in the world who ever caused the eyes to grow in a child that had no eyes, or a man that was born blind to see. No man ever created a remedy in the world that would make a girl's leg to grow two inches, after she was 17 years old, and had been born in that condition. God demonstrates the superiority of His system, and of His power, and His divine remedy, in that it will accomplish in man what nothing else will.

## DIVINE HEALING NOT SOMETHING SEPARATE FROM SALVATION

One of the difficulties that God has to remove from the mind of man on the line  
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of healing is this wretched thing that often prevails in the best of Christian circles where healing is taught and practiced—the idea that divine healing is something disassociated or separate from Christ's salvation. It is not. Healing is, simply the salvation of Jesus Christ, having its divine action in a man's flesh, the same as it had its divine action in a man's soul, or in the spirit of man. When Christ healed the body, He healed the soul. All man needs to do is to let God come in. His deficient spiritual eyes receive sight, his dormant mind becomes active, and his sick body is healed. I want to fix this thought in your mind. The healing of an individual is God's demonstration to that soul that he has been forgiven of his sins. If he only has sense enough to believe it, he goes forth from the presence of God free in body, free in soul, free in spirit, healed within and healed without.

When James was discussing the subject he put it in this form: "Is there any sick among you? Let him 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 will save the sick; and *if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*" Right there, right then, bless God, when the healing power of Jesus Christ comes from heaven, and testifies in that man's soul by healing his body, his sins likewise are forgiven if he will only believe it.

Now beloved, that is the service that we are trying to perform. That when we unite and pray the prayer of faith, with the intelligence that the Word of God reveals in that holy Book, there will be a divine result of healing and forgiveness.

### THROUGH SIN SICKNESS CAME INTO THE WORLD

I want to get to you two outstanding facts this afternoon. First, in the beginning God had a perfect man. Adam and Eve were perfect people. They were not deficient in a single thing. Then man wandered into sin and degeneracy. There is a vital relationship between sickness and sin. That without sin in the race—not necessarily the individual, but without sin in the race, there would be no such thing as sickness now. Does the Word of God stand up to that? "Through sin death entered into the world." What is sickness? It is incipient death. I tell you beloved, that when you come to God for the healing of your body, it ought to be with a contrite repentance—"confessing your sins." Not only sins, transgressions, but SIN. That state of the soul that causes you to transgress.

The condition that I have been discussing with you is more than a personal condition. It is a racial one. The whole race is similarly affected. The active principle of Bright's disease, tuberculosis, and all that class of disease is the hellish germ

in the system that has no right to be in the blood, and is asking for life and expression. The fact is, the race has been polluted through sin unto death. "Dying we die."

### GUIDANCE

O soul on the highway from earth unto glory,  
Surrounded by mysteries and trials and fears,  
Let the light of thy God in thy life be resplendent,  
Jesus will guide thee, thou needst never fear.

For if thou wilt trust Me, I'll lead thee and guide thee  
Through the quicksands and deserts of life all the way,  
No harm shall befall thee, I only will teach thee  
To walk in surrender with me day by day.

For earth is a school to prepare thee for glory;  
The lessons here learned you will ever obey.  
When eternity dawns, 'twill be only the morning  
Of life with me always, as life is today.

Therefore be not impatient, as lessons thou art learning;  
Each day will bring gladness and joy to thee here;  
But heaven will reveal to thy soul of the treasure  
Which infinitude offers through ages and years.

For thy God is the God of the earth and the heavens.  
And thy soul is the soul that he died for to save;  
And His Blood is sufficient, His power is eternal.  
Therefore rest in thy God, both today and always.

(Given in the Spirit to John G. Lake)

### THE WILL OF GOD IS TO SAVE MAN FROM SIN AND ITS EFFECTS.

Jesus spoke some very simple words. When the leper said to Jesus, "Lord if thou wilt thou canst make me whole," he recognized that Jesus had the power but was not clear about His willingness. I have no objection to you praying that prayer, providing that you are as ignorant as he was of what the Will of God was. But you are not. Jesus said, "I will." The Word of God is calculated to give intelligence as to what the Will of God is. And from Genesis to Revelation it emphasizes one thing, that the Will of God is to extricate the body,

soul and spirit of man from sin, and the effects of sin which is disease and death. And when the Will of God is fully wrought in the race, sin and sickness and death will have disappeared. The beginning of immortality is when God breathes His Life into you and me, and our spirits become the recipients of eternal life in Jesus Christ forever.

How simple it should be for people who have this confidence and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His salvation, to add faith for the body as well as the spirit.

One of the most enjoyable freedoms in the world is the mental and spiritual freedom that comes with the escape from the bondage of fear. The fear of sickness. The fear of this difficulty and the fear of that difficulty. Our God says He is the Almighty One. He invites us to have confidence in Him because of His Almightyness. All things are possible with God. All things are possible to him that believeth. Isn't that a beautiful relationship? A relationship so vital that the Almightyness of God comes into your soul. Why? Because of believing faith. God bless you.

### "Believest Thou This?"

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died." Well, that was enough. Jesus Himself was moved, and was troubled. "Where have you buried him?" Something has got to happen now. There He goes to the grave. A woman said to me one time, "That just goes to show that Jesus was just a human. Why, when He went to Lazarus' grave He wept." Yes, I know. When Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus He was a man. But when He called the dead to life, He was God. He got hungry like a man. When He was hungry and looked at the fig tree for figs which were not there, He was hungry like a man. But when He took five sandwiches and fed five thousand people, He was God. Believest thou this?

Before Jesus spoke, the Word for Lazarus to come forth, He prayed to the Father and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me." Lazarus was still dead and in the tomb. Yet He was offering thanks to God that He had been heard already. Can you thank God for your healing before you see or feel anything? If you can, then that's faith. It didn't require any faith after Lazarus was raised from the dead. But it required real faith for Christ to thank God that His prayer was already answered while Lazarus was still lying motionless in the tomb.

Jesus then cried with a loud voice and said, "Lazarus, come forth." And he that was dead came forth. And I believe that had not Jesus have said, "Lazarus," all the dead would have come forth from their graves. Brother, Christ is able to call you forth from your darkness and despair and give you new life in Him. Believest thou this? Then thou shalt be made whole.

# THE WORLD IN PROPHECY

*Amazing Prophetic Phenomena Being Fulfilled Today*

The following article is written not for the purpose of satisfying human curiosity, but to show that the days we are living in are solemnly marked with the number 666, and that each person may diligently prepare his heart and life for the Great Event in the offing: **THE SOON COMING OF CHRIST.**

As we announced last month, it is our purpose to bring to the reader outstanding facts of the manifestation of the supernatural which are not ordinarily available in other publications. It is our desire to give the reader such a vivid realization of the fact that God controls the destinies of this world, and the nations that inhabit it as well as the individual, that each person will fully realize that God indeed sits upon the Throne, ruling and overruling, causing all things to work together for good for those who love Him and who are called according to His purpose.

The testimonies appearing in **THE VOICE OF HEALING** give evidence of the power of Jesus Christ to perform again today the miraculous. But let us notice

the manner in which God is guiding the great events of the world. We shall see that these events are not occurring at mere random, but follow regular time-patterns. And these patterns are so obvious that their existence is beyond the possibility of dispute.

### THE UNHOLY HITLER-STALIN PACT LASTS 666 DAYS

When Hitler signed a non-aggression pact with Russia during the week of Aug. 20-27, 1939, thus precipitating World War II, we made a published statement at the time that *a period of 666 days from this event would run out June 22, 1941, and undoubtedly it would mark some great move on the part of Adolf Hitler!* What happened? On that very day Hitler broke his pact, invaded Russia, thus insuring his downfall. But why the significance of 666 days? The reader will note that the number 666 is identified with the Beast Power of prophecy (read Rev. 13:18). The great events that are now transpiring in the world are leading rapidly toward Armageddon and the period of Great Tribulation caused by man's rejection of Jesus Christ.

### PEARL HARBOR TO THE ATOMIC BOMB—2 x 666 DAYS!

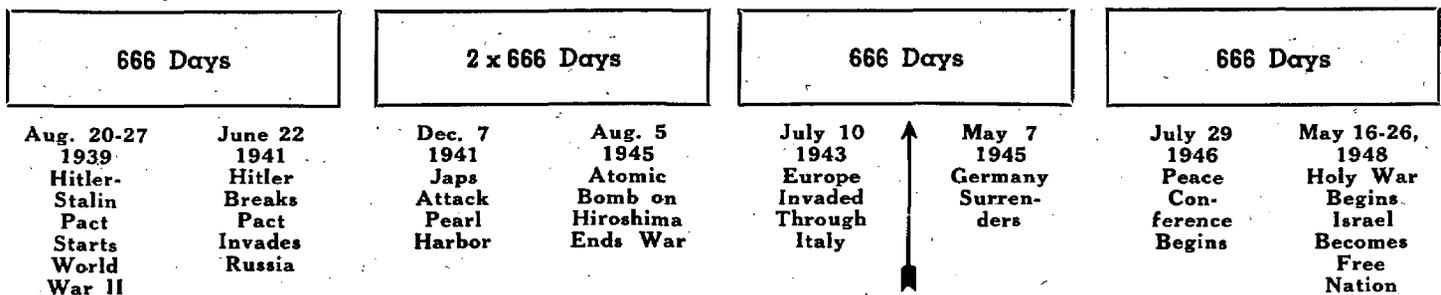
The Japs made the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, thinking that by this act of treachery they might conquer the Pacific and share with Hitler the spoils of the world. But just 2 x 666 days later, the atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima (Aug. 5, 1945), forcing Japan to come to a hasty capitulation and complete defeat. The atomic bomb is thus marked with the number 666.

### INVASION OF EUROPE LASTS 666 DAYS

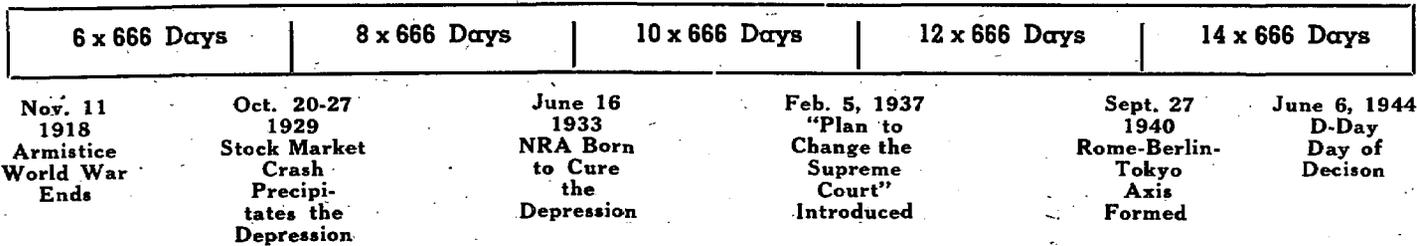
In our last issue we briefly mentioned that the invasion of Europe lasted a period of 666 days. Europe was invaded through Sicily and Italy beginning July 10, 1943. On May 7, 1945, Germany unconditionally surrendered—just 666 days later. But this is not all; the middle day of this period was D-day, when the Allies attacked across the English channel on June 6, 1944—at the 6th hour, on the 6th day, on the 6th month of the year! Truly these events are leading to Armageddon, and are associated with the final manifestation of the Beast Power. Jesus said that the age would end in this manner. Read carefully:

## Remarkable Demonstration of the Manner in Which World Events Are Occurring, Not at Random But in Readily Recognized Time-Patterns or Time-Measures

BIBLE KEY: Rev. 13:18, "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man and his number is 666."



(Middle day is D-Day—June 6, 1944.  
Invasion begins 6th hour, of the  
6th day of the 6th month)



June 6, 1944  
D-Day  
Day of  
Decision

Above we note the solemn procession of related events as they mark America's march from an era of isolationism toward the dark shadows of Armageddon.

—Gordon Lindsay.

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days be shortened no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake those days should be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heaven shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

#### DESTINY OF THIS GENERATION MARKED IN PERIODS OF 666 DAYS

Now let us notice the manner in which periods of 666 days mark the fateful progress of America and the world in the climaxing hours of this age. Let us begin with November 11, 1918, the date of the First World War Armistice, when the world rejoiced in the fond but futile hope that the War to End Wars had brought in supposedly a period of peace and prosperity that would never end. (It is significant that the Armistice was signed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Divine Providence was sounding out the warning that the world was now in the Eleventh Hour of its history. Christ the Bridegroom was to come at the striking of the Twelfth or Midnight Hour.) (Matt. 25:6)

#### FROM THE ARMISTICE TO DEPRESSION WAS 6 x 666 DAYS

For a season the world enjoyed prosperity of a kind. It was a boom period that lasted about eleven years. Financial wizards predicted it would continue indefinitely. But on Black Thursday, October 24, 1929, the bottom fell out of the Stock Market, and the world tobogganed into the Great Depression. But notice, this far-reaching event occurred 6 x 666 days after the Armistice. (Note that the number 666 is identified with gold in the Scriptures (II Chron. 9:13). Gold is a god that will surely fail every man who trusts it.)

#### FROM THE DEPRESSION CRASH TO THE NRA WAS 2 x 666 DAYS

The Great Depression settled upon the world like a pall of gloom. Nations became insolvent. Dictatorships were spawned out of it. Great enterprises in America went into bankruptcy, the banks closed, panic ensued and then gloom. The political party in office was swept out and the New Deal was born. The crowning effort of the new party was the enactment of the

National Recovery Act or the NRA, symbolized by the Blue Eagle. The NRA was signed June 16, 1933, just 8 x 666 days after the Armistice!

#### FROM THE NRA TO THE PLAN TO CHANGE THE SUPREME COURT WAS 2 x 666 DAYS

But the NRA in which so much hope was placed was outlawed by the Supreme Court. So was much of other New Deal legislation. Then suddenly the nation was confronted by the nation's executive with a bill spoken of by its opponents as a plan "to pack the Supreme Court." Congress, alarmed, rejected the Roosevelt Court Plan. Coincidentally enough, several of the justices died shortly afterward, and these were replaced by New Deal men so that in effect what was intended under the Court Plan actually came to pass.

#### FROM "COURT PLAN" TO ROME-BERLIN-TOKYO AXIS WAS 2 x 666 DAYS

The Great Depression that could not be fully cured paved the way for the rise of the Dictators in the Have-Not nations. These nations began to prey upon their neighbors. Italy went into Ethiopia, Japan invaded China, and Hitler swallowed up first Austria, then Czechoslovakia and finally precipitated war by the invasion of Poland. The three Fascist nations, Italy, Germany and Japan, combined together to form the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis, which was directed against the United States. But this significant event occurred on Sept. 27, 1940, just 12 x 666 days after the Armistice! The pattern of events leading toward Armageddon was becoming recognizable.

#### FROM THE ROME-BERLIN-TOKYO PACT TO D-DAY WAS 2 x 666 DAYS

America remembers the tension that settled over the land as D-Day drew near and the Allies prepared to land on the coast of Normandy. When would this all-important event occur? Commentators guessed various dates from January on. We ventured to point out at that time that the next time-measure in this series "would run out during the last few days of May and the first few of June." We mentioned that it was possible D-day would occur at that time. Surely enough on June 6, 1944, the invasion occurred—which was the 6th hour of the 6th day of the 6th month of the year, as we have already noted. America was now involved in a battle over territory that falls within the boundaries of the Beast Power of Prophecy. The invasion of Europe was to succeed, Hitler's iron fortress was to fall, but prophecy showed that America was not to enjoy the fruits of the victory attained.

Fourteen cycles of 666 days had now elapsed from the Armistice (14 is a number of completeness). From hopes of peace and permanent isolation from Europe's feuds, America politically and militarily has been drawn by a series of events, spaced in cycles of 666 days, into Europe, from whose troubles and miseries she is inextricably entangled. America is firmly caught in the web of evil forces that are leading to the final great show-

down of Armageddon and Divine Judgment upon the world.

#### FROM PEACE CONFERENCE TO HOLY WAR—666 DAYS

One more fact that we should note. On July 29, 1946, twenty-one nations gathered to draw up a peace treaty for the nations engaged in World War II. Just 666 days later a new war started, which the United Nations were powerless to prevent—the Arab-Jewish Holy War, beginning during the period of May 16-26, 1948. And this war was precipitated by the Arabs because the Jews proclaimed themselves independent. Never had the Jewish nation been independent since the days of the Babylonish captivity—some 2500 years before. The war in Palestine at the time of writing is still going on. But Palestine is to become the center of a terrible conflagration, the focus of the final battle of the age—Armageddon. Yes, it is true, Armageddon is at the doors. The coming of the Gifts of Healing are signs to both warn and prepare the church that they may be ready at Christ's coming. May we keep in mind the words of Jesus, "Watch and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all things and stand before the Son of man."—Luke 21:36.

(Note: These time-patterns often run out to an exact day; at other times the crisis period occupies a week or more.)

## Recent Testimonies

May 22, 1947.

I received your letter Monday the 19th, and I went into the bedroom, closed the doors and pinned the ribbon on me, prayed and God healed me instantly.

I could not do anything at all and I had to take resting medicine all the time, but praise the Lord, I am well and doing my own work. I was in a terrible condition. All I want to do now is praise God; I would like to shout it from the house tops to the world.

MRS. ALTA BRUMLEY  
Route 1, Box 54  
Lake City, Ark.

I must write and tell you how wonderfully the Lord healed me. About two months ago I sent you a handkerchief to be anointed. I put the handkerchief on my body and for nearly two months nothing happened. About two weeks ago I was so bad I felt I could not stand it any longer. On Tuesday my husband went to see about hospital arrangements so I could go to the hospital. I was to go the next day but I put it off until the next Monday so that I could make arrangements for someone to take care of my two children. On Thursday of that same week the Lord wonderfully healed me, and I have had no more trouble since.

MRS. ELIZABETH WILSON  
508 F Street SE  
March 24, 1948. Auburn, Wash.

## When God Raised Me From The Dead

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a soldier in the First World War, had been decorated five times and feared nothing or nobody. And he looked at me and what he said was not discouraging. He said, "Here's the key, take the car and drive it and I'll come home tonight on the streetcar." His wife was a sister of the lady who prayed for me out at the mill. She and others had prayed for me continuously since I had been injured. I went down to the house where she was. When she opened the door and saw me she fainted. She thought that she had seen a ghost. I saw her a few days ago. Whenever she sees me she smiles as she remembers the circumstances of that day.

I then went to the looking glass to see what I looked like. I was a terrible looking mess. I tried to comb my hair. They had clipped off about all of it. The devil then spoke to me and said, "You're not healed." This sounds a little funny to some people, but the devil was right there. But I knew that I was healed. There was a safety razor on the dresser and a pair of tweezers. So I cut out all the stitches, one at a time. Then I said, "Satan, see they are not bleeding. I am healed and you are a liar." You have got to be quite positive with the old Fellow.

### THE DOCTOR BELIEVES

I went down to the doctor's office. I don't know whether I was seeing things or not—but it seemed like I saw this much daylight between him and the chair when I walked into the office. He said, "Man, what are you doing here?" That was hard to answer. He looked at me again and said, "Are you all right?"

I said, "Yes, I'm all right."

He said, "How did you get out?"

I said, "I ran out. Maybe they don't know yet that I'm gone."

"Well, what happened, anyway?"

I said, "The Lord healed me."

He came over and put his hand on my ribs and pushed into my side and looked into my eyes, and he said, "Didn't that hurt?"

I said, "No, it didn't hurt." And it didn't.

Well, he said, "You are all right. The Lord healed you. I am sure we didn't." He said, "Do you know how long it takes bones to mend? It takes from six weeks to two months, when everything comes along all right."

"Doctor," I said, "while I was laying up there God spoke to me and healed me. He told me to go out and tell about this. People are going to want to know who my doctor was. When I send people up here, what are you going to tell them?"

He said, "I'm going to tell them just what you have told me. The Lord has healed you." I suppose a great many people talked to this doctor (his name was Doctor Brewer) about this case, before

he passed on to his reward. Not a one ever came back to question the matter. Thank God for old Doctor Brewer. Men like that are to be appreciated.

### BACK TO WORK THE SAME WEEK!

That was on Friday. On the next day, Saturday, I went back to the mill and was on the job again. Nobody could work around there for watching me work. After awhile I got disturbed. Nobody was working and I knew this wouldn't do. I was sitting in the cab of a locomotive. I called the men over to me and said, "Fellows, if you want to know about it that bad, come up to the school house Sunday night and I'll tell you all about it."

I still didn't realize what I had promised God. I waited until quite late that night and as I approached the school house I saw a great crowd of people on the outside. As I got near I saw a large crowd inside. Then I did get afraid. But I went on in. They sang a song and I got up. There was a substantial pulpit there and I got a hold of it. I was shaking like a leaf in a windstorm. God helped me somehow. There for the first time I learned what an anointing was. The same Spirit of God that had healed me in the hospital came upon me again. God took over. Yes, I told the story of what God had done for me. I was healed and am still healed today after these years. God has graciously permitted me to preach the gospel and tell the story of His Grace in many cities over the land.

## Report on Peachy Case

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of healing is this wretched thing that I proceeded. Every act was one of faith. In spite of every obstacle they still wanted to go. I helped him remove his night clothes and put on his underwear, his socks and then I asked, "Do you want your robe?" The answer was, "No, I want my suit, a shirt and tie." Well, the shirt was put on, and then the pants. My, what big pants for such a thin man—you see, they were made for George when he weighed 175 pounds, a difference of 50 or 55 pounds—but they were lapped over and fastened up. Then came time for the shoes. I said, "George, here are some nice house shoes; do you want them?" He again answered with an act of faith, "No, I want my dress shoes; I must have shoes to walk in."

We were soon in the ambulance on our way to Grants Pass. He was carried on a stretcher into the building and there he lay all during the service.

The meeting progressed and God was blessing in a mighty way. While Brother Freeman was praying for the sick, he left the platform and went down to our friend on a cot. He asked him, "Do you believe that Jesus can heal you, and do you believe that if I pray for you now Jesus will heal you?" The answer was yes. Again he said, "Do you believe that when I pray

for you, you will get up off that cot in the Name of the Lord?" The answer was always yes.

It seemed like all heaven came down as Brother Freeman prayed and George Peachy got up off the cot and walked and said, "I can see." There was great rejoicing in the camp to see the mighty, miraculous power of God at work. After some time our friend George was seated in a chair and began to feel sleepy. He then laid down on the cot and for the first time in a long while fell asleep lying upon his back.

This was Thursday. On Sunday our brother was in church. The next Sunday he could read the motto in front of the church auditorium. "Jesus is Coming Soon." By the third Sunday he could read out of the song book and sing. Praise God for our wonderful Saviour! He now reads the Bible, drives his own car and serves the Lord with all his heart. I might add in closing that he now weighs 175 pounds and is enjoying the more abundant life.

Rev. G. O. Baker  
1409 W. Main  
Medford, Oregon

## Additional Testimonies

May 25, 1948.

You rebuked the cataracts on my little boy's eyes while you were in Pensacola, Fla., and his eyes are so much better; and for myself, I had the flu and could not get over it, and had not been able to go to church for several months or more. Your prayers have done wonders for me. I came home, after, passing through the line, well of my cold and was able to do my laundry, something I had been unable to do for about two years, and I thank God from the depth of my heart for healing me in so many ways. I go to church every service now. We all belong to the Missionary Baptist church. We thank God for sending a servant of the Lord like you along our way. You have also helped us so much spiritually.

MRS. A. S. KVIKSEY  
Route 1, Box 61A½  
Cantonment, Fla.

May 31, 1948.

I am the little girl that you prayed for in your campaign in Tacoma, Wash., on Sunday night. I was healed of blindness and organic trouble.

I do not wear my glasses anymore. My mother had my eyes tested by an optometrist, and my eyes tested 107 per cent. He was surprised. I feel so good and I thank God for healing me. I thank you, Brother Branham, for your prayer of faith.

MARY DELLENA RAYBURN  
7615 Pacific Avenue  
Tacoma, Wash.

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."—Hebrews 13:8

# The Voice of Healing

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Late Photo of Rev. William Freeman

## Is This the Beginning of the Predicted "Spiritual Explosion That Will Rock the World"?

BY DEL GRANT

World Traveler, Author and Evangelist

Dr. Charles Price wrote in prophetic tones in his Golden Grain magazine as of September, 1945, "We believe there is shortly to be a *manifestation* which will come as a SPIRITUAL EXPLOSION that will rock the world!"

Keynoting the recent five-day Freeman Healing Campaign in the city of Portland, Oregon, were the usual "miracles, signs and wonders" that accompany even the initial night of such meetings.

Truly the writer is convinced that a new era of spiritual manifestation has dawned for the Church as secular civilization fades into its twilight period.

### THE PREDICTION

The late Rev. Dr. Price, who in one sense could personify the preceding "healing hour" along with others, predicted this New Day, it seems, to the very letter, although he never lived to see it blossom forth. He penned these promising lines before his death, "You have thought, have you not, that you have been in some

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## Richmond Church, Just Completed, Overflows in Week of Freeman Meetings

For eight days the Freeman party conducted a healing campaign in the large new Full Gospel Temple at Richmond, Calif. Several nearby churches cancelled their own meetings and co-operated in the campaign. Great expectations had developed in the hearts of the people as they looked forward to this meeting and they were not disappointed. In a service held on Sunday afternoon testimonies of healing from every kind of disease were given. Since other meetings had been previously held in the vicinity it was interesting to note the testimonies of those who had been healed previously. One man who had been in a wheel chair for two years, having been healed some weeks before now attended the meeting regularly without his wheel chair. Some who had been healed of deafness gave a ringing testimony of

### Schedule of Freeman Meetings

Riverside, Calif. ....Sept. 29-Oct. 10

Wichita, Kansas .....Nov. 23-Dec. 5

(Write Rev. J. B. Wolverton,  
2219 E. Central, Wichita)

Shreveport, La. ....Dec. 8-12

deliverance. One lady who had never been able to smell in all her life, received instant recovery of her lost sense. The next day she was able to smell the fragrance of flowers in her yard for the first time.

Rev. Ely Persing, pastor of the Full Gospel Temple, sends us this word concerning the meeting:

"The William Freeman healing campaign held in the new Full Gospel Temple, 14th and Bissell avenue, was without doubt the greatest revival ever held in Richmond, Calif.

Hundreds received healing through the prayers of our Brother Freeman and about 300 came to the altar for salvation during the week of August 22 to August 29.

The important messages of healing taught by our Brother Gordon Lindsay

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## Life Story of Rev. Wm. Branham

As Told By Himself, Recorded By Electrical Transcription

Text: "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come" (Heb. 13:14).

It has been said, "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home." I well remember my home. I was born in the state of Kentucky in a little old log cabin. It had no floor, just the hard dirt. It had just a few rooms in it, a little kitchen off to one side. The building was made of large logs, and I remember that as I used to look at it I'd think that house would never come down—it's too big and strong. But friends, there's a housing project there now. Why? Because here we have no continuing city, but we're seeking one to come. And my father—I was sort of a daddy's boy—when I saw those great muscles as he rolled up his sleeve, I said, "Oh my, dad will live to be a hundred years old." My dad had great muscles from rolling logs in the woods. It didn't seem to me that he could ever die. But he was only 52 years old, still an ungrayed, curly-haired man when his precious head lay across my shoulder and God took him home. Here we have no continuing city, but we're seeking one to come.

I've seen dad come from the log woods so sunburnt that mother would have to take the scissors and cut his shirt loose from his back. He worked hard for 75 cents a day to make us a living. I loved my father, no matter if he drank or what

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### FLASH!

As this issue goes to press, we received word from Brother Branham that he is gaining rapidly and will soon be able to resume his responsibilities in campaigns. He wishes to express his sincere appreciation to his many friends who have been so loyal and faithful in their moral and prayerful support.

### THREE DAYS IN FRESNO

Brother Branham has made plans to be in Fresno, Calif., for three nights, October 29, 30, 31. Meetings will be in the Civic Auditorium. (These meetings are preliminary to the regular Branham Campaigns which will be announced in later issues of THE VOICE OF HEALING.) Also read special announcement on page 6.

## Freeman Meetings in Richmond, Cottage Grove, Vallejo

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each afternoon were received with open hearts. These afternoon services inspired faith to believe the promises of God.

This new church had 1,300 seats and these were filled in most services and the closing night attendance was estimated at between 1,700 or 1,800.

The testimonies of many who received healing are continually coming in which gladdens our hearts.

Surely we are living in the Latter Rain of God's time. May the Lord continually work among us."

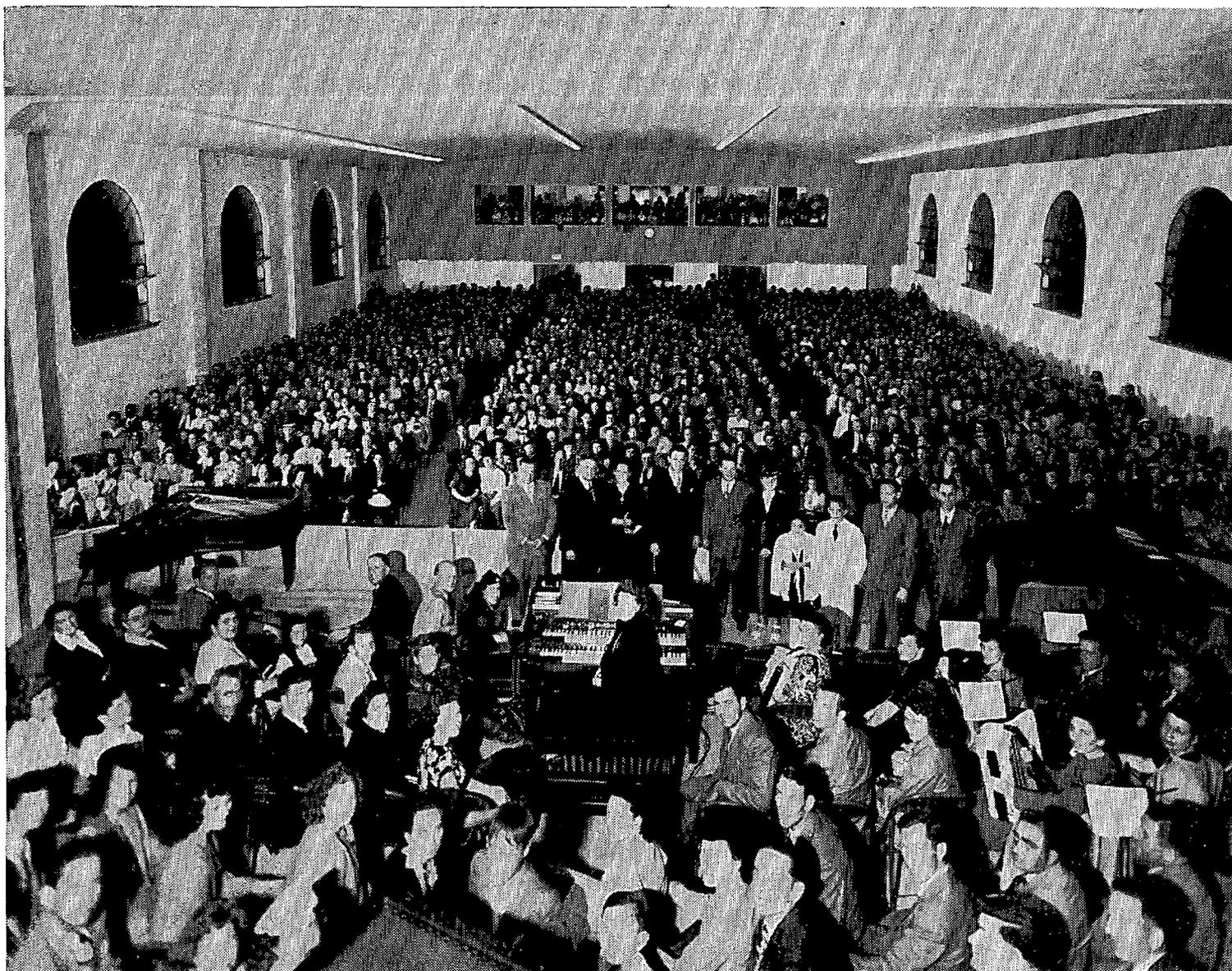
nestling at the extreme southern end of the Willamette Valley. Churches all over the area co-operated. A large armory seating a thousand people or more was filled the first night and many more seats had to be brought in. Although the meeting lasted only three nights, many remarkable miracles took place.

Of special interest was the healing of a young man who was a deaf mute. After prayer he was able to hear the music at the piano and even the ticking of a watch. The boy was very grateful. We saw him on the street the next day. He could hear

Pastor Ronald E. Parrish, chairman of the local committee, writes concerning the meeting:

"We are still praising God for the three days of meetings with Brother Freeman. One man who was blind in one eye was prayed for. That eye is just as good as the other eye now.

Many other healings took place. A great work has been done on the body of the woman who was on the cot that Brother Freeman prayed for. She has been to church a number of times since. The other night she testified that she had been



Taken during Richmond meeting. Standing on the platform from left to right, are: Rev. Frieze, Rev. and Mrs. Ely Persing, Rev. Wm. Freeman, Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Lindsay, "Little Bobby" Haskins with sister and father.

### Three Days at Cottage Grove

On the way back from Spokane, we had three extra days before going on to the meeting at Richmond, Calif. It was decided to hold three days' services at Cottage Grove, Oregon, a thriving community

all the street sounds as any other normal person. But English was the same as a foreign language; he had to learn gradually (as is the case of all persons healed who have been deaf from early age) the meaning of sounds and how to distinguish them.

in-bed for 11 years. That is a long time, but now she is up and around.

The meeting that has followed the Freeman campaign conducted by Velmar Gardner has been a great success. Many families have been saved, and the church is full every night."

# MIRACLES OF HEALING

*Testimonies of Miracles of Deliverance in the Freeman Healing Meetings*

## New Eardrum Created For Esther Bullock

Dear Brother Freeman:

I wish to testify to the wonderful healing I received in your Oakland (Calif.) meeting.



When I was a little girl with my parents in China who were missionaries there, I was struck on the left ear by a boy and my ear drum was broken. My right ear also was affected some and an ear doctor advised me to get a hearing aid. This happened fourteen years ago.

