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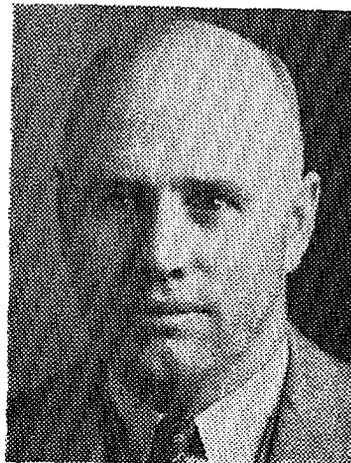
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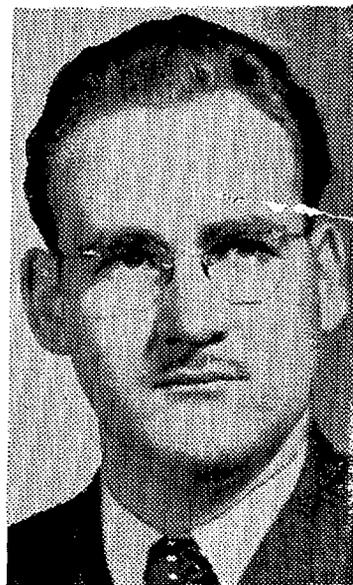
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Our Pages During Past Year

Branham-Bosworth Campaign Successful In Zion, Illinois

City Founded Upon Healing Ministry of Dr. John A. Dowie

Newspaper Gives Favorable Report

(As reported in the Waukegan News-Sun of March 14, 1949)

By FANNIE WILSON

ZION—The Rev. Fred F. Bosworth, director of the Zion City band in the early days of the community, and the Rev. William Branham, who are conducting revival services at the Grace Missionary Church, visited the grave of Zion's founder, in Lake Mound Cemetery yesterday with Mayor Richard F. Hire.

It was 42 years ago today that Dr. John Alexander Dowie, who died March 7, 1907, was buried and, 16 years ago, March 14, 1933, that Mrs. Jane Dowie, his widow, was buried in the family plot.

The Rev. Mr. Bosworth left Zion over 30 years ago, carrying on the ministry which Dr. Dowie had begun. To date he has over 200,000 written statements of healings received in answer to prayer.

He is now, at the age of 72, closely associated with the Rev. Branham who will close the revival tonight.

Many Claim Healing

During the three days the Rev. Mr. Branham has preached, scores have claimed to have been healed. Every case of crossed eyes which was prayed for was straightened before prayer ceased; many crippled and badly twisted bodies were straightened and deaf people were able to hear.

At last night's service a young boy paralyzed in arms, legs and back, and twisted out of shape was brought by his mother from Bensenville, Illinois, and was prayed for and immediately after prayer walked straight and steadily from the platform without aid.

Two women with cataracts were healed at the same service, one of whom was Mrs.

Ray Congdon, of 2903 Gilead Avenue, who had been entirely blind for two years. After being led to the platform then prayed for, she was able to see and walk and as her husband said, "Even those bloodshot veins in her eyes were cleared up." Mrs. Congdon is the mother of Zion's undertaker, Everett R. Congdon, of 3012 Sheridan Road.

Mr. Bosworth is accompanied by his wife and son, while Mr. Branham has his brother, Howard, a former acrobat, aiding him. Before entering the ministry the Rev. Mr. Branham was a game warden in the state of Indiana. His home is in Jeffersonville.

Assisted From Platform

At the close of each night's service he has preached and prayed for the sick, a total of about three and one-half hours nightly, he must be assisted from the platform, as he is exhausted.

The afternoon services have been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bosworth, Mrs. Bosworth also frequently speaking to the large audiences before time for the evening meeting. Visitors from many states and cities have filled the Grace Missionary Church to capacity, there being more than 2,000 at last night's service.

Branham Visits Roberts Campaign

Reports show that the Roberts meetings in Florida have been outstanding in scope and success. Crowds night after night packed the great cathedral tent which can be used in mid-winter in the semi-tropical climate of Miami and Tampa. While the rest of the nation was gripped in the worst winter on record, the temperature averaged around 85 degrees in Miami.

Lee Broxton, writing for the Miami meeting declared: "The meeting reached a crescendo near the close, and although we have over 3,000 steel folding chairs, we could in no wise seat the people. Over 1,300 souls were saved, which of course does not include many saved in their chairs or those saved in the daily afternoon services."

