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6,000 people attend night service in Branham Campaign, Ice Arena in Tacoma, May 12-16.

## EUGENE MEETING

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Eugene campaign and God's blessing was mightily upon him as he ministered the Word of faith to the congregation. Rev. Gordon Lindsay was also speaker at the services. It is customary to give a report from one of the local pastors working in the meetings, so the following is an excerpt from a letter received from Rev. Arthur Hyland:

"As Secretary of the ministers' group that sponsored the Branham Campaign in Eugene, Oregon, I want to thank God for Brother Branham and the wonderful results brought about by his ministry here. That ministry has done more toward bringing complete harmony, not only among the pastors but with the lay members of the churches of Springfield and Eugene which took part in the great meetings, than anything else ever did. We thank God for each individual which made up the Branham party, each being wonderful men of God.

In this meeting, Brother Branham was so exhausted that anyone could see he was going to the very limit of his strength every night. Many were healed of all kinds of afflictions and diseases. Two large goiters disappeared right before my eyes, as well as a cancer on a lady's face. A girl's leg which had been shorter than the other, was lengthened. One Catholic lady who had been an invalid for 10 years was healed of cancer, raised up from her bed, walked out of the building, and

## Girl Healed of Convulsions in Portland

Patty Lou Clarkson, seven years of age, started having convulsions when two and a half years old. The doctors could not find the cause but thought that it was a brain obstruction. She took three medications each day for nearly four years. During the summer of 1947 specialists made arrangements to operate for brain tumor, but X-rays sent to the Mayo Clinic showed it wasn't brain tumor but a rare blood disease.

Besides having convulsions, she was subject to headaches and stomach trouble and it was questionable that she could attend school. In October, 1947, Patty was prayed for the first evening of the Branham meeting in Portland, Oregon. A number of our friends noticed an immediate change in her. We stopped the medications and she has taken none since. After five weeks her mind had cleared so well and all pains left her that she was able to attend school. The entire congregation and Rev. Wm. McNutt of the Gospel Light Tabernacle at Milton, Wash., testify to her transformation.

We thank God for His precious gifts given to people like Rev. Branham.

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has been doing all her work since. Many other healings took place for which we give God all the praise."

### Brother Branham To Take Rest

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cerned about this magazine, *The Voice of Healing*, which has been reporting his ministry. It was intended that Brother Branham should be its publisher, and the magazine to be more or less confined to reporting his meetings. After talking with our brother at some length, we realized that he was not physically able to be personally responsible for its publication. Rev. Moore and myself are, therefore, assuming this responsibility and we shall continue to report the Branham campaigns, and we believe that sooner than our brother thinks he shall be enabled to return to the field.

In the meantime we shall be publishing sermons of our brother. We hope in the near future to print in consecutive issues the story of our brother's ministry.

But more than this there is something quite important that we shall mention in connection with Brother Branham's min-istry and The Voice of Healing publication. Brother Branham has repeatedly declared that there were more sign-gifts that were to appear, and that their appearance was to be in the immediate future. So it has come to pass. Right after the Tulsa meeting in June of last year, God spoke to a young man, Rev. Oral Roberts, and committed a gift of healing to him. This has been borne out by the great ministry God has manifested through him. When the editor talked with him at some length last spring he learned that Brother Roberts had felt definite convictions to make his meetings inter-evangelical in nature also, as those of Brother Branham's. We have since noted with great joy the success that our brother has achieved in the Lord. He has his own paper, The Healing Waters Magazine, but we shall be very happy to carry reports of his meetings in The Voice of Healing.

Now has appeared the third sign-gift ministry, that of our brother William W. Freeman. We are at the present time associated with him in meetings in the West. (Schedules and reports of his meetings appear elsewhere in this issue). We are glad to report a most glorious meeting at Salinas, Calif. The deaf, dumb and blind and many others were healed with large crowds attending. Other remarkable sign-gift ministries shall no doubt appear, and we shall do our best to report this thing that God is doing throughout the land. The great purpose of it all, we are sure, is to awaken the people of God and cause them to become one in Him, thus fulfilling the prayer of Christ that we should be one even as He and the Father are one.

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

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# How the Gift of Divine Healing Came to Me

BY WILLIAM W. FREEMAN Stenographically Recorded at Salinas, Calif.

I was raised to fear the Lord and to pray. Even when I was a little boy the Lord dealt with my heart, and I wanted to be a preacher. I remember that I would come in to the church and sit down and look at the building, the old-fashioned altar, the pulpit and the "amen corner." I could feel the presence of the Lord, and He spoke to me many times. I was rather shy as a boy, and when company would come for Sunday dinner I would go off to myself and play until they went home.

Although I was a grown man before I gave my life to the Lord, I knew God was dealing with me, and that sometime I would preach the Gospel. Even from the time I was a young lad, the Lord dealt with me about Divine healing. When I was eight years old the Lord spoke to me in a vision. It was when we lived in a log house in Missouri. One night I saw a great ball of fire come down out of heaven and the Lord spoke to me. I kept all those things in my heart.

#### MOTHER HEALED ON DEATH BED

There was another instance of God's dealings in our home that I recall. My mother was lying on her death bed with-out a hope. The saints were called to pray and God healed my mother and she came out of bed shouting and praising God, made perfectly whole. After that I always felt that when people were sick, and that if they loved the Lord, we should be able to go up and just lay hands upon them and they would be healed.

After I was saved God called me to preach the Gospel. As I was seeking Him and waiting upon Him, He spoke to me in a vision, saying: "If you are willing to pay the price, I have a great work for thee." I didn't understand then the price that would have to be paid and you can't imagine the things I have gone through, the times I have been misunderstood; but God's hand was upon me to separate me for the work He called me to do. At that time, however, I did not know for certain what it was, but thought perhaps He would call me to be a missionary.

### SPECIAL DEALINGS BY THE LORD IN

#### PREPARATION FOR THE GIFT

Before the gift came to me, I went through a series of special testings. My wife had a nervous breakdown during the vear 1946. Then a few months later my heart gave way on me and I thought I was finished. I handed my resignation in to my church in Porterville. It seemed as if, in my physical condition that the earth was receding and people were far away



A portion of the crowd attending the Freeman Healing meeting in the large tent at Salinas, Calif.

from me. I couldn't understand why all this was happening and my heart was broken. I fasted and prayed for four days and I said, "Lord, my only desire is to preach the Gospel, but if this is it, this is it." Then a short time later the Lord healed me.