I did not want to spend money on a hearing aid as we needed all we could get to carry on our missionary work, which we are still engaged in, both here and in China. So when you came to Oakland I attended your meetings and was prayed for, and praise God, He gave me a new ear and I can hear perfectly again now. That ear has been dry for fourteen years but now it has wax in it the same as the other one. Praise the Lord.

I do hope and pray that the Lord will make it possible for you to go over to China as many of our dear Christian friends there have never seen what God can really do.

May God richly bless you in your ministry.

ESTHER BULLOCK  
1356 Fulton Street  
San Francisco 17, Calif.

## Child Pronounced Incurable, But Jesus Heals

Dear Brother Freeman:

I thank God for this grand opportunity to give my testimony of a healing in my family. I lost a little girl four years old a year ago, with leukemia of the blood. My baby son, two years old, was under treatment since the first of February, also for a blood condition. Two weeks before your healing campaign in Richmond, Calif., our family doctor told me that he couldn't do anything with his blood. I took him to your meetings and had him prayed for and God wonderfully and instantly healed him. Yesterday, September 15, 1948, I got a blood count about noon and at 4 o'clock I called the doctor for the report and he said, "The baby's blood is

perfect but I can't understand it." I then told him that Jesus had healed him.

I was also healed of eczema of the ears which the doctor said could never be cured. We give God all the glory.

MRS. RUTH BABB  
1615 Fifteenth Street  
San Pablo, Calif.

## Testimony From Ex-Miner With Collapsed Lung

I am an ex-miner. I had silicosis. My right lung was collapsed. When Brother Freeman prayed for me, my lung was healed by the power of God. I was able to breathe better at once. The next day after I was healed I walked seven blocks in about eight minutes. It has been years since I could do that. Brother Freeman has the X-ray of my lungs to show anyone how I have changed. Believe me, the Lord is good to me.

E. F. BLACK  
Route 1  
Hayden Falls, Idaho

Editor's Note: The incident of this man's healing was quite dramatic and will be remembered by the audience in the Spokane meeting. Brother Freeman called for anyone with a collapsed lung to come forward and be prayed for. Mr. Black came forward. After prayer, the man was asked to have an X-ray of the "dead lung" taken. The next night the brother returned with the X-ray which showed the lung perfect.

## Wheel-Chair Patient Of Two Years Now Walking

Dear Brother Freeman:

On July 22 in Medford, Oregon, you prayed for me. I had been in a wheel chair for two years unable to walk. I suffered pain and took medicine constantly. I walked out of the meeting that night with help, and have been gaining strength and health constantly since then. A visit to my doctor after three weeks was considerably amazing to him. He said it only proved the words of an instructor, "As doctors you can treat, but only God can cure." I thank God constantly.

WHEATON W. HUNTLEY  
23 Elm  
Medford, Oregon

Editor's Note: We also remember this man well. How we recall the look of eager anticipation upon his face as he was about to be prayed for. He came down from Medford and attended the services at Richmond. He was, of course, without his wheel chair.

## Marvelous Testimony of Deaf and Dumb Girl Now Learning to Sing

Dear Brother Freeman:

I would like to add my testimony to the many others that will come from the wonderful meetings in Oakland, Calif. At the age of six, I had diphtheria. As the result of this illness I lost my hearing and my speech. For nineteen years I was unable to either hear or speak.

I want to praise God that the Lord sent Brother Freeman to Oakland last June. I was prayed for at that time and the Lord wonderfully healed me, praise His Holy Name. My prayer is that others who are in the same condition that I was in may in simple faith look to Jesus and I am sure that He will heal them, too.

I can now hear and speak and I'm gradually learning to sing. I attend the Oakland Revival Tabernacle, and my pastor, Cecil Lowry, can verify that this is a true testimony.

MRS. DOLLY WATKINS GONZALO  
614 Ninth Street  
Oakland, Calif.

Editor's Note: We remember this case well. At the second meeting in Oakland, she was able to stand before the audience and demonstrate the fact of her ability to hear and speak.

## Mother and Child Healed

Dear Brother Freeman:

It is with thankful hearts and praises to His wonderful Name that we give our word of testimony to the healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ through your prayers in the Oakland healing meeting in June. My little boy was instantly healed of an affliction in his eyes, where the muscles failed to co-ordinate, the result of a severe case of measles last spring. He had been able to read but a few minutes at a time. The day after he was healed he read an entire book and his eyes are perfect now.

I also received deliverance from two afflictions, one from which I had suffered for several years and which had steadily grown worse in the last year. Praise His Name forevermore.

MRS. FRANCELLE CURTIS.



*Is This The Beginning of The Predicted "Spiritual Explosion That Will Rock the World" Spoken of by Dr. Charles S. Price?*

## An Appraisal of Six-Day Ministry in Portland

BY DEL GRANT, *Evangelist, Author, Traveler*

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glorious healing services? Perhaps you have and for them we praise the Lord! Glorious Days! Happy Days! Wonderful Days!

"But wait a little while. I declare unto you that God is going to do better in your tomorrows than He ever has done in the past. I feel that we are standing like Joshua stood before the crossing of the Jordan and, under the anointing of the Spirit, he declared: 'Ye have not passed this way before. Tomorrow the Lord will do WONDERS among you.' Great as have been the victories and triumphs of yesterday, they were to witness the supernatural power of their conquering Lord as they walked in implicit obedience to His divine will.

"Thousands of honest hearts know that there is a need. Hungry people everywhere are crying for food. There is an intuitive consciousness that there is *"something better and richer and sweeter* very near at hand."

### A NEW DAY

Rapturously he continued, "So it is I declare that this glorious, radiant rift in the sky which is the herald of a New Day and the breaking of a New Morning makes my heart sing for joy. Nothing can stop it and all the ingenuities and machinations of the human mind of the manifestation of the arm of flesh shall never be able to prevent it. Did you ever hear the rumbling in the distant hills that heralds the coming of the storm? I have, and I am listening NOW. I believe I know what Day it is.

"You, who love the Lord, is not your heart crying out for something which may seem far away but which I assure you, *is very, very near.*"

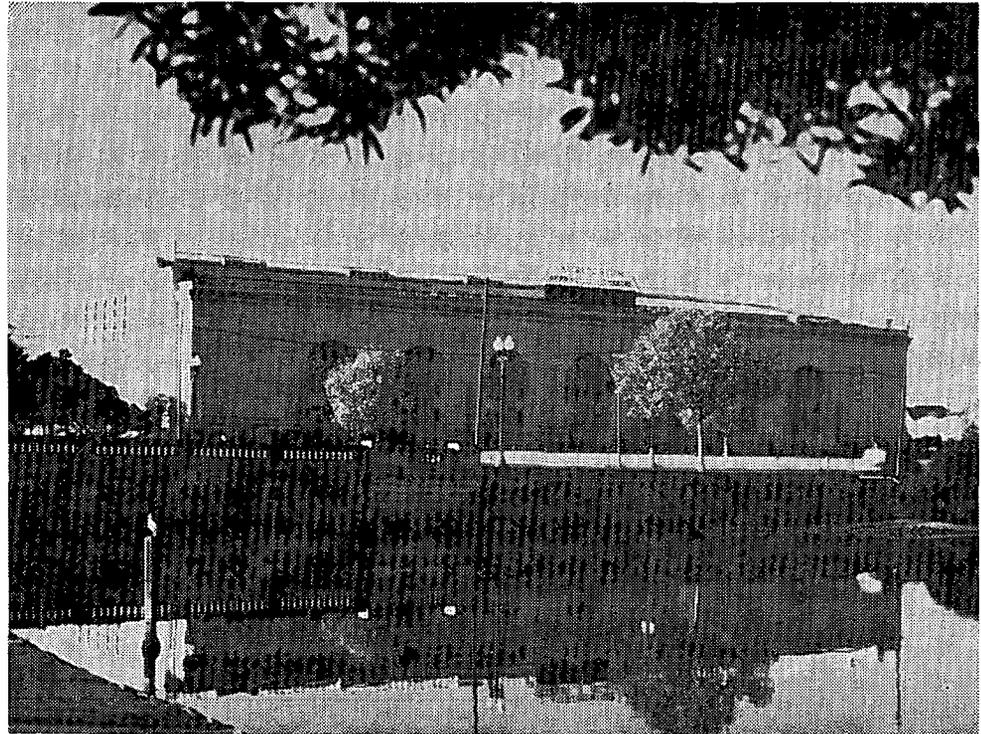
Could it be that "This is that"—the latter day sign-gift ministry of Brothers Branham, Freeman, Roberts, etc., of which this modern prophet spoke in no uncertain sound? Could the seemingly Holy Ghost utterances of this man, who was so used of God to inspire faith, be applied to this last day of healing upsurge? Was the short endowment of the reported fifteen minutes or so "gifts of healing" ministry in Seattle of Brother Price, when it is said all were healed during that period before the gift lifted, a foreshadowing of this time of God's visitation and the restoration of the miraculous "gifts of healing" to the Church? Undoubtedly the Lord allowed not only a foresight to his servant,

but as well a foretaste of the coming healing splendor now operative.

### THE FULFILLMENT

How it would have confirmed his word of forecast and cheered the heart of Dr. Price to be able to have lived and to have been present at the opening night of the Portland Healing meetings in the Neighbor of Woodcraft Auditorium on Wednesday, July 28! Yet can we not feel he was permitted to look down over the battlements of Glory to witness this latest Twentieth Century healing phenomena he foresaw so definitely, when in Scriptural phrase-

chuckled in her way. The sudden stimulating reaction would cause her to dash suddenly to her guardian mother and frolic about the stage like a loosened calf in spring pasture. To prove she could distinguish between the various soft and harsh tones, she was led to the piano and heard for the first time harmonious strains of music. As if strangely charmed she listened intently for some time with her head tipped to the side, before dancing away in childish glee. One could readily see the healing was real and all-convincing because of these varied reactions, first



Seen from the shores of Lake Merritt, the great Oakland Civic Auditorium where hundreds were saved and healed in the Freeman Healing Campaigns.

ology, "The lame walk, the blind see, the sick are healed . . . and the poor have the Gospel preached unto them."

### THE DEAF HEAR

One of the first outstanding miracles that started the campaign off in high pitch of anticipation was the healing of the little colored girl about four or five years of age who was a deaf mute from birth. The clapping hands of Brother Freeman seemed to register in her body like an electric shock. The reverberations on her newly awakened eardrums seemed, at the same time, to have a pleasant effect as she radiantly smiled and ticklishly

to the sound of clapping hands, secondly to the sound of a ticking watch, thirdly to the metallic ring of a wire striking the microphone stand which seemed especially to amuse her, and lastly the piano chords.

### ARTHRITIS HEALED!

Her guardian mother, so stirred by the miracle, found her faith greatly inspired to believe for her own healing. Symptoms of arthritis vanished at once after Brother Freeman prayed and she fell to her knees beside a chair with hands raised in praise to God. It seems that for around fifteen years she had not been able to get down on her knees but before it was over she

was even walking back and forth in front of the chair *on her knees*. Surely the wonderful works of God!

#### THE BLIND SEE!

Setting the tempo of the entire series of meetings the first healings exemplified the Bible pattern, "He healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils." Demons of deafness as well as devils of blindness and infirmity were dealt a stealthy blow by the hand of God. Next came a husky, robust young man of 25 years, who had been born blind, led between two assistants to the platform. Brother Freeman's "gifts of healing," as given by the Lord, were in evidence again. At first the hand of the Evangelist was visible a few inches from the quickened eyes, and then several feet distant, until finally fingers could be counted by the healed at the far side of the stage. Lest some should doubt, the hand was raised and lowered with the head of the individual falling and rising accordingly. Now the party would follow the hand in a complete circle which climaxed the exultant scene with a sweep of praise and glory. Off of the platform walked the young man, all alone this time, with an expression on his lighted face which could only read, "Whereas I was blind now I see!"

Walking to the pulpit that night, Brother Freeman exclaimed, "There are enough people here and revival spirit to stir the world!" Surely if the world could have looked on those triumphant moments of victory, or if were the healings that took place there publicized, this alone could start that "spiritual explosion that will rock the world."

#### THE LAME WALK

Hobbling and leaning hard upon a crutch came a lady who had traveled all the way from Medford, Oregon. To a resounding crescendo that magnified the Lord, a few minutes later, she walked alone, with crutch raised high, to the back side of the auditorium with every eye amazingly following her.

Thus closed the first night, which is usually considered the night the "gifts" are on trial, but from the beginning doubt seemed to be destroyed in the sea of faith of God's people.

Friday night the meetings were moved to the large Benson High School Auditorium which a few months ago was the scene of the great Branham healing meetings. Typical of the results here was the assurance that many tumors and goiters would melt away.

At the beautiful Crystal Lake Gospel Park near Portland on the fourth night, the campaign took on an air of "camp meeting" atmosphere. Nearly every seat was taken and the one-day conclave there lasted into the night with no building restrictions hindering. Sighting just one outstanding case—another arthritis victim—this time a suffering middle-aged man bent by the dreadful disease left his crutches behind and went on his way re-

joining along with many healed of blindness, total deafness and faulty hearing.

The Sunday afternoon rally closed the campaign and was held again in the capacious Benson High Auditorium. Like the wine at the time of the first miracle of Jesus, the greater healings seemed to be manifest at the last.

#### CHILD HEALED

Again a little girl led out with her healing, fulfilling the old adage, "and a little child shall lead them." She was only six years of age but had never heard the sounds of earth, having been born a deaf mute. Unlike the tiny colored girl, she was reserved and bashful and the tick of the watch appeared to frighten her. It was difficult to get her to put it to her ear for she wanted to wear the watch on her wrist instead. People in the audience verified her healing, however, by clapping their hands which she readily heard at a great distance. She was then taken to the piano where she struck the keys, becoming

#### SPECIAL NOTICE!

### Meeting in Shreveport Postponed

It has been necessary to change the date of the Freeman meeting in Shreveport, La., from October 20-24, as announced in previous issues of this paper, to Dec. 8-12.

captivated by the notes that issued forth. Brother Freeman encouraged the ones who brought her not to continue to allow her to read hands giving the sign language.

A young lady was healed but had the tendency to turn her head to read one's lips. So there would be no doubt in anyone's mind and to strengthen the lady's faith, he told her to look the other way when he spoke. Earphones one after another became unnecessary attachments throughout the day.

Several wheel chair cases were prayed for toward the last, and a young girl arose to her feet and walked, shunning all hands that reached out to help her.

#### DEAF LEAD SONGS

Perhaps the high point of all was the healing of the 34-year-old man who was a deaf mute. To inspire his faith, he saw his wife, who was completely deaf in one ear and with a hearing device in the other, healed instantly. The anxious mother, who stood by, had waited patiently for over 30 years to see that day of deliverance for her son. Now he heard Brother Freeman clap and people speak to him from far back in the auditorium. Topping off this "command performance" of the healing power of God, he stepped to the piano and a lively gospel tune was struck up, he kept perfect time with the moving tempo, leading the great audience as they hummed the familiar song. Then came a lesson in phonetics for he had to learn to form words and letters. Objects were shown him and the word represent-

ing it spoken. The words "Bible," "paper," "light," "glass" and "tie" were articulated almost perfectly as a wave of praise swept the building. This man always knew he would be healed sometime, and that when he was, the Lord would come very soon.

#### SALVATION LINE

That evening as I rode along with Brother Freeman in his car to a nearby Oregon town where he was to have a conference, I spoke to him about the impressive scene in that closing service, which I had hoped could have been reproduced on film. On one side of the platform was a long line of infirm people seeking healing for their bodies and on the other side a line formed of penitents seeking salvation. Both lines joined at the pulpit showing the wonderful balance of Healing and Evangelism combined in this long-to-be-remembered campaign about to go into history. Undoubtedly Brother Freeman, although he is specializing in a healing ministry, is seeing as many find Christ as Saviour as any evangelist on the field, which is indeed a happy medium to seek in one's ministry. Many people were healed and saved that night.

#### HIS MESSAGE

The above is an evaluation of the ministry of W. W. Freeman whose ministry speaks for itself. As for his message, it is unique, unconventional as has always characterized the "voice of one crying out in the wilderness." Sincerity is the secret of any successful speaker and this quality is as present as the honeycomb that dripped from the hands of John the Baptist. A low, staccato voice with a rise and fall of pitch as the subject requires would summarize his unpretentious flow of delivery.

Who is this man whom God has raised up? He is not a psychic! He is not a mystic! He is not a science practitioner! He is just an humble man with the power of God, and God always walks with an humble man. That must be the answer.

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## Ministry of E. L. Slavens

Many reports have come to us of the meetings of Evangelist E. L. Slavens whom God has given a wonderful ministry of healing. We understand that our brother has had marked success in praying for the deaf and dumb. We were especially impressed with our brother's frank appraisal of his own meetings and the results obtained. While not all are healed, Brother Slavens believes

as a conservative estimate that at least one-half of those prayed for in his meetings are healed. When one considers the fact that most of those who are prayed for in the great healing campaigns are those with chronic afflictions or suffer from some vital organic disease, we consider the above testimony remarkable indeed.

In a recent letter from Brother Slavens he writes: "We are in a good meeting here in Hammond, Indiana. The crowds are very good. They say the best ever. About fifteen ministers were with us tonight. A preacher's wife was delivered from stammering this evening." Evangelist Slavens' next meetings are as follows:

October: Toronto, Ontario. Evangel Temple. For information write Rev. W. G. McPherson, Evangel Temple, Bond and Dundas Streets, Toronto, Ontario.

November: Rochester, New York. For information write Rev. R. E. LeMons, 45 Jones Street, Rochester, New York.

### Clarification of Statement In the August Issue

In Brother John Sharritt's letter published in the August issue, a statement was made that should be clarified. The letter came in just before the magazine went to press, and the editor did not have opportunity to check it. A statement in the letter implied that Brother Branham felt that people might think that he, of all persons, should not have allowed himself to have gotten into such a weakened condition physically, and that his friends might leave him in his hour of test physically. This indeed proved far from the truth. Inquiries came from far and wide concerning our brother. In fact, so many people called and tried to get in touch with Brother Branham that it was necessary for him to leave Jeffersonville in order to secure rest. In no sense was Brother Branham ill from a disease, but was in a state of nervous exhaustion. Through *The Voice of Healing* our brother extends thanks to all those that have prayed for him that he may regain his strength.

## Young Lady Reports Disappearance of Tumor

Oregon City, Oregon  
Aug. 24, 1948.

Dear Brother Freeman:

I am sending you my testimony. I was at your meeting that was held in the Benson High Auditorium in Portland.

You prayed for me and I was completely healed of my tumors.

The Lord is indeed wonderful and I will praise him all my life. It is so wonderful to go about my many tasks with ambition and in good health. "Praise His Holy Name!"

MRS. ALICE HIEB  
Oregon City, Oregon

### To Those Planning to Attend the Freeman Campaign in Shreveport

Inquiries have begun pouring into our office relative to accommodations available to those attending the Freeman meeting here from out of town. As is always the case in these meetings, we expect quite an influx of visitors, and welcome them, but must warn ahead of time that the general housing shortage exists here also, and we can offer no guarantee that hotel rooms will be available to all seeking them. We can offer to send you upon request a list of the local hotels where you, in turn, may make your own reservations, but cannot be responsible ourselves.

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# Something More Than Healing

By GORDON LINDSAY

Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospers (III John 2).

It is inspiring indeed to sit in one of the great Healing services and listen to the testimonies of scores of people who have been healed of deafness, blindness, of cancer, tumor and other organic diseases. God is vindicating His Word by a mighty demonstration of healing power. Nevertheless we believe that Christians, as a whole, are missing one of the most vital truths of Divine Healing. God does not save a sinner so that he will fall from Grace again and again and have to go through the process of having the blessing restored each time. Neither is it the Will of God that after the Christian has been healed should he find it necessary to get sick ever so often and to require another healing. Yet we must admit that this to a great extent is the case. Perhaps this state of affairs has occurred simply because we are not sufficiently familiar with the Bible promises and therefore, fail to claim what is rightfully ours.

## DIVINE HEALTH UNDER THE OLD COVENANT

Not only did God give Israel a covenant of healing, but in this covenant was a promise that if the children of Israel would "diligently hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear unto His commandments, and will keep all of His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians" (Exod. 15:26). It was evident that God had something in mind beyond mere healing—it was the protection of the children of Israel from disease (Exod. 23:25). Perhaps the reason some Christians are sick, is that spiritually they live too close to Egypt.

The remarkable thing was that Israel as a whole actually appropriated this glorious promise. There was a time the psalmist tells us when "there was not one feeble person among their tribes" (Psm. 105:37). What a wonderful impetus the Church of Jesus Christ would receive if it could be said that there was not one feeble person among her numbers. The sad story is that a great deal of the strength of the church is dissipated in nursing the sick and afflicted of the flock.

## OLD AGE ARRESTED

Nor must it be thought that the psalmist was merely speaking poetically. Israel enjoyed a remarkable state of physical preservation, so that the very agencies producing old age and decay were arrested or retarded. Of Moses, who was 120 years of age at the time of his death, the Scripture declares:

"And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated" (Deut. 34:8).

Moses knew nothing of illness and broken health, but enjoyed supernatural strength even at the advanced age of 120 years. Nor should it be thought Moses was the only one who was a recipient of Divine health. Caleb, one of the two spies that brought back a good report had what today would be a most unique testimony. At 85 years of age he possessed the same strength that he had at 40!

## Committal of Our Body to God

By DR. A. B. SIMPSON

"There is a great difference between asking and taking, between expecting and accepting. You must take Christ as your Healer—not as an experiment, nor as a future, but as a present reality. You must believe that He does it now, according to His promise, touch your life with His Almighty hand, and quicken the foundations of your being with His strength. Do not merely believe that He will do it, but claim and believe that He does touch you now. And go forth counting it done, and acknowledging and praising Him for it.

It is a good thing to prepare for this solemn act of committal and appropriating faith. It ought to be a very deliberate and final step, and in the nature of things it cannot be repeated. Like the marriage ceremony it is the signaling and sealing of a great transaction, and depends for its value upon the reality of the union which it seals.

Before we take this step we ought to weigh every question thoroughly and then regard it as forever settled, and to step out solemnly, definitely, irrevocably, on new ground, on God's promise, with the deep conviction that it is forever. This gives strength and rest to the heart, and closes the door against a thousand doubts and temptations."

"And now lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out and come in" (Joshua 14:10-11).

Caleb began his experience with a sense of spiritual victory, and even when he met the giants of Canaan he came back with a good report. It perhaps is not facetious to say that the reason many Christians are chronically afflicted is because they are chronic complainers. The ten spies complained and let doubts come into their

minds. They died in the wilderness, but Caleb lived to see the walls of Jericho fall and the giants of that land subdued.

Let us not make the mistake that our strength and youth may be renewed by a moment of prayer. Even the Gifts of Healing are not for this. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. We must daily let our mouth be filled with God's good things if we are to enjoy the great blessing.

"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles" (Psm. 103:5).

Notice the context. The renewal of youth was a promise given supplementary to healing. Healing may come in a moment as a result of faith in the Divine Promise. But daily health and strength and the renewing of youth must come as a result of daily partaking of the good things of heaven. There is no alternative to waiting upon God (Isa. 40:31).

## THE MAGIC OF THE 91ST PSALM

Few chapters can surpass the power and charm of the 91st Psalm. It with the 23rd chapter is memorized more than any other portion of the Old Testament. But how few claim its treasury of promises. Read it and read it again. But remember with every promise there is a condition. The condition preceding fulfillment of the promises of this Psalm is given in the very first verse:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

It is a secret place, and therefore, few know about it, but the promises are glorious to those who enter in. No wavering consecration will be a complete consecration to God and His Will forever. Let us notice the rewards to those who count the promise true:

1. Saved from traps.
2. Immune from pestilence.
3. Safe from the terrors of night.
4. Protected from weapons of man.
5. Saved from catastrophes.
6. Protection from accidents.
7. Family protected against plagues.
8. Dominion over Satan.
9. Deliverance from trouble.
10. Promise of long life.

What a legacy! Yet it is available to the humblest believer who chooses to dwell in the secret place of the Most High.

## DIVINE HEALTH FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN

No one has suggested that the New Testament Christian discard the 91st Psalm. Its glorious promises are for all who will dare to claim them. New Testam-

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### Concerning Other Ministries And Gifts Being Manifested

*The Voice of Healing* publication welcomes news of the manifestations of God's Gifts in any quarter of the earth. It is our intention to keep the policy which distinguishes this magazine—that of reporting those ministries which are marked by unusual power, and, which manifest deep consecration to God. There are, of course, and have been, many faithful ministers whom God is blessing in the prayer of faith, but which more or less are local in their scope, and reports of their meetings are regularly carried in various church periodicals. It is the policy and purpose of *The Voice of Healing* to publish, regardless of denominational affiliation, the outstanding manifestations of the Gifts of the Spirit, thereby encouraging the Church of Jesus Christ to anticipate and receive, what we believe is the will of God, a mighty climaxing Visitation of the Spirit of God before the Coming of Christ. In reporting these ministries we are governed by the following considerations:

1. That the ministry concerned be a unique manifestation of the Gifts of the Spirit.

2. That those who have received these Gifts shall also have a vision of the unity of God's people. Those who would use such a ministry to advance a doctrine which engenders controversy and division between Spirit-filled people cannot be represented in this publication. Jesus said, "I have many things to say unto you but ye cannot bear them now" (John 16:12). The thing that He was most interested in was that His disciples would be Spirit-filled and unified—"one even as we are one." He was more interested in getting His disciples into true spiritual fellowship

than He was of revealing some new doctrine to them.

3. That such ministry before being recognized in this magazine should have time to prove its character and stability. It is essential that the man of God to whom God has entrusted such gifts shall conduct himself in humbleness of mind and holiness of life. It is to be regretted that some as Samson of old, have failed seriously along this line, and the great influence that they wielded acted to the detriment rather than the blessing of the church.

4. That those to whom such a ministry has been given, will refrain from cheapening the dignity of the Gifts of God, such as by auctioneering for money, or by offending public taste in taking undue time in the receiving of offerings, or by sensational advertising that is not justified by the actual ministry that the minister may possess.

It will be seen then that it is our desire that the Gifts of God be manifested in such a way as to inspire the confidence of the Church of Jesus Christ that the church will pray for their coming and accept them as they come, for we are confident that the manifestations of the Gifts shall come forth in increasing power as we go along.

We welcome reports from ministers having these ministries and who agree with these principles. If after observation we find such ministries to conform to those standards it shall be our delight to report them in *The Voice of Healing*:

#### CONCERNING NEW MINISTRIES OF DIVINE HEALING

The result of what God has been doing in recent months has tended to greatly stimulate the ministry of Divine Healing. This is what it should be and what we have been praying for. God grant that all of His pastors and evangelists receive a renewed vision of God's plan for His Church. But there is a price to be paid for such a ministry. Jesus spent years of preparation and then went through the grueling temptation and conflict with Satan in the wilderness. The apostle Paul and all the other apostles learned the hard way. There is a depth of consecration needed to make such a ministry effective. To advertise one's self as possessing a great gift will only redound to the eventual discrediting of the individual, if consecration needed for such a ministry is lacking, and in the end, will cast a reflection upon the ministry in general. All eyes are focused on the man who claims a Gift of God.

It is better for one to go slow. Get your ministry on a solid foundation. "A man's gift maketh room for him" (Proverbs 18:16). By all means avoid Hollywood press agent stuff. When your faith reaches up and God really begins to bless, you will have greater crowds than you will

know what to do with and more people to pray for than you have strength or time to minister to. In the meantime may God's people be on their face before God. Yea in prayer and fasting with tears. There are great things ahead if we can let God work us over till He can use us.

### Evangelist Max A. X. Clark, Editor of The National Christian Journal, Expresses Thanks for the Freeman- Lindsay Meetings in California

We praise the Lord Jesus for *The Voice of Healing*. As an editor of a twenty-page Full Gospel paper, I can appreciate the great amount of time and effort it takes to put out such a splendid paper as yours. But there is nothing like the printed word. The publication reaches people of all classes and conditions of life. Those weak in the faith receive strength; the skeptic is aroused to look into the subject it treats and believers are all encouraged to press the battle a little stronger.

The article by the late Dr. John G. Lake, "The Dominion of a Christian" brought back happy, revered memories of the times spent in services with this dear man of God. My own life has been enriched by his unselfish and devoted work for the Body of Christ. May we have many more such splendid articles. And may we have many such consecrated lives as that of Dr. Lake.

We thank God for the Freeman-Lindsay campaign now in progress in the Oakland Municipal Auditorium. Not only are sick bodies being healed by the scores—yea hundreds—but the Pentecostal ministers are being drawn closer together through mutual helpfulness and service to the public. It really is a miracle to see such a spirit of unity and brotherly kindness manifested on all sides. Too long has flesh and the exigencies of leadership and organizational requirements prevented a solid Christian front to the enemy. But Brother Freeman and party are laboring with their eyes fixed upon the vision of the Kingdom and with hearts burning to see Christ exalted in their meetings. Again and again the brethren admonish their hearers to not look upon them but to give Jesus Christ our Lord the glory.

I was happy to have had the privilege of attending a couple of the Richmond (Calif.) meetings. The beautiful, newly-constructed temple was filled to overflowing time after time. Many conversions took place and hundreds were healed. This campaign has indeed been a blessing to this industrial center and Rev. Eli Persing, the pastor, expresses his heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful ministry of our friends.

## Child Preacher Witnesses Vision of Heaven and Hell

*(Editor's Note: "Little Bobby" Haskins followed the Freeman party in a meeting at Richmond, California. The remarkable vision given him by the Spirit, of Jesus and of heaven and hell is worthy of record. His testimony follows).*

I was born of Christian parents April 15, 1935, at Ponca City, Oklahoma. I was told that daddy prayed and desired to have a boy to preach the Gospel. They regarded my birth as an answer to prayer.

At the age of four the Lord began to deal with me, saying: "Son, give me thine heart." My daddy used me in the services to pray and to do whatever I could (Eccles. 12:1). At the age of seven the Lord spoke to me to receive the Holy Ghost. While I was under the power of the Spirit, the Lord carried me into a heavenly place, where there was much rejoicing and praising God.

Then there appeared unto me Jesus, in a great light that outshone all others. There I heard His Voice saying, "Bobbie, go warn my people of Hell and of My Soon Return."

I had wanted to be a stunt pilot, so I didn't want to preach the gospel. I had played with planes all my life, and I wanted to fly a real one. I told Jesus this. He spoke again and said that there were multitudes going to Hell. Then He showed me the flames and the anguish and the torments of Hell. He showed me a road leading to a pit with these flames in it. The road was crowded with people going toward the pit, at ease as though unwarned.

I then surrendered to Jesus to warn the people of Hell. I was standing before multitudes of people preaching and warning them. There was a large Bible before me trimmed in gold.

My parents accepted this as from the Lord. My father and mother have prayed for my ministry and have taught me more of the Lord.

I have been doing my best for Jesus. There have been hundreds led to Jesus in our meetings. I'm looking for Jesus to come in the clouds of glory to take me back with Him to Heaven and to my reward. (P. O. Box 12, Grover City, California).

### Vallejo, Calif.

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From Oakland, the Freeman party went to Vallejo for a ten-day campaign. Arrangements for this meeting were made at the last moment and little or no advertising preceded the meeting. Nevertheless as miracles of healing began to take place, the crowds continually increased, and mighty things were accomplished for the

## Messages Given in the Spirit of Prophecy

*(Editor's Note: One of the nine gifts of the Spirit is "Prophecy" (I Cor. 12:10). The purpose of this gift is to edify the church. "But he that propheth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (I Cor. 14:3). Such prophesying is not to be regarded on the same plane of authority of the Scripture. "Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge" (I Cor. 14:29). The following is a splendid example of the beauty and power of the gift of prophecy).*

Holiness is the character of God. Purity is the very essence of His being; the essence of His nature. The purpose of God in the salvation of mankind is to produce in man a kindred holiness, a radiant purity like unto that of God Himself. If God were unable to produce in man such a purity, then His purpose in man would be a failure, and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ would be a miscarriage, instead of a triumph.

### ON BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT

The triumph of Jesus Christ was attained through His willingness to be led by the Spirit of God. The triumph of the Christian can only be attained in a similar manner. Even though God has baptized a soul with the Holy Spirit there yet remains, as with Jesus, the ever-present necessity of walking in humility and permitting the now-present Spirit of God to be absolute guide.

### SPIRIT OF GOD REVEALS MAN'S SENSUAL NATURE TO SECURE LONGING FOR THE DIVINE

The unveiling of the consciousness of the desires of the flesh, of the sensuality of the nature and the thought of man, the revelation of adverse tendencies, is part of God's purpose and is necessary for growth in God. How can the nature of man be changed unless that nature first be re-

vealed? So there arises in the heart the desire and prayer for the Spirit of God to eject, crucify and destroy every tendency of opposition to the Holy Spirit. Think not that thou shalt attain the highest in God until within thine own soul, heavenly longing to be like Him who gave His life for us, possesses thine heart.

### ONLY PURITY IN HEAVEN

Think not to come within the courts of God with stain upon thy garments. Think not that heaven can smile upon a nature fouled through evil contact. Think not that Christ can dwell in temples seared by flames of hate. No! The heart of man must first be purged by holy fire, and washed from every stain by cleansing Blood. Know ye that he whose nature is akin to God's must ever feel the purging power of Christ within.

### TRUSTING THE SPIRIT'S POWER TO KEEP

He who would understand the ways of God, must trust the Spirit's power to guide and keep. He who would tread the paths where angels tread must realize seraphic purity. Know ye that Heaven's first law is undefiled and spotless purity. Such is the nature of God. Such is the working of the Spirit's power. Such is the attainment of him who overcomes. In him the joy and power of God shall dwell. Through him the healing streams of life shall flow. To him heaven's gates are open wide.

Fear not to place thy hand within the nail-pierced palm. Fear not to trust His guidance. The way He trod is marked by bleeding feet, and wet with many tears. He leadeth thee aright, and heaven's splendor soon shall open to thy spirit, and thou shalt know that all triumphant souls, they that have overcome indeed, have found their entrance by this path into the realms of light.