"The Full Gospel ministers of Miami sponsored this campaign and for the first time organized a Full Gospel ministerial association as a direct result of the Roberts meeting there. Many of them testified that if the meeting accomplished no more than the bringing of ministers together into a harmonious fellowship it well achieved its purpose. The 'Full Gospel Fel-

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Rev. Albin Johnson Reports Lindsay-Hall Meetings

Rev. Gordon Lindsay and Rev. L. D. Hall Receive the Following Report After Their Campaign in L. A.

Those eight days of services at Bethel Temple in Los Angeles were "chuck" full of the Word of God in both the afternoon and evening services as the brethren alternated in the ministering to the people. In the afternoon instruction classes, after the preached word, questions could be asked,



Rev. and Mrs. Albin Johnson

and answers given. After that the altar call was given and backsliders and sinners turned to God with all their heart before they were given a card for healing.

The brethren preached without fear or favor, and we truly say it was a revival of the Word of God. And God did as of old, "confirmed His word with the signs following." The preaching of the Word and the workings of the Lord have awakened a new desire in the hearts of ministers of various denominations to have the message of "Jesus Christ the Healer" expounded to them.

People received new hope and faith in these services and many heard this joyful news for the first time that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, and that when the demon of sickness was cast out in the Name of Jesus, deliverance was theirs. God gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf; others receiving healing as they went their way.

The prayer room was visited by sinners and backsliders, as trained personal workers gave them Scriptures and prayed with them. Their countenance was changed when Jesus turned their sorrow to joy.

Several were gloriously baptized with the Holy Ghost.

A young lady, a deaf mute, came into the prayer room for salvation, after which she was given a card for healing. Brother Lindsay prayed for her and she could hear him in a tone of whisper.

The first Sunday afternoon an amusing thing happened. A mother brought her

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SCHEDULE OF THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

- Fort Wayne Ind.....April 1-6
Fort Wayne Gospel Tabernacle
- Dallas, Texas.....April 16-21
Fair Park Auditorium
- Flint, Mich.....May 1-8
I. M. A. Auditorium
- Tacoma, Wash.....May 17-23
Ice Arena

Dates and locations of the summer Canadian campaigns will be announced shortly in this paper.

All dates subject to change.

LIFE STORY OF WM. BRANHAM

CHAPTER V

Called to Bedside of Dying Wife

One day they called me from work. . . . (I was working, trying to get out of debt. I had to go hundreds of dollars into debt, of which I am just now getting out.) . . . I was told, "If you want to see your wife alive, you'd better come now!" I got into the car and rushed to the city as fast as I could. I rushed upstairs and down the hall, and the first person I saw was my little friend, Dr. Adair. We had been just like brothers all our lives. I knew when I looked at him that he had bad news. He said, "I'm afraid she's gone now." He covered his face and went into the little ante-room. I struggled to hold myself together; I pleaded, "Come go in with me, Doc." "I can't," he answered, "she was just like a sister to me. I can't go back in there, Bill."

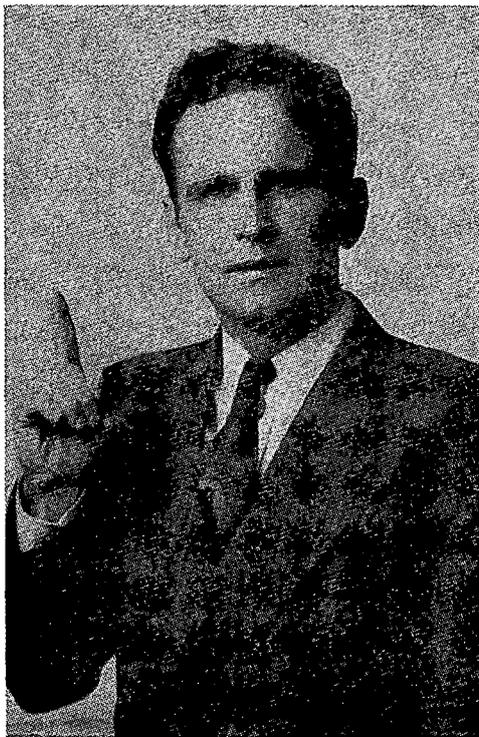
I started in alone, and he called a nurse to go in with me. When I saw her I felt, too, that she was gone. The sheet was pulled up over her face. She was only a skeleton of her former self . . . so thin and pale. . . . Oh, my! I took her in my arms and began to shake her. I cried, "Honey, answer me! . . . God, please let her speak to me once more." She was already crossing over the line. . . . But suddenly she turned to look back at me. She opened those big, lovely, soft brown eyes. She started to raise her arms to receive me, but she was too weak; so I got down closer to her. I knew she wanted to tell me something. Friends, here is what she told me (in part). It will be in my memory until the day I meet her.