Later, a cancer came upon my leg, and it looked, as if the enemy was going to get me again. This was in January, 1947. But I prayed unto the Lord again and He healed me. The cancer disappeared and is completely gone today. I have suffered fever and pain, and that is one reason I can understand and have compassion on the afflicted.

During this time I sought the Lord much. Before the gift came we would pray until 1 or 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Then we would spend the afternoon making personal calls. Then to service, where God blessed and saved souls and healed sick bodies. Then we would pray for hours again. My ministry yet did not include the gift of healing. But God's Word says for the elders to anoint with oil and the prayer of faith would save and heal the sick. Every minister should obey this command.

### SPECIAL VISION RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY, 1947

One night at about 11 o'clock, the Lord gave me a vision. In the vision I saw the Lord standing on a great cloud. As I watched Him the scene seemed to change, and I was standing before a vast congregation. People were packed on the outside, and as far as I could see, others were coming from all directions to be prayed for. I heard my wife speaking to me, saying, "These people want you to pray for them." And I would say, "Yes, I will pray for them." Then it seemed that I prayed for hours until exhausted, with the deaf, dumb and blind hearing, speaking and seeing. Still a steady stream of peo-ple came. They came by every means of transportation, some were brought on stretchers and God healed them. Then the scene began to change, and I saw different auditoriums, some with large balconies. Some of these auditoriums I have already seen, and preached in them, and other parts of the vision have already been fulfilled. I know that the Lord will bring the rest of it to pass also. Then I saw a great ocean behind me as far as I could see, and before me was a great multitude

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## "GOD IS DOING A NEW THING"

Address by Rev. Everett Fulton

Superintendent of Open Bible Standard, Eugene, Oregon, May 22, 1948

Having attended the Branham meetings the past several days, and having checked carefully the messages that have been preached, and having observed the spirit of the meeting, I want to say that I have been satisfied that this thing is of God. We are told in the Scriptures that there are three that bear record on earth. "And there are three that bear record in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood" (I Jn. 5:8). Now I have tested these meetings by these three witnesses. First, the moving of the Spirit. Beyond the miracles and healings taking place, who will not say, as we witness men and women broken up before God that His spirit is not moving mightily. Not only sinners, but the children of the Lord have received great inspiration in these services. Second, faithfulness to the Word of God (which is typified by the water). I have observed a faithfulness to the great truths of the Scriptures, and although our Brother Branham has had no training in the great theological schools, there does appear in his preaching an intuitive knowledge of the Scriptures that shows that he has met God. Third, I have noted that our brother repeatedly emphasized the fact of the Deity of Christ, and that only through the Blood of the Saviour can men be saved from their sins. Thus we see that the three Bible witnesses agree in their testimony to this ministry.

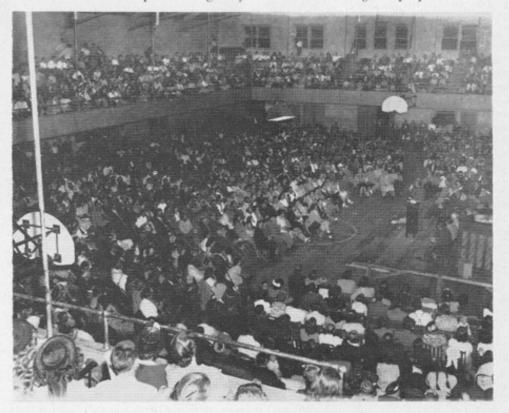
THE BRANHAM MINISTRY A NEW THING

I believe that the hour has come in which God is doing a new thing. When He poured out His spirit at Pentecost, He did a new thing. When He raised up Martin Luther after centuries of spiritual darkness had engulfed the world, He did a new thing. When John Wesley caught a vision that was to result in a spiritual awakening in England such as was never known before, God did a new thing. The great outpouring of the Spirit which took place a few years ago and is now con-tinuing throughout the world is another manifestation of God doing something new. Always when God begins moving in a new way, there is the matter of facing the reproach that goes with it. But Martin Luther, John Wesley and others did not swerve from the path of Divine direction. May we be as faithful today.

I am convinced that we are now facing a new moving of the Spirit. We are witnessing the signs and wonders that are taking place in the Branham meetings. But Brother Branham is not the only one. God is using others. We shall undoubtedly see great things in the coming days. The gifts of the spirit are surely coming back to the church in their purity and power. John Wesley said that the only reason

that the nine gifts are not in the church is because men are too half-hearted. I believe that there is now a spiritual hunger developing in the hearts of many of the people of God.

Not long ago I had the privilege of attending the N. A. E. convention. Many groups were represented in the meeting. discerned among them that there was a deep hunger for the spiritual things of God. I was impressed with the unity of the various groups in the meeting. I have been in the Full Gospel movement long enough to thank God for this. I believe that division in the past has greatly together. Many are being healed as we witness at each service. But if none were healed I would say that a great work is being done, for we are seeing the people of God drawn together. This is the greatest reason why these meetings are so valuable. Not long ago, the superintendents of no less than eight of our Full Gospel organi-zations met together. What took place in that conference has not yet been officially released, but I want to tell you that God is doing a new thing. The cordiality and unanimity between the leaders of the various groups betokens the fact that the Spirit of God is drawing the people of God to-



Part of the audience which attended the Branham meetings in the Armory at Eugene, Oregon.

grieved the Spirit of Christ. Now I see a change. It is this new thing that God is doing.

Not long ago there was a union meeting in the Shrine auditorium in Los Angeles. Many groups and over three hundred ministers were represented. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit in the services. We do not have to drop organization, but we can get together in unity. The Spirit of God can draw us together and do this new thing. This is the biggest thing to me.

I believe the reason that many have not been healed is because of division amongst the people of God. I praise God for meetings like these that are drawing the people gether and preparing them for the soon appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since this address was given, a public statement of the historic meeting at Chicago has been made. We quote from the Pentecostal Evangel of May 29, 1948:

HISTORIC MEETING AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Taking advantage of the Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals which met in the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill., May 4-6, twenty-four leading representatives of eight Pentecostal organizations met together to explore the possibilities of a closer bond of fellowship and

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## SALINAS MEETING

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taking a rest period of indefinite length, Brother Freeman asked if we would assist in the direction of his meetings. It appeared that perhaps this was the mind of the Lord and so we went to Salinas, Calif., where a large tent had been secured. Needless to say the meeting which lasted for two weeks was attended by great mani-festations of Divine power. A large number of remarkable healings took place. In the photograph which appears on this page there stands with the ministers a large group of people which represent a cross section of those that were healed—deaf, dumb, blind, people healed of goiters, heart trouble, T. B., arthritis, tumors, cancers, etc.