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Kingdom of God. A police officer came and stood at the rear of the auditorium one evening and watched intently the proceedings. We soon learned the reason for his interest. His own mother, who had been blind for several years, received sight in the meeting. Following this lady in the line was a little boy on crutches with softening of the bone. When prayed for, he fairly ran off the platform, leaving his crutches behind. Captain Joe Gearhart, pastor of the Vallejo Assembly of God, wrote of the meetings as follows:

"The healing line became longer and longer until it was always past 11 p. m. before we could get away. The last night Brother Freeman prayed for the sick until about midnight. This night witnessed some outstanding healings. However, this seemed characteristic each service. Who

can deny the power of God manifested through the Gifts of Healing? Surely this sign should bring the unbeliever to his knees.

In our church, for example, one sister had to have a special wire from our church amplifier to her earphones. She sat through the services Sunday without a hearing aid of any kind. Another sister who has had ulcers on her leg for years was completely healed. There is no limit to the testimonies I could give.

Aside from the fact that many people were healed, we feel the result of these services in our assembly. It has done a wonderful thing for us all. The meetings Sunday were saturated with His Presence. The feeling between the four co-operating churches has never before been like this. Brotherly love is at work."

# A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

By CHAS. F. PARHAM

*(In the year 1924 the editor was converted in Dr. Lake's church at Portland, Oregon, under the preaching of Charles F. Parham. A rugged individualist, preaching the truth as he saw it, he was as John the Baptist of old, "a voice crying out in the wilderness." Eloquent always, a crusader by nature, he was instrumental in pioneering many of the Full Gospel truths. God blessed him in the ministry of healing, and so, as a second in a series of Divine Healing classics by men of God of a previous generation, we publish this abridged message by Charles F. Parham, recorded some forty years ago. May God bless the memory of this man, who went to be with the Lord in the year 1929).*

Skeptics, infidels and higher critics—a trinity of the same species—recognize the unseen forces of electricity, gravitation, heat and cold, yet denounce the miraculous and the supernatural as though the unseen God, who governs all forces, was incapable of causing humanity to feel and realize His saving and healing power.

## ORIGIN OF DISEASE

Diseases originate from three sources: First, inbred. Nearly every disease that has ever afflicted an individual was imprinted upon their physical life before they were born. Actual disease is not only often inherited, but owing to peculiar family weakness of one or more organs, a predisposition to disease results.

Another class of sickness is the result of sins of omission or commission. Under this latter head we find many Christians who are sick. They are suffering from some sin of omission or commission; the sin of omission being just as black and soul destroying in the sight of God, as the sin of commission. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin (Jas. 4:17). While the majority of Christians are not guilty of the sins of commission, their experience is freighted down with broken vows and omissions in the line of duty. Is it any wonder then that there are so many professors that are weak and sickly and die long before their days are run? It is an impossibility for a person guilty of disobedience to receive healing in answer to their own prayers, or to the prayers of others, until they have sincerely repented. It is to the church that James speaks:

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing with oil in the name of the Lord. And the

prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him (James 5:14-15).

The words "if they have committed sins" signifies that in all probability sin was the cause of the sickness. The prayer of faith will save the sick, if coupled with the sincere prayers of the individual, but unless there is sincere repentance, the prayer of faith cannot prevail, for healing will not take place until the sin is forgiven. [Such a case is illustrated in the healing of the man sick with the palsy (Luke 5). The elders indeed brought him and lowered him at the Saviour's feet. Jesus, seeing their faith and knowing the man's past, said: "Son thy sins be forgiven thee," and immediately he was healed. Forgiveness and healing must be concomitant.



Rev. Chas. F. Parham

## ACQUIRED DISEASE

Then consider acquired disease. In the beginning God said: I am the Lord that healeth thee. Being a jealous God, He cannot look with any degree of allowance on a system, however perfect, that shall supersede Him as Healer of His people. For man has ever been prone to wander to seek help from any and every source—whatever the course—before he will humble himself in the sight of God, and accept the deliverance freely purchased for him on Calvary. When King Asa sought not the Lord, but resorted to other means for his healing, the Scriptures ironically add: "He slept with his fathers." Diseases fatal in the days of Asa are fatal still, and science stands with fettered

hands in the presence of consumption, cancer, and many other diseases.

## WHY WAS JOB SICK?

Some people say to us, was Job a sinner; did he suffer from sin? We answer yes. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. The Word of God says, "Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers." Because of her beauty or some other reason, Job married a foolish and ungodly woman, who told him to curse God and die. She raised him an ungodly family, who, when the cyclone struck the house, were wining and revelling.

There are so-called Christian mothers today, who, for the sake of position in society, sell the birthright of their children for a mess of pottage, an hour's delight for an evening of ill-gotten pleasure. Driven by the gale of fashion's folly they sell their souls, an eternity of bliss, and never stop till in the wreck of death, are thrown helpless on the shores of eternal despair.

Job indeed reaped what he sowed; but being a servant of God, God caused the reaping to be a spiritual harvest of patience and higher attainment. Though he had a dreadful case of boils and scraped himself with a piece of crockery, yet his flesh returned as fresh as a child's.

## WHY DAVID'S CHILD WAS NOT HEALED

Then some people say: Why was not David's child healed? In the first place it was a child of sin. David himself could not pray the prayer of faith for it; he said, "Who can tell" but if we fast all night and day, God will heal the child. God never heals a "who can tell" prayer. Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe ye receive them and ye shall have them (Mark 11:24). David seems to have had rheumatism, with his bones roaring all day long; probably contracted when hiding from Saul in the dens and caves of the mountains, yet he was able to shout the victory. He could say, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities and who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103).

## SIGNS TO FOLLOW BELIEVERS

Christ did not leave His children without visible signs of distinction to follow them that the world might know who were Christians and who were not. Neither did He send forth His servants to preach the vague speculative theories of a world to come, but with mighty power for the relief of suffering humanity, He confirmed the word of inward spiritual benefit—by these outward visible signs.

## WHAT IS THIS GREAT SALVATION?

In Hebrew 2:3-4 we read:

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His will?"

This text has been used for years as an argument to persuade sinners to accept Christianity; but let us say to Christians: how shall you escape if you neglect this great salvation which was first spoken unto us by the Lord? What is this salvation?—it is one that includes signs, wonders and miracles.

John the Baptist desired to know whether this man preaching over in Judea was really the Christ, so he sent some of his disciples to see. Jesus commanded them to stand aside; after viewing the marvelous work performed, Christ said unto them, "Go your way and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the Gospel is preached" (Luke 7:22).

The healing of the sick is as much a part of the Gospel as telling them of heaven. This is the Gospel that Jesus said should be preached to all nations as a witness, before the end should come; this is the great salvation that many thousands are neglecting today, a salvation that heals the body as well as saves the soul. Were this gospel fully preached today, the multitudes would hang upon the Word of God; while the heathen would flow unto the Lord. You dear friends, who are neglecting to teach, preach, and give of your substance to the spread of this gospel—attended with signs, wonders, mighty deeds, divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost—are in danger of standing before God in condemnation before the judgment bar of God.

Sometimes people say: "Oh you are Divine Healers." We answer, "No, we believe in Divine Healing but not in Divine Healers." If a minister prays for a penitent sinner and he be converted, it does not make the minister a Divine Saviour. So we who believe in Divine Healing, may pray for one seeking healing and they may be healed, but it does not make us a Divine Healer; the work is wrought by Christ.

After having found Him in the healing of our body, and having seen thousands healed, is it fanaticism to lift Him up that He might draw men to Him? Yea, that the great waves of turbulent suffering humanity might break sobbing at His feet, changing their sadness into glee, finding Him able to save and heal!

If you would use as much time in prayer and thanking God for healing as you use in studying what patent medicine or cure

you are going to try next, you will not only get healed but stay healed. When you call a physician and he says, "Oh you will be well in a few days," you believe him and begin to rejoice. But when God says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," people often make excuses because they do not believe what God says. Polite indeed to man, but to God most rude. Most rude because while professing love for Him, they prove by their actions that they have not confidence in His Word.

## TURN YOUR EYES ON CALVARY

As a sinner never becomes converted while reviewing the past or gazing upon his sins but speedily finds deliverance when turning his eyes to the power of Calvary, so must you in seeking healing, act in like manner. Turn your eyes from your sickness and symptoms. You will never get healed while nursing them.

After you are converted, Satan says: "You were not saved." If you believe him you backslide at once. Unless you stand true and maintain your deliverance, you may lose what you have received. So after you are healed and have the witness, Satan says: "Oh you were not healed." You get deliverance in this as in temptation to evil, by earnest prayer in faith, resisting the devil. He will flee from you.

So many say, "I'll try healing." You may indeed try Christian Science and like forces and realize as the Scripture has said, "Cursed is he that trusteth in the arm of flesh." But when you come to God there is no such thing as trying God, for He has positively promised that, ye shall seek me and find me; in the day that ye seek me with all your heart.

## HEALING FOR ALL

We thought indeed at 18 years of age when we were so wonderfully healed, that God was a respecter of persons, and that it was something special for Him to heal in our case. We knew that He had power to do it but did not suppose it was His Will to heal everybody. How much more precious it was in later years when we could throw open the Word of God, and declare that "whosoever will" might be healed.

Now the Atonement for healing was in the stripes of Christ. The stripes were made in His Body; the perfect Body of Christ was broken for our imperfect bodies to bring us to perfect health. His body was broken for ours, and this is typified in the Communion. A solemn warning is given about partaking of it unworthily, how we ought to examine ourselves for fear we bring judgment upon ourselves. For this cause many are sickly among you and many sleep (I Cor. 11:30).

One day in the Bible school some of the students came to us saying, "Of course, we know it does, but how is it that the blood of a man that was spilt 1900 years ago saves us today? How is it that there

could be such power in the stripes of Jesus to heal us of all our diseases?" Drawing forth a greasy, dirty bill, we said: "Students, who gives this greasy, green paper the intrinsic value of five dollars? Is it not that the government of the United States has stamped it with that value? Likewise God, the Governor of the universe stamped the blood and broken body of the Lord Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world with intrinsic value. As long as His kingdom stands, every individual shall find full salvation and healing when they present at the bank of Heaven the Blood and the Stripes in exchange for the same." Men may depreciate and minimize the relative virtue of the double atonement for soul and body, but if it is a crime to deface or destroy the money of the United States, how much sorer damnation do you think should be thought worthy of those who seek to destroy or underestimate the value that God Almighty placed upon the Sacrifice of His Son. It is a crime to handle, trade or give away counterfeit money; so it is also a crime against Heaven for any man or minister to handle, to have, trade or give away a counterfeit religion, that does not bring experimental salvation for soul and body.

Nor is an occasional healing all the value there is in the Atonement for our bodies. Though being healed many times ourselves, we were continually harassed by the same or similar diseases recurring. Among the many who came to us for healing, we found that though they were healed at the time, yet it was not long before they were sick again. We began to wonder whether this was the best that God could do. We wondered if it was the Will of God for the Holy Ghost to have to dwell in a body defiled with disease. The light began to dawn upon us that the Church, even the Body of Christ, ought to have entire sanctification. For ye are members of His Body, of His flesh, of His bones (Ephes. 5:30). We saw then that it was wrong to be sick as it was wrong to be sinful. And so Paul the apostle prayed, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly and I pray God that your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thes. 5:23).

It was prophesied of Jesus that not a bone of His body should be broken. If this were true of His physical body, would it not also be true of the Spiritual body—the Church. As your bodies are members of His body, bone of His Bone, flesh of His flesh, you have no scriptural privilege to be broken or sickly.

At the age of 24, the broken body of Christ triumphed; sanctifying power reached every part of our body, delivering us from a life of misery and intense suffering, so that for years now, we have lived as realizing that God is our habitation and no plague comes nigh the dwelling.

# EXPLOITS OF FAITH

## TESTIMONIES FROM THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

*"But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits"—Daniel 11:32.*

### Brought to Meeting in Ambulance; Pushes Stretcher Out

Sedalia, Mo.  
Aug. 12, 1948.

I was down with heart trouble for 18 months and had turned my face to the wall and had given myself up to God more than once. My husband had called in doctor after doctor and they said there was not any medicine that would cure me. Although I took medicine, I knew I would never be cured until the Lord did it.



Almost every minister in the city came and prayed for me and I would get relief, but just for a short time.

When Brother Branham came to town my husband called an ambulance to take me to be prayed for by Brother Branham, and I was carried on a stretcher to the ambulance. After he prayed for me I felt like a new person. I got up and rolled my stretcher over the floor.

Now I am able to do my housework and visit my friends.

I am sure Brother Branham is a man sent by our Saviour, and I say God bless him in his work.

MRS. M. HORNBECK  
Sedalia, Mo.

### Miracle Performed in Case of Afflicted Baby

Milton, Florida  
Aug. 30, 1948

Dear Brother Branham:

I want to praise the Lord for healing my little grandson, who at birth weighed only 4½ pounds, and in a short time developed two bad hernias. At the age of three months he had to have an operation for one. The doctors said they couldn't operate for the other one until he was one year old.



I took him to your meeting in Pensacola, and when you prayed for him, Jesus

didn't only heal the hernia, but the other trouble he had, and now he is a perfect baby, weighing 22 pounds. I am telling it everywhere I go for the glory of my Lord.

MRS. MARY E. THACKER  
Milton, Fla.

### Hay Fever Victim in Miami Now Rejoicing Over Healing

Hialeah, Fla.  
Aug. 24, 1948

While Brother Branham was here in Miami this past winter I was completely healed of sinus and hay fever combined. I had spent many dollars for medicine, but only temporary relief. I sneezed until I thought I could pull out my hair, I'd get so distracted. My nose was like a faucet and the very air I'd breathe would cause a sneeze, but thank God, through faith (built up by seeing the miracles God performed through you) I was healed.

MRS. HAZEL GAVIN  
P. O. Box 121  
Hialeah, Fla.

### Georgia Woman Receives Anointed Ribbon, Discards Cane

I had arthritis in my knees, and had to walk with a cane. I wrote Brother Branham and asked him to pray for me and to send me an anointed ribbon. I haven't had to use my cane since. I put the ribbon on in the Name of Jesus. The old demon kept coming back, but I obeyed the Scripture that tells us to resist the devil and he will flee from you, and to stand fast in the faith. I would command him to go in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ and the Power of the Holy Ghost, and to leave the temple that was bought with the blood of the Lamb. I would tell him that it is written, "By His stripes we are healed," and I was healed. "Hallelujah."



MRS. JIM POLLARD  
Route 2  
Summerville, Ga.

### Young Girl Delivered From Lifelong Ailment of St. Vitus Dance

July 19, 1948.

Dear Brother Branham:

I certainly thank God for His gift that he has given to you. I was healed in your service at Portland, Oregon. Since I was about 10 years of age I have had Chorea (or St. Vitus Dance, as it is more commonly called). My condition became worse each year until I was so bad that I couldn't stay on a bed. But praise God, I'm delivered!

Many friends have told me how well I look, so I know that God not only let me know of my complete healing, but He changes the outward appearance as well.

I also had the great joy of being in the meetings in Tacoma, and there I witnessed the marvelous healing in the many sick bodies there. I thank God for this privilege.

I'm praying for you, Brother Branham, that God will give you sufficient strength to carry on God's work for you.

Your Sister in Christ,

DOROTHY LUTTER

P. S.—Since God healed me I am able to drive a car, which I was never able to do before.



### Healed by Faith Before Prayer

August 8, 1948.

I would like to send in the testimony of my father, Mr. Luke Brown.

He was pronounced with a serious heart disease and was expected to die any time.

We heard you were in Pensacola and took him over there. He said he felt he was healed before he entered the prayer line. After we came back to Mobile, I took him to the doctor and had a picture made of his heart. The doctor said there was no trace of heart trouble. I praise the Lord for healing him.

MRS. LILLIAN WHISENHANT  
Box 115  
Prichard, Ala.

## Life Story of Rev. Wm. Branham

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he did—he was my dad. Listen, boys and girls, young people, be good to your father and mother. You don't know what daddy is until he's gone. The finest commandment with promise is "Honor thy father and mother." Father gave me whippings, but I never got one but what I needed another. He used to keep the ten commandments on the wall with a large hickory switch over them. I got my education out in the woodshed when I did wrong. We would be a lot better off today if we had more of the same thing, don't you think?

I remember how that dad had to work hard to try to pay the bills. It's no disgrace to be poor. But it is hard sometimes. I remember that I didn't have the proper clothes to go to school. I went to a little old rural school. I hate to think of some of the things that I did when I went to school. I remember one time putting a big frog under the teacher's bell. When she raised the bell up that great big old frog jumped out, and she screamed. Well, you know what happened. I got what I deserved. But I remember going to school one complete year without even a shirt to wear. There was a rich woman nearby that gave me a coat with a sailor emblem on the arm. I would button the collar up like this and it would get so hot. The teacher would say, "William." I would say, "Yes, mam." "Well, why don't you take that coat off." But I couldn't; I didn't have any shirt on. So I would fib and say, "I'm chilly." She would say, "All right sit over there by the fire." And I would sit there while the perspiration would run down on me. Then she would say, "Aren't you warm yet?" I would have to say, "No, mam."

Well, it was pretty hard going. My toes would stick through my shoes like turtle heads. Then a little later I got a shirt.

I'll tell you what kind of a shirt it was. It was a girl's dress which belonged originally to my cousin, and had a lot of curleque stuff on it. I cut the skirt part of it off, and after I put it on, you should have seen me strut going to school. Then the children got to laughing at me, and I said, "What are you laughing at me for?" They said, "You've got on a girl's dress." I had to fib again. I said, "No I haven't; that's my Indian suit." But they didn't believe me and I went off crying.

Then in 1917 when I was still a very little boy, my mother started sewing for the government depot and it got a little better for us. But there came a great snow, like you have out in the mountains, drifting in some places 17 or 18 feet. That was a big snow for Indiana, one of the largest for 50 years, I guess. After it snowed a while it started sleeting, and then it turned cold and froze about half an inch deep. No one could get out. So every-

body went sleigh riding. But my little brother and I didn't have any sleigh. We lived out in the country about seven miles and so we went out to a dump and got an old dish pan. We wound our legs around the dish pan, and away we went down the hill. We weren't as fast as the rest of them, but we were riding just the same. That did all right until the bottom came out. Then we couldn't ride any more.

The Ohio river was close, so we went down there and got us an old log. We got on the old log and rolled down the hill with it, but it didn't work so well.

There was a boy that lived near us, who was selling those little PATHFINDER magazines. In so doing, he was given a prize of a Boy Scout suit. My, how I liked that suit. It was wartime then and everybody that was big enough in those days was in uniform. I always wanted to be a soldier. I was too little then. Even in this last war I wasn't large enough to go. I have four brothers that went. But God has given me a uniform anyway—the armor of God—so I could go out and fight against sickness and disease that is binding people.

But how I admired that Scout suit, with its hat and leggings. I said, "Lloyd, when you wear that suit out will you give it to me?" He said, "Yeah, I'll give it to you, Billy." But my, that suit lasted longer than anything that I ever saw. It seemed to me he never would wear that thing out. Then I missed it for a while and so I went to him and I said, "Lloyd, what did you do with that Boy Scout suit?" He said, "Billy, I'll look around home and see if I can find it." But when he looked for it he found that his mother had cut it up to make patches for his dad's clothes. He came to me and said, "I can't find any of it but one legging." I said, "Bring me that." So I took it home and put it on. It had a draw string on it, and I pulled it up, and I thought that I was a real soldier. I wanted to wear it to school and I didn't know just how to do it. So I pretended that one of my legs was hurt and I put that legging on as if I was protecting my injured leg. But at school the teacher sent me to the blackboard. I tried to hide my leg that did not have a legging, and all the children got to laughing at me. I started crying and the teacher made me go home.

Well, anyway, poor or not, I always loved my family. The other day I went home to see my little girl and boy and when I went to take my little girl in my arms, she backed away from me. Her mother had shown her the picture of me when I went away. But at the time the picture was taken I had a lot of hair. Since then a barber put too strong a solution on my hair when washing it and took off dandruff and hair both, and so my little girl didn't think I looked like the picture. However, she kept looking at it and then

at me, and finally by next morning she decided it was daddy all right, so then she and I became buddies.

On that trip home, wife and I took a little ride. I said I would like to go up to the pike again and look at the old home place. I got there and stopped where the old school was. I looked up where the house used to be and it wasn't there any more. They had a housing project there. The spring in the meadow where we used to drink was gone; the old landmarks were gone. And then I thought, "Here we have no continuing city." And then I looked where the old pump was in the school yard, and I wished that I could take another drink from it like I did when I was a boy. So while my wife and baby were picking violets I went over and took a good drink of water from the pump and then I leaned against the fence and thought of the days when I went to school; when I put the frog under the teacher's bell and the things I had done in school. When the soldiers would parade out in front and teacher would line us all up like little soldiers in front of the school, with a big willow switch to keep us all in order. Then I thought, "Where are all those boys that I played with? Where was my brother? He's gone. He's dead now. What about Ralph Fields? Where's Ralph? He's dead, too. Then I thought where is Howard Higgins? That's right, he's dead. I thought of many more of them. But they were gone, too. Then I said, "Here I am only 36; where are all those fine husky boys?" They weren't here any longer. I wondered if they were saved. Here we have no continuing city, but are seeking one to come. I thought of the days we would eat lunch at school. Our lunch was so poor that we were ashamed to eat it before the rest of the children. We were too poor to buy bread. Mother would bake cornbread. (I would try to get the corner piece in order to get as much crust as possible). But one day mother got some popcorn and she gave my little brother and me a bucket of this to take to school. While I was in school I thought how good a handful would taste, and I lifted my hand for the teacher to excuse me, and she excused me. I went into the cloakroom and raised up the lid and took a great big handful. At lunch time brother and I went out. He took the bucket, took off the lid and looked in and then looked at me and said, "Say, something has sure happened to that popcorn." I looked and said, "It sure has." I knew what had happened to it. Say, friends, don't do anything wrong. It seems to me that I could give every penny that I have if I could turn time back and talk to my brother again and give him back that popcorn. But I can't. He is in eternity. So I say, treat one another good while you are here on earth and love one another, for "here we have no continuing city, but seek one to come."

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## The World in Prophecy

# The Rise of the Red Terror

Only three brief years have elapsed since World War II came to an end. All the fervor and hope that was manifest on the day of the Armistice, marking the cessation of hostilities in World War I, was repeated on the day that Japan laid down her arms. But now again we see the world rapidly drifting toward war. Or rather we should say two worlds—for the peoples of our planet are divided by two irreconcilable ideologies, Democracy in the West and Communism in the East. While the nations of the last conflict are still licking their wounds, the grim prospect of another war looms on the horizon.

### AMERICA'S FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THE SINISTER CHARACTER OF COMMUNISM

Why did America fail to recognize the sinister character of Communism? Soviet Russia from the beginning never masked its intents and purposes. From the beginning it was known as anti-God, anti-Christ. That which is Godless and soulless can know but one law—the law of the jungle. Alas, Communism did worse than that. In callous haste to perpetuate her peculiar form of government she murdered millions of her own citizens in ruthless religious and political purges. Even the creature of the jungle usually respects its own kind.

The record of Hitler and his villainy may be rightly regarded as one of the darkest of blots upon human history. Yet have we forgotten that it was not only Hitler but Russia that launched the world into a war that left an untold trail of misery and suffering? *Both Russia and Germany invaded Poland—thus precipitating the war.* They connived in the ruthless subjugation of that state, and afterward shared the spoils. Then while Hitler focused world attention upon himself, Soviet Russia overran Finland, the three Baltic states and part of Rumania. To understand our predicament today, we must not forget that both Hitler and Stalin were equally guilty in disturbing the peace of the world.

### THE RUSSIA WE CONDEMNED WE ACCEPTED AS AN ALLY

Now came America's great mistake. In our land we like to think we are fighting for a just cause. We were attacked by the Axis powers and there was nothing left to do but resist them. But it was quite another thing to become partners with one of the criminals which brought on the war—Soviet Russia. But this is exactly what happened. Hitler attacked Russia, later America. The easy way was to join hands with Russia, and that is what our nation did. We forgot about the unprovoked invasion of Finland, the destruction of the Baltic republics, the rape of Poland.

Withdrawing most of our support from our forces in the Pacific which were closing in on Japan, we poured our war production and supplies into Russia to sustain its great fighting machine. The tide was turned and Hitler was crushed, but the Bear we befriended, even then, was planning eventually to turn on us.

### RED TERROR ENGULFING EUROPE

Russian Communism has now engulfed a large portion of Europe. Any local opposition has been ruthlessly liquidated. The red steam roller bids fair to roll over the rest of Europe and a pall of gloom and apprehension rises from the peoples which have not yet been enslaved. The frankenstein monster that we saved, nourished and strengthened, now challenges the world. Naive indeed were any who thought that Russia would follow any other course than the one she is following.

"And thou (Rosh) shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses . . .

And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days . . ."—Ezekiel 38:15-16.

The above is a 1930 Russian stamp. Notice how precisely it represents the prophecy of Ezekiel. Russian horsemen are riding toward Palestine. In the background are clouds. The line is drawn to the left of the Black Sea toward Jerusalem.



### THE CHRISTIAN MUST CONSIDER THE PROPHETIC

But so far we have considered the political aspect only. God rules and overrules. He sits upon the throne controlling the destinies of the nations. The Christian misses the mark indeed if he places the ultimate blame for our predicament upon Hitler or Stalin or short-sighted political leaders. Hitler and Stalin and others of their ilk were instruments of Divine judgment. Daniel declared that "The most High ruleth the kingdom of men and when He chooses He setteth up over it the basest of men" (Dan. 4:17). The sins of America brought these calamities upon her, and failure to nationally repent is leading her into further disaster. The evil men who have secured control of Russia and other European nations are God's judgment upon the nations.

### LET THE CHRISTIAN REJOICE—HIS REDEMPTION IS NEAR

Though Armageddon is at the doors, let not the Christian be afraid. Rather let him rejoice for his redemption draweth nigh. Jesus told us that "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). Realizing then that these things which have come to pass are Divine Judgment upon the nations, let us notice the place in which prophecy has put Russia in the unfolding of events at the end-time.

### RUSSIA'S PLACE IN PROPHECY (EZEK. 38-39.)

Russia's place in prophecy has been recognized by students of the Bible for a long time. There is no prophetic subject in which there is closer agreement. Ezekiel 38 and 39 show Russia as a great power with her satellites coming down to challenge the land of Palestine at the end-time. Prophetic writers, a hundred years ago, wrote of this great Northern Confederacy. Communism is the fulfillment. Out of World War II it has emerged with great strength. Let us notice briefly what these Ezekiel chapters have to say about Russia.

### GOG OUT OF THE "NORTH PARTS"

First we see that this confederation heads up in "Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal," and is said to appear out of the "north parts" (Ezek. 38:2-3,15). Now a glance at the map shows Russia to be *due north* of Palestine.

Furthermore, the word "chief" is translated from the Hebrew word "rosh" which means "chief" or "bear." "Rosh" is a word similar to "Russia." Moreover, its alternative translation, "bear," is the symbolic animal of Russia! Also, "Meshech" has a suspicious correspondence to Moscow, the Russian capital. It is for these reasons and others that during the past centuries, Bible scholars with a remarkable unanimity, have reckoned Russia as the Gog of the Scriptures.

### RUSSIA IDENTIFIES HERSELF AS THIS GOG

Now we come to something quite remarkable. It came to the writer's attention, that Russia has produced a postage stamp which illustrates the prophesied invasion of the Holy Land. Several years' search failed to produce a copy of this stamp. Finally, in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C., we discovered a genuine issue of this stamp. It is reproduced on this page. But before we examine it, let us consider the 15th and 16th verses of Ezek. 38:

"And thou shalt come from thy place  
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# Adventures in Divine Healing

BY CHAS. E. ROBINSON

*This article comes to us from Rev. Chas. E. Robinson, well-known Bible teacher and for twenty-two years associate editor of the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. He is author of a most interesting book on Divine Healing, PRAYING TO CHANGE THINGS, and has had notable ministry of Divine Healing.*

Brother Robinson is now active on the field with a Bible teaching ministry, revealing the practical, fundamental truths that every Christian should know. Pastors should take note of this.

The day of my arrival in Corpus Christi, the spring of 1948, to begin my two months of ministering in Texas, Pastor Allen took me to see Sister Caraway, "a dying saint." She had been given up by the doctors who said her stomach had collapsed, after months of terrible suffering from asthma. They said she could never digest any more food.

She began telling me some of the details of her sufferings, but soon desisted when I told her the devil was sitting on the corner of her bed enjoying her praise of the fine job he had done in filling her body with misery.

I diverted her attention to her Lord Jesus whom she had kept waiting so long. "For months now," I said, "He has never left your side, sympathizing with you, loving you, grieving because you refused to allow Him to heal you." She was astonished at my strange words; but soon saw their truth and decided to put her trust in the Lord and to depend on Him only.

## A MIRACLE HAPPENS

We prayed for her and left her much encouraged. The next morning her daughter phoned Brother Allen, "Mamma is up, sitting at the table, eating cornbread." The next day about one (I think it was), she came to the morning service, a pitiful bag of bones, having to be assisted a little as she smilingly entered the church. Later we drove out to her home and I saw the oxygen tank lying in the yard. She had supposed it was necessary to avoid strangulation during her agonizing attacks of asthma. As a happy convalescent she continued rapidly to gain flesh and strength during the two weeks I was in Corpus.

## UNCONFESSSED SIN HINDERS HEALING

Early in my stay at Corpus Christi I explained to the congregation that the James recipe for healing envisages a bedroom scene. The sick one "calls" for the elders, instead of entering the prayer line, and God "raises him up," out of bed, it would seem. So as adequate confessing of sins is not feasible and sometimes not even allowable in public, although straitly commanded by verse 16, any reliance on James' prescription in a prayer-line



prayer, must be by adaptation. To accomplish such adaptation I supervised the appointment of three men and as many women to be official listeners, to hear the confessions and to pray with those who, because of unconfessed sins, did not receive healing in the prayer line.

## ALWAYS A CAUSE WHEN NOT HEALED

Near the end of my stay in that church a young man came to me complaining that he had not been benefited by being in the prayer line—his athlete's foot was no better. "Did you confess your sins?" "No," he admitted. "Well, do it if you want to be healed." At once he took the pastor into the church office and got busy. (I have found very few old saints who will confess their sins. Seemingly they prefer to remain sick). Several days later I saw Brother Allen at the District Council and asked him if the young man had received his healing. "Oh, yes," he said. There is always a cause when one in the prayer line fails to be healed, and that cause is never God's unwillingness to heal.

One night after my arrival in Brownsville, a girl came to my room with a handkerchief, saying, "Mamma is sick in bed and cannot make it tonight." The mother had sent the handkerchief to be prayed over, "anointed," the child said; but, of course, there is nothing in the Scriptures about anointing a handkerchief. We prayed over the handkerchief, and as I handed it to the girl I said:

"Tell your mother not to lay this handkerchief on her body until she has confessed and forsaken all her sins, for almost all sickness is caused by sin. Tell her not to lay it on even then until she has made a firm resolution that the instant she lays it on she will believe she is healed. She is not to pause at all to see how she feels. The carnal man forms his judgments by what his senses tell him. She must believe she is healed, totally

without reference to how she feels, but because she believes what God says."

A few minutes later as I was telling from the pulpit what word I had sent to this girl's mother, not knowing who she was, a woman arose in the congregation, saying, "I am the woman." She had obeyed instructions and, of course, had received the healing.

I have since found what I told the girl to tell her mother about laying on the cloth, very effective when adapted to persons in the prayer line, telling them not to come for prayer until they have fully determined to believe themselves healed the instant my hands are laid on them. I believe they will be healed then, and if their belief meets mine, God gives them faith, and the healing is received.

## NO SICKNESS IS INCURABLE, ALTHOUGH SOME SICK PEOPLE ARE

At Galena Park the first one prayed for in the prayer line was a young woman with crossed eyes. Her left eye was turned in. We prayed for her. (It is my custom to gather as many to help pray as I can; there may have been a dozen that night). "Look up," I said. She looked up and the left eye was turned outward. "Evidently someone is working on this eye," I said. "Let us pray again." We prayed again. "Look up," I said. She did and her eyes were perfectly straight. I called the others to look, and all could see that her eyes were normal. When the demon was cast out the eyes became straight.

The day I arrived in Aransas Pass I was taken to see Sister Erickson, a sufferer from heart trouble caused by her stomach. Her case was considered hopeless. I put my hand on her distressful stomach and said, "The pain is gone, the devil is cast out." She believed what I said and began to praise God. The pastor and I went out. In a few moments Sister Erickson sent for her clothes. When she was dressed she came out where we were. She was not walking—she was too happy and felt too exuberant and strong for that—she was running. She ran up and down the long double room, back and forth, time after time. She embraced the women with ecstatic squeezes. That was Friday. Sunday she came to Sunday School and church, and there was great joy in that assembly.

Believing with the heart what Jesus says, or what some authorized agent of His says about Him, concerning a matter at issue, such as salvation, forgiveness, the supplying of needs, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and the like results in God's giving faith for the thing, and faith is irresistible (Matt. 17:20). "Nothing shall

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## The Rise of the Red Terror

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out of the north parts, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days . . ."

With this prophetic description of that invasion from the north into Palestine, would it be thought possible that the government of Russia should be so bold as to depict that scene upon its postage stamps? Yet this is an actual fact. On a 14 kopek stamp (1930) we find the above verses most dramatically illustrated. Look at the stamp. The background represents the Soviet Union. On it is the red cavalry (reminding one of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse). Russia is north of Palestine and the black line below the horses represents the path of the horsemen, which ends pointing directly south to Palestine. The whole background of the design is a cloud perfectly representing Ezekiel's vision . . . the sea of Azov may be seen and the probable route of the Red army is drawn in.

Russian statesmen don't read the Bible, hence this stamp was designed in ignorance of the prophecy. Unwittingly they have revealed their real intentions. The climaxing move of Russia is to move south into the land of Palestine.

### AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN TO BE INVOLVED IN ARMAGEDDON

All the nations of the world will be involved in this final great conflict. No one supposes that Russia's advance into Palestine would be disregarded by America and England. In *The Voice of Healing*, it is not our policy to enter into prophetic details in which there may be differences of opinion. Our purpose is to stir our readers into action, to witnessing, to leading people to Christ, into a preparation for the coming of Christ. Our articles are to be suggestive rather than dogmatic. But in answer to the above question, we venture to suggest that Great Britain and the United States are seen in verse 13 of chapter 38:

"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take a great spoil?"

"The merchant of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof" appears to be none other than Great Britain (symbolized by a lion) and her commonwealth of nations including the United States which originally was colonized by the English. Even without taking prophecy into consideration we see ourselves steadily being drawn nearer to a clash with the Russian Bear which is none other than the Gog of prophecy.

## ATOMIC WARFARE IN THE NEXT CONFLICT?

Will the atomic bomb play a part in this coming conflict? It would be strange indeed if, after America spent billions of dollars in its development the bomb were not used. It was use of the A-bomb which suddenly terminated World War II. A weapon so powerful will surely be used in the coming conflict. In Ezek. 39:6 (this chapter is a continuation of the vision) we read of a fire coming upon Magog and the "isles."

"And I will send a fire upon Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles; and they shall know that I am the Lord."

When war comes America will be dropping atomic bombs on Russia. If the above refers to atomic warfare as it probably does, we see that A-bombs will fall on the "isles" also. But Russia and her satellites are on the mainland. Which islands that could be the center of conflict are they unless the British Isles? If atomic warfare comes to England will America entirely escape? Not likely.

We have carried our discussion as far as we have space this month. But the lesson to be learned is obvious. The day is far spent, the night is at hand. Let all believers arise, trim their lamps, and prepare to meet the Bridegroom, for the hour of His coming is at hand. Those who are ready shall rejoice. They shall be admitted to the wedding supper of the Lamb. After that the door shall be shut.

## Additional Testimonies

I am the mother of those two little girls that Brother Freeman prayed for last Saturday in the Spokane campaign. My two little girls haven't had to wear their glasses since Rev. Freeman prayed for them. The oldest girl had a bad twisting of the muscles on the left side of her face and one eye crossed and near-sighted. Now there is no sign of any twisting and both girls can see just fine. I also was healed of throat trouble and backaches. Praise His wonderful Name forever more.

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Dear Brother Freeman:

I was in your services in Oakland in July. I was prayed for for double curvature of the spine. Two days later I got up about 11 o'clock, took my Bible and went into the living room to read the Word before eating my breakfast. When I sat down in the chair, I felt my back straighten. The power went through my body and I was healed! Praise the dear Lord. Also other things that I asked for were given to me.

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be impossible" to one who has faith for that thing. To believe from the heart is something one can do or refrain from doing. It is an act. Faith is not an act. It is something given by God. It is evidence. It is substance (Heb. 11:1). "Such as I have," Peter said when he was healing the cripple. "*Pistis*," the Greek word translated, "faith," is never rightly translated, "believe." People struggle and "try to have faith," exercise faith, they mean. It would be just as sensible to struggle and try to be short if one were tall. To believe with the heart what Christ says or what is said about Him by those authorized to speak, concerning some matter in question, will bring faith for that thing; but effort will not do so.

## Something More Than Healing

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ment Christianity lives in the spirit and power of them. Jesus Christ was the perfect example of the man who was never sick. Foul disease had no place in the holy Body of Christ. But lest we forget, the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ and each believer is a member of that Body! Disease, then, should have no part in its members.

When God created man, He commissioned him to have authority over the earth and the living things that dwelt therein. The boundaries of that dominion must also include the diabolical forms of life that Satan has thrust upon the human body to destroy it. Let us rise in the Name of Jesus and claim our inheritance. It is for us. By being well and strong we glorify God and fulfill His Will. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Just as you reject the suggestion of evil which comes from Satan, so reject the symptoms of sickness which is also Satan's evil suggestion. Cast it from you and by faith take His Life and identify your life with His. Then it will no longer be your life but Christ Who dwelleth within you.

As you have consecrated your soul to the Lord now consecrate your body. We know of no words that more skillfully teach this beautiful consecration than those of A. B. Simpson, a noble and beloved man of God who taught this wonderful truth a generation ago. (Read his "committal" appearing in this issue). Shall we not claim the wonderful promise that John the Apostle gave us when he wrote:

"Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospers."

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"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."—Hebrews 13:8

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## Brother Branham On the Field Again

We received a letter from Rev. William Branham that he is now active again. We received and carried a notice in last month's paper just as we went to press of a 3-day meeting in the Municipal Auditorium at Fresno, Calif.

In his letter he writes that he will be with Rev. F. F. Bosworth in Seattle, Washington, November 2 through the 7th.

## LIFE STORY OF BRO. BRANHAM

(Last month Brother Branham told of his birthplace, a log cabin in the mountains of Kentucky not far from the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. He recalls the poverty of his parents, the privations of childhood and incidents of his early school life, at which time he received a meagre education. This month's issue continues his narrative of childhood events, young manhood and marriage.)

AS TOLD BY  
HIMSELF  
PART II—  
MARRIAGE

I remember when we went out in the old buckboard wagon about twice a month to pay the grocery bill. The grocer would give us some sticks of candy. All of us little boys sitting on blankets out there, would watch that candy when dad brought it out, and every little blue eye would look close to see that each of those sticks were broken exactly even, (Contd. Page 13)

## Oakland Civic Auditorium Is Filled in The Return Freeman Meeting

BY REV. IRVING FORD

The Freeman Evangelistic Party has just concluded a glorious two weeks of evangelistic and Divine Healing services at the Civic Auditorium seating 2000. The meetings began on Tuesday with an estimated audience of well over 1000 and throughout the first week, and steadily rose to a peak so that the first Sunday night the auditorium was filled to capacity.

Night after night Brother Freeman, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, preached powerful messages of real old-time Gospel, but with a winsome spirit that many of the unsaved could not resist, and scores came forward to seek and find the Lord.

The blind and the deaf were invited forward for prayer first and many were the shouts of victory and tears of rejoicing as (Continued on Page 2)

## Greatest Revival In Riverside's History

Hundreds Are Turned  
Away From Auditorium

(See picture story on page 5)

BY HONORE OSBERG

(The following account of a few of the healings in the Riverside meeting comes to us from Honore Osberg, an eyewitness to several services. The article was in the form of a letter to Sarah Foulkes Moore, co-editor of *The Herald of His Coming*, a splendid publication, and has been sent on to us through her courtesy. *Herald of His Coming* may be obtained by writing Box 3457, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles 54, Calif.)

How I did thank and praise God for opportunity to attend the Freeman Riverside meetings, and to see the mighty power of God working in such a marvelous manner!

My heart rejoiced as I saw the souls responding to the altar call for salvation, Brother Freeman pleading earnestly for them to respond, and praying for each one individually. (Contd. Page 2)



Four deaf mutes after being prayed for in Riverside meeting by Rev. Freeman are able to hear music, and even the tick of a watch. They now raise their hands in praise to God.

## Schedule of Freeman Meets

San Francisco, Cal.  
—Nov. 3-17, Glad Tidings Temple.  
Write Rev. Leland Keys, 1441 Ellis St., San Francisco.

Wichita, Kansas —  
Nov. 23-Dec. 5,  
Arcadia Hall.  
Write Rev. J. B. Wolverton, 2219 E. Central, Wichita.

Shreveport, La. —  
Dec. 8-12.

# Further Reports of Oakland and Riverside Meetings

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Rev. Irving Ford

## Oakland

blind eyes were opened and deaf ears were unstopped. Many had the sense of taste and smell restored. Others came forward, hundreds of them suffering from all manners of afflictions. God graciously met and delivered them.

The afternoon services at 2 P. M. were conducted by Rev. Gordon Lindsay and Rev. Leon Hall, both consecrated men of God who left large and successful churches in Oregon to enter wider fields of service. The evening services were glorious and awe-inspiring, the afternoon classes were of incalculable value. I should certainly urge every Christian who has the opportunity, to attend these meetings for the building up of faith and for instruction in receiving and keeping healing. These sessions are truly invaluable and all, including our ministers, received truth from God's word seldom found elsewhere.

The spirit of unity among pastors and people alike was refreshing and very precious. We do appreciate the spirit shown by these servants of the Lord—and we do agree with them whole-heartedly that God is interested in healing the Body of Christ—the great body of believers—as well as in healing individual bodies.

All appreciated the forceful yet humble ministry of Brother Freeman and the party, and the "sane, sensible, spiritual and Scriptural" conduct of the meetings, with their wholesome results. It is the unanimous conviction of all participating that God was in our midst and that the fragrance of the meetings will continue on in many, many hearts until Jesus comes.

## Riverside

vidually who came forward, before sending them back to the inquiry room to

pray through. I was very conscious of the power and presence of the Lord in the midst of His people.

I marvelled as I saw the power of God manifest to heal. I have known people who were healed, but never before have I witnessed myself, what I saw in these meetings.

### YOUNG MAN, A HOPELESS CASE, RISES FROM STRETCHER

On Saturday night, there was a young man brought in on a stretcher, from an outside town in an ambulance. He had cancer of the blood; his blood vessels were all eaten away, and he could be given no more blood transfusions, for they gave him convulsions. He had the ghostly pallor of death on his face, and he was gaunt and bony and lifeless-looking, except for his eyes, which seemed to have a look of expectancy in them. The air seemed full of suspense, as people prayed and sang choruses. At the front entrance I saw one of the ambulance drivers in his white suit, waiting to carry the young man back. A note was sent up to Brother Freeman that they were waiting for him. After reading this, he signalled for the ushers and two orderlies to carry the young man up to the platform. He was lying there so still, so seemingly lifeless, it did not seem as though he could have strength enough to rise from that cot or stretcher he was lying on.

Brother Freeman talked to him while the congregation was singing. We did not know what he said, but later we heard he asked him if he would rise up after being prayed for. Brother Freeman prayed for him, gave his hand to the young man, and

commanded him to rise in the Name of Jesus Christ—and—he did! What a shout of praise ascended from the congregation! The young man looked up, his face aglow, marvelling himself at the miracle. He lifted first one leg and then the other and shook it, and walked around the platform, and I know that his heart must have been lifted in praise and adoration to God for what He had done. The ambulance drivers or orderlies, I presume they were, stood behind the wings, reverently and in awe. They perhaps thought to carry him down, but the stretcher had been removed, and he walked down himself. They told someone they knew that he was not able to stand—and yet he did!

### HEARING AIDS LEFT BEHIND

One night there were perhaps four or five with hearing aids delivered and left their hearing aids behind. Then there was one little girl, who had been deaf from birth. God undertook for her too, and we could see the pleased expression on the little girl's face when she listened to the ticking of Brother Freeman's watch. Brother Freeman clapped his hands behind her back and hearing the noise she began to cry. Another night there was a young girl who had no hearing in her left ear, in fact really had no ear at all, only a piece of flesh there—not a perfectly formed ear and no opening at all. After prayer she was able to hear out of the left side of her head, with the right ear closed up. She repeated words and phrases after Brother Freeman.

### BLIND YOUTH RECEIVES SIGHT

One of the most miraculous incidents  
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Oakland Bay Area Full Gospel Ministers sponsor Freeman Campaign in Oakland, Calif. Pictured from left to right are: Rev. Fred Atwell, Rev. Silas Gaether, Rev. Ernest Shores, Rev. R. H. Moon, Rev. Irving Ford (chairman of committee), Rev. Gordon Lindsay, Rev. William Freeman, Rev. Leon Hall, Rev. Ellsworth Krogstad, Rev. Winston Nelson, Rev. Dale Dawson, Rev. John K. Hubbard. A number of the ministers' wives are sitting in the front row. Rev. Eleanor Johnson sits second from the left. This was a splendid example of ministers cooperating in a city-wide effort to reach souls.

## 20,000 People Attended the World's Largest Full Gospel Rally Ever Held, at the Hollywood Bowl, September 29, 1948

# History Making Youth Rally

BY REV. LOUIS HAUFF



REV. LOUIS HAUFF, San Bernardino, Calif.

(Since it is the policy of THE VOICE OF HEALING to encourage the unification of the people of God in great efforts to reach the unsaved masses, it is our pleasure to report this history-making union rally which, incidentally, it was the privilege of the editor to attend.)

On Monday evening, September 27, a history-making Full Gospel Youth Rally was enjoyed by 20,000 people at the Hollywood Bowl, Hollywood, California. This, no doubt, was the largest Full Gospel Rally in America, and probably in the world. This meeting had been planned for six months, after the great Rally at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, March 29, when over 5,000 were turned away after the Shrine was filled with 8,000 people. Interest and enthusiasm had increased as the date drew near and was climaxed by a Bowl packed with people from all over Southern California. Many came from farther distances, with a group coming from the State of Washington. A week of very cool weather was followed by a warm day, which made it comfortable in this open-air meeting. The Lord graciously sent ideal weather for this momentous occasion.

Over 800 Full Gospel Churches in Southern California cooperated with representatives present from the Assembly of God, Church of God, Foursquare, Independent Full Gospel, Pentecostal Church

of God, Pentecostal Holiness, and others.

A number of national officers of the various groups came several thousand miles to be present. Great blessings swept over the vast audience during the service, with the air filled with praises to God and shouts of victory. It was a night long to be remembered by those who had the happy privilege to attend. Chartered buses and local Church busses filled the parking area, with many of them coming several hundred miles for the meeting.

At 7 P. M. the meeting opened with a symphonic band concert, conducted by James Boersma, director of the Angelus Temple Silver Band, and George Baldwin, director of the East Los Angeles Military Band. As the band played every seat in the Bowl was filled. The pledge to the American Flag was led by Claude White, youth leader of the Pentecostal Holiness Churches. An enthusiastic and inspiring song service was led by Harry Myers, National Youth Secretary of the Assemblies of God, with Audrey Mieir at the piano and Paul Mickelson at the organ. Chaplain Howard Rusthoi of the Foursquare Churches gave the official welcome. Bill Lewis, Christ Ambassador President of the Southern California District, and co-chairman of the Rally, presented the various church and youth leaders who were present. Words of greeting were given by many of them.

Outstanding choir selections were given by a combined youth choir arranged and conducted by Audrey Mieir. The grand finale number, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was sung by the combined youth choirs, a mixed quartette, and special singing by a girls' trio on the hillside above the Bowl, and a male quartette on the hill on the opposite side of the Bowl. This was accompanied by the Symphonic Band and the Carillonic Bells. Various colored lights were played upon the platform over which was a huge sign, "Christ Is the Answer." Harold Chalfant, International Director of the Foursquare Crusaders and co-chairman of this rally, spoke of plans for future rallies of this sort.

The inspiring and convincing message of the evening, "The Answer for the Youth Problem," taken from the text, "Christ Is All," was brought by Ray Hughes, outstanding youth evangelist of the Church of God, from Cleveland, Tennessee. The blessing of the Lord was upon the ministry of the Word, and God confirmed it with a glorious altar service. As the invitation was given, hundreds responded for salvation and deeper experiences in the Lord. 1500 trained personal workers were in their places ready to assist those who were hungry to seek the Lord. Eternity alone will reveal the great work accomplished in this inspiring, history making Youth Rally.



Ministers, choir and orchestra at the Hollywood Bowl Rally, September 29, 1948.

# IS HEALING FOR ALL?

Condensed From F. F. Bosworth's Book,  
"Christ the Healer."

Is it the will of God to heal all who have need of healing, and to fulfill the number of our days? The greatest barrier to faith of many seeking healing is the uncertainty in their minds as to whether it is the will of God to heal *all*. Nearly everyone knows that God heals *some*. But there is much modern theology that keeps people from knowing what the Bible clearly teaches—that healing is provided for *all*.

Faith begins where the Will of God is known. If it is the will of God to heal only some of those who need healing, then none have any basis for faith unless they have a special revelation that they are among the favored ones. Appropriating faith is not believing God can, but God will.

## A CORRECTED THEOLOGY

Among those who sought healing in the days of Christ's earthly ministry was the leper who said, "Lord if thou wilt thou canst make me clean." The first thing that Christ did was to correct his theology by saying, "I will, be thou clean." There is no doctrine more clearly taught in the Scriptures than that it is God's Will to heal all who have need of healing, and that they may fulfill the number of their days. Someone may say, "If healing is for all then we shall never die." But Divine healing goes no further than the Bible promise. God does not promise that we will never die, but He says, "I will take sickness away from the midst of thee . . . the number of days I will fulfill" (Exodus 23:25,26). Now the days of our years are threescore and ten (Psm. 90:10). Take me not away in the midst of my days (Psm. 102:24).

The Rev. P. Gavin Duffy writes on this point:

"He has allotted to man a certain span of life, and His Will is that life shall be lived out. I want you to recall that all those He called back from the dead were YOUNG PEOPLE who had not lived out their fullness of years; and in that very fact we may well see His protest against premature death . . . of course, we may not expect that the old shall be physically young, but if the allotted span has not been spent we have a right to claim God's gift of health; and even though it be past, if it be His will that we should continue here for some time longer, it is equally His will that we should do so in good health."

## READ THE WILL AND KNOW

If we would know what is in a will let us read the will. If we would know God's will on a subject, let us read His will. Suppose a lady should say, "My hus-

band who was very rich, has passed away; now I wish I knew whether he left me anything in the will." I would say to her, "Why don't you read the will and see?" The word "Testament" legally speaking, means a person's will. The Bible contains God's last will and testament, in which He bequeaths to us all the blessings of redemption; and since it is His last will and testament, *anything later is a forgery*. A man never writes a new will after he is dead. If then it is said that the days of miracles are past, it is virtually saying that the will is no good after the death of the testator. Jesus is not only the testator who died; He was resurrected, and is also the mediator of the will. He is our lawyer so to speak, and He will not beat us out of the will as some earthly lawyers do. He is our representative at the right hand of God.

God has not left His people in ignorance of His will. In the 15th chapter of Exodus He revealed His Redemptive Name, Jehovah Rapha, translated, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." This is God's Word, "settled in heaven," a never changing fact concerning God. And God is "I am" Jehovah Rapha, not "I was" Jehovah Rapha. Who has authority to change God's Redemptive names? Instead of abandoning His office as Healer, He is "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever."

## HEALING IN THE PSALMS

The Psalmist David, in his time, understood healing to be a universal privilege. In the 103rd Psalm we see that he believed that the mercy of healing was as universal a privilege as the mercy of forgiveness. He calls upon his soul to bless God, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thy diseases." "Who forgiveth all" is as permanent as "Who healeth all," for the identical language is used in reference to both mercies.

Now the question may well be asked of those who teach that it is not God's will to heal today, "Why would God withdraw this Old Testament mercy from this better dispensation?" Should not He who is the same yesterday, today and forever, continue these same mercies through this better dispensation?

## JESUS BORE OUR SICKNESSES

Many today say, "I believe in healing, but I do not believe it's for everyone." If it is not how can we pray the prayer of faith for any, or even for one, until we have a revelation by the Spirit that we are praying for the right one? If it is not God's will to heal all, then no man can ascertain the will of God Himself from the Bible. Are we to understand from these teachers that we must close our Bibles and get our revelation direct from the Spirit, before we can pray for the sick,

because the will of God cannot be ascertained from the Scriptures? How did the friends of those who were sick in the days of Christ know which ones to bring to Him for healing? "Now when the sun was setting, ALL they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto Him; and He laid hands on everyone of them and healed them" (Luke 4:40). All were healed. If you had been there and were sick, you would have been brought, and would have been healed the same as the others. Matthew in his record tells why Jesus made no exceptions.

"He healed them all, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." (Read Matt. 8:14-17).

## CHRIST HEALED ALL

We see throughout the Gospels that in bringing the sick to Christ for healing, it was repeatedly stated that they brought them ALL. If according to modern tradition, it is God's will for the sick to remain so for His glory, is it not strange that there should be not even one of this class in all the multitudes brought to Christ for healing? By healing the epileptic (Mark 9:14-29) Jesus proved it to be the Father's will to heal even this one whom the disciples divinely commissioned to cast out demons, failed to deliver. Jesus in healing him, shows that failure proved nothing but unbelief.

Many in our day have taught that Christ performed miracles of healing just to show His power and prove His Deity. This may be true, but it is far from being all the truth. He would not have to heal all to show His power; a few outstanding cases would prove this. But the Scriptures show that He healed because of His compassion and to fulfill prophecy. Others teach that He healed the sick to make Himself known, but in Matt. 12:15,16, we read: "Great multitudes followed them, and He healed them all, and charged them that they should NOT MAKE HIM KNOWN."

## GOD'S USE OF BODILY AFFLICTION

If sickness, as some think, is the will of God for His faithful children, then it is a sin for them to desire to be well, to say nothing of spending thousands of dollars to defeat His purpose. I truly thank God for all the help that has ever come to sufferers through the physician, through the surgeon, the hospital and the trained nurse; but if sickness is the will of God, then to quote one writer: "Every physician is a law-breaker; every nurse is defying God Almighty; every hospital is a house of rebellion, instead of a house of mercy," and instead of supporting hospitals, we ought to do our utmost to close every one. If this modern theology is true that God

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### A NIGHT IN THE FREEMAN HEALING CAMPAIGNS

(Photos taken by Harry D. Gill, 3071 Crescent, San Bernardino, Calif.)

1. The municipal auditorium located at Seventh and Lemon Streets, Riverside, California. Seating capacity was one-third filled the first night. The auditorium was filled by the sixth night. After that many hundreds were turned away.

2. As Rev. Freeman approaches the building he discovers that it has been filled to capacity by five o'clock, with a multitude standing on the outside unable to get in. He begins to pray for the sick on the front steps. (Brother Freeman may be seen in the center background.)

3. Inside the auditorium are approximately 2,000 people. Perhaps as many more were denied admittance. After bringing a message on salvation, Rev. Freeman gives a call for sinners to come forward. (See photo No. 6.) In the two services of this day, approximately 175 respond, for whom Brother Freeman prays personally. With the altar call completed and after a few minutes of instruction to those who are to be prayed for, Brother Freeman begins to pray for the worst cases—the deaf, blind, dumb, cancer, T. B. and those on cots. A girl with one eye completely blind has just been prayed for. The good eye is shut off, and the girl now identifies the thumb of Brother Freeman's hand. She also is able to count the number of fingers raised.

4. A completely deaf child is prayed for and now listens to the tick of a watch for the first time. Note the expression of pleasure upon the face of the boy, who apparently is a very intelligent lad.

5. A girl entirely deaf, but who can read lips, is brought up for prayer. Instantly, she is delivered and can now hear the music. The audience notes that she is able to repeat words spoken from the side where lip-reading is impossible. Notice the expression of amazement and joy upon the face of the lady who brought the girl, as she now realizes that the girl can hear.

6. This is the scene described in No. 3.

7. By this time many glorious scenes which we haven't space to record have been witnessed. A woman who has been operated upon for cancer a few days before, and given up as hopeless, has been prayed for and left her cot. A little child born blind is able to see and reach for an object in Brother Freeman's hand. A woman receives the sense of taste and smell. Numbers of deaf and dumb people hear and utter sounds for the first time. It is now long past 11 P. M., but there are many yet to be prayed for. The line files past Brother Freeman as he continues to pray for the afflicted.

(Note: Not all these scenes were snapped on the same night.)

# 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:** If one has the Gifts of Healing, is it necessary for the individual who is prayed for to have faith?

**ANSWER:** Many people have the idea that if one has the Gifts of Healing, he may go about healing indiscriminately. This is far from true. A certain degree of faith is always required. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is not something into which we are educated, but rather it is natural to the human being until he gets old enough to drift into sin or to mingle with unbelievers and that natural faith is lost. Children generally have sufficient faith to be healed. Older people are more shrewd, more sophisticated, more worldly wise. They need Biblical instruction in order to rebuild their faith. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

There is no doubt that Paul had Gifts of Healings, and perhaps the Working of Miracles (Acts 19:11); but he did not attempt to heal everyone. When he saw the lame man at Lystra, it was only when he perceived "that he had faith to be healed" that he said, "Stand upright on thy feet."—Acts 14:8-9.

Jesus certainly possessed the Gifts of Healings and Miracles in their most perfect manifestation. Yet in unbelieving Nazareth, "he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them."—Mark 6:5.

**QUESTION II:** Why does the Scripture speak of Gifts of Healing in the plural? Is one Gift given to one person and another Gift of Healing given to another person?

**ANSWER:** No. I Cor. 12:9 plainly states that the Gifts of Healing are given to one person . . . "to another gifts of healing by the same Spirit." It is evident that the various gifts are given to effect deliverance from the various types of affliction. In watching the ministry of different ones to whom God has given Gifts of Healing, one observes at times that certain types of affliction go more readily than others. This is because of the fact that with some, the

ministry of certain of the Gifts is more highly developed. If the individual will continue to seek God and exercise faith, he will find that all the Gifts will function equally well. The casting out of demon spirits, the giving of sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, deliverance from inward afflictions, healing of skin diseases, require various manifestations and operations of the Gifts of Healing. The Gifts are developed and perfected through use. That is why Paul admonished Timothy to "stir up the Gift of God which is in thee by the putting on of my hands."—I Tim. 1:6.

**QUESTION III:** Does God heal sinners?

We like Evangelist Carl Henry's brief answer which is very much to the point but covers the question. "There is only one promise for the sinner: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you' (Matt. 6:33). Healing is primarily the children's bread. There have been instances where God has healed unsaved persons, but He has not promised to do so. Thus the sinner cannot expect God to answer prayer for him unless he is willing to meet the requirements."

It is sin that has brought sickness into the world. For one to seek relief from the

penalty of sin, without turning from sin is like one who seeks to be relieved from the pain of arsenic poisoning while he continues to swallow arsenic.

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## ACCOUNT OF RIVERSIDE FREEMAN MEETING

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to me, was seeing a blind young man receive his sight. I do not believe that he could have been much more than 17 or 18, and he had such a sweet face. He had been there in the afternoon meeting, sitting just in front of us with an older woman. They both went up for salvation in the afternoon, and he first received his spiritual sight. He went on the platform, led by a woman, I suppose his mother. Brother Freeman prayed for him, then he waved his hand in front of the boy and asked him to follow the direction of his hand, and you could see his head move from side to side as Brother Freeman's hand moved. He then moved his hand up and down and the boy's head moved up and down. He then asked the boy if he could see the lights in the auditorium. The boy replied that he could, so Brother Freeman asked him to point them out. The large congregation was almost breathless as one by one, he pointed out the different locations of the lights. As he did it the boy seemed to be filled with wonder at this mighty thing which God had done for him. He seemed lost in amazement and gratitude. Oh I know how I would feel myself!

Another came up with a tumor on his shoulder, and while he was prayed for

the tumor melted away. Another girl with cross eyes had her eyes straightened and was healed of arthritis. For years she had been unable to play the piano and the next afternoon she played for the meeting. A woman testified she had been prayed for, and God had lengthened her leg.

Another little girl had the bone for the hip bone socket missing, and the case was supposed hopeless. Brother Freeman held her in his arms, and then put her on the platform. Have you ever seen anyone hold a little puppy in their arms and then put it down? If you have you will know how they will run and scamper away. This is how the little girl did. If you could have seen her so limp and seemingly without vitality a few minutes before, and then seen her straight, and to see her running, you too would have marvelled at the mighty power of God.

There were many other mighty things done, but I have only written in detail of a few which impressed me the most. I am so hungry to see this world-wide revival break forth. As I was in those meetings, and could see the mighty moving of God, I felt encouraged in my heart to believe that these are some of the "mercy drops" before the flood, He will pour out upon His people.

# HOW GOD GAVE ME A DIVINE HEALING MINISTRY

BY REV. ORAL ROBERTS (Condensed from *Healing Waters Magazine*)

My people have always known that I was to be specially used of God. One day my dear father, a minister of the Gospel, came to me and said, "Son, when you are grown you will conduct revivals in the largest auditoriums in the nation, and you will minister to the people." I pondered that statement in my heart, little realizing what I would have to go through before this came to pass.

In my childhood I was dubbed "Preacher" by my playmates. This name became distasteful to me, particularly when it was said in derision by the bully of the crowd. Many times I left the crowd in tears when they made me the topic of their conversation as the "Preacher."

While I knew I was "marked" by the Lord, I was deeply ambitious for a worldly career, having set my heart on a university education and a law career. I can see now how all this training was in the plan and purpose of God. I left home at an early age to work my way through school. It was then that I became sick.

## THE DREAD PALL OF TUBERCULOSIS

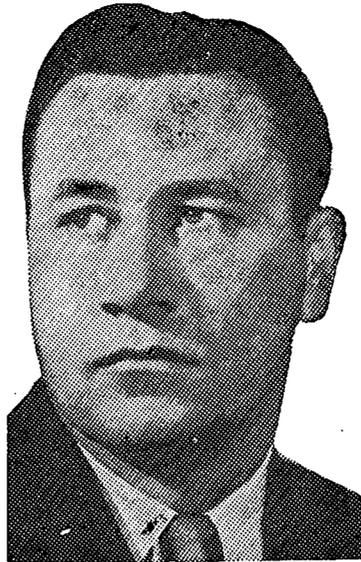
Tuberculosis has hung like a pall over my mother's people. Several of my mother's family died by this dread disease. When I took sick they all knew that it was T.B. They declared that I would die as the others had done. But my father and mother stoutly claimed that God's hand was upon me and would raise me up.

While I was away from home, my parents had prayed, "O God, bring our boy home at any cost. Don't let the world have him, he was born to be a preacher." Their prayers brought me home but not in the way they had expected. For five months I hovered between life and death, being under the care of three doctors. One day while I was taking some bitter medicine, I choked and came near dying. When I came to myself, I was screaming, "I'll never take another dose of that stuff; if I'm going to die let me die." I felt the end was near.

One night my father came to me and said, "Son, you must give your heart to God. I am not going to prayer meeting tonight but intend to stay at your bedside until I hear from heaven." My parents knelt and prayed and tears rolled down their cheeks. Father got up and came near me and knelt directly beside the bed, laid his hand upon me and poured out all the pent-up emotion of his soul. Up until this time I had been unmoved and untouched. But now I felt a strange feeling go through me, and when I looked up into his face I saw Jesus.

## GOD SAVES ME

I began to cry and pray. It was hard, so very hard for I had done some things for which I had to make restitution. I told God that I would make the wrongs right if he would save me. I became hoarse and



Oral Roberts

finally in a small whisper I told God that I would preach. Something struck my feet, coming up through my body, a light filled the room and before I realized it I was standing upright in bed and leaping and shouting. But I was not healed. Gradually I grew weaker and weaker and more despondent.

Arrangements were made to send me to the State T. B. Sanatorium. About this time my brother attended a Divine healing service in Ada, Oklahoma. He began telling us of all the sick people that had been healed and my parents began to rejoice. Mama said, "Son, I have told you all along that God would not let His child die; God is going to heal you."

## GOD SPEAKS TO ME—I AM HEALED

My brother placed his arms under my mattress and carried me tenderly to the car, and with my parents he drove off to the meetings. That Voice which I have heard many, many times since said, "I am going to heal you and you are to make me a promise that you will give me your life and take healing to the suffering people." A sweet assurance filled my soul.

That night I was the last one prayed for, and while my parents held me up, Brother Muncie laid his hands upon me in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and there just as the Voice promised me—the healing power surged through me and I was healed.

## I BEGIN TO PREACH

It took me time to recover and regain my strength, but two months later I was conducting my first revival behind the schoolhouse four miles from Ada. I went through some very rigorous exertions and sufferings, and I found that I had been really healed. However, I soon discovered that it is one thing to promise God a ministry of deliverance and another thing to be that minister. I spent several years

preaching in the accepted manner of dealing principally with souls, doing very little for the sick and afflicted.

## THE CRISIS—THE CRY OF THE SUFFERING

The crisis came in May 1947. God gave me several dreams and visions. I relived my deathbed struggles, once more I felt the body-shooting pains and the salty blood from my lungs. Then I heard it! The call of the sick and the suffering. It came from a distance and then very near, and I could see them! Bloodshot eyes, quivering hands, wasted bodies—stricken humanity. The ones Jesus loved enough to die for, the ones whose disease Jesus "took and bare." Like the roar of a great waterfall, the cry of the people swept over me. I heard it in my bed, I heard it in the pulpit, I heard it in the classroom.

## GOD GIVES ME MINISTRY OF DELIVERANCE

My precious companion knew what was troubling me and she encouraged me to keep the promise made to God. I told her, "Don't prepare another meal for me until I tell you. I have got to settle this thing with God." One day while out in a secret place in prayer, I lay stretched out on the floor, face forward, promising God that I would remain there until He gave me deliverance from fear, and assurance of power to heal the sick and cast out demons. Sweat broke out all over me and I appeared to be in a daze. Then I heard the Promise again. I was impressed to arise and get in my car and drive. As I rounded the first corner, these words were spoken to me, "From this hour you will heal the sick and cast out devils."

## I LAUNCH OUT

Knowing that this was the call of God, I launched out in a healing ministry. First in an extended campaign in Georgia where Mildred Wicks was pastor. The sick were brought from distant towns and preachers from all over Georgia attended. From there I went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, under a big tent. This meeting which was to last six days continued for nine weeks. Like a whirlwind this ministry has grown . . . the radio, the printed page, the spoken word, the ministry of anointed handkerchiefs sent to those whom I could not reach in person, the office, workers, equipment for the summer's work: new trucks, trailers, seats, organ, schedules in America's leading cities . . . all this has come like a dream.

## GOD DEALS WITH ME AGAIN

Then the Lord dealt with me again. This time directly in the healing line. Part of this is a secret between the Lord and His servant, but I can tell you this—God spoke to me that He was going to use my right hand and that I would know when the disease left and that I was to enter into the second phase of the ministry of deliverance.

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### The Call of God

(This beautiful poem was given by the  
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July, 1913).

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called thee,  
Into the glorious light of the day,  
Into the knowledge of God's own sal-  
vation,  
Entered through Jesus, the Truth, Light  
and Way.

He who hath planted within thine own  
bosom  
Conscious salvation through Jesus the  
Lord,  
Now waits to see the result of the ransom  
Fulfilled in thee through the Spirit and  
Word.