Hope Describes Paradise

She said, "I was almost home. Why did you call me?" I told her I didn't know I interrupted anything. She began telling me about the paradise I had called her from, how it looked . . . lovely trees and flowers, birds singing, not a pain in her body. For a moment I thought that perhaps I shouldn't have called her. . . . (But, bless her heart . . . she's been enjoying that place a long time now.) She revived for a few moments and told me how that she was being taken home by some angelic beings. She heard me way off in the distance calling. Friends, there is a land beyond the river, somewhere in the far beyond. Maybe millions of light years away, but it's there . . . and we're traveling that way.

Recalls Minor Incidents in Last Hours

She described how beautiful it was. She said, "Honey, you've preached of it, you've talked of it, you've started others on their way toward it, but you can't know how glorious it is." She desired to go back. She studied a moment and then said, "There are two or three things I want you to know." I asked, "What's that?"



Brother Branham as he appeared less than five years ago, prior to the coming of the gift. The mental and physical strain of this Divine ministry has aged him tremendously.

"Remember, Bill," she began, "one time you went to get a pair of stockings for me?" (I remembered the time. She had been getting dressed to go to Fort Wayne for a service that night and she needed a pair of hose. She told me to get some kind of "full size" or "full back" "rayons" or "chiffons" or something like that. I never could seem to remember anything about ladies' clothes, so I went down the street saying to myself, "Chiffon, chiffon, chiffon." Someone said, "Hello, Bill." . . . I said, "Hello, chiffon, chiffon, chiffon." Then I met someone else who got to telling me how good the fish were biting, and I forgot what kind it was I was supposed to get. I was to get them at Penney's, but I knew a girl that worked at the dime store, and I knew she could help me if I told her the situation. I rushed over there . . . (her name was Thelma Ford; she is a neighbor of mine now). . . . I said "Thelma, I want to get a pair of socks for Hope." She laughed, "Oh, Hope, doesn't wear socks, she wears stockings." "Well, a pair of stockings, then." She asked, "What kind does she want?" "What kind do you have?" hoping she would call the name I was supposed to remember. She said, "Rayon, chiffon, etc." Well, unfortunately, she called the wrong one first, but it sounded like the right name to me so I said, "That's it!"

"You mean Hope wants rayon stockings?"

"That's what she said," I answered, so she began to wrap them. But when I went to pay for them I found that they only cost about 39 cents, so I just bought two pairs.

When I got home to give them to her I began teasing her. (You know how men like to tease their wives about being bargain-hunters.) I told her I was the one that had found a bargain this time, and gave the stockings to her. She didn't say anything, but I thought she looked a little disappointed, and when she got to Fort Wayne I noticed that she bought some more. She was lady enough not to tell me about the mistake then, but she was thinking about little things like that in her dying hour.

Saves Money to Buy Rifle for Her Husband

Her life was slowly ebbing away, but she continued. "Remember the rifle you wanted to buy in Louisville and we couldn't afford it?" (How well I remembered. . . . I've always been a hunter, and when I saw that particular rifle I thought how much I would like to have it.)

"Yes." I was trying to keep the tears out of her sight.

"I've been saving my nickels and dimes to buy it for you. It's just about over for me, but when you get home you'll find the money lying under a paper on top of the old sideboard."

You'll never know how I felt when I found that six or seven dollars she had been putting back all that time for that rifle. I bought it and still have it, and intend to keep it as long as I can, and then give it to my little boy.

Her Last Words

I recall that it was then she asked me not to live single, to get married to some good Christian girl who was filled with the spirit of God and would take care of the children. I did not want to promise that, but I finally did to please her. A few minutes after that she said weakly, "Well, I'm going over now."

"Don't talk like that," I plead.

"I don't mind going now," she said, "since I saw how wonderful it is."

"Are you really going now, dear?" I asked tearfully.

"Yes." She looked into my eyes and said, "Will you promise me to always preach this wonderful Gospel?" I promised. She said, "Bill, God is going to use you." (Bless her heart. . . . I've often wondered if God might not allow her to look down upon us as we go about from place to place in our ministry, trying to obey the calling she felt that God would send.)