We were quite impressed with the manner of the meeting. Rev. Freeman ordinarily gave a short evangelistic message first after which an altar call was given. Usually the altar was full. During the two weeks, several hundred people came to the altar as candidates for salvation. Most of them were weeping and showed evidence of a deep work that God was doing in their hearts. After the altar call, Brother Freeman gave a few brief instructions concerning receiving healing and then began to pray for the afflicted. The deaf and the dumb were prayed for first, and in practically every case the person prayed for was healed. Occasionally an unbeliever or unsaved person got into the line and failed to get immediate healing. Yet these few made the demon-stration the more impressive. It showed that people were healed after they had obeyed God. There were two or three deaf people who failed to receive a healing at first, but then after coming and securing instructions later were prayed for again and they heard immediately.

There were a large number of blind cases in which the person was able to see light for the first time and others saw sufficiently to count fingers at a considerable distance away. Several who were both deaf and dumb were able to hear and speak for the first time. After the congregation had witnessed a number of these healings, faith became very high, and people would come and be healed in great numbers. A testimony meeting at the end of the two weeks revealed great joy and victory among the people who had been delivered.

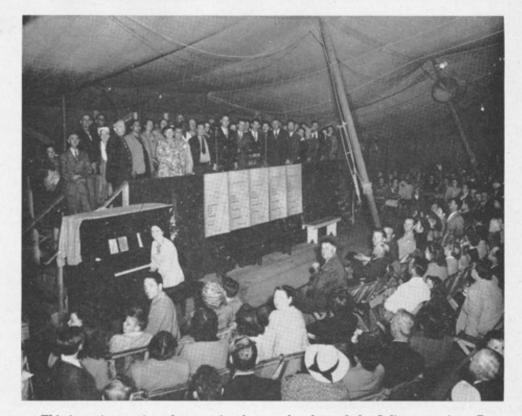
I was healed of cancers on May 15, 1948, in Tacoma, Washington.

"Glory to God in the Highest," I'll praise Him as long as He gives me breath.

And may our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ give you strength, Dear Brother Branham, to heal and save suffering mankind.

May 17, 1948.

MRS. A. R. HANG 12817 60th Ave. South Seattle, Wash.



This is an interesting photograph taken at the close of the Salinas meeting. Rev. William Freeman stands in the center, Rev. Gordon Lindsay is behind the pulpit to the right. Still further to the right are the local ministers. The rest are a representative group of those who have been healed. For instance, there are only two or three people healed of deafness standing in the group, although perhaps 50 or more deaf people were healed in the meeting. In this photo are people healed of cancer, tumors, T. B., arthritis, a wheel chair case, and many others.

### Prayer Over Handkerchief **Brings Healing to Sufferer** From Arthritis in Oregon

I had arthritis which had been coming on for several months. I had been prayed for several times. So I went to the doctor and he said I had a bad case, and right in the joints. He gave me 36 shots in my arms, but that was very little relief. I had it in my arms, feet and every joint. I was in a terrible shape. Could not raise my hands higher than my mouth and I had to walk the floor for a long time before I could dress. Then I told my husband I was going to stop going to the doctor and instead would go to the prayer meetings every morning. Still I had no relief.

I managed to get Bro. Branham's ad-dress, so I sent a handkerchief to be anointed and prayed over, and on December 29, in the morning, I got up and all pain had left. I dressed and went to work cleaning up the kitchen. I washed the dishes and woodwork, feeling fine.

Three days later I got that handkerchief from Bro. Branham, and looked at the post-mark and discovered that morning he prayed and I was healed. I am still completely healed.

J. H. GUNDERSON 11 S. W. Harrison St. Portland 1, Oregon

### Polio Victim Anointed By Ministers Much Improved

I was stricken with infantile paralysis as a baby, which left me in a serious condition. My right arm was also left in a weak, immature state. I had been taking treatments for the last six or seven years.

Recently I was told by a doctor that all that was possible had been done for me and that my health was at a very low ebb.

I heard of the healing service at Vancouver and I went there to be praved for. On the night of November 5, I was unable to get in your services at St. Giles Church, so I went to the Evangelistic Tabernacle where Brother McAllister was conducting a service. At the close of the service, he and four other brethren anointed me, praved and called upon the name of the Lord Jesus and I was healed.

In a few minutes, I could feel the flow of blood in my little arm, down to my very finger tips, and my whole arm took on new life. My mind felt clearer, my eyes took on new sparkle, and I am gaining weight. I have also found that I no longer need my glasses. The immature hand is gradually filling out.

MRS, S. W. EASTMAN

Naisberry, Saskatchewan, Canada December 8, 1947.

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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.

## An Appraisal of the Freeman Healing Campaign In Salinas, California

The city of Salinas will never be the same because of two glorious weeks of meetings under the Mighty hand of God through the ministry of Rev. W. W. Freeman of Tracy, Calif. Natural circumstances were against such a victory, but in spite of cold nights, rain, wind and later, dust, God moved in a mighty way and the people flocked by the hundreds to take part in and enjoy the reality of Divine visitation.

The Full Gospel churches united their efforts and crected a great tent because of lack of a large enough auditorium. It was packed out through the entire meeting. People stood and hundreds turned away.

From the very first God began using Brother Freeman in his ministry to the sick and afflicted. This stirred the coun-try for many miles around. All manner of sickness and disease were healed as the man with the gifts of healing prayed for case after case in his patient, compas-sionate, straightforward manner. Blind eves were opened, deaf ears were unstopped and mute tongues were made to sound the praises of God. Hardened sinners broke as wave after wave of God's power swept the audience to tears and humility and praise. The spirit of awe and reverence filled many hearts as they for the first time witnessed the miracles being wrought. The last Sunday night of the campaign witnessed the miracles being many an unusual and mighty visitation of God as a veritable wave of healing power settled down over the entire audience and remained there in ministering balm for considerable time. Healings took place throughout the vast crowd as faith was kindled to new life in the hearts of the people. How empty words are when trying to explain or describe what was witnessed and felt that night, or any other night of the campaign.