Yield then thy being, like Him, thine  
own Master,  
His way for thee is the way of the cross,  
Perfected He, e'en through sorrow and  
suffering,  
Obedient ever, even to death.

Here as with Him is the secret of victory,  
That having died, from the grave He  
arose,  
In the new life of power divine and  
majestic,  
Triumphing over death, hell and all foes.

Ascending upward above all the heavens  
Into the realms of glory divine,  
Reigning as Conqueror, sending His  
Spirit,  
Abiding ever in your heart and mine.

Thus in our nature the Spirit of con-  
quest,  
Presses us forward in God's Holy War,  
Advancing, compelling, delivering, de-  
stroying  
All powers of darkness wherever they  
are.

Through death to the victory, through  
trial to conquest,  
Through suffering to glory, dominion  
and power.  
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opened.  
To Jesus, to Heaven, to discipleship now.

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### Is Healing For All?

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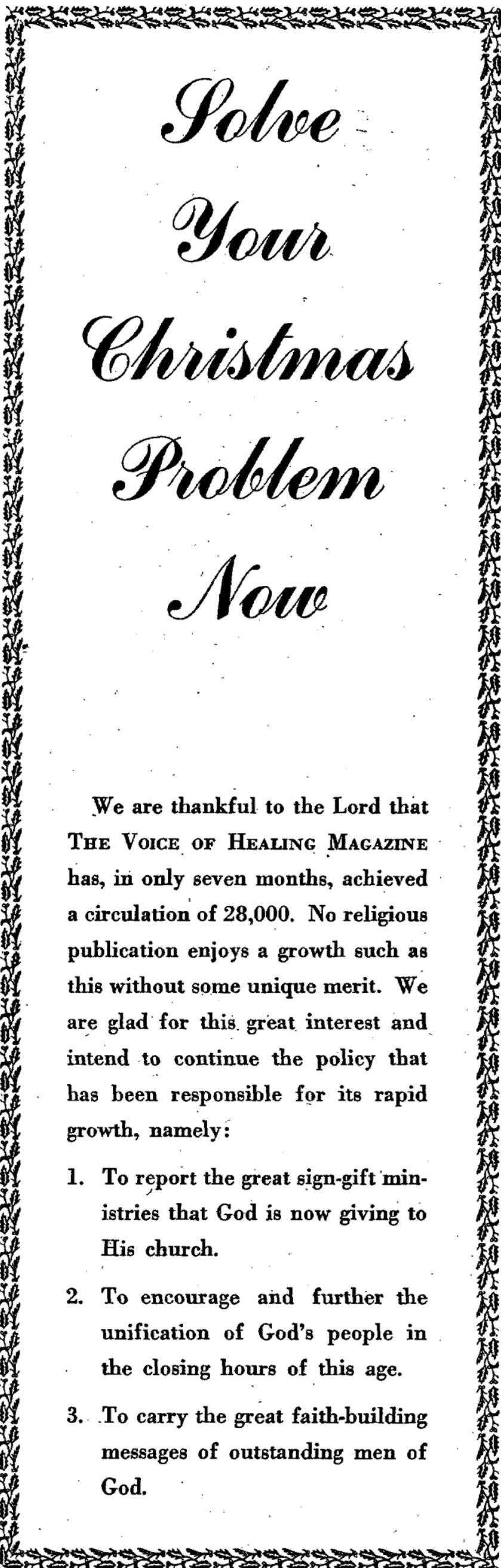
wants some of His worshippers to remain sick for His glory, then Jesus during His earthly ministry never hesitated to rob the Father of all the glory He could by healing all that came to Him. The Holy Spirit, too, robbed Him of all the glory He could by healing all the sick in the streets of Jerusalem. And Paul, too, robbed God of all the glory he could by healing all the sick on the island of Melita.

#### GOD DOES CHASTEN HIS PEOPLE

Does not God sometimes chasten His people through sickness? Decidedly yes! When we disobey God, sickness may be permitted, through the Father's loving discipline; but God has told us how it may be averted and avoided. "If we judge ourselves we should not be judged, but when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world" (I Cor. 11:31,32). These chastenings come to save us from final judgment; but when we see the cause of the chastening, and turn from it, God promises it shall be withdrawn. By self-judgment we may avoid chastening. Divine healing is not unconditionally promised to all regardless of their conduct. It is for those who believe and obey (Psm. 25:10).

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The Voice of Healing, Box 4097, Shreveport, La.

Dear Sirs:

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the above subscriptions to your magazine.

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# MIRACLES OF HEALING

*Testimonies of Miracles of Deliverance in the Freeman Healing Meetings*

## Healed Without Individual Prayer

Dear Brother Freeman:

I shall never forget the night of October 6. I had such a severe pain in my neck. I was in the line and it seemed that you would never get to me. But suddenly you stopped praying in the line, and said that you were going to pray for the whole multitude of sick folk. As you did the power of the Lord struck me and I was healed.

Two more who were riding with me that night were healed also. So you see God is doing an even greater work than you know.

Mrs. Ada McKinnon  
3502 Crestmore Road  
West Riverside, Calif.

## Healed by General Prayer For Audience

Dear Brother Freeman:

I praise the Lord for the wonderful deliverance I have had from sinus trouble. On Tuesday night, October 5, 1948, you prayed for the people in the audience and I was healed in my seat.

The odor of paint used to cause intense pain in my sinus and made my eyes swell. Last night I slept in a room where doors were freshly painted and it didn't bother me at all. It is joy unspeakable to see the deliverance wrought by the Lord through your ministry.

Thelma Snelgrass  
272 N. Calahash  
Fontana, Calif.

## Girl Born Without Ear Hears

Dear Brother Freeman:

I thank the Lord for a wonderful miracle. I was born with only one ear. The right one was folded down underneath my skin, and I couldn't hear anything out of it. But when Brother Freeman prayed for me, the Lord instantly gave me my hearing. I can even hear a lady's tiny wrist-watch tick. I give all the praise to the Lord.

Mary Ann Russel  
180 Magnolia Ave.  
San Bernardino, Calif.

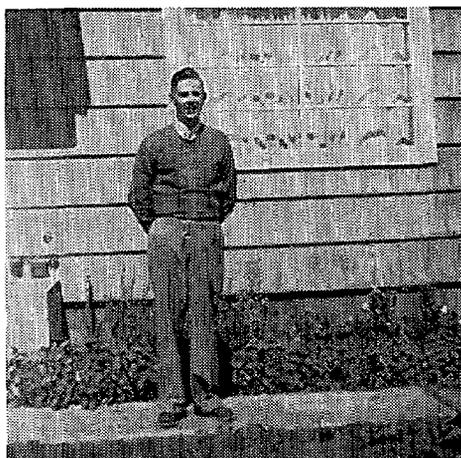
Editor's note: This was one of the first miracles of the Riverside, California, meeting. The congregation was mightily stirred when they witnessed this great healing. Mary Ann was back later in the meeting to testify again to what God had done for her.

## Cancer of Stomach Passed

Dear Bro. Freeman:

I am the man that had the cancer of the stomach you prayed for in Vallejo. You told me in four or five days I would be sick, and I was. But after that I felt it tear loose and open up. I thank the Lord that I have no cancer now. I am sound and well, and I have gained 16 lbs. May God bless you is my prayer.

Mr. Charlie Jones  
320 Miss. St.  
Vallejo, California.



Jack Owens, Jr.

Dear Brother Freeman:

I graduated last May from the Arkansas school for the deaf. My father and mother are both deaf. I came to Springfield, Oregon, last June to live with my sister.

I heard that Rev. Freeman was coming to Cottage Grove and Mr. William Coghurn took me there. I was healed, and now I can hear trains, airplanes and cars; my only trouble is that I can't understand what people say as I have never heard before. I will have to learn the meaning of words. I thank God so much that Rev. Freeman came to Cottage Grove to be used of God.

I wrote to my parents about my hearing. They were very surprised and happy. My Dad told Mr. Albert Middleton, whose wife had a bad cancer, about it. He phoned Rev. Freeman in California. He got on an airplane and went to pray for her. That night he preached and prayed for people at Union Mission Church. He prayed for my Dad and clapped his hands behind his ears to see if he could hear. He could hear it very easily several feet away, and could hear the piano, but could not understand people speaking. I am so thankful for Brother Freeman and God.

JACK OWENS, JR.  
3857 Virginia Street  
Springfield, Oregon

## Short Leg Lengthened

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii  
Aug. 20, 1948

I want the world to know what Christ's Blood can do today—all things are possible for those who believe all of the Word of God. At Brother W. W. Freeman's meeting in Grant's Pass, Oregon, I received overnight, healing of neuritis and a spinal injury which caused one leg to be shorter than the other. Also a double hernia is almost entirely healed. But I witnessed so many healings of the deaf, dumb and blind and those who had cancers that my own healing seemed as nothing in comparison.

It is my prayer that they will not be as the ten lepers, nine of whom forgot to thank our Lord and Saviour. You may send this testimony to The Voice of Healing if you think they could use it. I am very burdened for souls out here in Hawaii. How we need Brother Freeman's ministry out here to show people the power of God.

Dorothy Williams  
care M. V. B. Williams  
Duty 128 care F. P. O.  
San Francisco, Calif.

## Couldn't Afford Operation, The Lord Healed Her

October 2, 1948

Dear Brother Freeman:

I want to thank God for healing my body of female trouble. A doctor examined me a few months ago and said I needed an operation that would cost \$500. I was unable financially to go through with it. I was getting much worse the last few weeks, and was wondering what in the world I would do. I praise God for the privilege of attending the Freeman meetings. Brother Freeman prayed for me and God healed me. My faith has been greatly increased by the wonderful things God has been doing in these meetings.

Mrs. Florence M. Botts  
259 E. 11th St.  
San Bernardino, Calif.

## Undulant Fever and Arthritis Gone

Dear Brother Freeman:

I came back to God Wednesday night in the Riverside meeting. Thursday night you prayed for me. I had undulant fever, arthritis in all joints and the base of the skull, which caused fainting spells. Since that there has been no fainting spells and the ankle bones show for the first time in eight years. I am able to eat a full meal now. Thank the Lord.

Mrs. Helen Bown  
Dagget, Calif.

## The Third in a Series of the Gospel of Healing Classics

# THIS MOMENTOUS HOUR

BY DR. CHAS. S. PRICE, CONDENSED BY DEL GRANT

(The conversion of Dr. Charles S. Price, prince of preachers, from modernism to a gospel ministry that perhaps reached millions is a thrilling episode in the history of Christianity, paralleling almost the conversion of St. Paul. Dr. Price's first great healing campaign was conducted in the year 1922 in the city of Ashland, Oregon, where, incidentally, the editor was pastor a number of years later. Tentative arrangements had been made in the summer of 1946 for Brother Price to return to the community where his great evangelistic ministry began. Death intervened.)

In this remarkable message given shortly before his home-going, he visioned in the Spirit another and final great revival. He did not live to see it; both he and Smith Wigglesworth departed this life at about the same time. Undoubtedly what our brother saw is now coming to pass.)

This is one sermon in which it will be very hard for me to find a text. So for this sermon we are to depart from the accepted and traditional methods and ask the Holy Spirit's guidance and His glorious illumination of the truth rather than a homiletical exposition of a particular verse or phrase.

Now I warn you that Truth hurts! It burns! It consumes! It reveals the shamefulness of pride and lets us know how full of vanity is the vaunted wisdom of man. In the 30th and 31st chapters of Isaiah there is a central line of truth that thunders its indictment against all who turn to fleshly human methods, and who insist on clinging to the traditions of men and the worn-out formula of methods and movements which were good in their day, but having fulfilled their purpose they should make way for the unfolding revelation of God.

### FOR THE EXPERIENCES OF YESTERDAY WE PRAISE GOD

A dear friend of mine was talking to me about the transformation in my own ministry. He asked me whether or not in preaching this message of the NEW DAY, I was not lifting my voice in condemnation of the experiences of the days of yesterday. I told him, "No! Ten thousand times no!" For the experiences of yesterday I thank God! But I do not want to sit down in smug complacency and contemplate the visions of yesterday and the past. Neither do I want to discover that I have been going about in a circle and that all my efforts have brought me back to the place of my beginning.

### ONWARD AND UPWARD

Progress should ever be onward and up-



Dr. Price

ward. Once in the past we found the RAIN was falling! We discovered that the promise of the Lord had not been in vain and that this WAS a momentous hour of fulfillment. First came a little handful of people, then hundreds and later by the tens of thousands, the saints of the Lord turned a deaf ear to established ecclesiasticism and marched onto the ground which was once dry and parched to experience the refreshing showers of God's glory and grace. **BUT THIS WAS THE EARNEST OF THINGS WHICH WERE TO COME.** *It was the gathering of the first, fleecy clouds in the heavens of our God which were merely the heralds of the outpouring and the deluge which was to come later.*

Perhaps ecclesiastical systems are necessary walls of defense builded to protect ourselves and conserve our ministries. I would not push one of them down. But I am going to insist that they can't confine my Jesus within the walls of the denominational boundaries. You can't hold God's ocean in the little egg-cup of your human committees and forms and systems.

### IN VAIN WE PRAY FOR THE REVIVAL OF YESTERDAY

The song my heart is singing is, "Onward! Onward! Onward!" In vain will we pray for the revival of yesterday; or a return of what happened in the purposes of God, two or three decades ago. To sit

down and agonize and plead for a restoration of the things which contributed to the growth of the people of the Lord, two or three decades ago, is to miss the Divine Purpose.

Look at the revival which set Christendom aflame under the mighty ministry of Martin Luther. An apostate had a cross that was not the cross! They had a system whereby and through which they said, men could find salvation, but in which men were never really saved. They put the burden of earning Heaven upon the price that humans paid and sins were atoned for by the suffering of individuals instead of by the Man of Calvary!

Then the light broke! The holy flame from heaven touched the lips of Martin Luther with a live coal from off the altar. The angels shouted through the corridors of glory as the cry left his lips, "The just shall live by faith."

Hungry hearts everywhere started to open to the message. The revival was on! It was God's Plan. It was God's Purpose! It was foreordained and predestined. The hour for the declaration had been made in the chronologies of God. The angry forces of hell could do nothing to stop it. Through the heathered hills of old Scotland came the flaming evangelist, John Knox. He preached what Luther preached and MORE! He did not say, "Lord, send us what we had in Luther's day." For not a revivalist in human history has ever had the backward look. Revivals only come through those inspired men who look into the future and not into the past. He did not tear down the walls of Martin Luther, but he built more. Under the dynamic influence of his ministry an empire rocked. And the just, who were to live by faith and not by penance, heard now the story of the revelation of the Grace of God which had appeared unto all men. Remember also that as the established church fought Martin Luther, it also fought John Knox. Whether you like it or not, it is true, that *all the revivals have been born outside the church and not in it.* It is the decadency of our ecclesiastical systems which demands revival! The heavens begin to stir when the heart-cries of hungry people, who are not satisfied with the status quo, begin to pour through the portals and reach the ears and heart of God. Revivals never come through the smug complacency of self-satisfied churchianity. No man can ever see the light on the hills of tomorrow who is constantly looking longfully back at the road over which he came yesterday.

So when John Knox preached, the ecclesiastics who had accepted Martin Luther

began to shout, "Be careful" and "Beware. If this thing were of God why didn't Martin Luther have it?" But that holy man was anointed of God. Nothing could stop the flow of this onward, upward movement! It was ordained and blessed of God!

#### AFTER LUTHER AND KNOX CAME THE WESLEYS

Then came the Wesleys!—John and Charles; one the theologian; the other the psalmist! What a team! What a combination! 'And with what holy glory did the Father of us all crown their appointed ministries. Was this another revival, patterned after the old? IT WAS NOT! In all human history there were never two revivals alike. Once again, history repeated itself and the church started shouting, "Be careful." Out went the Wesleys! Out of fellowship; out of membership; out of places in which to preach; out into the countryside, of streams and hills and lakes where, like their Master, they could use a stone for a pulpit and the skies above for the dome of the cathedral, and the grassy hills would provide pews for their congregation.

So it was that Wesley preached the new message! It was holiness unto the Lord! Had Luther preached it? Had the predecessors of Wesley preached it? They had not! It was a new revelation. It was truth, flaming and burning in Wesley's soul put there by the Spirit of the Eternal. The fires of revival could not be put out. England and Christendom were aflame. Once again it was a revival outside established systems and organizations and it was a revival of a new revelation from the Hand and Heart of the Lord.

#### THE WELSH REVIVAL

In the British Isles another revival broke out, this time in Wales, and for want of a better name, we have called it the "Welsh Revival." It did not come through a preacher. Once again, it was not born in any established system. It started in the dust and the dark of a coal pit when a surrendered soul named Evan Roberts began to talk to his Lord, and his Lord began to talk to him. Vision and revelation swept across his spirit in kaleidoscopic procession until his cup became so full, he could contain it no longer. It was the thunder in the skies of God which heralded the coming of the latter rain and the falling of the showers of the Holy Ghost.

Was it the Wesleyan revival? It was not! Once again the ecclesiastics held up their hands in holy horror. When we sit down and read with gratitude in our hearts the story of an outpouring that literally rocked the world, we generally become acquainted with the victorious side and are thrilled with the stories of the conquests and the victories which were won. Very little is said of the battle; of the sarcasm; of the unbelief; of the incredulous and the fearful. But they were all there. But those garbed in the habiliments of religion were

as powerless and impotent as a stack of straw in a cyclone, for when God begins to move, all the powers of earth cannot stop His onward progress. The flames of this Holy Ghost outpouring blazed and roared until the voices of the critics were silenced, beneath the deluge of the manifestation of the glory of the Lord. So the Welsh revival fulfilled its purpose. It completed its mission. It had its day. The hearts of the redeemed were one more step up the rungs of the ladder which the Lord promised they should climb, until all that had been lost was restored.

#### THE LATTER-DAY HOLY GHOST OUTPOURING

Then came the Holy Ghost outpouring of a few decades ago. In India; in Leicester, England; in Los Angeles and in many more places on this far-flung globe of ours there came the simultaneous outpouring of the power of the Holy Spirit such as the world had never known since Apostolic days. Do you know who fought it the hardest? The battlecry went out, "This cannot be of God, because Moody and Finney and Sankey and Whitfield did not declare it. If this is good why did they not have it?" It disturbed the quiet content of self-satisfied systems which were perfectly happy to maintain the status quo and not go adventuring with the Holy Ghost along the lines of grace and truth and unfolding revelation.

#### WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?

But what about today? What about tomorrow? Sing my soul, for I hear the sound of abundance of rain! Yesterday we sang "Showers of Blessing," but now we are waiting for the DELUGE! It is coming and nothing can stop it. I presume that many of you will not love me for the statement I am about to make, but I cannot be true to the Lord and to my soul unless I declare what I believe is the truth. Like every other previous outpouring, this glorious experience which is about to burst over the world will not be the product of any established system. Established systems may experience it and enjoy it and flow along in the pure clear stream of its beautiful, onward flowing. Even then they may not do it as systems, but only as the multiplied thousands within their borders, who are hungry for God and are spiritually conscious of the fact that there is more to follow.

#### WONDERFUL DAYS TO COME.

*You have thought, have you not, that you have been in some glorious healing services? Perhaps you have and for them we praise the Lord. But wait a little while. I declare unto you that God is going to do better in your tomorrows than He has ever done in the past. I feel that like Joshua, who stood before the crossing of the Jordan, and under the anointing of the Spirit, he declared: "Ye have not passed this way before. Tomorrow the Lord will do WONDERS among you."*

#### SOME WANTED TO GO BACK TO EGYPT

But alas, some of the children of Israel, having been delivered from Egypt, wanted to go back there. They began to hunger for the old food just as the church systems of our day have hungered for the same thing. How well I remember I used to testify to people who shouted for victory with streaming eyes while they wept tears of joy, of things I had been delivered from—which we considered a necessary and integral part of the life of our church, the drama, the spectacular, the entertainment, the busy whirl of the wheels of social pleasures and activity. Little did I realize when I took the broom and swept the temple clean, and sang with the people, "Take the world and give me Jesus," that day would dawn when those identical things would creep in again, like the camel into the desert tent—first his head, then just a little more and a little more until, inside there is no space for anything left—but the camel.

They tell me these things are necessary. I do not believe it. I will not accept it. I cannot refrain from declaring it. There is no substitute for the sound of a-going in the top of the mulberry trees. You cannot find the equivalent to the power of the Holy Ghost. The kingdom of Jesus is not of this world. Let us keep it untouched, unsullied, and unspoiled by the world.

Thousands of hearts know there is a need. There is an intuitive consciousness that there is something better and richer and sweeter very near at hand. Many have tried this panacea and this cure-all for the things which have caused our malady and that ail us. So down we have gone to Egypt, perhaps not to dwell completely there, but at any rate to borrow a few horses and take a little ride in some gaily painted chariot, because they look so beautiful and so strong. But the Voice of the Lord is speaking. Throw open the window of your soul so that you can hear. The anointing of the Holy Ghost is upon the prophet Isaiah and he is declaring in thunder-tones the message of warning and reproach which should fall on our ears today. In the first part of his 31st chapter he declares:

"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 . . . they shall all fail together."—Isaiah 31:5-6.

#### A WARNING

What words of warning are these? What deep impending tragedy is implied in them? What a call from the eternal heavens to those who are spiritually alive to separate themselves from the world and the flesh, remembering forever that these things are barriers which hold back the

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# EXPLOITS OF FAITH

## TESTIMONIES FROM THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

*"But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."*—Daniel 11:32.

### Registered Nurse Healed As Bro. Branham Prays for Audience

Indian Gardens Ranch  
Savona, B. C., Canada  
July 12, 1948

While Bro. Branham held his meeting in Vancouver, November, 1947, I was unable to obtain a prayer card. But when Bro. Branham prayed for all present I was miraculously healed of heart condition and nervous condition. I had an enlarged condition on one side of my heart for 30 years or longer, which caused anemic condition to some extent.

As we all stood in reverence and prayer, I put my right hand over my heart. Bro. Branham started his prayer, and at that very instant I felt a severe pain in heart, tearing or crushing, at the same moment a "cloud of glory" came over me (like a heavy fog), covering me from head to my hips, and then left.

I knew my heart was healed, later knew my nerves were composed and the puffiness disappeared.

Praise God for all his blessings to every one. My prayer for Bro. Branham is that God give him strength to carry on to the end.

Mrs. M. Higginson, R. N.

### Young Man Healed of Crossed Eyes, Passes Kidney Stones

August 4, 1948.

I received my first issue of your publication today. Not only did I enjoy the inspirational articles, but I was happy to see that it was such a clean, neat job typographically.

I would like to submit my testimony of healing received when Brother Branham visited San Antonio in February of 1947. At that time I was instantly healed of a crossed eye. Also, sight has returned to that eye which was nearly blind from a paralyzed optic nerve. Also, about four or five days after being prayed for, I passed kidney stones and a persistent backache of long standing also disappeared, as well as a case of athlete's foot infection which I did not consider serious enough to list on my prayer card.

Frederick H. Drexler  
1302 E. Market St.  
Indianapolis 2, Ind.

### Tuberculosis Was Claiming Young Mother's Life; Prayer Restores Her

Sutherlin, Oregon  
August 3, 1948

How I praise God for His wonderful Gift of Healing, and for Bro. Branham's humble use of the gift He has given him.

It was in one of your services in Eugene, Oregon, that the Lord healed me of ulcers and T.B. which was rapidly taking my life.

Now I eat good and have strength to do my work and care for my three little children. What a joy to know the Lord cared enough for me to heal my body through Bro. Branham's ministry. I know He healed me to work for Him.

It is my earnest prayer that God will give Bro. Branham strength so that people in other lands may see God's power in action such as I did.

Mrs. S. E. Vaale.

### Woman Completely Healed While Bro. Bosworth Is Preaching

August 9, 1948

I am praising God for healing my body May 12, 1948, in the Tacoma Ice Arena. I was healed as I sat in the morning service listening to Brother Bosworth preaching on the love of God.

I had been ill for more than six years, having undergone two major operations, which left me with glandular disturbance, a serious blood calcium deficiency, and severe arthritis. At times during the last four and a half years I was not able to feed or dress myself and suffered terrible pain. Last November I was sent to the hospital, and when released I was taking thyroid tablets, hormones and calcium shots, but in vain as the doctor could not keep the calcium in my blood. But since Jesus touched my body three months ago, I have been well and have not taken any medicine or shots, and can do my work, even the yard work. Thank God.

I had been so weak I could not stay up during the day and be able to attend the night services too. But the Lord gave me so much strength that I was able to attend every service. Praise His Name. I didn't have to go into the prayer line, but was completely healed in my seat.

Mrs. Hilda Larson  
3571 Faucett Ave.  
Tacoma, 8, Wash.

### God Performs Operation After Anointed Ribbon Is Sent to Minister's Wife

September 11, 1948

I was suffering with a terrible heart affliction which bothered me all the time. My husband wrote to Brother Branham, and the day he sent the anointed cloth from his body I was instantly healed. My heart has been regular ever since.

Later, I had other afflictions in my body and wrote for another anointed ribbon. I had a tumor on my head; on Friday, September 3, at about 11 P. M. my scalp was opened and the tumor came out in my hand, roots and all, without one drop of blood. I saved the tumor and have it now in keeping. The hole in my head is healing very nicely. I praise the Lord for this wonderful deliverance.

Mrs. C. R. Farmer  
General Delivery  
Vernon, Ill.

### Another Minister's Wife Passes Tumor After Being Prayed For

October 1, 1948

My wife was prayed for in Brother Branham's meeting at Salem, Oregon, in November of 1947, and was healed instantly of a crushed lower spine and two lower vertebrae which were cracked and out of place. X-ray shows that it now is perfect. Also she passed a tumor hours after being prayed for, and a headache with which she had suffered for years has never recurred. Praise the Lord, it is now 11 months since her healing, and it is wonderful.

Rev. John T. Hauck  
Box 603  
Whitehall, Montana

### Spirit Witnesses to Woman As Ribbon Is Prayed Over

Sept. 1, 1947.

I received the ribbon that Brother Branham sent me and I must say that my throat and mouth are better than they have been in three years. I praise God for answering your prayer, for I know that you have prayed for me. At a certain time I felt as though you were praying for me, and I closed my eyes and the power of God came down over me and I began to speak in tongues. Then in three days I got the ribbon, and I am wearing it like you said.

MRS. ALICE DIVAN  
Route No. 1  
Dexter, Ky.

## Life Story of Rev. Wm. Branham

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that each one would get the right amount. I could go out this afternoon and get a whole box of milk chocolates, but it would never taste like that candy did. That was real candy. Sometimes I would suck on a piece of it, then wrap it up in a piece of paper and put it in my pocket. Then wait until about Monday and then suck on it again a while. My brothers would have eaten their candy up by then, and they would want to suck on my candy too. Those were great days, and I guess we can all remember those days.

So I stood there in that schoolhouse yard thinking on these things, of the days when I was a boy. This was just a little way from the bush where God first spoke to me in such a strange and wonderful way. And so as I thought of all those things that were past I began to cry. My wife and little girl looked up quickly from where they were picking violets. My wife came over and said, "Now you have come home to rest, you mustn't do that." She led me back to the car and we went home.

### DEATH TAKES MY FATHER AND BROTHER

Just about the time that my brother who went to school with me was old enough to go to work, he died. Then a little later my father died. I want to tell you how his life ended. There's a barroom in Jeffersonville called the Brown Derby. I had been saved a little while before that and was preaching in Jeffersonville at my tabernacle. Father came up one day; he was a likable fellow, always jolly and laughing. But sometimes he got under the influence of liquor. Once he ran into a tree. I was going by in a conservation truck, and I saw him and felt so bad. He was my dad. I went up to him and put my arm around him, and then he said, "Oh son, I don't want you to see me like this." I took him home and gave him some sweet milk and soon he was all right. Time went on, and I remember about two days before he died, he was coming along, and he met some fellows who wanted him to come into the barroom and take a drink. He picked up a glass in his hand and started trembling, and then he set it down. One of the fellows said, "What's the matter, Charles, are you weakening?" He said, "No." He lifted the glass and again he set it down. Then he looked around at the bar where all the fellows were sitting. He said, "Fellows, I've got a boy standing up there in the pulpit. He's right and I'm wrong. I've broken his heart over and over and over again. This is the last that I'm ever going to drink." About twenty-four hours later he was lying across my arms dying. He gave his heart to Christ a few hours before he died.

### MARRIAGE

I then was coming to the age of getting married. I was just a little country boy and I was real bashful. Considering how shy I was, you probably wonder how I

ever got married. Well, there are a whole lot of other bashful fellows in here and I guess I did like they did. So I'll tell you my experience.

I met a fine Christian girl. I thought she was a wonderful girl. My standard for a woman was one that didn't drink or smoke cigarettes. It was hard to find such a girl then and it is worse than ever now. I loved this fine girl and I wanted to marry her, but I didn't have nerve enough to ask her. But I knew I had to ask her soon—she was too good a woman to waste time with me—she would get someone else. I only made twenty cents an hour and her daddy made several hundred dollars a month. Every night when I would see her, I would say, "I am going to ask her tonight." And then a great big lump would come up in my throat and I just couldn't do it. I didn't know what to do. You know how I finally married her? I wrote her a letter and asked her.

Well, that letter had a little more romance in it than "dear miss." I did my very best to write a good letter, although I'm sure it was poor. So in the morning I got ready to put it in the mailbox. But then the thought occurred to me of what would happen if her mother got it. But I was afraid to hand it to her. Finally I got up enough courage to put it in the mailbox on Monday morning. Wednesday night I was supposed to meet her and take her to church. All that week before Wednesday I was really nervous. Wednesday night I went to see her. And as I went I thought, what will happen if her mother comes out and says, "William Branham!" Her mother was one of those women that could do that. I knew I could get along all right with the girl, but I wasn't so sure of the mother.

Finally I went to the door and called for Hope, the girl's name. She came to the door and said, "Will you step in?" I said, "If you don't mind I'll just sit on the porch." I made sure that they wouldn't let me get inside. She said, "All right, I'll be ready in just a few minutes."

I had an old model T Ford, but she said, "It's not far to church, let's walk." This alarmed me and I was sure something had happened. We went on to church but she didn't say anything. I was so nervous that night I didn't hear what the preacher said at all. You know a woman can keep you in suspense.

After we left the church, we started walking down the street—it was a moonlit night. But still she didn't say anything. At last I decided that she hadn't got the letter. This made me feel better. I thought that perhaps the letter had been misplaced by the postman, and soon I was my old self. Then she turned to me and said, "Billy, I got your letter." I said to myself, "Oh, what am I going to do now?" Finally I said, "D-did you read it?" She said, "Uhhuh." I got more nervous than ever. We were getting near the house.

I said, "Did you read it all?" She said, "Uh-huh." Now we were at the steps. I wondered if she was going to lead me in where her mother was. I said quickly, "What did you think about it?" She said, "It was all right." Well, we got married, so there we were.

Well, I didn't ask her mother, but I knew that I was going to have to ask one of her parents. So I thought that I would ask her dad, as we got along pretty good. One night I went up to where he was sitting in his Buick. You remember I had a model T Ford. So I said to him, "Say, that is a fine car you have." He said, "Yes, you have a nice Ford too." So I said, "Well—well—well—" He looked at me and said, "Yes, Billy, you can have her." Well, that was a relief. But I said, "But you know I can't make the living that you can give her. You know that I only make twenty cents an hour, digging ditches. But I will do everything that I can for her; I'll be true to her and love her with all my heart." And he put his hand upon my head and said, "Billy, I would rather you would have her than anyone that I know, because I know you will be good to her, and you will love her."

We were married and I don't believe that there was any place on earth that was any happier than our little home. It was wonderful. I became a minister just before that and was ordained. I had my first revival there in Jeffersonville; several thousand people attended it. Later we built a tabernacle. Had many hundreds of conversions during that time. We didn't have much furniture in that house—a folding bed, an old rug and breakfast set, an old stove that I bought from a junk dealer and put new grates in it. But, friends, it was home, and I would rather live in a shack and have favor with God than live in the best house there is.

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## This Momentous Hour

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flow of the Spirit of God and over which the power of the Lord will never climb. We have our choice, the issues are clear, the flesh must be crucified.

So it is I declare unto you this glorious radiant rift in the sky which is the herald of a new day and the breaking of a new morning which makes my heart to sing.

Did you hear the rumbling in the distant hills that heralds the coming of the storm? I have and I am listening to it now. I believe that I know what day it is. That is why when I read in the quiet of my heart, the prophecies of the inspired Isaiah, something begins to throb in the depths of my being. No use running around trying to wear out shoe-leather bringing this coming thing about. Listen to Isaiah as he says in verse 15: "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Some will accept it, others will refuse.

## The World in Prophecy

# NOVEMBER 1948 IN PROPHECY

## What Is About to Take Place in America?

BY GORDON LINDSAY

### THE STRANGE DREAM OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR

Nebuchadnezzar was the world dictator of his time, a circumstance that is not without interest at this present day when other men have been, and others still are, striving frantically to attain a similar position. In Daniel 4 we read that the king had spent a troubled and restless night. During hours of fitful sleep he witnessed a vision that left him in a state of uneasiness and foreboding. Believing that the dream had some important meaning, he called in the magicians, the astrologers and other mystics of his realm and asked them to interpret it. The conjurers of the occult arts, however, were unable to give a satisfactory explanation of the dream to the king.

The monarch then summoned the prophet Daniel, who once before had interpreted a dream for him. The king had been singularly impressed with this man of God, and was persuaded that his knowledge came from a higher source than that of the magicians and the astrologers. Daniel answered the summons and was forthwith ushered into Nebuchadnezzar's presence. The king repeated the request he had previously made of the sorcerers and the magicians. Could Daniel interpret the dream of the night before? The king was not disappointed. Daniel, in favor with God, would be able by Divine aid, to comply with the monarch's request.