She talked on. "You've been a good husband." A little nurse was standing near

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God Answers the Present World Crisis With Miracles of Healing

BY DR. C. O. BENHAM, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Noted Journalist, Author and Evangelist

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the past five years, the writer of the following article has mingled with government leaders at the nation's Capital, and has discussed with them many of the perplexing problems of our time. Rev. Benham frankly reports to your editor that the consensus of opinion voiced by many of the highest thinkers in Washington is that nothing short of a visitation of miracle direct from God Himself, and free from selfish denominationalism, will at this late hour turn the tide of mass-thought back to Christian standards of righteousness. Dr. Benham was recently in Los Angeles studying at close range the Freeman Healing Campaign there. He was also in Shreveport and met Brother Branham. After viewing many phenomenal healing miracles he states that he is satisfied that here in this type of ministry is God's answer to the cry of millions.

A few months ago I felt constrained to write my old friend, Rev. F. F. Bosworth, with whom I was once associated in evangelistic work, and in whom I had implicit confidence. I had just been in Chicago and had heard from close friends there, glowing reports of a great healing wave that was then on in nearby Elgin, Illinois, under the ministry of Rev. William Branham, assisted by Brother Bosworth. In a few days I received two different issues of the *Voice of Healing*. I digested the contents thereof, including the wonderful account of how an angel of the Lord, in person, had visited that humble man of God, Brother Branham, and bestowed upon him, not only the gift of healing, but the remarkable gift of diagnosis as well. This was one step beyond anything I had ever known, though I had witnessed, in my own ministry and that of others, many, many healing miracles. I was curious for still more evidence as to how consistently God was backing all this up in the meetings, for "by their fruits ye shall know them." Then came an enthusiastic letter from my friend Bosworth to the effect that in all his long career in the healing ministry he had never witnessed such a high percentage of healing miracles. After spending some years in Washington in a prayerful endeavor to influence certain policy-makers at this "hub of the world" my convictions were now settled. Any honest Christian can get the mind of the Almighty by simply observing upon what He places

His Divine seal. In these findings I had an anchorage which I knew would hold, because a special visitation of latter-day miracles happens to be in perfect harmony with prophetic Scripture for our day.

At every junction of dispensations in the past, miracle power has been God's way of vindicating His cause, and in turning history into the right direction. And now a solemn moment has arrived. Our leaders see the nations gathering to battle in the greatest struggle of the ages, and every human effort seems futile in bringing peace to a turbulent world. When this international situation is definitely faced, we see clearly that a supernatural revival of miracle power can alone successfully meet the world crisis. The stern reality of Red Communism's attacks upon Christian civilization means that our living Christ and the adversary are now coming to grips. It is the most exciting drama of the ages. The conflict reduces down to one between light and darkness, truth and error, God and Satan. And God has the answer: "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him."—Isaiah 59:19.

We see God taking upon Himself the responsibility in today's crisis. In these healing revivals we see both visible and invisible forces entering the fray. And, as in Moses' time, God sees to it that a rejecting world sees His display of power. As in Pharaoh's day God's program of deliverance comes out into the open, so that all who have eyes to see, may see. Miracles flood the scene in these revivals promoted by God's faith-heroes, because He wants to give the world a demonstration of the final exhibition of Satanic fury meeting head-on with Holy Spirit power.

When our Lord listens to the report of the enthusiastic Seventy whom He had endowed with power and sent forth to conquer diseases and sickness, He exclaimed: "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."—Luke 10:18. Christ's method of defeating the enemy then was mainly through Divine Healing power. It is today evident that His method of meeting the enemy has not changed. As we near the day of the coming of the Lord, the binding of Satan and his complete paralysis draws nigh. The horrors of that "day of the Lord" will blend into a paradise of peace and victory.

Today, on every side, bewildering difficulties challenge the faith of the masses. The enemy, knowing he is on the last lap of a fierce race, is straining every nerve

to win against our Christ. But "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal." Right before our eyes is demonstrated a Gospel, with a dynamic more than equal to every human need.

"O Lord, revive Thy work . . . in wrath remember mercy," (Habakkuk 3:2) was the cry of the ancient prophet when apostasy stalked the land, and when "there was no open vision." God's answer to that inspired prayer was a turning loose of miracle power which shook the nation. Why? Because the Almighty was "under oath" to maintain His cause, and there could be no defeat to His program for that hour. Today, God's laws of faith have not changed. It is His program to shake the earth with a spiritual explosion that will veritably rock our apostate institutions unto attention. "Mighty is the Lord!" Let us harmonize our lives with His program.

