

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

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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

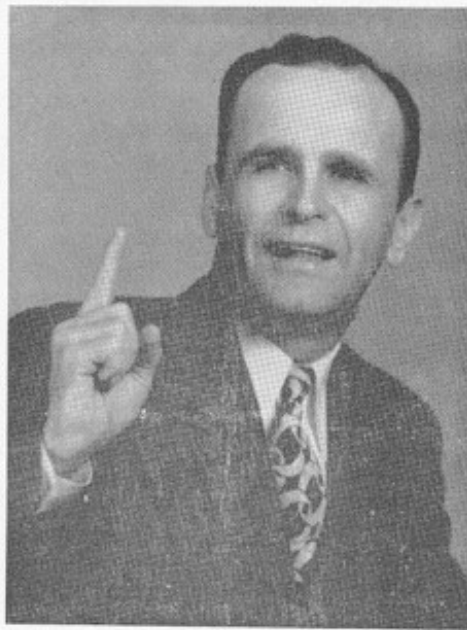
Spokane, Wash., August 4-15. Write Rev. Wm. H. Boles, W. 124 Fifteenth Avenue, Spokane, Wash.

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).

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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 "kneeology." 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.



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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.

MIS 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.

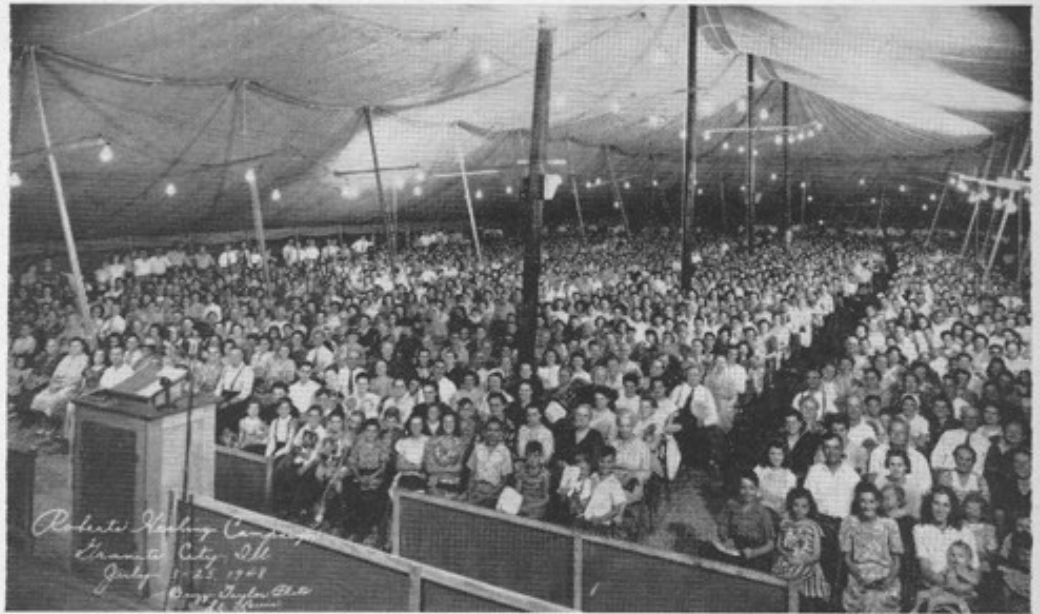
Yours because of Him,
ORAL ROBERTS.

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.

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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 earnestness (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 lo 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?"