The dream of Nebuchadnezzar was a singular one—a fact which made the king exceedingly desirous to learn its meaning. In the vision he had beheld a "great tree" which "grew and was strong and the height thereof reached unto heaven and the sight thereof unto the end of the earth." While the king observed and wondered "a watcher and a holy one" came down from heaven and proclaimed judgment against it. The tree was hewn down and the branches and the fruit and leaves were cut off and scattered. Nevertheless the Divine Decree stipulated that the "stump" was to be left "to be wet with the dew of heaven, and his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth. Let his heart be changed from a man's and let a beast's heart be given unto him, and let *seven times* pass over him" (Daniel 4:15, 16).

### INTERPRETATION SHOWED THE "TREE" TO BE THE KING

So Daniel interpreted the dream. He declared that it referred to none other than to the monarch himself. The mighty ruler of Babylon, like the tree in the vision, had become strong and powerful and had extended his dominion as it were to the ends

of the earth. But this exaltation had not made him humble nor had he recognized the Providence of God. Indeed the king had become proud and self-willed and considered that all had been accomplished by his own ability and might. Because of this impiety, God had decreed that the king was to become temporarily insane—his reason would leave him and he would believe that he was a beast of the field.

### "SEVEN TIMES" OR SEVEN YEARS OF JUDGMENT PASSED ON KING

Daniel then showed the king the purpose of the Divine Decree and urged him to immediate repentance, peradventure a reprieve might be granted, or the sentence mitigated:

"And *seven times* shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will . . . and that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule" (Dan. 4:26).

Perhaps the king was affected by the prophet's warning; nevertheless, not sufficiently to move him to repentance. So it came to pass according to Daniel's interpretation of the dream, that as the king was walking in his palace a year later, he spoke to himself and said: "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom of might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?" Instantly the Decree was executed. The king's reason fled from him and the palace servants felt it was necessary to humor the monarch's strange obsession by letting him dwell with the beasts of the field.

### WORLD EVENTS DO NOT HAPPEN BY CHANCE BUT ARE GOVERNED BY DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Afterwards "at the end of the days"—the *Seven Times* or seven years or 2520 days—Nebuchadnezzar's understanding returned to him, and he received his kingdom again. But in the meantime he had learned that "The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men."

There are certain facts apparent in this account of the dream and its fulfillment that are of great importance in the understanding of events transpiring today. *One is that events do not take place at random or by chance, but the Most High has ordained "watchers" who control the destinies of the kingdoms of this world.*

### THE SEVEN TIMES OR SEVEN YEARS

*The other fact is that there is a definite time-limit pre-determined in the Plan of God, which governs the length of all hu-*

*man kingdoms, and the periods of their authority and rule.*

Thus in this account of Nebuchadnezzar's dream and its interpretation, a period of "Seven Times" is spoken of in three different instances, as the length of time that the Babylonian monarch was deprived of his regal authority. The question now arises: How long is a period of Seven Times, and what bearing does this have upon events that are now transpiring?

The answer to this question is found elsewhere in the Scriptures. A comparison of Rev. 12:14 with 11:2-3 shows that "a time, times and a half time" (3½ times) is 1260 days or 3½ years of 360 days. Seven times are therefore seven years of 360 days or 2520 days. (Bible scholars know that there are "Seven Times" of years also and in this case the 2520 days stand for 2520 years.)

### THE "SEVEN TIMES" OR SEVEN YEARS IN THE SCRIPTURES

Seven in the Bible is a perfect number. It is understandable then that a period of seven years in Scriptural reckoning should be of exceptional importance. We have already seen that Nebuchadnezzar's insanity lasted seven years; there are many other examples. Thus the time of plenty which preceded the great famine in Joseph's day continued just seven years (Gen. 41:29). The famine which followed also lasted seven years.

The Jubilee, one of the most important events in Israel's national life was to occur after seven periods of seven years each (Lev. 25:8). David reigned over Judah, before the Northern tribes accepted his authority, seven years (II Sam. 2:11). The great temple of Solomon was seven years in building (I Kings 6:38). The first seven years of the Millennium will be required to cleanse the land of Israel from the debris of Armageddon (Ezek. 39:9). Moreover the Seventy Weeks of Daniel are periods of seven years each. According to that prophecy (Daniel 9) 69 of these were to transpire before the death of the Messiah. The Seventieth or climaxing Week is, of course, also a period of Seven years.

### THE REMARKABLE SEVEN-YEAR OR 2520-DAY PERIODS OF TODAY

It may be understood then that the Seven Times in days is a span of time of extraordinary importance in Bible history and prophecy. *We may note that these seven-year periods are just as remarkably marked today, and show perfect proof that "The Most High" has "watchers" who are ruling and overruling the events of the world today!*

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1.

**WORLD WAR I ERA**  
2520 DAYS

Aug. 1-4, 1914  
World War I begins.

July 2, 1921  
War officially ends with U. S.  
signing peace with Germany.

2.

**POST WAR ERA**  
2520 DAYS

Nov. 11, 1918  
Armistice signed.

Oct. 5, 1925  
Locarno Era begins.

3.

**PALESTINE PROSPERITY ERA**  
2520 DAYS

Aug. 10, 1920  
Sevres Treaty gives Palestine  
to Jews.

July 4-11, 1927  
Palestine Earthquake killing  
hundreds.

4.

**DISARMAMENT ERA**  
2520 DAYS

Nov. 10, 1921  
World Disarmament Confer-  
ence opens.

Aug.-Sept. 1928  
Briand-Kellogg Pact outlaw-  
ing war is signed by most im-  
portant nations.

5.

**PEACE TO WAR ERA**  
2520 DAYS

Aug.-Sept. 1928  
Briand Pact outlawing war  
signed.

July 15-22, 1935  
Mussolini breaks pact; mob-  
ilizes for war.

6.

**DEPRESSION ERA**  
2520 DAYS

Oct. 20-27, 1929  
Stock Market Crash.

Sept. 16, 1936  
Economic Cycle reaches nor-  
malcy (By Babson charts).

7.

**AUSTRIA CYCLE**  
2520 DAYS

March 21, 1931  
Germany signs custom union  
with Austria.

March 12, 1938  
Germany swallows up Austria.

8.

**WESTERN EUROPE PEACE ERA**  
2520 DAYS

June 7, 1933  
Hitler signs Peace Pact with  
European nations.

May 10, 1940  
Hitler invades Western  
Europe.

9.

**HITLER'S SUPREMACY ERA**  
2520 DAYS

Aug. 2, 1934  
Hindenburg dies; Hitler su-  
preme.

June 22, 1941  
Hitler attacks Russia; decline  
begins.

10.

**INVASION CYCLE**  
2520 DAYS

July 7, 1937  
Japan invades China; War be-  
gins in Orient.

June 6, 1944  
Allies invade Europe—D Day.

11.

**JEWISH CYCLE**  
2520 DAYS

June 22, 1941  
Hitler supreme; kills 6,000,-  
000 Jews; invades Russia.

May 16-26, 1948  
Jews establish independent  
state, Hitler gone.

12.

**MUNICH TO PEACE ERA**  
2520 DAYS

Sept. 27, 1938  
Hitler defies World at Munich.

Aug. 14, 1945  
World War II ends.

13.

**WORLD WAR II ERA**  
2520 DAYS

Sept. 1, 1939  
World War II begins; Invasion  
of Poland.

July 27, 1946  
Nations gather to draw up  
Peace Treaty.

14.

**AMERICA—NOV. 1948?**  
2520 DAYS

Dec. 7, 1941  
Japs attack Pearl Harbor.

Nov. 1948  
New Deal Regime ends? What  
else?

## NOVEMBER IN PROPHECY

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### FIRST EXAMPLE IS WORLD WAR I WHICH LASTS 2520 DAYS!

*Our first example is that of World War I which from its beginning to the conclusion of the final peace, was 2520 days!* On the fateful day of August 4, 1914, Great Britain declared war on Germany. Four long years of bitter conflict followed. The flames of war spread until they enveloped practically every nation of the earth. Before the conflict ended, nearly ten million men died in the field, while other millions of non-combatants perished by starvation and epidemics.

An Armistice ended actual hostilities, but this was not peace—the Armistice merely suspended fighting on the several fronts. Later Britain and France and Italy signed the Versailles Treaty. But the U. S. Senate rejected this treaty and refused to ratify it. Technically therefore Germany was at a state of war until July 2, 1921, when a separate peace treaty was drawn up and signed. Notice then that World War I officially ended 2520 days or Seven Times after it had begun! Thus we see that Seven Times in modern times as in Bible days marks a distinct era of time. This is but one of many examples. Notice the charts on these pages for illustration of a number of these periods.

### POST-WAR ERA—PALESTINE ERA

For example, from the Armistice to the great European Treaty of Locarno which governed Europe during the inter-war period was 2520 days or Seven Times.

The Palestine prosperity era lasted 2520 days. On August 10, 1920, the Treaty of Sevres concluded with Turkey giving control of Palestine into the hands of the British, who then permitted the Jews to return to Palestine. Seven Times or 2520 days later brings us to July 4-11, 1927. At this very date came the historical earthquake which shook Palestine and Transjordan. Many hundreds of people were killed. Part of Jerusalem was destroyed. This event ended the prosperity era, and from then on coincidentally Arab hostility flared up in the form of raids and systematic forays. The seven years of prosperity had ended.

### WORLD PEACE PACT LASTS SEVEN TIMES

On November 10, 1921, a World Disarmament Conference opened at Washington for the purpose of scrapping capital ships and condemning war. Seven Times later at the end of summer 1928 the famous Kellogg-Briand Pact for outlawing war was drawn up and signed by the principal nations of the world. Then Seven Times after that during the week of July 15-22, 1935, Mussolini in defiance of the Pact mobilized for war against Ethiopia.

### DEPRESSION LASTS 2520 DAYS

During the last week of October, 1929, the great Stock Market Crash came with the result that speedily plummeted the world into the throes of the Great Depres-

sion. Not till Seven Times later, 2520 days, did economic levels return to normalcy. Roger Babson, world's most noted statistician, showed that this occurred in the middle of September, 1936.

Many European events foreshadowing each other in sequence occurred just Seven Times apart. For example, on March 21, 1931, Germany and Austria signed a custom union. Seven years later during the period of Feb. 12-March 12, 1938, Hitler moved into Austria and swallowed it up. In October, 1931, the League assembled to condemn Japan for aggression in Manchuria but did nothing about it. Seven Times later, England gave in to Hitler in the ill-fated Munich appeasement, which led to World War II.

### EVENTS OF WORLD WAR II

On October 18, 1932, Britain denounced and abrogated treaties with Russia because she used slave labor in her commerce. Just Seven Times later, found Russia making her own Pact with Germany and together they invaded and despoiled Poland in World War II.

On June 7, 1933, Hitler signed a peace pact with the most important nations of Europe. Just 2520 days or Seven Times later, Hitler invaded the Low Countries, bringing all Europe except Russia under his subjugation.

Hitler came into complete power over Germany with the death of President Von Hindenburg on August 2, 1934. Seven Times later, on June 22, 1941, Hitler reached the summit of his power and the beginning of his decline, when he turned on Russia and attacked her.

### SEVEN YEARS TILL THE TABLES ARE TURNED

On July 7, 1937, Japan invaded China which marked the beginning of continuous war until the Axis power was destroyed. Seven Times later on June 6, 1944, the tables were turned and the Allies on D-Day began the invasion of Hitler's iron fortress, which effort was successful and resulted in the overthrow of the Axis.

### THE 2520 DAYS OF HITLER'S SUPREMACY TO JEWISH STATE

Hitler's greatest hatred was against the Jews and he succeeded in taking the lives of perhaps 6,000,000 of them. He rode to a crest of power on this murderous policy. He reached the highest point in his power on June 22, 1941, when he decided that he would destroy Russia and then move on to the subjugation of the rest of the world. But that day marked the beginning of his decline. Seven years pass by and we come to the week of May 15-22, 1948. Hitler is gone and Jewry proclaims an independent state—the first time that the Jews have been an independent nation for 2520 years.

One more fact about Hitler. At Munich in the middle of September, 1938, Hitler defied the world. Whether by peaceful means or war Hitler demanded Czechoslovakia. England, in a frantic but futile hope, gave in to Hitler, but it was only

the prelude to war anyway, which started less than a year later. Exactly Seven Times later, Axis supremacy had ended. America dropped the atomic bomb on Japan in August, 1945, and on the 14th of the month, 2520 days after Munich, the war ended.

### WHAT ABOUT NOVEMBER, 1948?

On December 7, 1941, America was forced into World War II, by the treacherous Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. A period of Seven Times or 2520 days ends during the first part of November. What may we expect? Already we see that a new regime is to take over the control of our country. All evidence by the poll experts points to the fact that the Dewey-Warren ticket will win, and the present regime of 16 years will have ended. But we ask, will this be all? Is there some other development about to take place? The reader will know the answer to this question before the month is far spent.

One thing is certain, Jesus is coming soon. Darkness is upon the face of the land. The Russian threat grows hourly. All promises that have been made apparently were made only to be broken. In spite of the treachery of Communism and its inherent godlessness, many of our own supposed citizens have allegiance to Moscow, whose hands are red with the blood of multitudes of God's people.

May all these things stir us to action, to set our house in order, to live for God, to consecrate our lives completely to Him Who loved us and gave His life for us. Then like Daniel of old "we shall stand in our lot at that day." We shall awake in His likeness. We shall see Him and be satisfied.

### THE SEVEN YEARS OF WORLD WAR II

One more point. Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, thus inaugurating the second great world conflict. On July 27, 1946—just 2520 days later—all the great nations gathered to draw up the peace. But there is no peace this time, not until after Armageddon. The cold war is on now—the hour approaches for World War III to break in its fury.

## How God Gave Me Healing Ministry

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erance. A new method of prayer was given to me and I found myself praying in an entirely different manner.

Shortly after this, my wife noticed the new power in my life, she said, "Honey, keep humble before God so you can keep this great power. I do not know how long God will let you keep it, but prove to Him by your humility that you will use it wisely."

Such, my dear friends, is the story of how God's healing power came to me. I ask only one thing: your prayers that I may bring deliverance to those for whom my Redeemer died.

# The Voice of Healing

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## Attention, Canadian Friends!

Brother Branham plans to be in Canada during March and April of the coming year. It was our happy privilege to spend several delightful hours with him in Seattle during his recent meeting held in the Civic Auditorium there, and to share in the joy of what God has done, and is doing for him.

Indeed, "the labourer has been partaker of the fruits," for our brother, who has given himself so unreservedly to the ministry of bringing divine healing to others, has himself experienced a miraculous visitation of the power of God. Physically worn out from intensive service in great city-wide meetings, our brother was on the verge of total collapse last Spring.

It was thought advisable that he spend some time in rest, and waiting on God. It was during this period that God miraculously visited him, quickening his body, so that now it is our brother's happy testimony that he has "never felt better in his life."—W. J. Ern Baxter.

## William Branham and F. F. Bosworth United in Great Healing and Evangelistic Campaigns in Pacific Northwest

### Fresno, California, and Seattle, Washington, Visited by Party

Amazing! Wonderful!  
Incurable diseases supernaturally diagnosed and healed!

Nothing like it in modern history!

"GIFT OF HEALING"  
"On May 7, 1946, an angel appeared to Reverend Branham and said (in part), 'I am sent from the presence of Almighty God to tell you that God has sent you to take a gift of healing to the peoples of the world.'"

The message of the angel is verified in the Branham Meetings nightly, before the eyes of thousands.

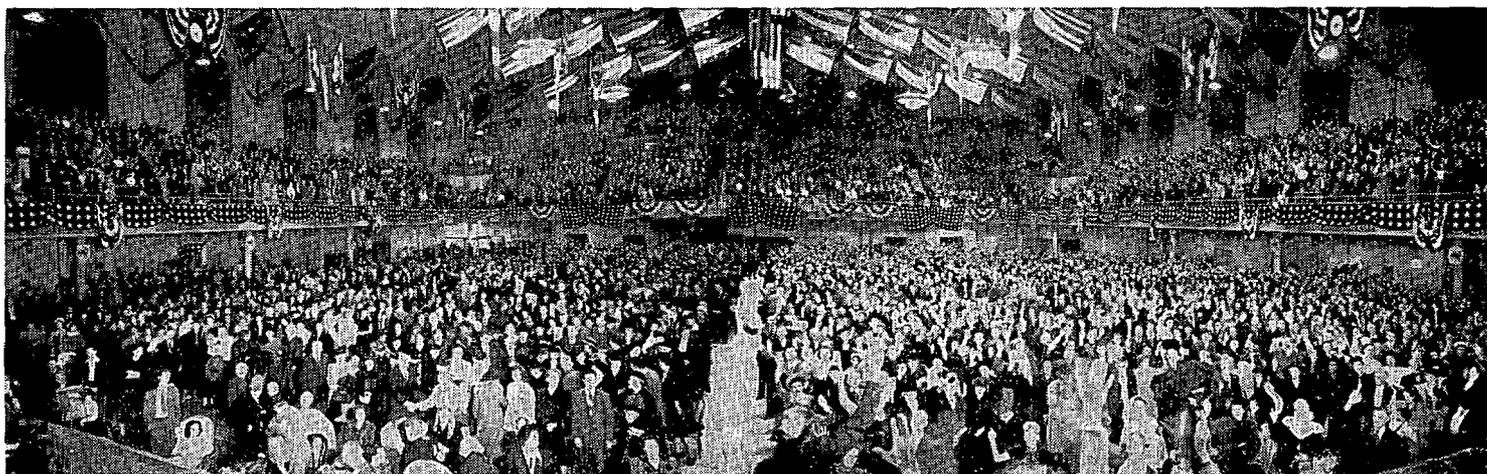
—Evangelist F. F. Bosworth.

The revival began on Sunday, October 24, at the University Gospel Tabernacle, Rev. Paul E. Freligh, pastor. The revival, with Mrs. Bosworth and myself in charge, began eight days before Bro. Branham

### Pastor Reports Continuation Of Revival After Campaign Closes

Scores of people have quite evidently been born again and hundreds healed during the campaign which is now in its third week in Seattle. During the second week Brother William Branham was with us, ministering to thousands every night in the Civic Auditorium, with a capacity attendance last Sunday night estimated at about eight thousand.

The week preceding Brother Branham's arrival, the church of which I am Pastor—the University Tabernacle—had conducted services with the Rev. F. F. Bosworth, which proved to be the finest possible preparation for the Civic Auditorium meetings. Now in the third week, the meetings are held in the commodious Masonic Temple and continuing, or resuming, under the splendid spiritual instruction and fervor of Brother Bosworth's ministry, we are still witnessing most remarkable healings



Seattle Civic Auditorium is packed and hundreds unable to get in during great Branham Campaign. This photograph shows the audience to which the Branham-Bosworth party ministered Sunday, November 7, 1948. (See page 4 for testimonies).

**FLASH! Freeman party will conduct great city-wide meeting in Los Angeles beginning Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Bethel Temple for first part of campaign. Then to:**

Paul Rader Tabernacle  
123 N. Lake Street  
Los Angeles

arrived. The Holy Spirit was present in power from the very first service. More than half of each audience became seekers for various blessings of the Gospel at every service. The last two nights, the response was so great that the large inquiry room had to be abandoned and the after

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and cases of real salvation and deepening of believers. This fact is an indication of the harmony existing between Brother Bosworth and Brother Branham, as well as a demonstration to the public of the unity of true believers.

It has given us great pleasure to find

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# Branham and Bosworth Combine Efforts in Seattle

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service was conducted by Mrs. Bosworth in the main auditorium of the tabernacle.

Bro. Branham arrived on Tuesday, November 2, and the revival was moved to the great Civic Auditorium, and a large audience greeted Brother Branham at the very first service, notwithstanding the fact that this particular Tuesday was election day and rain had fallen throughout the day. We were all surprised that such a great audience gathered under such circumstances. A delegation of thirty ministers, who had attended the great Tacoma Revival in the large Ice Palace last spring, sent word that they would be in the opening service. Hundreds of others from Tacoma were also present.

Captain Al Farrar of Tacoma, Captain of Detectives and nationally known racket buster who had attended the Tacoma campaign, was present and told from the platform of some of the miracles he saw performed in Tacoma. He told of how an officer on the police force in Tacoma had his son brought into the Ice Palace on a stretcher and the boy was instantly healed and he is now holding a fine position. After this healing of the police officer's son, the Chief of Police, Robert Marshall; Captain Farrar, Chief of the Detectives; Frank Mahler, prominent motor dealer at Tacoma, and other leading business men arranged a special luncheon in honor of Bro. Branham.

Captain Farrar also spoke from the platform at two services later in the week. As he watched the miracles being performed, I saw him bite his lips and shake his head with tears flowing. He was amazed at seeing demons cast out and dying people rise from their cots, pick up their blankets and pillows and walk off the platform during the meetings at Tacoma.

## BRO. BRANHAM'S STRENGTH RESTORED

It rejoiced our hearts at the coming of Bro. Branham to see him in perfect health after being supernaturally recovered from the effects of the last two years of strenuous ministry which had produced great exhaustion.

## BRO. BRANHAM'S MINISTRY

In Bro. Branham's ministry here, there burst upon hundreds a new light into the meaning and efficacy of Calvary. His preaching was sane, clear, scriptural, a great Gospel. The audience saw Zacharias' word, "not by might nor by power, but by my spirit," illustrated concretely. We realized anew what Paul meant when he said, "I came not unto you with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and with power." We thank God that we have ever lived to see such a day. Bro. Branham is a man of great faith and is always cheerful and optimistic. There were no denunciations of or glorying in man. He is humble, placid,

trustful, so confiding, a spirit of buoyancy and joyousness in which he gave God full sway in the use of His own chosen instrumentality that with the benedictory face and Christly spirit, we are sure that many have taken an advance step in "how to do Christian work." His modesty and humility disclosed the spirit of the Master. We are sure that hundreds are enjoying the greatest spiritual uplift from this short revival. Many hearts are full to running over. Their joyful countenances are a precious memory.

Those incurably afflicted, at the divine command spoken through the lips of clay, arose from dying cots and ambulance stretchers and walked away carrying their blankets and pillows! On the last Sunday night, among those in the healing line was a noted missionary who was the founder of the Orphanage and Refuge Society of Palestine, brought to the meeting from Yakima, Washington. He was in the last stages of consumption. The government paid his fare home to America. He was wheeled across the stage on an ambulance stretcher to Bro. Branham. The afflicting spirit was immediately cast out and the missionary commanded to arise, receive divine strength and be well. Without the slightest hesitation, to the amazement of the great audience of eight thousand people, he arose and walked off the platform and down to his wife who was sitting in the front of the auditorium near the ambulance patients.

She and her husband threw their arms around each other weeping for joy, and his son came from the audience, embraced his father and mother, and they all walked together across the front of the auditorium and down one of the side aisles to the back of the building. This missionary has four children, with two girls born in Palestine.

In the Civic Auditorium there were three services each day, one at ten o'clock in the morning when Mrs. Bosworth spoke each time to a great audience, after which prayer cards were given to those needing healing and then I preached each afternoon at 2:30 P. M. and again at 6:30 P. M. In each of the afternoon services, when the invitation was given for those needing the mercies of God, hundreds instantly sprang to their feet to be included in the prayer. On the last Friday and Sunday afternoons, there were in the neighborhood of two thousand in each service who sprang to their feet. A part of them were Christians who desired various blessings included in the Gospel.

In the very first service, fully one-half of the great audience came from surrounding towns and cities, many of them from Canada. In the neighborhood of one hundred ministers of the Gospel from various

churches in Seattle and other towns sat in a reserved section in front of the platform while others sat on the stage. Their souls were stirred by the Spirit of God.

A wheel chair case, a lady who was supposed to die on Friday, was healed that night and arising instantly pushed her wheelchair down the aisle. She was back on the following afternoon, and when I passed the secretary's desk, she was there giving him her testimony. Others on stretchers arose after prayer, picked up their blankets and pillows, and went home.

It stirred my soul to hear Bro. Branham in every case diagnose the diseases and afflictions as I read the same on the healing card. Bro. Branham had not seen any of these cards.

On Sunday night a man who had brought a lady in his car to the meeting the night before told Mrs. Bosworth that this lady had a closed nasal passage, a goiter and an open sore on her leg caused by a previous injury and the sore would not heal. She was healed while sitting in her seat without being prayed for.

A blind man prayed for on Sunday night was told to walk to the pulpit and touch a minister on the nose which he did, pulling the preacher's nose!

The meeting at the Civic Auditorium closed on Sunday night, November 7.

The great auditorium was packed with perhaps 1500 unable to get seats. Many, because of the fire ordinance, were not permitted to enter the auditorium. There were so many that could not be prayed for that Mrs. Bosworth and I were urged to remain a week longer and pray for the sick.

So, this week we are conducting services at the Masonic Temple and the power of God has been most wonderfully present during the first two nights working miracles for the sick and afflicted. The first night about twenty-five totally deaf ears were healed one right after the other before praying for those suffering with other afflictions. We will continue the services until Sunday, November 14.

Students from Bible Schools were electrified by the meetings. One young minister who brought me to the hotel in his car told me he had learned more in the meetings than he had in two years in Bible School. Many received healing while sitting in the audience and others through their own faith which came to them while reading my book, "Christ, the Healer."

At the close of the campaigns, we have met those whose faces were shining through tears of joy as a result of finding Christ as their Lord and Saviour at the meetings. We are thanking God this last week for the many sinners who are pouring into the inquiry room to give their hearts to Christ.

# California Cities Still Being Stirred by Freeman Campaigns

## Melody Bowl Filled in Bakersfield Freeman Healing Campaign

REV. CLAUDE WEAVER  
Cochairman of Local Committee

We have just concluded three weeks of splendid meetings with the Freeman Evangelistic party. Twenty-four Full Gospel Churches in Kern County cooperated to bring to this locality the grandest revival that has been experienced here in many years. The Melody Bowl, largest building available for such a meeting, was secured and was crowded with thousands of people attending—over 4,200 people crowded into the building on the last night. Over 600 were definitely saved. Brother Freeman personally prayed over each convert before giving them to an altar worker, who in turn took the convert into a prayer room, where he was instructed in the ways of salvation further and allowed to pray through. Many were the cries of the penitents, weeping their way to God. Hallelujah!

People came from hundreds, even thousands, of miles to be prayed for, some believing, some curious, but all hopeful of being helped. We saw infallible proof that they were being healed through Brother Freeman's ministry. To describe the scenes which we saw nightly would stagger the vocabulary of the greatest. Suffice it to say we were lifted up and made to sit in heavenly places. Incurables were instantaneously made whole, the dumb talked, the blind saw, many for the first time in their lives. A woman struck by a car and hopelessly mangled, unable to keep anything on her stomach for 62 days, is touched and she rises from her cot with shouts of praises to God; her children and loved ones hardly able to contain themselves with happiness. These scenes we will never forget. Another boy on a cot—victim of TB—rises from his bed and is for the first time in months hungry. He is taken out for a meal while we rejoice.

What feeling sweeps over one attending these services — sympathy, apprehension (can the next person be healed), uncontrolled weeping, rejoicing, smiles of gladness everywhere. Here is a minister who never once doubts, no matter how desperate the case. Great confidence begets great results.

I might go on at length, but lack of space forbids such. Healings and miracles were the order of the day instead of the exceptional. Even as I write this, I feel a warm glow, revelling in the memory that if I never see it again, at least God was good enough to visit His people in this vicinity in a genuine Holy Ghost revival. Praise His Name!

## Flash From San Francisco Freeman Meetings

(Because of local conditions the Freeman meeting was held in Glad Tidings Temple, seating slightly under 2,000, rather than a public auditorium. Previous to the meeting, we were informed by Rev. L. R. Keys that the temple had never been filled during any revival in recent years. However, the auditorium was not only filled during the Freeman revival but many were turned away. We have this brief word from Rev. L. R. Keys, pastor of Glad Tidings Temple, as we go to press).

BY REV. L. R. KEYS  
Pastor of Glad Tidings Temple

You'll be glad to know that our meeting closed in a blaze of glory last night. We estimate that somewhere around 1,200 people passed through the line for salvation during the campaign. We know, of course, that a certain number did not get through, but a great many did. The healings were remarkable! We expect that it will take six months to really forge through cards in follow-up work.

The Temple has been packed out for the last several nights, and last night several hundred were outside who couldn't get in at all. We had a loud speaker fixed so that they could hear.

We feel that this meeting has done San Francisco a great deal of good and it has blessed our church as well as all the others that cooperated. Last night the leading Baptist minister and his family were present and on the platform. At the close of the service he was prayed for, for healing, and seemed deeply impressed with the service.

## Healed of Arthritis

Praise the Lord! I do thank and praise the Lord for His healing power. This testimony is to tell you that during the service at the Civic Auditorium last Wednesday evening I was healed of arthritis of the knee. I had been laid up for three months with a stiff left knee, and though I had been able to work the last three or four weeks, the knee was very stiff and sore. Last Monday I was given a prayer card to be prayed for this last Thursday, but instead of waiting till Thursday night, we went Wednesday, and after parking the car a block away from the auditorium, I walked over to the service.

During the walk to the auditorium my knee completely loosened up, and has been perfect ever since. Praise the Name of the Lord!

Harry M. Giles.  
7003 Brooklyn  
Seattle 5, Washington



Photo of Freeman Healing Campaign at Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. Pastor Keys declared that for many years no revival campaign had filled the temple. Inside of a week the temple was filled and many were turned away.

# EXPLOITS OF FAITH

## TESTIMONIES FROM THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

(This month's "Exploits of Faith" page is dedicated entirely to testimonies submitted in the Seattle campaign)

*"But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."*—Daniel 11:32.

I had an eye that at the age of four years, the muscle was severed, that is, the one nearest my nose. The eye was operated on two years ago in an effort to straighten it and the eye was going out of focus. The doctor said it might eventually go out of focus again and they wanted to operate. I came here to the meetings on November 4, 1948, and was healed while sitting in the audience.

I came here with an extensive medical training and I wasn't ready to accept everything right off the bat. In other words, I was skeptical. Being in these meetings has been a great revelation to me. There is no doubt about it all now!

Miss Jean Smith  
(Elliot 3846)  
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I was healed in the Salem, Oregon, meetings of strangulation hernia. I had this affliction for two years. I went to three doctors here in Seattle and two of them gave me six weeks to live unless I was operated on. I went to the third doctor who was a Christian and stated my case and the way I felt about it. He told me that he couldn't operate on me anyway because I was so run down. He built me up but I fought off the operation because during that time I had the promise from the Lord that he would heal me. I stood upon that promise, not knowing when it would take place. Three days before I got to the meetings, shots like electricity went through my body and I told my husband that I was going to go to the Branham meetings, whether or not he went with me. He did go with me. I was healed before I ever got past Bro. Branham. Now I know it is because when he came to me the power of the Lord was so strong that he said "Where is it?" and it was gone. I know that I was healed. Praise God! Heretofore it was impossible for me to kneel when I wanted to pray, but now I can do it for hours and it doesn't bother me a bit. I am a minister's wife.

Mrs. E. Benton  
Mirror Lake, Wash.

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For thirty years I have had asthma, more or less. I bought one of these books, "Christ, the Healer." I finished reading it Oct. 28 and at three o'clock Friday morning, October 29, I woke up completely choked up with asthma and I couldn't

get my breath. I rebuked the devil for binding me and in the name of Jesus Christ told Him I wanted to take Him as my Healer. In less than 15 seconds my asthma was gone and I laid down and slept until morning. I haven't been bothered with it since. There has been no wheezing or anything. Wednesday night, November 3, 1948, I was prayed for on the stage for my hearing, for my left eye which was almost gone and for a double rupture. (I went home and took my belt off and haven't been bothered with the rupture since.) I was also prayed for for severe headaches at the base of the brain and they have completely disappeared.

C. L. Williams  
Bothell, Wash.  
(Tel. 3326)

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My affliction was semi-blindness and female disorder. My blindness started three years ago in my left eye. I was born totally blind in my right eye. I came to the meeting on Wednesday night, November 3, 1948, with the aid of a cane because of my blinded condition. Last night, November 4, 1948, after passing through the prayer line and being prayed for, I left the platform and then as I was walking down the aisle to go home, I knew the Lord had touched my body, and I was able to go home. I had to walk across the street at a very busy intersection and then I had to walk up another street where there wasn't much traffic and hardly any lights. It was very dark. I got up the hill and as I walked into my home, my husband said, "Who brought you home?" I said, "I came by myself because I can see." My husband could hardly believe it. I know I am saved because I had always been very much afraid heretofore, but last night I wasn't afraid because it was just like a light following me and I could see. Amen!

Mrs. Julie Mary DeBritz  
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When I was about eight years old I had a very bad fall in a canal. At the time I didn't know it, but my spine was injured. I also had my front teeth knocked out. During my high school days I suffered severe backaches and got to where one leg appeared shorter than the other one. The doctor measured my leg from the hips down and found that it wasn't my legs but it was something to do with

my pelvis and they X-rayed me and found that I had an "S" curve in my spine. They said there was nothing that could be done for me unless I had a raised shoe on one side, which I did have, more or less, but it didn't help. A year ago last fall one doctor told me that I had continuous spasms of the muscles in my back and he said he couldn't do anything for me and he recommended that I go to an orthopedic. I never got there. Instead I went to Brother Branham's meetings in Tacoma. My purpose in going there was to take my little boy who was a spastic. The last night of the meetings I went through on the faith line with him and while waiting to go on the platform it dawned on me if I could exercise faith I could be healed. Brother Branham prayed for me and said, "God bless this woman and her child." I felt something go through me. It was a wonderful feeling. When I got home both hips were straight and normal. The next day I was sore all over my body. I told the devil it was merely my organs getting accustomed to their new position. I had other proof that it was something I couldn't doubt. The first night at Brother Branham's meetings here in Seattle the same doctor told me I had an incurable disease. I was on a no-salt diet. After listening to Brother Bosworth I just accepted the Lord as my Healer and since then I have had no headaches or any symptoms of the kidney disease. Today, November 10, 1948, my doctor examined me and reports absolutely no trace of the disease of the kidneys.

Mrs. Marcia Fitch  
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Carol Louise had a 12-foot fall from a porch and has been crosseyed since. Her eyes were very weak. The doctors tried different patches and they said she would have to have glasses and then she might not be better. Bro. Branham prayed for her and her eyes have been made completely straight and well.

