

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

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REV. F. F. BOSWORTH

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

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

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

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BRANHAM CAMPAIGNS STIR PENSACOLA AND KANSAS CITY

Kansas City Feels Mighty Impact Of the Branham Meetings

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

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

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

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Signs and Wonders Attend Meetings in Pensacola

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

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

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

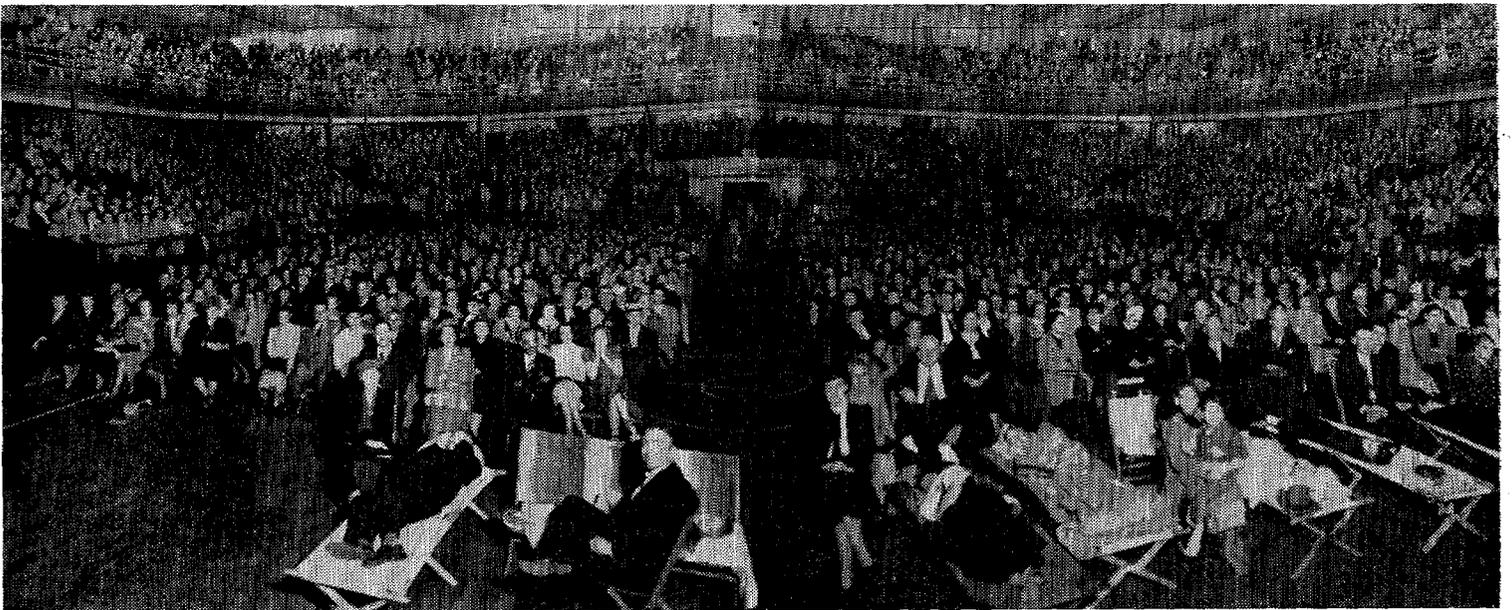
In the Branham party this time were Rev. F. F. Bosworth and wife. Rev. Bosworth was a wonderful help with his mes-

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

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

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

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



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

KANSAS CITY TIMES GIVES FINE REPORT OF BRANHAM MEETING

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

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

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

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

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

Most of the persons then walked off

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

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

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

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

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

By Gordon Lindsay in Collaboration with William Branham

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

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

ANGELS MINISTER TO GOD'S PEOPLE

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

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

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



Altar Call at Kansas City, Kansas

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

THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE TO BROTHER BRANHAM

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

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

THE ANGELIC VISITATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PHOENIX RESIDENT HEALED OF CANCER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tumor Gone—Symptoms Gone

Dear Brother Branham:

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

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

March 30, 1948.

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

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

Three Wonderful Days At Sedalia, Mo.

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

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

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

Arthritis — Crutch Gone

Dear Brother Branham:

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

MRS. JOHNNY BROXSON
1501 North W Street
Pensacola, Florida



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

Rev. F. F. Bosworth Speaks

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

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

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

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

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

Canadian Subscriptions

Most papers find it necessary to charge a higher subscription rate to subscribers who live in Canada. Postage is considerably higher, and a dollar received in the mails suffers in this locality an exchange loss of 15 per cent. After much consideration we have decided to keep the subscription rate the same in Canada as in this country. But we do ask that money orders be sent in payment rather than paper money as in this case there is no loss of exchange. If you have subscribed and your paper fails to arrive, let us know. We have some subscription blanks sent to us on which the names or addresses are not legible. It is advisable to always print your name and address.