Hundreds of souls were in the altars for salvation, and mixed with the testimonies and joy of those who had found the Lord as their Saviour were the words of praise and thanksgiving to God from those who had been delivered from sickness and disease.

The afternoon instruction services conducted by Rev. Gordon Lindsay were a great help to the needy. Faith was strengthened wonderfully as good, sound teaching was given from the Word of God. It was especially noticeable that those who attended these meetings were much quicker in the reception of their healing than those who did not attend.

The gracious leadership of Rev. Leon Hall of Grants Pass, Oregon, who had come to Salinas to assist in the multitude of the "getting-ready" jobs, was a God-send. The erection of the tent, the installing of electric lights, etc., all went the more smoothly because of his untiring watch-care and efforts.

But today this tent campaign has become history, but history alive and vibrant with glory and praise to God for His wonderful works to the children of men. Many a heart today is bowed in humble thankfulness to the Lord for the ministry of our Brother W. W. Freeman.

## Schedule of the Roberts Healing Campaigns

### In The Big, New Fireproof Tent Seating 3,000

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Minneapolis,	Minn August	5-29
Tulsa, Okla.	September	6-26

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# News of the Roberts Meetings

The editor had the privilege of being in the Roberts meetings for a couple of days and we had the joy of witnessing the mighty power of God in operation. The deaf heard, cataracts melted away and malignant cancers withered before the touch of the Christ of Galilee. The meeting was held in the Moline Gospel Tabernacle which seated some 1,400. We understand that later in the week the tabernacle was not only filled but 400 were seated in the basement of the building. Seven deaf mutes were healed. An outstanding feature of the campaign were the number of conversions that occurred. Sinners, who, at the beginning of the meeting, had no thought of coming forward, being moved by what they saw transpiring, came forward to have Brother Roberts pray for them. The service was rather unique in that this was the first time we had ever seen sinners standing in line waiting to get saved.

From Moline, Ill., Brother Roberts went to Duluth, Minn. A report of the progress of the meeting at the halfway mark, comes to us as follows:

"I am writing this at the beginning of the second week of our meetings here with Rev. Oral Roberts in Duluth. Certainly God has been good in bringing him here to minister the message of the gospel of salvation and healing. The crowds have been grand and it has thrilled our heart night after night to see souls coming forward in the salvation line to accept Christ and others to be reclaimed. We can safely say that over 250 have thus far stepped out. Already reports are coming back to us of those who have been definitely healed during the meetings, and this campaign has been the means of turning many hundreds of people to God through the healing message.

One of the outstanding features of these meetings in the minds of all co-operating pastors has been the clear, fearless preaching on holiness and "old-time religion" which has brought conviction upon many, many hearts.

We believe that this meeting will have an impact upon the spiritual life of this great area that has not been felt in many years. We are looking forward to the second week of these services with great anticipation and expecting to see even greater miracles of healing and the glory of the Lord revealed."

> -By Rev. Allan G. Snider in "The Healing Waters" Magazine.

## Recent Letters Of Testimony

### Dear Brother Branham:

Our son, J. C. Fry, wrote you a card for the healing of my husband. He had cancer on his arm; about 20 doctors said it was the fastest growing cancer there is, and they only gave my husband two months to live unless he had his arm taken off, so he was to have it amputated. We prayed for postponement, and it came, and we felt that was only the hand of the Lord working until we could get you word. The prayer ribbon came and God healed him and he still has both of his arms. Brother Branham, we are so grateful to Jesus and for your prayers. My husband was unsaved and we felt he would not pull through to ever repent, if he ever went to surgery, but God spared him and he has given his heart to Jesus and been baptized. MRS. BERTHA FRY

Route 2, Box 248

Selma, Calif.

March 4, 1948.

I received your anointed handkerchief and wish to state that I am perfectly healed of chronic dysentery. When I was 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years of age, I had 18 inches of large intestine removed, causing me to suffer for the last 13 years. Now I can eat any amount of fresh fruit and walk any distance without ill effect.

GORDON PITMAN 155 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, B. C.

## For His Mercy Endureth Forever

FRANCES HOLSTROM

The stormclouds break into visions strange, Their castles of mystery tremble and change,

And the slow mists rise through the serried range,

For His mercy endureth forever.

The thunders break in the shrouded night, And sleep is rent by the swords of light, Yet breaks the morning blue and bright, For His mercy endureth forever.

Ever the stress of His fathomless will

Bows the trees that root on the hill: Ever He speaks and the winds are still.

For His mercy endureth forever.

Not for a moment, not for an hour,

- Not through the budding and bloom of a flower
- Or the wax and wane of a monarch's power,

But ever-forever and ever.

Not while the bruised and bowed heart breaks,

Not till the cord of silver breaks,

Nor the dream that ends when the dreamer wakes,

His mercy endureth forever.

Some day He will wipe away the tears, And draw the teeth of the gnawing years Some day—and the dawn of that morning nears.

For His mercy endureth forever.

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## Twenty Ways in Which God Shows His Will for Healing of the Sick

### By F. F. Bosworth

1. By the Redemptive and Covenant Name, Jehovah-Rapha—translated: "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

2. By the Old Testament types of the atonement given in connection with the healing of the body; which types Christ adopted and applied to Himself and to His atonement.

3. By God's healing activities throughout the Old Testament.

4. By Christ's atonement which was in behalf of all that live on earth while He is in heaven, for it is written, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

5. By the healing ministry of Christ, during which time He healed "all that were oppressed of the devil"; when He was doing and revealing to us the unchanging will of God.

6. By the fact of Christ's unchanging compassion, which on all occasions moved Him to heal all who came to Him for healing.

ing. 7. By Christ's promise to continue and to augment His works of mercy through our prayers while He is glorified at the right hand of God (John 14:12-14).

8. By Christ's great commission to the Church, which bids us preach all the Gospel—which includes healing—in all the world, to all nations, to every creature, with all power, throughout all the days, to the end of the age. This commission contains Christ's promise, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18).

9. By Christ's command to "any sick" in the Church, during the Church Age, to be anointed for healing (James 5:14).

be anointed for healing (James 5:14). 10. By the fact that Christ "set" or *established* in the Church, after He was glorified, the "gifts of healing," of "faith" and of "miracles."