Carol Louise Palmer  
(5 years old)  
B. E. Palmer, father  
1059 Harbor Ave. SW  
Seattle, Washington

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Last fall in Bro. Branham's meetings in Salem, Oregon, I was healed of a very serious heart condition—an enlarged heart. The doctors could do nothing for me.

After being in the hospital for almost a year God undertook for me and healed me. Praise God!

Mrs. Mildred Schultz  
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I have been severely afflicted with asthma for about ten years. Ten years ago I was taken to the hospital and was unconscious for two and one-half days. Dr. Foreman was my doctor. Since then I have been up and down with this terrible disease. One day I would be up and the next day I would be down. I came to Seattle to the Branham meetings unable to stand up more than half an hour. If I stood for longer spells I would find myself completely doubled up. My pastor, Rev. Sam McGill, Assembly of God Church, brought me up. I laid on the stretcher and as I was lying there and as Bro. Branham was praying for the sick he turned to me, looked at me and said, "Sister, what is your trouble?" I told him I was sick with asthma for ten years. He jumped down from the platform, came to me, and prayed a simple prayer and I was healed instantly. I haven't had any recurrence since Tuesday night, November 2, 1948. The Lord is good and merciful.

Mrs. Ruth Newman  
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I was healed at the Tacoma meetings of a growth or sponge which was in my stomach for a period of 31 years. The doctors here in Seattle looked at it through the fluoroscope and they said the growth had a cord fastened on to it toward the heart and they said the only thing they could do was to operate. They were afraid to do that. While over in the Branham meetings, on the 14th of May, 1948, I was in the prayer line and after reaching the first step, the Lord touched me before I was ever prayed for! Three days later at home the cord broke loose from the body and the growth passed off. I haven't had an ache or a pain since. Now on November 3, 1948, I am suffering no ill effects from it and I am completely healed. Praise the Lord! He has kept me all this time and the doctor can find no trace of the old trouble.

After suffering for 31 years of continuous headaches and for which the doctors said they could do nothing, I sat through these meetings, sitting in the audience praying for others and the Lord touched my body. Praise the Lord for that!

Linton L. Stevens  
1429 Concord Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

I have been afflicted with bad adhesions in my side for 28 years. The pain was so terrible that I could hardly eat and sleep. At the Tacoma meetings while Bro. Branham prayed for the audience, the Lord healed me and I have been completely delivered from the severe pains.

Mrs. John Shaw  
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The Lord has completely healed me of cancer, weak kidneys, catarrh and a wrenched back. This is a result of Bro. Branham praying for me at the meetings in the Civic Auditorium in Seattle. Because of God's mercy and love and His healing power I am now every whit whole. I am again taking up the Cross and following the Lord Jesus Christ and, Lord willing, I am returning to the Islands of the Sea where I formerly served as a missionary.

Rev. Floyd Brown  
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Seven months ago while working around the house a ladder fell on the back of my head. Later I had a stroke of paralysis. This second stroke paralyzed my right side thoroughly and caused partial paralysis on my left side. My speech was gone. I couldn't even turn over in bed. In the Bosworth-Branham Campaign in Seattle I was prayed for and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ made me whole and made me well. Today I can walk without a cane and can talk so people can understand me.

Fred Northrup  
535 North 65th  
Seattle, Washington

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On November 4, 1948, I was prayed for by Bro. Branham in Seattle and my tumor instantly slipped down and left my body. He spoke to me on the platform and said "A deaf spirit left your body." I had been hard of hearing in both ears and was completely healed. Also in the Tacoma meetings with Bro. Branham I was healed of arthritis.

Mrs. Grace Chaney  
Route 3  
Snohomish, Washington

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I was in bed 14 weeks and had lost 30 pounds, but prior to my coming to Bro. Branham's meetings I had been up for several weeks. For seven months, prior to the date of my healing, I could not talk above a whisper. I was prayed for on the 2nd of November, 1948, by Brother Branham in Seattle and instantly I know something happened and again my voice was restored. Praise God for complete healing.

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## Seattle Pastor Reports

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the people of God, from so many different churches and denominations, united in a new spirit of fellowship and conquest for Christ. It has seemed like a continuation of the Book of Acts and the results are similar to those recorded in Apostolic times.

We have appreciated Brother Branham's spirit of devotion to the Lord and compassion toward the people. Hundreds were prayed for every night for healing and the congregation saw people rise from their cots and walk out, carrying their bedding under their arms, while others wept for joy and praised God.

Case after case, in the healing line, gave witness, before the people, of immediate deliverance from serious ailments and infirmities. Blind eyes were evidently healed and deaf ears unstopped when Brother Branham took time to pray with each one. We saw the crossed eyes of little children instantly straightened after prayer.

Hundreds of people were present who had been healed in other meetings conducted by Brother Branham, coming from great distances to lend the support of their faith and prayers.

As a Pastor, I want to express my appreciation of the spirit and attitude of Brother Branham. Always patient, even when ready to drop with exhaustion, true to the Word, preaching it with apostolic simplicity and power, loving in disposition, fearless in meeting the enemy, filled with faith, he seemed to be one of the most truly Christ-like men we have ever met. Perhaps that is why our Brother F. F. Bosworth, whom we have known for many years to be such a man, has been able to precede, work with, and follow him in Seattle with the same type of ministry and similar results. Brother Bosworth acknowledges and is grateful for the very special gift which God has given to William Branham, especially the remarkable gift of diagnosis.

This gift of diagnosis so mightily impressed the people it was at least as great a contributing factor in producing faith as were the healings themselves. Very many who were perfect strangers to Brother Branham had their ailments accurately diagnosed by this strange gift of discernment and confirmed Brother Branham's word by acknowledging publicly that it was so.

I am herewith enclosing several written testimonies compiled by a man with experience as a court stenographer. These are only a few of many received in Seattle. Bob Wesley is the reporter's name. He is known to us as a fine Christian gentleman.

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### Healed at Seattle Meeting

I was healed of an abscess at the opening of the left lung. The doctors told me they would have to put a tube in for it to be drained. The Lord touched me while I was sitting fifteen seats back as I was praying for others. The doctors had taken two different X-rays. One of them showed the abscess completely gone! The doctors marvelled at what had taken place. I told the doctor that it was the power of God and the power of healing and that the Lord did the work. He admitted that it had to be something greater than he himself because the abscess was eating in like cancer. Thanks be unto the Lord. I can still say I am healed. Remember us in prayer.

I have been suffering since 1940 with, what the doctors termed, a fistula in the neck. Many times I choked so badly that I turned black in the face. The doctors told me that I had one chance in fifty to live with or without an operation. Food and water would catch in my throat causing severe choking spells. The doctor told me there was a hole in my food pipe the size of a twenty-five-cent piece that would not heal. Last night the Lord touched my

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body and I believe the hole is closed because I have had no more effects from it throughout this whole day. I slept better last night than I have for years. I can truly say thanks be unto God—He is my helper. I believe when I go before the doctors they will find no trace of this disease at all.

Lola R. Stevens  
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I was not only gloriously saved but I was wonderfully healed when Bro. Branham prayed for me at the Tacoma meeting. The doctor told me that my epilepsy was incurable. Haven't had one spell since being prayed for. Praise God!

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# LIFE STORY OF WM. BRANHAM

## PART III

### CALL TO THE FULL GOSPEL MINISTRY

Everything went lovely. My wife saved her pennies in order to get herself a gingham dress. I felt so good when we could do something for her. After two years a little boy came into our home—little Billy Paul. When I first heard him cry in the hospital I seemed to know that he was a boy, and I gave him to God before I even saw him.

### HAPPENS UPON A FULL GOSPEL CONVENTION

A little later I had saved up enough money to get a fishing outfit and I went up to Lake Pawpaw in Michigan for a few days. My money didn't last very long, and I had to return. On my trip back as I crossed the Mishawaka River I saw a great number of people gathering for a meeting. I wondered what kind of people they were and decided that I would go into the meeting. That is where I got acquainted with Pentecost.

I found out that the people had gathered together for a convention. They were quite demonstrative, and all this was a little new to me. But they began singing, "I know it was the blood, I know it was the blood." Everybody began clapping their hands and I said, "I wonder what kind of people are these." Pretty soon a bishop got up and began to preach on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The longer he preached the more convinced I became that maybe there was something to this. I decided that I would stay until the following day. I didn't have money for a hotel room, so I went out in the country and parked in a cornfield that night and slept. Next morning I got up early and returned to the church. I had bought some rolls and milk, so that my money would hold out. When I returned to the church, quite a number of people had already gathered for morning worship.

That night there were a large number of preachers sitting on the platform. The leader said, "We haven't time to hear you all preach so we are going to ask each one just to get up and tell us your name." So when they came to me I got up and said, "Evangelist William Branham," and sat down.

The following afternoon, they had an old colored man get up and preach. He was rather decrepit and I was a little surprised to see them choose such a fellow to preach before that great congregation. He preached from the text, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth, when the morning stars sang together." Well, that old fellow picked up about ten million years before the world was ever formed. He just about covered everything in heaven, came down the horizontal rainbow and preached on everything on earth up till the Second Coming of

Christ. By the time he had finished he was as spry as a young man. In fact, he said, as he went down from the platform, "You haven't got room enough for me to preach." I realized that God had done something for that man that He hadn't done for me. When he started preaching I was sorry for him, but when he got through I was sorry for myself. These people had something that I didn't have, and I wanted it.

That night I went out in the cornfield again and slept. In the morning, since I supposed nobody knew me, I decided that I would put on an old pair of seersucker trousers. My other pair had got rather creased from using them as a pillow. This was the last day that I could stay as I only had enough money left to buy gas to go home. I went back to the church and when I arrived the people were singing and shouting. I wanted the Baptism of the Holy Ghost if God would give it to me.



William Branham

### ASKED TO PREACH AT THE CONVENTION

The minister in charge got up and said, "We have just had the testimony service led by the youngest preacher here. The next youngest minister is William Branham of Jeffersonville." He said, "Come forth, Rev. Branham, if you are in the building." You may be sure this startled me. I looked down and saw my seersucker trousers. So I just sat real still. In fact, I had never seen a public address system before, and I certainly didn't want to get up there and preach before all those powerful preachers. They called again, "Does anyone know the whereabouts of Rev. Branham?" But I only crouched down in my seat lower than before. The call was repeated again. The colored man sitting beside me turned around and said, "Do you know who he is?" I couldn't tell a lie, so I said, "Yessir, I know him." He

said, "Go get him." I said, "I can't." I said, "Listen, I'm Brother Branham, but I have on these seersucker trousers and I can't get up on that platform." But the colored man said, "These people don't care how you are dressed. They care about what's in your heart." Well I said, "Please don't say anything about it." But the colored man didn't wait any longer. He shouted out, "There he is! There he is!" My heart sank; I didn't know what to do. But the night before out in the cornfield I had prayed, "Lord, if these are the people that I have always wanted to find, that seem so happy and free. You give me favor before them." Well, the Lord gave me favor before them, but I hated to go up before the crowd in the seersucker trousers. But everyone was looking at me and I had to do something. So I went on up to the platform. My face was red, and as I turned around I saw the microphones and I thought to myself, "What are those things?" I prayed, "Lord, if You ever helped anybody, help me now."

I opened the Bible and my eyes fell on the verse, "The rich man opened up his eyes in hell." And I preached on the text, "And then he cried." "There were no Christians there, and he cried. There was no church there, and he cried. There were no flowers there, and he cried. There was no God there, and he cried." I had been a rather formal preacher, but as I preached something got hold of me and the power of God came down upon the congregation.

### THE BRETHREN ASK HIM TO CONDUCT REVIVALS

After the service was over—it went on for about two hours—I walked outside. A preacher came up to me. He was a great big fellow with cowboy boots, and he came up and introduced himself to me. He said, "I'm from Texas and I have a good church down there; how about holding me a two weeks' meeting?" Another preacher from Florida came up to me and said, "How about coming over and holding a meeting for me?" I got a piece of paper and took down names and addresses, and in a few minutes I had enough revivals lined up to last me throughout the year. Well, I was happy. I jumped into my little model T Ford and down through Indiana I went. When I reached home, my wife came running out and she threw her arms around me, and as she looked at me she said, "What are you so happy about?" I said, "I have met the happiest bunch of people I have ever met in my life. They are really happy, and they are not ashamed of their religion. In fact, something has happened to me since then. These people had me preach up at their convention, and what's more, I have received several invitations to preach at their

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# "We Have Seen Strange Things Today"

BY REV. W. J. ERN BAXTER

(Brother Baxter is acclaimed one of the top-ranking preachers of the present day, pastor of Evangelistic Tabernacle in Vancouver, B. C., one of the largest Full Gospel churches in North America. He has preached as a member of the Branham Party in several campaigns, and will have charge of the Canadian Branham Campaigns).

(Luke 5:17 to 26)

"Strange things" are always to be seen where moves the Matchless Man with the seamless robe.

It had been a great day in the Master's ministry. The people thronged from near and far to wait on His words, and witness His works. Even the "Pharisees and doctors of the law were sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem." It was a great congregation, and the record has this significant word to say—"The power of the Lord was present to heal them." Anything could happen.

The atmosphere was charged with the presence of God, and yet there could be sensed a subtle, cold undercurrent, as the religious doctors sat by in silent scorn. So mighty was the faith-creating presence of God that day that a poor paralytic, unable to gain access to the presence of the Master, was lowered through the tiling by friends who shared with the sick man the confidence that he would be healed.

Such faith stirred the Master, and He immediately forgave his sins. This seemed like ample excuse for the scribes and Pharisees to challenge the authority of Jesus. This they did, and then followed an amazing demonstration, rich in teaching, and powerful in manifestation. The Master associated sin and sickness by saying, "Whether it is easier to say, thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, rise up and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power upon earth to forgive sins (he said unto the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house." The man immediately arose. "And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, 'WE HAVE SEEN STRANGE THINGS TODAY'."

Spoken 2000 years ago, these words are again becoming familiar to our ears, not as an echo from those far-off yesterdays, but as freshly stimulated exclamations of amazement drawn from the lips of modern men as they behold in this, their own day, the very same miraculous happenings which caused that cry of amazement in the long ago.

For lo, the paralytic leaps from his cot, the blind man opens wondering eyes to catch his first glimpse of God's created handiwork, the deaf ears are made to hear,



W. J. Ern Baxter

and the burdened and fettered hearts are delivered, and set free, and men go away, exclaiming, "Strange things!—we have seen strange things today."

And so, as the sun of human history sinks in the glowering western sky of these troubled days, behold "there is a light at eventide," and the "children of light" rejoice in the restoration of the manifest powers of their soon-returning Master. Great auditoriums groan with their burden of suffering humanity as the servants of Jesus move from city to city, to minister life and healing to them in "the Wonderful Name." The signal fires of divine reviving are being kindled on a thousand hills, and "the shout of a king is in our midst."

We were told that He had withdrawn His mighty hand when He went home to the Father in the glory-land. He had just been loaned to earth for a few short years with His gifts of blessing, of healing, and comfort, but these He had taken back with Him, and we must not expect them, but must be satisfied with a cold and naked faith which has no right to expect these things.

And so men sought to warm their hands over the ashes of a fire which no longer burned. It is little wonder that the church of God moved into the cold, wintry days of the Dark Ages, when the chilly blast of the bitter north wind found the "little flock" of succeeding centuries, bound together in groups, warming each other with the faithful testimony of His Person and Work, and longing for the hour of deliverance. The faithful cry of these saintly supplicants was destined to be heard, and to the camp of Israel God dispatched His Davids. "Time would fail us to tell of"

these champions, of Huss, and Latimer, and Ridley, of Luther, and Zwingli, and Calvin, and Knox, of Wesley and Whitfield, and many others. From glory to glory, and from strength to strength, the people of God move on. Moving from one great truth to the other, rediscovering the things that had been lost—justification, sanctification, the coming of the Lord, the priesthood of all believers, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts—all designed to make His church glorious. Not glorious as several groups, each separated from the other, but glorious as one great army, traveling under a single banner, owning a common faith, confessing a single Lord.

Is it thought then, a thing impossible that in our day God should raise up men to further His programme of unity and power, gathering to one great testimony all those who name His Name in sincerity and in truth, until whole communities are shaken by the power of God, and signs and wonders are wrought in the Name of the holy child Jesus? Indeed, no. For this is the very will of God concerning us, and we are witnessing it before our very eyes. We are seeing "strange things this day."

Such glorious advances, however, are not realized apart from vigorous and vicious opposition. It has always been so, and our present day is no exception. For, just as on that day, long ago, as the Great Physician stood in the midst of the multitude to heal the sick, and speak words of comfort to the distressed, there were present quibbling, carping Pharisees, so today, under similar circumstances, we find them present, bearing all the earmarks of their ancient forebears. It is written of them that they "began to reason, saying, who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" They were there that day, and they are still with us. These religionists are always to be found where God is moving, seeking to inject questions intended to create unbelief, jealously guarding their own religious goodness, and setting themselves up as authorities. They have always been offended in the presence of Jesus' words and works, and He charged them in His day with "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:19). These touchy teachers of the law were upset by our Lord's charge against them, and apparently made it known, for we read that Jesus' disciples came to Him and said, "Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?" (vs. 12). To this the Master replied, "LET THEM ALONE: they be blind leaders of the blind."

Now, although such men are not easy to convert, their mouths can be shut by the demonstration of the miraculous, their

quibbles quenched by the preaching of the word of truth, and their pompous pronouncements made ridiculous by the simplicity of honest conviction.

There is little value in arguing with the self-assertive intellectual, or the self-complacent religionist, comfortably established in his ecclesiastical easy chair. He is best answered by a demonstration of the power of God, and although he himself may not have the honesty to embrace the truth, his vicious grip of influence will be broken, and honest, seeking, God-hungry hearts will be set free to follow the Master.

Thus, Jesus perceived their criticisms, and upset their protests. They had questioned His right to forgive sins. So, to prove that it was His to deal with the root of all human distresses, He spoke the word of authority, and smote the fruit, even the sickness borne by the faithful man. And in so doing, gave eloquent proof to the fact that He who could curse the fruit could also lay the axe at the root.

"And immediately the man rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God." That was Jesus' answer to the "Pharisees, and doctors of the law." It must be our answer today. "Strange things" were seen that day. And we are seeing them once again.

It might be well to turn technical just for a moment, and consider the meaning of this word "strange." It comes from a Greek word, "paradoxos," which will be immediately recognized as being related to our English word "paradox." Liddell and Scott's Greek lexicon defines the word as meaning "contrary to opinion, unexpected, strange, marvelous." The dictionary definition for paradox is most interesting—"a tenet or proposition contrary to received opinion; something seemingly absurd, yet true in fact. A statement or phenomenon apparently at variance with, or in opposition to established principles, yet demonstrably true."

We who have been privileged to stand with Brother Branham, and others similarly ordained of God, have witnessed this very thing. The arthritic given up by medical science as incurable, doomed to remain rigid for the rest of his days, has felt the pulsating life of the risen Christ breaking the demons of tension, and restoring rigid bones and motionless muscles to their normal functions again. The lame have been seen to walk, the deaf have heard, the blind have seen, and numberless other manifestations of divine power have been witnessed.

Now, let us see how these events correspond with the meaning of the word "strange." Are these things "contrary to received opinion," and to many "something seemingly absurd," and yet, thank God, "true in fact"? Indeed, "demonstrably true." I think we will agree that this just about describes the attitude of many. We are seeing strange things. They are

## SEQUEL TO THE NOVEMBER PROPHETIC ARTICLE

### Surprise Attack on Pearl Harbor to the Surprise Election of Nov. 2—2,520 Days

Last month we carried in *The Voice of Healing* an article entitled NOVEMBER, 1948, IN PROPHECY. In the article it was shown that a period of seven years, or 2,520 days (called seven times in the Scriptures), had a remarkable significance in the Bible. For example, Nebuchadnezzar's insanity lasted seven years. There were seven years of plenty in the days of Joseph, followed by another seven-year period of famine. The Seventy Weeks of Daniel's prophecy were periods of seven years each.

We then showed the manner in which events today, even as in Bible times, were following the same remarkable cycles—if anything, they were more marked. Thus from the beginning of World War I to the signing of the peace was 2,520 days. Again from the beginning of World War II until the peace conference was also 2,520 days. (Only this time there is no peace). Besides these we showed that practically all the major events were timed in cycles of 2,520 days. *That is, events at the beginning of the seven years usually have a very definite significance or relation with those at the end.*

We were especially interested in the 2,520 days following the attack on Pearl Harbor which would end Nov. 1-2, 1948—the date of the election. But at the time of writing, it appeared that the election was "in the bag." Not a newspaper, poll-taker, commentator of importance, or even the immediate officers of the President considered that Truman had a chance. George Gallup, whose polls have always shown uncanny accuracy, declared that evidence overwhelmingly showed Dewey would inevitably be the next President. On the basis of all this information it appeared

that Nov. 2 would reveal nothing that America did not already know. Then came the news, by the following morning, of the astonishing electoral landslide of Harry S. Truman, which made him President of the United States in his own right for the next four years! The event was the greatest surprise to America since the attack on Pearl Harbor 2,520 days earlier (if part days are disregarded), excepting, perhaps, the dropping of the first atomic bomb. As the Pearl Harbor event mightily influenced the history of the United States, so the election of Harry S. Truman must. For one thing, the chain of events will move swiftly now, and not hang fire for several months as they would if a new President were to be inaugurated.

World developments are at the moment pressing rapidly. The Truman Doctrine of halting expansion of the Russian Iron Curtain is well understood by the Soviets and they are acting accordingly. All of China is now in jeopardy, and an imminent collapse before Red armies suddenly threatens us worse than the Pearl Harbor disaster. The U. S. prepares to enter into a world military alliance. And events in Palestine come to a definite climax. The fact simply is that world events are not happening at random, but a definite mathematical pattern is seen, which absolutely proves that Divine Providence is directing world history. Surely all these things indicate that Jesus is coming soon!

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not acceptable to many creeds and principles of denominational conduct, and they are indeed contrary to the opinions of many, and to yet others seemingly absurd. Over against this rationalistic reaction to the manifestation of God's power, we have the many witnesses who have experienced deliverance by the power of God, and have found that these "strange things" were "demonstrably true."

In what class do you find yourself today? Are you a quibbling Pharisee, demanding that God move in accord with your views? Or are you a humble onlooker, amazed and filled with fear at what you behold? Or better still, are you as the paralytic and his friends who made an opening in the roof, that they might bring their problem to Jesus? You can be a

critic, an observer, or a partaker. Jesus is passing this way. Rush out into the road to bid Him welcome, for this is "the day of visitation," and the prophet's word is being fulfilled, there is "light at eventide." And we are "beholding strange things this day."

### Healed of Kidney Trouble

For five years I have been afflicted with kidney trouble. As Bro. Branham prayed for me, I was instantly saved as well as completely healed. I am thankful to Him for healing me and for saving me.

R. W. Knittle  
1940 South Sprague  
Tacoma, Washington

# Results of Bakersfield Meeting Examined

## Follow-Up Interview One Week After Campaign Reveals Lasting Results

BY ELECTRICAL TRANSCRIPTION

Opposers of the miraculous often wait until after a healing campaign is over and then declare that no trace of the healings remain. Such statements, of course, are utterly false, but usually no steps are taken to publicly challenge such remarks, and the result is that uninformed persons get the impression that there is some truth to them.

For this reason and anticipating such attempts, Rev. C. M. Ward, a nationally-known minister and now pastor of the Full Gospel Church at 17th and O, Bakersfield, Calif., called a public meeting, giving opportunity a week after the Freeman Healing Campaign had closed, for those who desired to give testimony to their healing. Many of the outstanding miracles were of people who lived at great distances from Bakersfield and could not attend. Nevertheless a host of local testimonials were available, and the net result was to firmly establish the results of the Freeman meetings in a way that put opposers to silence. Modernism and skepticism stood ashamed and speechless before the mighty power of God. Healings of such a nature had taken place of people from every denomination that no juggling of words could explain away the glorious thing that had taken place. The meeting had a profound effect upon the business men, the physicians and the community in general. We now publish in condensed form some of the testimonies and cross-questioning of the witnesses by Rev. C. M. Ward as it was recorded by electrical transcription on the Sunday night of Oct. 17.

Rev. C. M. Ward calls the witnesses forward. (First, Mrs. Dowdy was called forward and she testified briefly concerning her mother who was marvelously healed of a stroke, and is now able to talk, read her Bible and walk in her garden. A wonderful transformation had taken place).

### HEALED OF IMPEDIMENT OF SPEECH

REV. C. M. WARD: We will now hear from the gentleman on my right. What is your name, sir, and what church do you attend?

HARRY KELLER: My name is Harry Keller, of Delano, Calif., and I'm a member of the Assembly of God. I have had an impediment of speech. The muscles of my face were stiff and I had to force myself to speak. After being prayed for the muscles became loose and free and I am able to speak easily. (His speech now shows no trace of the former impediment).

I was also healed of a back affliction and I feel so different.

REV. WARD: Was this healing instant or did it take place gradually?

HARRY KELLER: It took place instantly.

### BAPTIST WOMAN HEALED OF OUTWARD TUMOR

REV. WARD: We have a good Baptist friend, Mrs. Pitchford; come forward please.

MRS. PITCHFORD: I had an outward tumor. The doctor examined it and said that it would have to be removed. I came to the Freeman healing meetings and was prayed for. In two days it had completely disappeared.

REV. WARD: Had you heard anything about divine healing before these meetings?

MRS. PITCHFORD: Yes, I had heard. I don't say that I didn't before believe, but now I know.

### LADY WITH DEAF EAR HEALED

REV. WARD: Mrs. Kent, come forward. Mr. Kent is a member of our church and superintendent of a construction company of this city. He is a fine Christian, though a conservative one. I know that he would not exaggerate. Now, Mrs. Kent, tell the people what the Lord has done for you.

MRS. KENT: I live at 2284 Hawthorne

avenue. I had a right ear that caused me a lot of trouble. Everything sounded on the other side of the room. Brother Freeman prayed for me. After I got home that night, I couldn't sleep for hearing the clocks ticking all night. I know that I am healed and give God all the glory.

REV. WARD: You are perfectly satisfied that the miracle has taken place.

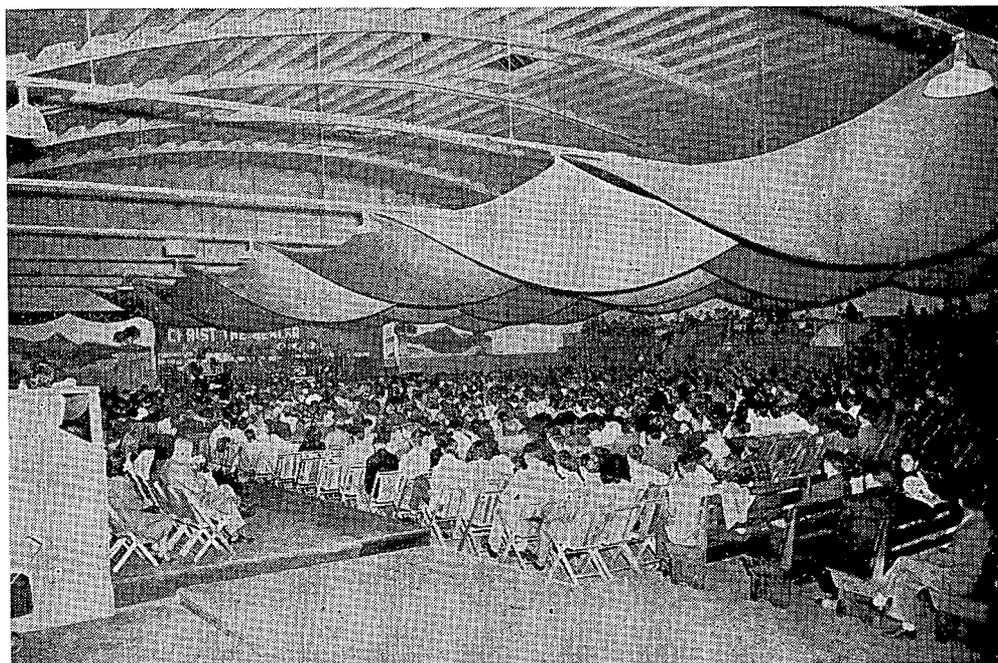
MRS. KENT: I'm perfectly satisfied, praise the Lord.

REV. WARD: Mr. Kent, is this testimony correct? (He answers in the affirmative from the audience).

### NURSE HEALED OF PERNICIOUS ANEMIA AND SERIOUS EYE TROUBLE

REV. WARD: We have another lady, Irene Smith, of Taft, Calif.

IRENE SMITH: I always believed in divine healing, but never thought that I would see the blind eyes opened and the deaf to hear as I have seen in these meetings. I was going almost blind, caused by pernicious anemia. Brother Freeman prayed for my eyes and instantly I was able to read the large print at the back of the building. Now I do not need my glasses. Then he prayed for an incurable disease of the blood. I had been living on liver-hypos for about six years. The doctors said nothing else could be done. But since I was prayed for I have had another



Picture of the Bakersfield Freeman meeting early in the campaign. On closing night many were standing in the Melody Bowl, seating between 2,500 and 3,000. This was the largest religious gathering ever held in Bakersfield.

examination and my blood count is better than when I was taking shots. I work as a practical nurse at the hospital, and am busy all the time. How wonderful my healing is. My strength is unbelievable and I testify to all the nurses in the hospital.

#### LADY WITH SHORT LEG HEALED

REV. WARD: Now here is Sister Mary Albro of 234 H street. She wants to tell about a miracle that has been done in her body.

MARY ALBRO: I want to tell of a miracle that took place. My right leg was about half an inch shorter than my left. After being prayed for I found that by the time I got back to my seat I was healed. I also had a serious back injury and God healed me of that.

WARD: Did you feel any sensation when you were healed?

MARY ALBRO: Yes, I felt a tingling sensation through my leg.

#### LADY WITH DEAF EAR AND BURSTED EAR DRUM HEALED

EDNA BROWN: My name is Edna Brown and I live at 2724 Kentucky avenue. About 30 years ago I had an abscess that bursted the ear drum. I became deaf in that ear. Then in the Freeman meetings I was prayed for and instantly I began to hear out of the deaf ear.

REV. WARD: What church are you a member of?

EDNA BROWN: The Trinity Methodist Church. I shall be glad to testify to each one of the people of the church of what the Lord has done for me. (Rev. Ward tests the lady's ear by whispering into it and she is able to repeat perfectly).

#### BOY WITH BLIND EYE SEES

BERT OSBORNE: We are from Wasco, Calif. This boy had a cataract over his right eye. He had been to Dr. McDaniel at Wasco and he said he couldn't do anything for him. We took him to Brother Freeman and he prayed for him. Now he sees and the cataract has disappeared. He was healed also of a sickly condition.

REV. WARD: How do you know that he sees? Can we test his eyes?

MR. OSBORNE: Yes, you can test his eyes. You can see that the cataract is gone. (The good eye is covered and Rev. Ward asks him what he has in his hand. The boy answers correctly that it is a picture of a man).

REV. WARD: Now, what can those folks say who declare that there is nothing to Divine Healing? A lot of folks weren't counting on this meeting. They thought that after the meeting was over, they could say that there was nothing left to show of the healings.

#### LADY HEALED OF PARALYSIS

MARGARET LOWRY: I live at 1405 Lincoln and I am a Presbyterian. I had not been able to use this hand for three



Boy born deaf receives his hearing. He can now hear tick of the watch as Brother Freeman holds it to his ear.

years and my foot dragged with a sort of paralysis. (She shows the audience how she can use her hand). When I went to bed there was a tingling. In the morning I found that I could use the right hand as good as ever. Then I found that I could use my foot also. I have told the Presbyterians all about it.

#### MAN DEAF IN RIGHT EAR HEALED

BROTHER FLAMING: I had a bad attack of asthma and was deaf in my right ear. I was prayed for by Brother Freeman and I was healed. (Brother Ward talks to him and he hears perfectly).

#### HEALED OF ARTHRITIS AND SINUS

ALBERT STRIPLING: I am from Pumpkin Center. I had Arthritis and was definitely healed in the first Freeman meeting. I was healed of sinus while sitting in the audience in the third service.

#### LADY BROUGHT IN ON COT WALKS AWAY HEALED

REV. WARD: This lady is Elsa Dorton. Is it true that you were brought to the Freeman meetings on a cot?

ELSA DORTON: Yes, it is true. As a result of a car accident, I hadn't been able to hold anything on my stomach for 62 days. When prayed for the Lord healed

me, and I got up off the cot and have been healed and walking ever since.

REV. WARD: You didn't have to go back to the cot? Were you under the doctor's observation?

ELSA DORTON: Yes, I was under doctor's observation for eight weeks, as I had concussion and other complications. The Lord healed me when I got up off the cot and I have been healed and walking ever since. When Brother Freeman prayed for me, I felt my leg straighten and new life came into it.

REV. WARD: Were you able to walk from the building?

ELSA DORTON: Yes, I walked to the car. I work at home and prepare the meals. The doctors know all about it.

#### LADY HEALED OF CATARACT, GOITER AND BREAST CANCER

MRS. IONA WILSON: I live at 924 13th and attend the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. I was healed of cataract on the right eye and goiter on my windpipe. Also a sore on my right breast has gone away.

These were but a few of the testimonies that came in on this night, but these are sufficient to show the amazing results of the Freeman Healing campaign at Bakersfield which cannot be gainsaid.

# LETTERS FROM THE FIELD . . .

Dear Bro. Lindsay:

I am happy to hear from you again and to learn that God is using Brother Freeman in such an unusual manner. I am continually hearing fine reports from the Freeman meetings and am highly encouraged about the Lord's unique time in calling and empowering His servants for the ministry of Bible deliverance.

I have just closed a campaign in Ada, Oklahoma, my home town, where I was healed of tuberculosis 13 years ago. From the very beginning, our tent was too small. Although we seat three thousand people, we could have used a tent more than twice as large. We had approximately 7,000 people the last night of the campaign. During the 15 days over 1,500 were saved and 7,000 entered the healing line. Many of these people united with the local cooperating churches and the pastors reported their churches are on fire and that once more God is visiting His people.