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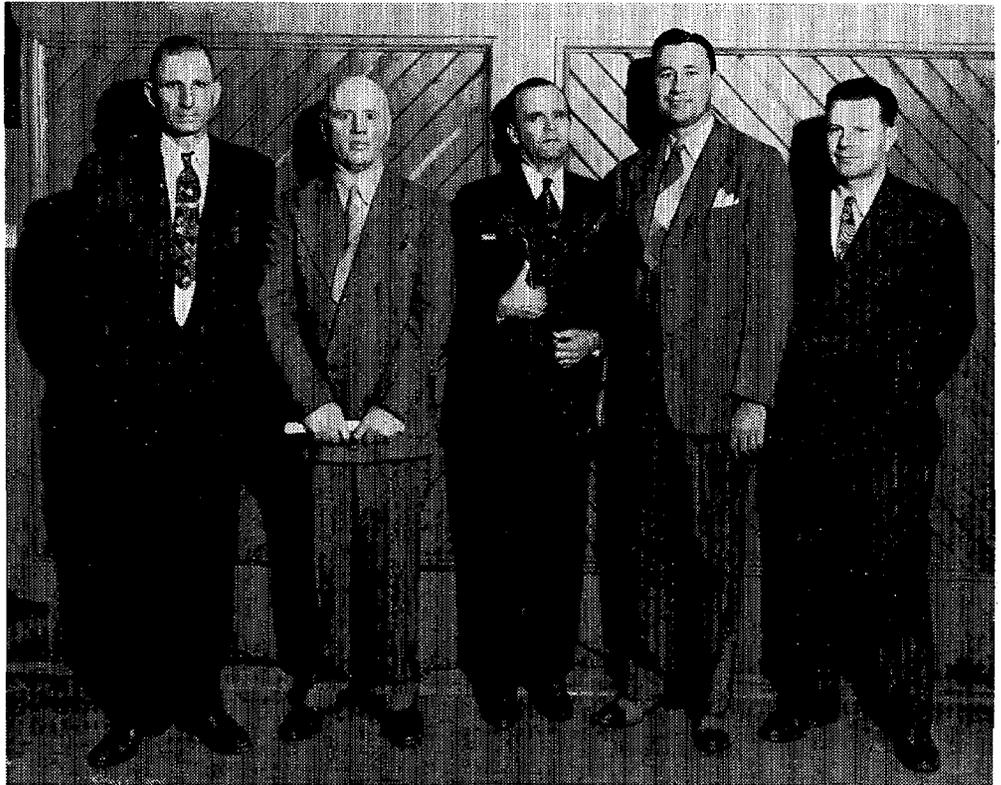
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BRANHAM PARTY NEWS



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

Notes Concerning the Voice of Healing

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

April Issue Exhausted

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

The Rumor of Brother Branham's Death

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

Private Calls Impossible

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

SCHEDULE OF THE BRANHAM CAMPAIGNS

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

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

For further information concerning the Tacoma campaign write:

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Tacoma, Washington

For further information concerning the Eugene campaign write:

Rev. Arthur Hyland
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Eugene, Oregon

Rev. Oral Roberts Present At Kansas City Meeting

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

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

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

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

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



REV. J. ERN BAXTER

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

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

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

Cross-Eyes Healed

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

I would like to see you again.

With love,

MATTHEW CAMPBELL

(Nine years old)

American Fork, Utah

Delivered of Bright's Disease

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

DONALD COSSTEVENS

Neoga, Illinois.

December 15, 1947.

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Questions Concerning Divine Healing With Scriptural Answers

BY B. E. ECHOLS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Is it possible that a child of God

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXPLOITS OF FAITH

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING IN THE BRANHAM MEETINGS

Removed Vocal Cords Restored

(See Picture)

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

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

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

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

MRS. PAUL PHILLIPS
901 9th Avenue North

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

November 10, 1947.

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

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



JUDITH PHILLIPS

Healed of Cataracts

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

MRS. LUCY R. JACKSON,
1006 E. Taylor Street
Phoenix, Ariz.

Tonsil Trouble Healed

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

JESSIE MAE JENNINGS
2842 NW 40th Street
Miami 37, Fla.

February 23, 1948.

Minister's Wife Healed Of Cancer

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

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

MRS. R. W. MITCHELL
Box 603
Superior, Arizona

May 24, 1947.

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

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

—Mrs. R. W. M.

Crutch Left at Church

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

WESLEY A. HART
Fisher River
Kooostatak, Manitoba

July 16, 1947.

Arches and Crossed Eyes Healed in Miami, Fla.

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

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

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

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

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

February, 1948.

Walking Without Crutches

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

Yours in Christ,

EMMA LEWIS
Simonton, Texas

SEND US YOUR TESTIMONY

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

THE VOICE OF HEALING
Box 4097
Shreveport, Louisiana

Deaf and Dumb Boy Healed In Pensacola

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

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

RUTH STRICKLAND
Route 3, Box 368
Pensacola, Fla.

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

Jawbone Healed

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

Your sister in Christ,

LILA KNEALE
P. O. Box 183
Gervais, Oregon

Healed of Sinus—Female Trouble

Dear Brother Branham:

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

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

Hernia Gone

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

Yours truly,

MRS. J. W. BUSH
Miami, Florida

February 7, 1948.

EVANGELIST HEALED

Greetings in Christ!

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

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

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

FLORENCE CORYELL
Evangelist
573 Ninth Street
Richmond, Calif.

Healed of Cancer

Dear Brother Branham:

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

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

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

WHY ALL ARE NOT HEALED

By Rev. F. F. Bosworth

Part II

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

SOME BREAK NATURAL LAWS

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

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

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

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

SOME CONTINUE IN SIN

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

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

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

AN UNFORGIVING SPIRIT

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

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

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

DON'T CONFINE GOD TO MIRACLES

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

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

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

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

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

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THE ANGELIC VISION

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

HEALING TO BE TAKEN TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD

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

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

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

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

ANGEL SPOKE OF THE SOON COMING OF CHRIST

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

DETECTION OF DISEASES

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

A LATER VISIT BY THE ANGEL

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

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

THE ANGEL'S RECENT MESSAGE TO BROTHER BRANHAM

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

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

Why All Are Not Healed

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

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