11. By the purpose for which the Bible says Christ was manifested, viz., "to destroy the works of the devil."

12. By the fact that every believer may be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Paul prayed that believers might be made "perfect in every good work". He instructed Titus to "affirm constantly" that believers should "be careful to maintain good works." He declared that believers had been "created unto good works." He affirmed that one purpose of Christ's work was that He might have "a peculiar people, zealous of good works." He exhorted believers to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord." And one of the Lord's last and greatest promises was to "him that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end." These commandments cannot be obeyed, nor can these privileges be enjoyed by the countless thousands of the sick and afflicted unless they have first been healed by Divine power.

13. By the fact that at Calvary Christ redeemed us from the law's curse, including every disease known to the human race (Gal. 3:13; Deut. 28).

14. By the words "salvation" and "saved," which mean to be made sound; both being applied sometimes to the body, at other times to the soul.

15. By the fact that we are living in the Miracle Worker's age, the Spirit's dispensation, during which God has given the Spirit in order that miracles may be wrought: "He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit and worketh miracles among you" (Gal. 3:5).

16. By God's many promises throughout the Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testaments.

17. By the fulfillment throughout the Book of Acts of Christ's promises to perpetuate His works from God's right hand while He is in heaven.

18. By the great men and movements of the Church Age.

19. By the fact that Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever," and by the many other Scriptures concerning healing which we have discussed from time to time.

20. By the fact that thousands upon thousands suffering from all manner of afflictions have been graciously healed by the Lord in healing campaigns in the principal cities of the United States and Canada.

### MORE TESTIMONIES

I am very happy this morning that I can tell you Jesus has made it clear to me that I have over-flowing health in His atonement and that by "His stripes I am healed."

I was going on my fourth year of being a bed patient, but last night He filled me with the spirit of praise for the over-flowing health I have in His atonement, and this morning I dressed and came down for breakfast for the first time in all those years; and there is a sense of health and well being that I have not had for years. Praise His name!

I have suffered with heart trouble leakage and coronary disease for over 8 years and the doctor told me nothing could be done. I have had hardening of the arteries for over 10 years. Since I had a severe case of influenza which resulted in flu lung and a complete nervous breakdown from which I was bedridden for 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years and could not do any work for 5 years, I have had only one-third of my former strength. Then, too, since a child I was weak as I could not do the work other children did. Now I look to Him for complete healing of all these ailments and weaknesses and daily take Him to be my over-flowing health. It is surely true in my life that "whom much is forgiven, the same loveth much." May His be all the honor and the glory

I want to express, too, my gratefulness to Rev. Branham for his prayers for me in November. The night of November 4th, I woke up to see a man's hand stretched down trying to place itself on my head. In fear I moved away. I did not know that he was praying for me and we intended to try to go to Phoenix, Arizona the next week so I could attend Rev. Branham's meeting and be healed. So I thought: "This is what is going to happen at Phoenix." So I rested and the hand placed itself on my head and remained there some time. The next day your letter came, Mrs. Branham, telling me he was praying for me. However, we still tried to go to Phoenix. After riding 150 miles my heart gave in and I had to rest and come home again. After much prayer I again read Rev. Branham's book "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forand again the great truth was ever.' brought home to me that there is healing in the atonement and "by His stripes we are healed." I took it as God's message to me. Before I had always looked upon healing as being separate from the atonement. May His be all the honor and the glory!

### MRS. OLE HOLLAND

Mason, Wis.

January 7, 1948.

May 20, 1948.

Our boy Gary, who is past 10 years of age, had his first epileptic spell when two years old. For the past two years we have been giving him medicine to control the spells.

We took Gary to the Tacoma, Washington, meetings. On May 15, 1948, through your prayers he was healed. We went home, threw the medicine away and his condition is being manifested after five days. My wife and I praise God, through Jesus Christ for healing our boy.

> L. W. CANNING Rt. 1, Box 163, Olalla, Washington.

I wish to give my testimony to the healing I received as a result of Brother Branham's prayer. I had received an injury to my back about two years ago and as a result could only walk or work in an erect position. Also, I had to wear a support to help keep me erect. Now I have no need of the support and can bend backwards and forward. Thanks be to the Lord.

GUS M. RETZER

Lumsden, Saskatchewan July 31, 1947.

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## EXPLOITS OF FAITH

## TESTIMONIES FROM THE HEALING CAMPAIGNS

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

## Minister's Daughter Writes Testimony

I am the daughter of a Pentecostal minister who has been preaching over 30 years. My uncle is Rev. J. W. Moseid of Tacoma. He arranged for my being at the services there, and I attended most of the preparatory services. These meetings were a great blessing and helped to increase my faith. Although I have always believed in divine healing, and have received many wonderful touches from the Lord, I never seemed to get complete deliverance from my heart condition.

As a young girl I had inflammatory rheumatism at three different times and it left me with a heart murmur. It was very bad when my little girl was born two years ago, and I was able to do very little work, sometimes spending months in bed.

At the Saturday night service in Tacoma, Wash., I got so close to the front, I felt certain I would be prayed for. But as you were preaching, the Power of God was so strong and mighty and faith was very evident.

You said something like this: "There is enough faith here; you can be healed right now, where you're sitting." Just then while much prayer and praise was going up to God, I reached up to Jesus and He healed me. "Praise His Name."

He healed me. "Praise His Name." I felt it in my heart, and I also received the assurance that the work was done. I did go through the prayer line, the fast line. But I just praise Jesus for all He has done, and for the gift He has given to you.

I have a nice Christian doctor, and HE, too, said it was a remarkable improvement.

Now I've been doing all my own housework, things I haven't done for over two years and my greatest joy is to have my daughter with me, and I can be a real mother to her again.

MRS. LLOYD G. ALSON Seattle 7, Washington

June 9, 1948.

### Healed in Tacoma Meeting

I was prayed for the evening of May 16 and healed. I went to the doctor the next day and was given a blood count by two nurses and a doctor. I was given a clean bill of health. I had two strokes. SETH O. STYLES

SETH O. STYLES 8234 Tacoma Tacoma, Wash.



## Remarkable Healings Reported by Canadian

Dear Brother Branham:

I was 19 years old when I took very sick. I was given up to die by doctors. Instead of getting better, I was always getting worse. One doctor said it was typhoid fever, others couldn't just figure out what it was, as my bowels were paralyzed.

When I reached the age of 21, I had lost my memory. I couldn't write my name or count up to ten.