We are now sending out about 5,000 anointed cloths a month to people all over the world. We have eight full-time workers in our office beside seven who travel with me in the meetings. We are adding new stations to our radio work and are printing 25,000 copies of *Healing Waters* Magazine monthly.

By the time you receive this letter I will be in Denver, Colorado, in the Municipal Auditorium in another great campaign. We shall also be in Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 17-28.

I sincerely pray that God shall bless you and your great work and I hope it is my pleasure to see you again soon. Please convey my sincerest personal regards to Brother Freeman.

Yours Because of Him,

Oral Roberts.

## LETTER FROM DENVER

Our Denver Campaign is glorious—literally thousands are *thriving* in the Municipal Auditorium—hundreds have been saved and many miracles have been wrought through our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. Two wheel-chair victims got up and walked, and one of them pushed his wheel chair out. God is visiting this world with His "Final Outpouring" before Jesus comes.

## LETTER FROM DALLAS, TEXAS

Oct. 30, 1948.

I am slated here through Nov. 7, but if the good weather prevails we may have to stay longer as we are having one of our largest and most fruitful meetings. Already more than 500 have prayed through the first week and we cannot seat the crowds—1,500 stood Friday night. We plan on a larger tent seating close to 5,000.

Rev. Oral Roberts  
Tulsa, Okla.

(Brother Roberts intends to get a larger tent, and would like to dispose of the one that he now has seating 3,000. The tent has been used only one season, and he will sell the tent for what he gave for it and give the buyer a new Chevrolet truck costing \$4,000. Those interested correspond with Brother Roberts direct, Box 2187, Tulsa, Oklahoma).

## EVANGELIST WM. F. A. GIERKE

Dear Bro. Lindsay:

A friend of mine handed me a copy of *The Voice of Healing*, and having read contents and policy, I can assure you that I can say a hearty "Amen" to it. I am tremendously interested in the last-day sign-gift ministry. I used to be a lawyer for many years until I lost my eyesight which compelled me to discontinue my practice. I was not entirely blind but my eyes became useless. But I praise God for that dark experi-

ence out of which was born spiritual light, salvation, healing, the Spirit Baptism, and a supernatural ministry in forty states of the Union and Canada, and also a correspondence ministry that has brought spiritual light and salvation and healing and blessing to multitudes throughout the world. In America and other countries, especially Africa, thousands have been healed through our anointed cloths, and saved, delivered from the curse of bondage and thralldom of witchcraft and paganism.

I was ordained as a member of a certain denomination March 24, 1922, but my experience of healing plus the Baptism with the Spirit the following year didn't fit into the program of that denomination, and so in 1925, I became affiliated with a Full Gospel movement of which I am still a member. I long for fellowship of like minded servants of the Lord, and I believe that the Lord will enlarge our borders and increase our usefulness.

I was healed through the ministry of a medical doctor, whose wife was dying of Bright's disease, but who was delivered in response to his own prayer. He changed his profession to that of a minister of the gospel. So the Lord used a doctor to bring healing to a lawyer and then used both to proclaim His wonderful message of full and free salvation.

Just a short time ago I was called to a lawyer friend of mine who lost his thumb and forefinger of the right hand in a bandsaw accident. He insisted that the doctor sew back in place those two severed fingers, which he did under mild protest. But in a comparatively short time thereafter our lawyer friend regained the full use of those two fingers. I have boxes full of testimonies but have been so busy with correspondence ministry that I don't get much time for other duties, but the sister who so ably assisted us for six years promised to come back soon, which will release me for resumption of my field work and other duties. God bless you and all the brethren of the fellowship and Brother Branham and others who might be in special need of a touch of God's power, due to exacting demands of this ministry physically and mentally.

Yours in His Glad Service,

Wm. F. A. Gierke  
234 N. Hicks Avenue  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Oct. 18, 1948.

## HELENA HUBBARD GIVES REPORT OF FREEMAN CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Dear Bro. Lindsay:

As an altar worker in the Freeman meetings in Oakland, I was delighted with the number of souls genuinely saved. There was no lack of conviction. The Holy Spirit accomplished a deep work in the hearts of the repentant ones. All races were represented in the converts, and for the first time in the lives of many Catholic people, they heard the plan of salvation and came to know Christ as a personal saviour.

As an illustration of the lasting results of the campaign we are baptizing three young people soon who were of Mormon background. They were delivered from cursing, smoking and heavy drinking. One has already been filled with the Spirit and they promised the Lord if He would help them get their debts paid they would attend Bible School. Within a week each of the three received checks from unexpected sources, and the debts were paid. So this week these three alert, intelligent young people entered our Bible School at Elim tabernacle. We praise God for the many healings but our deepest gratitude goes out to young lives redeemed from the chains of sin and now called into His glorious service.

Helena Hubbard  
Associate Pastor, Elim Tabernacle

REV. LOUIS HAUFF, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am sending you a report of the results of the Freeman meetings in Riverside, as it affected our church.

The faith of our people was tremendously built up during the meetings. I asked the people who received definite healing to write out their testimonies and sign them for me. Many testimonies were handed in, among them a lady healed of asthma and bronchitis, who was not able to lie down and sleep without choking and coughing. A brother who had a collapsed lung was prayed for and then had the X-rays taken, and that lung was now in better condition than the other lung. A sister who had lost her sense of smell as a result of an accident six years ago was healed, and also was delivered of a small tumor under her right arm.

Another sister, who at 10 years of age, through a mastoid operation, had both ear drums to collapse and was very hard of hearing. A doctor's examination July 23, 1948, showed both ear drums collapsed. Brother Freeman prayed for her Oct. 6. The next day she had a checkup and both ears were in perfect condition. She can now hear a whisper anywhere in the house.

A small boy was born with hernia, and had to wear a truss, but after being prayed for, he took the truss off and the hernia was healed. Many other testimonies are coming in of the Lord's healing touch.

We have had several people attend our church since the healing meetings who were saved through the ministry of Brother Freeman and are now going on with the Lord. These meetings stirred our community in a greater way than any other meeting for years. Many people were prayed for from the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Church of Christ, Seventh Day Adventists and others.

Yours in Christ,

L. H. Hauff  
P. O. Box 344  
San Bernardino, Calif.

(Editor's note: Rev. L. H. Hauff was formerly superintendent of the Arizona District of the Assemblies of God, and is now pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in San Bernardino, California. His church cooperated in the Freeman meetings and it is interesting to note the beneficial effect of the campaign on a church located 10 miles distant).

## REV. PAUL FRANKLIN REPORTS FINE MEETING OF STAR THOMAS

Dear Bro. Lindsay:

Last spring Rev. Star W. Thomas came to us at Tulare, Calif. He had just come from Selma, where there had been a tremendous outpouring of the Spirit. It was evident that God was about to do a marvelous thing for our city. Soon the church was packed to capacity.

I saw a man who was afflicted with a cancer just above his temple. The doctors had warned that an operation was imperative—that the cancer was penetrating dangerously close to the brain. But God healed him! I saw for myself.

I personally know of several who were miraculously healed of afflictions and diseases. One woman who had spent over \$3,000 for medical treatment was instantly healed of heart disease and testified only recently again to her wonderful healing. Brother Thomas then went to Hanford and put up a large tent and conducted a city-wide, spiritual awakening with marvelous results in healing.

I cannot go overboard in praise and adulation for any man, however used of God, but on the other hand, I am most anxious to restrainedly commend to all who are ready, those men who

have received from God a special enablement of the Spirit. I am persuaded that God is raising up a mighty ministry in these days to be peculiarly an instrument in God's hands to reveal to the world the "manifestations of the sons of God." And that such men as Brother Freeman, Brother Branham, Brother Roberts and Brother Thomas with their great public ministry of larger scope, is God's way of impressing and being a witness to multitudes which we who are pastors with a more obscure ministry, cannot reach. That God will snatch thousands from the "burnings" is the glorious vision and deep yearning of your humble servant.

I heartily commend the ministry of our Brother Thomas. The wholesome presentation, the godliness of his deportment, the deep consecration evidenced in fasting and prayer for the sick, the preaching of the Word with unction and blessing I heartily endorse.

I am yours and His,

Paul B. Franklin  
752 E. Inyo Street  
Tulare, Calif.

## Report From Riverside, California, Pastor

Riverside is a city of 60,000. After much prayer I was led of the Spirit to get in touch with Brother Freeman, and find out if it were possible for him to come to our city. The Riverside campaign resulted.

The people of our church began praying and fasting every day for a month. We secured the Memorial Auditorium which seats 1,900, but we were allowed to seat 2,200. Night after night hundreds were turned away.

The reason for the great crowds was, first: The Spirit of the Lord was present to heal the people through the Gift that God has given Brother Freeman. When the people began to see the blind eyes opened, the deaf ears unstopped, cancers healed, tumors disappear, the dumb made to speak, they were soon convinced that Jesus Christ was the same today and forever.

One of our ministers could not smell from birth. After Brother Freeman prayed for her she received her sense of smell. A little baby born blind was able after prayer, to reach up and touch a watch held up before her. One night four deaf mutes were healed and could hear a watch tick. One man was brought in with a cancer so swollen that he could not button up his trousers, and so sick the ambulance driver said that he couldn't lift a foot. After Brother Branham prayed for him, he got off the stretcher and walked and bent over. The swollen stomach went down so that his pants could be buttoned up. Praise the Lord! These are only typical incidents of a multitude of healings.

Riverside has been stirred, people everywhere are talking about the miracles of healing. The country has been stirred for miles and miles around. And most important of all, hundreds of people filled the prayer room for salvation.

Brother Freeman preaches the Word and does not show partiality to creed or

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON DIVINE HEALING

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QUESTION 4. WHEN DEAF MUTES  
ARE HEALED WILL THEY BE ABLE  
TO SPEAK AT ONCE?

ANSWER: This is a most important question because there is a general lack of information of a deaf mute's condition before and after healing. Often the deaf person is normal in every way except he cannot hear. Because he cannot hear, sound has no significance to him, and therefore he does not speak. These usually can be taught to lip read, and also to speak a few words. Because they cannot hear their own speaking, the words often will be uttered in a squeaky and unintelligible manner. True mutes are usually bound in their vocal organs also, and cannot be taught to speak at all.

Jesus definitely attributed deafness and dumbness to an evil spirit: "*He rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him: Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee come out of him, and enter no more into him*" (Mk. 9:25). Since we know of sincere Christians who suffer of this affliction, it is proof that while Satan cannot touch the Christian's soul, he can afflict the body (See Job 2:7).

When the deaf and dumb spirit is cast out, the subject can now both hear and speak as we have witnessed scores of times. But—and this is most important to remember—the individual never having heard sound is utterly unable to understand the meaning of the words that he hears. It is strange that more people do not recognize this fact. If an American was suddenly ushered into the center of conversation by Chinamen, he would be unable to understand or make himself understood. Foreigners live years in this country and some never learn our language and few learn to speak it fluently. Yet the person who has been deaf all his life is often expected to understand what is being spoken to him, and to speak in return. How unfair this is to the person who has been delivered. Truly at that moment the one who has been healed needs all the sympathy and help people can give him.

In the November issue of *The Voice of Healing*, Jack Owens, Jr., of Springfield, Oregon, writes of his healing in the Freeman meetings: "I was healed, and now can hear trains, airplanes and cars; my only trouble is that I cannot understand what people say as I have never heard before. I will have to learn the meaning of words."

He helps the pastors in many ways, and draws the Body of Christ closer together.

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Riverside, Calif.

He then told of his father's healing. He said: "He could hear very easily several feet away and could hear the piano, but could not understand people talking."

A child that has been delivered of deafness should not be sent back to the deaf school. The child itself has learned to communicate my means of his fingers or by lip-reading. It is unnatural for him to try to communicate by means of sound which is as unfamiliar to him as to an infant. Moreover the child or person must be made to concentrate on the sound to understand it. The parent must now be as patient in training the child to speak as it would be to one leaving infancy. Moreover, principals of deaf schools cannot be expected to have much sympathy with miracles of healing that will disrupt their school. (This is not always true; some instructors have been overjoyed at the deliverance).

It is also very essential that the parents of a child who is delivered, or if it is an older person, they themselves will consecrate their lives to the Lord and avoid sin, unbelief or carelessness that will permit the deaf spirit to return (John 5:14). Jesus plainly showed that even the spirits that He cast out sought to return to the individual from whence they came. If that person's life was not filled with the things of God, the evil spirit might well take his abode again, and the last state be worse than the first (Lu. 11:24-28).

CONCERNING THE USE OF MEDICINE

QUESTION 5. I expect to be prayed for for the healing of my body. Shall I at that time quit taking medicine?

Answer: First of all, we should make it clearly understood that we have no criticism of the medical profession. Many physicians are Godly men; some have great faith in divine healing. We have letters in our possession in which physicians have requested prayer for their patients. Who would dare say that the world has no need for specially trained men to teach people concerning the care of their bodies. Christ commended those who cared for the sick and wounded (Luke 10:34). Special assistance and care is needed by mothers at the time of the birth of their children. Nevertheless, at their best, physicians can only assist nature; God alone can heal.

In the booklet, "Divine Healing in the Freeman Meetings," is this statement:

"When a malignant disease such as cancer, tumor, tuberculosis, fastens itself upon the body, there is little that drugs can do. We may appreciate the care that trained personnel can give people in time of sickness, but for real deliverance from organic disease we must turn to the Lord with all our hearts and  
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# A SERMON FROM HELL

It is one thing to ponder the horrors of the coming tribulation, or the judgment of the Great White Throne, which will occur at least ten centuries from now at the end of the Millennium. It is altogether another to contemplate what may be the fate of any or all of us *in a few minutes* from the moment that this is read. The boundary between this world and the next is so slight, and the arrival in the beyond can be so sudden, that it may actually be experienced by any one of us in a moment.

It is among the amazing things of revelation, which we so little realize, that, reported by the lips in which dwelt all wisdom and knowledge, a man is overheard speaking in hell for the only time in the history of the world. Each soul was removed, with hardly a perceptible break by death, into the other world. And our Lord reports an actual conversation, to show us, *who at any moment may be there*, that the decision of eternity is now.

The first awful fact that bursts upon us is that hell-fire is already an actual experience, and is deliberately so stated by the tenderest lips in all history. "In hell (Greek, Hades) he lifted up his eyes being in torment" (Luke 16:23). It is an awful cry, "Cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame." *Four times* (vv. 23, 24, 25, 28) *the torment is asserted.*

If anyone imagines that a disembodied spirit cannot suffer pain, and that, therefore, there is no flame that can reach the devil and his angels—who never have been, and never will be, anything but spirits—let him listen to the only man in that fire who has ever yet been allowed to speak to the living, in words reported and endorsed by the Son of the living God. "Cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame."

When the unclean spirits cowered before our Lord in Gadara, "they entreated Him that He would not command them to depart into the abyss," saying, "Art Thou come to torment us before the time?" (Luke 8:31, Matt. 8:29, R. V.) "These demons also believe and shudder" (James 2:19, R. V.)

The words of a man who has *felt* the flame outweigh the words of two thousand millions who have never seen it. Unbelief in a coming hell is a snare leading straight to hell according to one who is there.

## MEMORY IN HELL

Christ lays the whole emphasis throughout on a physical contrast, here and hereafter, beneath which lies a far profounder spiritual contrast, in two men who exchange positions in the world to come. Abraham's answer sums it up: "Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things"—reached your own ideal

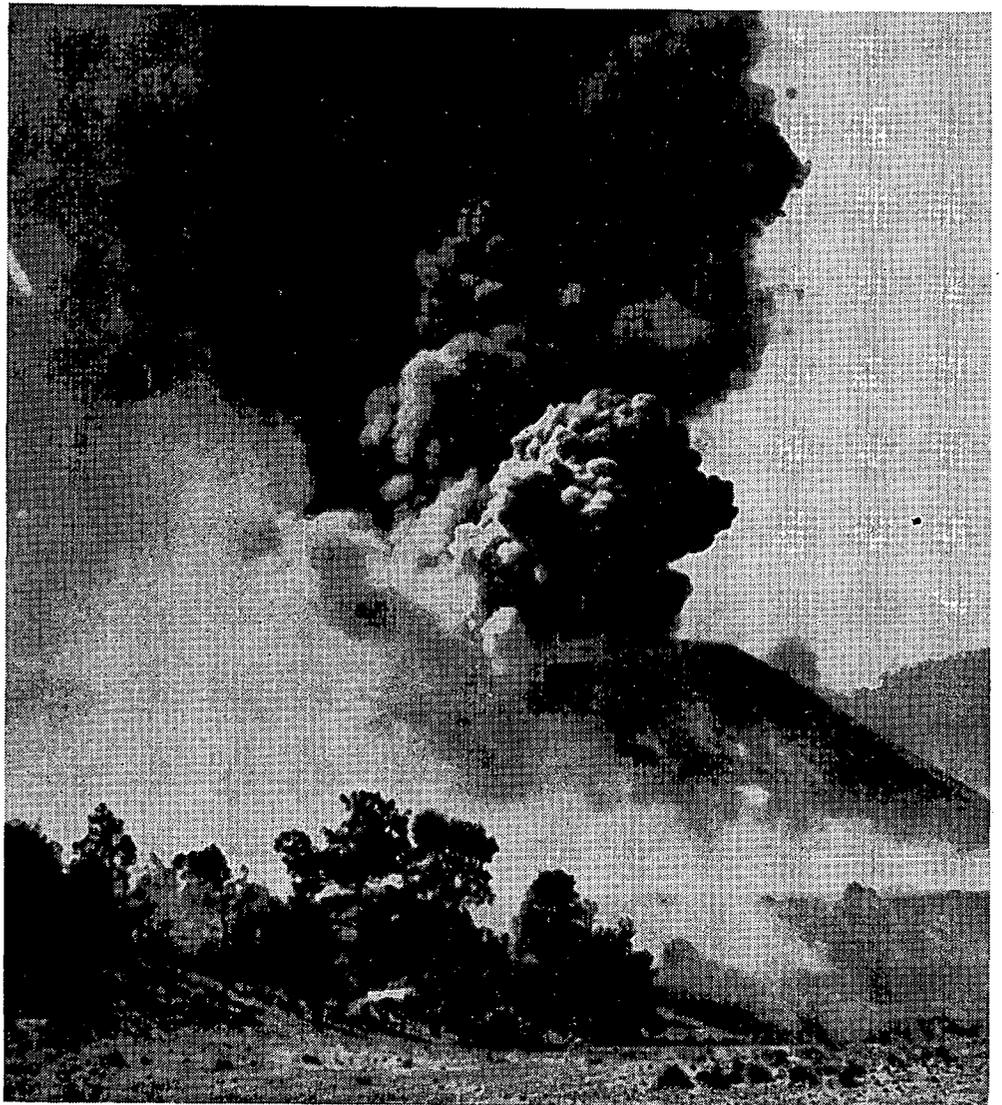
of wealth, prosperity, power—"and Lazarus"—a name which, pathetically means "God is my help"—"likewise evil things; but now here"—in the world of eternal reversal—"he is comforted, and thou art in anguish."

If the world could, by economics, make everybody a Dives, it would feel that it had reached an ideal higher than its highest dreams. The extraordinary thing is that not a *single sin* is laid to the charge of the rich man by Abraham. And nowhere does Christ Himself say that he was a vicious man, irreligious, or possessed of ill-gotten wealth. He perished merely by worldliness. "Thy good things"—ease, comfort, pleasure, *with sin*: "Lazarus evil

things"—scorn, poverty, disease, *with God*: therefore Dives had pallbearers, Lazarus had angels.

## REVERSAL OF ETERNITY

The reversal in eternity is appalling. On earth, Lazarus was a beggar, and Dives the refuser. In eternity, Dives is the beggar, and Lazarus the refuser. Here, Dives apparently refused a crumb on the tongue—there, Lazarus refused a drop of water on the tongue. Dives saw the suffering beggar, and *did not* relieve him; but, in the eternal world, Lazarus sees the tormented Dives, and *cannot* relieve him. And the moral gulf, in the world to come, becomes an impassable physical gulf—"a gulf fixed that"—for the very purpose



—Worldwide Photo.

Mexico's new volcano, Mt. Paracutin. A few miles down below the surface of the earth are fires which have raged for past ages. Now and then this pent-up fury finds a weak place in the earth's crust, and the subterranean flames burst forth, emitting white-hot lava and smoke laden with cinders. A few years ago a Mexican peon, laboring in his field some miles from Mexico City, noticed the earth under him becoming warm. Suddenly before his terrified gaze the earth opened up and began to belch forth fire, smoke and lava. A mountain began to form, and now approaches half a mile in height. At night, lurid flames of the active volcano light up the countryside, bespeaking the fact in no uncertain terms that below the cool crust of the earth lurk eternal fires. These facts are interesting, in view of the Bible teaching that Sheol, or Hades (Hell), is spoken of as down.

that—"none may pass." God's myriad warnings crystallize at last into an impassable gulf. Lazarus lost everything in the world, but he lost worldliness with it. Dives dies in worldliness, and wakes up in fire.

#### NO THOUGHT OF ESCAPING FROM HELL

Now, what does a man who finds himself there say in hell? What he does *not* say is overwhelming. Unutterable volumes lie in the sudden silence of the soul who, on the other side, *knows*.

It never crosses the rich man's lips, for apparently it never crosses his mind, to cry: "*Let me out!*" The clanging of the gate behind him, the awful locking of the keys of death and of Hades. Dives has to be told that no spirit can cross the gulf that divides the good from the evil dead. He has to be told that a good spirit sent out on the earth would not convince. But he needs no one to tell him that *there is no escape out of the place of the lost for one who has died unrepentant*.

#### LIVE WITHOUT GOD; DIE WITHOUT GOD

There is one word which we can hardly imagine a soul, thus plunged into catastrophe and involved in fearful ruin, *not* uttering—the name of the One who controls the universe. It is one word in which hope alone can survive. Yet in all the dialogue in those fateful shades the word *God* never escapes his lips. The man who lives without God, dies without God. Lips that never pray on earth are mute in hell.

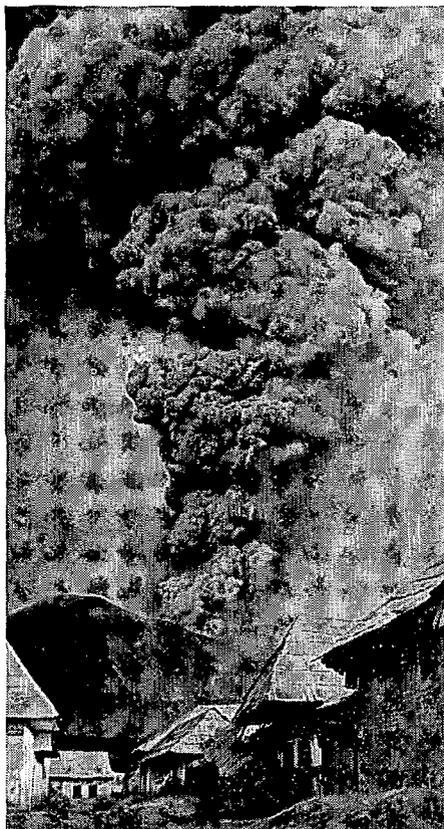
His only other cry, besides that of pain, is a cry that involves complete self-despair: "Send to my father's house." The dead know that there is hope for the living, but none for the dead. Dives knows, without question put or complaint made or appeal lodged, that he is eternally doomed.

#### REMORSE BUT NO REPENTANCE

Now the sermon of a lost soul issues from the rich man's lips. "Send him (Lazarus)"—how remarkably he does not say, "Send *me*," for he knows the gates of Hades are locked—"to my father's house, lest they also come into this place of torment: if one go to them from the dead, they will repent." Dives is anxious for his brothers to repent. But not once does he speak of his own repentance, for he is keenly aware that repentance will keep his brothers *from* hell, yet he never dreams that repentance will pluck a man *out* of hell. It is impossible to carry our sins into heaven, and the moment we are in the other world we shall know it. *Dives suffers from remorse, not from repentance*. Not one word of admission of sin; not one word of regret of sin; not one thought for the cleansing from sin; not one cry for the pardon of sin. Hell holds no sense of sin, and therefore no absolution from sin.

Dives himself manifestly had never believed that there was a hell. *In* it, he infers that all who conceal or deny the fact are doing men a fearful wrong. And his one appeal for his brothers is that they should

be told that *hell is a fact*, and that they may escape it he concentrates all on one word—**REPENT!** That is what a dead man thinks every living man ought to do. It is sin that fills hell, and it is only repentance that can escape it. Dives was sure that if only his brothers knew the facts of the other world, they would move heaven and earth to avoid the torment. The Saviour Himself has warned us in words that could not be more clear or sure, and no lost soul who ever entered the gloomy portals but knows that they are true: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5).



Another view of Mt. Paracutin. Photo by Del Grant.

#### MIRACLES WILL NOT CONVINCe

The startling fact in Abraham's answer is that the five brothers had in their hands something more convincing, more saving, than an evangelist walking straight into their house from out of a ruptured tomb. "If they hear not Moses and the prophets," Abraham said, "neither will they be persuaded, if one rise from the dead."

Abraham's reply reveals what alone will save any man, in any epoch of the world, anywhere. God Himself can give no more than He has given. Christ Himself never once appeared to an unbeliever after His resurrection. I do not need news from hell, but pardon from heaven. A messenger from Hades cannot cleanse my foul soul, *but the Scriptures can* (John 15:3, Eph. 5:26). They proclaim the efficacy of the cleansing blood of Christ (1 John 1:7). No messenger from the other world could make goodness more loveable, or hell more terrible, or Calvary more cleans-

ing, or Christ more divine, or duty more clear, or decisions more urgent, or eternity more solemn, than the Scriptures do which we hold in our hands. The dead might lie. The Scriptures cannot. We have all the proof that almighty wisdom sees to be the *right* proof, and we have *enough* proof. Any more would only deepen condemnation. *And no more proof will ever be given*. The Bible we have is all the Bible we need.

#### IMMEDIATE DECISION NECESSARY

The warning of our Lord—perfectly unique in the history of the world—focuses everything on immediate decision. Samuel Wilberforce has said, "The experience of many deathbeds has convinced me that, so far from the deathbed's being the place where you will see the greatest sincerity, there are few places where you will oftener see men hypocrites, very few times and very few places where men are more desperately striving to deceive themselves, because they feel that now it is almost hopeless to turn."

How few words our Lord devotes to these two men's lives. How He concentrates all on their hereafter! Two men, traveling the same earthly way, pass at once into opposite abodes, as surely as vapor rises and water falls. And between their eternal habitations there is a gulf fixed which no reasoning can hide, no time can remove, no angel can bridge, no eternity can destroy. Traffic across it is impossible, for the good *will* not cross when the day of mercy is closed, and the bad *may* not, when the day of opportunity is gone. And all around are walls unscalable, unpierceable, unmovable.

—From the Pentecostal Evangel, writer unknown).

## Questions and Answers

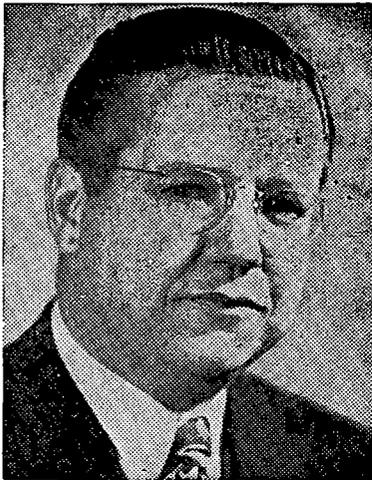
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not put our trust in drugs which ordinarily can only alleviate suffering and not cure it. (Even in the use of the so-called wonder drug, penicillin, it has been found that after a short time of its use, this results in the production of a drug-resisting strain of bacteria that survives successive injections of the drug). This is all the more true of people who have trusted in the Lord in the past for healing, as it is well brought out in II Chron. 16:12-13, where it declares that Asa who had believed the Lord for many things failed to trust the Lord for healing when he became ill.

However, it is important to note that unless faith for healing through the Great Physician has been born in the soul, just ceasing to use the drug will not heal the individual. One does not take the crutches from a lame man until he exercises faith to walk without them. To that person whose trust is in God as the Healer of his body, the matter of the use of drugs ceases to be a problem. Medicines and drugs are not necessary for those whose faith is in Christ, the Great Physician.

## Lasting Results of Branham Meeting in Kansas City Reported by Pastor Several Months Later

It has been our desire to publish a report of the healing campaigns from a local pastor several months after the meeting. We are taking the report carried in the August issue of the Christ's Ambassador Herald, which was written by Rev. U. S. Grant, pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle at Kansas City, Kansas. He gives some wonderful accounts of healings that took place in the Branham Healing Campaign of last April in that city.



Rev. U. S. Grant

### CANCER OF THE SPINE

"One young mother of four children, Mrs. Hazel King, age 34, was dying with cancer on the spine. She was brought by ambulance to a meeting we were sponsoring at Memorial Hall. She had undergone a major operation on June 26, 1947. Subsequently she was subjected to radium packs and took X-ray therapy for 30 days. She was in the hospital for five more treatments in March, 1948.

"On Tuesday, April 13, 1948, the doctor told her husband he could do nothing more at all for her. She had the cancer in an advanced stage. For the first time her husband broke the sad story to her that she was dying with cancer. She was brought to the meeting on Wednesday evening of April 14 and prayed for. When I saw her lying on the ambulance cot she was trembling pitifully with excruciating pain. Instantly after prayer was offered, the pain ceased and she rested for the first time in days. At the end of about 72 hours she became very sick. This was simply the dead cancer trying to pass from her body. At the end of 96 hours the cancer had all passed and she was made whole. Three weeks later Mrs. King stood in the service on Sunday night and gave her testimony and glorified God. She is gaining steadily.

### GOITERS

"On Monday night, April 12, 1948, Mrs. Pearl Smith, who is a member of my church, went through the healing line. She had had a goiter for a number of years.

Two years ago she was X-rayed and the doctors said she needed an operation to remove the goiter. She had frequent and severe headaches because of this trouble. There was also such a pressure in the throat that she found it impossible to sing, as much as she desired to enter into the worship of the Lord with others. When Mrs. Smith had gone about 10 feet from the minister, he looked back her way and said, 'Someone back here just lost a goiter; who was it?' Mrs. Smith felt immediately at her throat, and the goiter was gone. It is absolutely gone! There are no more headaches and she sings in worship without any difficulty at all.

"At the same instant Mrs. Smith lost the goiter from her throat, another lady, Mrs. Sylvia Tuttle, mother-in-law to one of the young ladies in our church, also lost a goiter from her throat. She had a slight strangling spell. Her daughter-in-law looked at her, felt her throat (because of what the minister had said), and cried, 'Oh, your goiter is gone!' It was! Her son said she had been troubled with it as long as he could remember.

### MASTOID

"I talked this week with the wife of one of our pastors. Mrs. Eugene Bascue, of Paola, Kansas. She had been troubled for 22 years with mastoid which had affected the hearing in her left ear. She was prayed for and instantly healed. The constant drainage that had irritated her for all these years had ceased; the mastoid is healed and her hearing is good.

"When I approached Sister Bascue about her case, she said, 'Yes, I'm healed, but we have a little girl in our church who was healed in the same meeting and she is the talk of our town.' I asked her to tell me about it. This little girl, Patricia Phiffer, age 11, was born with crossed eyes. She wore very heavy glasses, but the sight of both eyes was impaired. She could see less than a yard away with one eye and not too much better with the other. She was ministered to and was instantly delivered. Her eyes are straight, she does not wear the glasses any more, and her vision is good.

"I could give you many more testimonies. I could tell you of a lady who had peptic ulcer. She was healed, spitting up the vile contents of the ulcer. She has been to the doctor since, and pronounced well.

"I could tell you of a lady, Mrs. Dickman, of Topeka, who, while sitting in the meeting, felt the power of God and realized she was healed. She had only weighed about 80 pounds. When she walked into her house that night she became very ill. A little later she passed a tape worm as large as two fingers and over 15 inches long. She is, of course, gaining strength and weight."

## Life Story of Wm. Branham

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churches." Now I said, "Will you go with me?" She said, "Honey, I have promised to go with you anywhere until death separates us." May God bless her loyal heart.

So I decided to go up and tell mother. When I got there I said, "Mother, I have something to tell you." Then I told her about the invitations. She said, "What are you going to do for money?" We only had seventeen dollars between us, but we felt the Lord would supply. She put her arms around me and blessed me. She still prays for me. She said, "Son, we used to have that kind of religion in our church years ago, and I know it's real."

### OPPOSITION FROM MOTHER-IN-LAW

But then I had to go and talk to her mother. That was the problem. She was a fine woman, but rather dignified. I went down to her house and said, "How do you do, Mrs. Brumback?" She said, "How do you do; did you have a nice time on your vacation?" I said, "Yes maam, but I want to tell you something. I met up with the finest and happiest group of people." And I began to tell her about it. Now I said, "Hope and I are going out to hold some revivals. We haven't much money, but I know that God will provide for us." But she looked at me and said, "William!" I knew from the way she said it that all was off as far as she was concerned. She said, "You will never take my daughter off, where she will eat one day and starve the next. And what's more, I'll never give my permission to have Hope among that bunch of trashy people." I later found out that what she called trash was the "cream of the crop." I say that reverently. (But about eight months later the daughter that she thought was "too good to be dragged through the trash" was buried).

We went on back to our house. Hope was crying. She said, "I'll go anyway." Her mother came up to the house and said, "Hope, if you go your mother will die of a broken heart."

### A FATEFUL DECISION

And now, friends, what I say now, let it be to your education. Let my mistakes result in your blessing. I gave in to my mother-in-law, instead of listening to God. It was at this time that the anointing of God which had come upon me, left me. It never really returned as it had been until five years later. My church up till that time had been a growing, prosperous church, but now it began to drop off. Everything went wrong. With my church going down, I didn't know what to do.

Then came the 1937 Ohio River flood that swept through the entire valley. I was working for the conservation department at that time. The water came up over the levees and people began moving out. Then my wife became very sick. I have a doctor friend, Dr. Sam Adair, specialist. When she got sick, I called Sam. He examined her and said, "Billy, she has pneumonia!"

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