I used to have a pain on the back of my neck all the time. Just as if there was a bone out of place. Also I'd get regular headaches. Could look forward every month for an awful headache, a pain so bad, that at times I'd wish I had never been born. My left eye bothered me. All the time there was a constant pain. Also on the left side of my forehead under my hair, there was a hole about a half inch deep, but that is closed now and I feel like a new person. I had a dream of being in Bro. Branham's meetings, and after that I felt and also prayed asking God to make a way for me to go and be in one of his meetings.

I did get to go. It was the Saskatoon meeting last August. I went through the fast line, and all Bro. Branham said to me was "God bless you my sister," and the power of God went through me. I spoke in tongues as in Acts 2:4, for a long time. Praise God, I am so happy as the pain in my left eye is gone. I felt a complete change. I am 37 years old now, and for 18 years I never felt just right, but this year I feel 100 per cent better. So often people say God does not heal, but I know He does. That is if we accept His word, and believe that His promises are true.

I am happy to tell you of the healing of my sister from Vancouver, who was born deformed. She went to Calgary to be prayed for, and Brother Branham stopped her in the faith line, told her to touch her toes, and she did. She straightened right up and now she walks straight without a limp.

I had suffered from seven to nine years from a rash and I took a handkerchief Brother Branham had prayed over, placed it on my body, and in a few hours the rash had disappeared.

Also, my niece had a bad attack, something like convulsions. The handkerchief Brother Branham had prayed over was in the Bible, so they laid it on her body, and she recovered immediately.

ALVINA WEĆKEND 1870 Quebec Street Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

May 26, 1948.

## Cancer Victim Now Well

Dear Brother Branham:

I am the woman who had cancer that you prayed for when you flew down from Jonesboro, Arkansas.

At present I am feeling fine. I have been very sick at different times and thought I would tell you a little of the reaction. For two weeks, or longer, I had a high fever, and was also very nauseated, vomiting quite a lot. I had hardness in my left side for a while and it seemed the Lord collected all of this in one particular place in the lower left side of my abdomen, which was swelled to a strut.

The morning of September 12, the Lord opened a small hole in my abdomen from which flowed fluid, one half gallon or more at that time. I still have a little drainage there, but I feel fine and can eat anything I want and am gaining weight.

I have had no sedative since you were here, and have trusted the Lord all the way through.

I want to thank you for all your kindness, and I am enclosing my testimony for you to use any way you feel led.

Sincerely yours, MISS LADDIE VERDIE MYRICK 325 West Cook Street

El Dorado, Arkansas

## Doctor Reports Diabetic Cured

I had high blood pressure and was a diabetic. I was in a hospital last December. I was very sick and Dr. Newell, the Hospital Doctor, put me on a very strict diet. Only allowed me one thousand calories a day, and I was taking 60 units of insulin every day. He told me that I'd have to take insulin the rest of my life. The sugar in my blood ran over 300. I was a real sick lady.

I was dismissed from the Hospital Christmas Eve Day, but went back for a check up January 26, and was told that I was to still take 60 units of insulin. They gave me my insulin that day. The next morning when I got up, I told my husband I was not going to take any insulin, that I was going to trust God and let Bro. Branham pray for me.

I was prayed for that night, January 27 (Tuesday night), and God wonderfully healed me. I haven't taken any more insulin since, and I eat anything I want and have eaten plenty of sweets since I was prayed for, and it doesn't hurt me. I don't have to weigh or measure my food any more, "Praise God."

I had my blood checked four weeks after I was prayed for and was told my blood checked O. K., and was in perfect condition, and couldn't be any better. Three months from that day I had taken my last insulin. I had my blood checked again, and Dr. Newell, the same Doctor, told me my blood was low on sugar. I told him that God had healed me. He looked me straight in the face with a beautiful smile, and said you are healed, evidently God did it, for we have no medical cure for a diabetic. He told me that I have no trace of sugar at all, and that it was not necessary for me to come back any more for a check up.

Thank God for Doctors that are honest enough to acknowledge the healing power of God. For so many people make fun and doubt when you tell them God has healed you.

MRS. JAMES J. WOODSON 3030 N. W. 27th St. Miami 37, Fla.

### Healed in Last Branham Meeting Dear Brother Branham:

I have felt led of the Lord to send in my testimony of the wonderful healing I had in your meeting in Eugene, Oregon.

I have had arthritis of the spine for ten years and the Lord instantly healed me, and I have been praising the dear Lord ever since, for His goodness to me. I am free from all pain and can sleep as sound as a little child. I hope this testimony will be of help to someone to trust God

completely for their healing. MRS. WALTER WRIGHT Route 2, Box 239 Roseburg, Oregon June 5, 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

### Dismissed From Insane Institution, Now at Home Working

When I was two years old I had polio. My parents carried me to many different doctors. I spent some time in crippled children's hospitals. All of them did no good. I got worse all the time. Finally my condition was so bad I became insane. I had been in the state institution nearly seven months when my people heard about Bro. Branham's healing service in Pensacola. I was carried over there and the night after Bro. Branham praved for me, I was put in jail because the Lord wasn't through with me. He used me as an example to show the people that He has more power than the Devil. When my sister came to see me the next morning in the jail, I was perfectly contented because God had shown Bro. Branham that He had healed my body.

I am 25 years old now and have a good job.

Thank God for His healing power. THOMAS CORLEY Route 1, Box 68 Sopchoppy, Fla.

Last autumn I wrote to Rev. Branham for praver and an anointed kerchief. My right leg and foot had been terribly wounded when I fell off the porch on a jagged cement step, deep wounds were cut into the front of my leg above the ankle, the wounds were cut to the bone. Infection set in, and my foot was swollen to a strut and it was black and purple. The blood poison raged in my leg until the flesh was red as flannel with pus flowing out constantly. I was told to get a doctor quickly, and some said I would have to have my leg amputated or take lock-jaw and die, when your letter came with the little piece of ribbon. Brother Branham said for me to pin this ribbon over my heart. I obeyed. The blood poison nagged and tried to take my life. arose one morning and there was stiffness in my right jaw and swelling, but I believed in Jesus and kept the anointed ribbon over my heart. The Lord healed me completely.

MRS. NELLIE SCOTT Topeka, Kansas 219 Van Buren Street February 24, 1948.

## Another Report of Healing and Baptism

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 Cossor Avenue Penticton, B. C.

May 6, 1947.

### Testimony of Two Healings

One year ago, last January, you were in Camden, Arkansas. The Lord put it on my heart to speak to a cripple man and ask him to go with me to that meeting. After much persuasion, he finally consented to go. My son and several of the brothers carried him up a flight of stairs, as the meeting was in municipal hall. The man was healed the first night and he walked back down the stairs and has been walking ever since.

I was also healed. I had been suffering from my chest, but you prayed for me the second night, and I was healed. Something seemed to break loose in my chest and I began spitting up. My mother and sister died with T. B., so I sincerely believe I either had T. B. or an abscess on my lungs. I praise my Lord for my healing.

MRS. H. J. ALBERS Route 3 Seymore, Mo.

### May 30, 1948. Seymore, M Anointed Cloth Signifies

### Prayer for Healing

I wrote Bro. Branham the 21st of last month requesting prayer for what I believed was dropsy. As I had not been to a doctor, I can not be sure, but I had been swelling for about five or six months and was getting worse. I knew the Lord was able to heal me if I ever got humble enough before Him. I don't know what day you got my letter but I got my healing four days after I wrote you. I received the anointed cloth about ten days after writing you so I have been made whole.

> Yours in Christ, MRS. MOZELL HARTWICK Watson 2, Arkansas

### Minister Is Healed as Brother Bosworth Prays

I wish to let you know that Jesus touched my lungs and healed them. Bro. Bosworth prayed for me Wednesday night of May 12, 1948. My card called for other things I wished to be prayed for and wish you would pray for the others that I might be delivered.

REV. F. W. GATES P. O. Box 102 Puyallup, Wash.

June 1, 1948,

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# Nature of the Gifts of Healing

BY GORDON LINDSAY

It has been our privilege now for some time to witness the manifestation of the gifts of healing as God has chosen to reveal these ministries through His chosen vessels. While there are variations in the administration of the gifts through different persons, nevertheless, the patterns of their operation are definitely similar. It is good to understand something of the nature of the working of these gifts.

Truly, those who have attended these meetings will attest that great and marvelous things are taking place. Miracles and wonders are attending the manifestation of the sign-gifts and always with the exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Foolishness and lightness have no place in these meetings. The audience rejoices in the great deliverances that take place, but there is a solemnity that comes from a realization of the presence of God. Many have been saved, and multitudes living a careless Christian life have been moved to a real consecration to God.

From the healing standpoint, every disease and affliction has gone before the power of the gifts. Malignant cancers have melted away. People condemned to die by some terrible disease have been made whole and are now testifying and praising God for His healing power. The deaf, dumb and blind have heard, spoken and seen. Communities have been made Godconscious and healing-conscious.

Nevertheless, there are definite bounds in the purpose and nature of the gifts of healing. The very fact that the word "gifts" is in the plural infers that one gift may be different than another and may function differently. Moreover the gifts of healing are not intended to take the place of the gift of miracles. If this were so, there would be no place for the gift of miracles.

Let us notice something of the design, purpose and working of the gifts of healing.

1. The purpose of the gifts of healing is not to restore youth to old age. True enough there have been those who have been healed who have felt 20 or 30 years younger. Such testimonies are not uncommon. Moreover, there are special promises in the Scripture which speak of the renewing of youth. "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:5). However, this is spoken apart from the promise of healing in verse three. There is such a thing-for those who are able to understand it-there is such a thing as living so close to God that one's youth is daily renewed. Moses understood and

appropriated this blessing (Deut. 34:7). So did Caleb (Joshua 14:11). Nevertheless, such a blessing does not ordinarily come through Divine healing, and a discussion of it is beyond the scope of the present article. Suffice it to say that some people have broken the laws of health over a period of years, and even now are doing the same, yet they expect a miracle of healing to atone for all this.

2. The gift of healing does not ordinarily replace an organ of the body that has been completely removed. Usually, divine healing kills the disease that is injuring the body, after which the person gets well. However, there are many excep-tions. One woman that we know had a new tooth grow where the old one had been extracted. New ear drums have been formed and certain organs of the body which have been removed have been miraculously replaced. Thus does the gift of healing at times cross over into the range of miracles. There is no limit to God. Is there anything too hard for the Lord? Nevertheless the usual range of the gift of healing is to heal that which is sick. A diseased arm may be healed. But ordinarily an arm that has been cut off does not grow on, through the gift of healing. An eye with a cataract may be restored with full vision, but one in which the eveball is missing usually is not made to see through working of the gift of healing. Of course, such is possible, and cases have happened in which a person suffering with such a misfortune has been made to see. But the deliverance came through a creative miracle rather than through healing. In one such case, Christ first put clay on the man's eyes, indicating that this man who was blind since birth required something created within the eye socket. It is to be remembered that man was created from the dust of the earth. Creative faith will, of course, accomplish anything.

3. Divine healing does not take the place of the natural processes of life. Take the example of a person whose mind never has developed and at the age of 20 still has the mind of a child two years old. Divine healing ordinarily would not in an instant give the child an intelligence of a 20-year-old. At the very best it would require at least 18 years that have been lost to accomplish this, for every person must develop mentally year by year. However, no doubt there are cases of straight demon possession in which, if the power of Satan were ejected, the individual might be restored to a normal condition quite rapidly. In such cases the brain

development has, to a great extent, already taken place.

4. The gift of Divine healing is not to obviate the need of faith by the sick person. Many who have little or no faith, yet because they see others healed come to be prayed for with a sort of superstitious hope that they may receive something. Paul, no doubt, had the gifts of healing, but only after he perceived that the lame man had faith to be healed did he say "Stand upright on thy feet" (Acts 14:8-10).

"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Hence the teaching of the Word is necessary for one's faith to reach out for Divine healing. Sometimes people assume that because one has the gifts of healing, there is no necessity for the sick person to make any preparation for his healing. In almost every case that Jesus healed, He first gave the individual instructions that fitted his particular need. To one he said, "If thou canst believe." To another, "Go thy way and sin no more lest a worse thing come upon thee." To the Syrophoenician woman, He said that it was not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs. Most of those who will not or cannot take the time to receive the needed instructions are poor candidates for healing.

5. It is not to be assumed that Divine healing is intended to take the place of proper care of our bodies and obedience to the laws of health. Even devoted ministers of the Gospel who overdo may experience a physical collapse as those who overstrain their bodies for less commendable reasons. Philippians 2:25-30 informs us that Epaphroditus was sick unto death by reason of the fact that he had labored beyond his strength in the cause of Christ. Some ministers and ministers' wives are ill for the same reason. It appears from the context that Paul's gifts of healing brought no immediate restoration to Epaphroditus, but only at length did the latter come through the crisis and convalesce. People who do not or will not take proper care of their bodies, whether for good reason or not, need not assume that the gift of healing will make up for this. Worry, anxiety, all of which indicates a lack of submission to God and His will may bring on symptoms of serious ailments. May that individual first learn to submit his life completely to the will of God.

It is not to be assumed that one who is delivered through the gift of healing will not be tempted by Satan afterwards. Every

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of people with their hands raised and a look on their faces that seemed to say to me, "You have got to help us." Whether the ocean means that I shall cross the waters and preach in other lands I do not know. But I do know that a great compassion filled my heart for those people.

Then the Lord showed me a great clock and the hands stood at twenty minutes to twelve; seventeen minutes to twelve; then seven minutes to twelve; it seemed it was right at the midnight hour. Then this vision changed and merged into another. I saw a great eagle with large claws and coal black eyes ready to take the people in his grasp. The meaning that I understood from this was that the end of the age was at hand, and that the powers of the Anti-Christ were ready to swoop down upon the world.

THE VISITATION OF THE ANGEL

I prayed and meditated over these things that had been shown unto me. Then two weeks later the visitation of the angel took place. I was awake at the time when a great light shone before me. Then in the light an angel suddenly appeared. He was large, wore a white robe, and his appearance was strong and his vision penetrating. He touched me and then told me that God had sent him to give me a gift of healing and to tell me to go to his people and warn them and tell them that Jesus was coming very soon, that they were sleeping and slumbering and they must be awakened, for great darkness was already upon the land. I was told that I should be dili-gent and faithful and make haste. Then he told me the way I should know when the people were healed.

At first, my wife could hardly believe that the Angel of the Lord had spoken to me. Then the angel appeared to her also by her bed and told her it was all true. She didn't understand what else he said, but there was no doubt in her mind that God had given me the gift. Before I left my church, I told the Lord

Before I left my church, I told the Lord that I was going to stay there until I knew that He was through with me there. He appeared to me again one night and told me that when I moved out then He would begin to heal. And so it has proved. People have been healed of blindness, deafness and many other afflictions. I know that the Lord has given me the gift of healing. It is real to me. There isn't one doubt in my heart.

### Nature of Gifts

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person who is born again usually is tempted by Satan on the score of the reality of his experience. Satan said to Jesus, "If thou be the son of God . . ." So Satan would tempt Christ's followers on sonship. It, therefore, would be strange if otherwise than that Satan who has the power of sickness and disease should not seek to tempt those who have, been delivered. In every case, to believe the devil's lie is to succumb like Eve of old and lose the inheritance. Much more shall we not obey the command of the Stripture to "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." Be sure your life is under the blood of Christ. If so, then through Christ you are more than a match for Satan.

### God Is Doing a New Thing

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co-operation among brethren of Pentecostal faith. The organizations' represented were The Pentecostal Holiness Church, The Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.), The International Church of the Four Square Gospel, The Open Bible Standard Churches, The International Pentecostal Assemblies, The Assemblies of God, Elim Missionary Assemblies, and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

There seems to be a genuine purpose on the part of all to seek means of unity and co-operation, and especially spiritual fellowship for all Pentecostal believers. The N. A. E. was cited as an example of what could be accomplished by united effort.

Another reason for united effort of Pentecostal groups is the great need of cooperative effort in foreign fields, and especially in Europe. Co-operation in the opening and maintaining of missionary receiving homes, schools for children of missionaries, relief agencies, etc., would be both desirable and profitable. As these needs were expressed there was a general response from all present and the decision was made to pursue further the possibilities of a closer bond of fellowship.

-J. Roswell Flower.

## Additional Letters Of Testimony

Dear Brother Branham:

Greetings in Jesus' name.

I'm rejoicing tonight for complete healing of my throat. Praise the Lord!

I was at your service in Salem, Oregon, and after being prayed for I was healed of cancer. I'm praising God for this healing of my throat. Since then I've been able to preach without any trouble whatsoever in my throat. I had come to the place that unless I could be healed I would not be able to preach another sermon. But, praise God, through the power of God and your humble ministry I've been delivered of that affliction.

I trust the Lord will permit you to come to the state of Washington sometime.

May God bless you and your family is my prayer.

Sincerely,

EDNA HORST Yakima, Washington We wired you from Houston, Texas, to pray for our mother for cancer. Doctors had said she had obstruction in colon tumor or cancer—and could live only so long. The X-ray had revealed shadows in colon. You prayed for her May 19. She was very sore, very miserable following Thursday. She passed with difficulty a huge, hard thing that splashed the water Saturday, May 24; she did not recover it, to our disappointment, so it was not examined. But immediately great relief came to her and comfort. Praise the Lord! X-ray after this passing reveal no shadow. Doctor says she has no obstruction now.

> MRS. EVELYN M. GEORGE 311 Clay Jacksonville, Florida

June 10, 1947.

I was down in bed more than six months with a very enlarged heart and enlarged liver, severe gall bladder trouble, also some kind of rheumatism in my muscles. They drawed and jerked continuously and I was a nervous wreck. The doctors all gave me up for dead for the third time. But praise God, the third time our blessed Lord Jesus came on the scene and then the work was done. Jesus healed all my diseases, gave me a new heart, raised me off the bed of affliction and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

> MRS. L. C. SCOTT Buna, Texas Route No. 1

I thank and praise God that after suffering for 17 years with cancer, having spent every penny I could make and all that was given me, through Brother Branham's prayers I was healed. I had been given up by a number of doctors and spent month after month in hospitals, even been in Navy hospitals where the best of doctors are supposed to be. So God healed me without money. I was saved and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Praise God for today I am a happy woman, able to do all my house work and even making me a garden.

### MRS. CHARLOTT POWELL

Am sending my testimony to you. I was at your meeting in Portland, Oregon.

The dear Lord has blessed my body and soul since I was there. The night I went it was late when we got there, and I didn't get a card but I did get in the prayer line, and it was the last night.

I am feeling fine, I was taking shots every week and the Doctors told me they couldn't help me. I would have to take the shots each week and take pills to relieve the pain. I haven't taken a shot or a pill since I went to Portland.

> Sincerely, MRS. LAWRENCE PLUMBY Merton, Wash.