Life of Wm. Branham

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by, and she said to her, "I hope you might have as good a husband as I have." Of course, that almost tore my heart out, but I knew I had to hold up for her sake. I tried to smile and said, "Honey, if you go we'll bury you out on Walnut Ridge until Jesus comes. And if I fall asleep before that time I'll probably be beside you." (We don't believe in death . . . we believe the Christians just go to sleep.) So I said, "If not, I'll be out on the battlefield somewhere." The soft brown eyes were becoming dimmer. I went on "When you get up to the New Jerusalem . . . look for the east side of the gate and start calling my name. . . . When you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Paul and Stephen and all of them coming up, I'll be right along with them. Meet me there, Darling." She pulled me down to her and kissed me good-bye. . . . Then she went to be with God.

Here I am . . . still struggling, working, trying hard to keep that promise.

Baby is Reported Dying

After she had passed away, I started home to see about the babies. How desperately I sought some peace of mind. I went to my mother's . . . I went to our house, Hope's and mine, everywhere, nothing satisfied me. I couldn't rest. Many of you people know what I mean. That night I finally went to bed and tried to sleep. Somebody knocked on the door. I thought, "What can it be now?" . . . A voice called, "Billy, your baby is dying now." (To be continued)

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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.

Doctors Baffled at Disappearance of Cancer

To The Voice of Healing:

This is the testimony of the healing of my husband.

Last year he had a cancer in the muscle above the elbow on his left arm. Doctors took X-rays and said that his arm would have to come off above the shoulder as the cancer was the fastest growing kind and would soon be in his lungs and chest. They even stated that he could not live more than two months if his arm was not amputated.

We sent for all our children to come, even our son in the Air Force. The doctor told me to get a hold on myself, as my husband might not come out alive. My husband asked to be baptized before the operation, which we did. He raised his arm and praised the Lord, something he had not been able to do for two months or more.

We had sent for a prayer ribbon from Brother Branham, and when it came we put it on his body as we were instructed to do. **God answered.** . . . He is healed up to this day. The doctors were all amazed at the cancer being gone, and asked what we did. We told them we had been talking to the Lord, and they asked him to come back and just let them look at that arm once a month. They said, "Mr. Fry, you had a cancer; we do not understand its going away like this. But it is gone!" There is not a sign of cancer.

We have been in several of Brother Branham's meetings and each one gets better. He prayed for my daughter and God healed her of tuberculosis. Another daughter of ours was healed of tumor when he prayed for her. I was healed just while going through the fast line as Brother Branham said, "God bless my sister through Jesus Christ's name." I had kidney infection, with which I suffered constantly.

We all love and praise God for our precious Brother Branham, and our prayer is for his strength and health.

MRS. BERTHA FRY
Route 2, Box 248,
Selma, California.

Another Miracle in Miami

Dear Brother Branham:

I want to thank the Lord for straightening my crossed eyes.

My eyes had been crossed for about thirty years. During your second meeting in Miami, I was just sitting in the audience when I received my healing. I would sit and cry each time you prayed for an eye case, and I thought in my heart that if I could just get on a front seat where the angel of the Lord was so near you, I would be healed.

On Friday night I did get on a front seat and received my healing. My eyes are straight and much stronger.

How I thank the Lord for a man of God like you, and may the Lord bless you.

Sincerely,

MRS. I. M. GRACE,
5888 S. W. 17th Street,
Coral Gables, Florida

Was Dying of Cancer: Now Healthier Than Ever Before

Dear Brother Branham:

I am sending another testimony concerning my healing.



Mrs. McNatt

I lost weight, shrinking from 137 pounds to 100.

But, I thank God that He has chosen a man like Brother Branham to trust with His wonderful Gift of Healing. I am praising God day and night, for I am healthier than ever before. I weigh 142 pounds and do any kind of work I want to. Oh, it is wonderful to know that we have a friend who will heal all our diseases if we only believe.

MRS. LORENE McNATT,
Arvin, California
March 10, 1949

Shreveport Girl Perfectly Healed of Asthma



Patsy Aaron

Dear Brother Branham:

I had a very bad case of asthma. I had had it all my life. At times they could hear me breathing all over the house. I never could run and play like other children. Two years ago you prayed for me at Life Tabernacle in Shreveport (my church) and I have never had it since. Now I even play in the rain and snow and never even have a bad cold. Praise to God I am still healed.

PATSY AARON,
Age 8
1521 Anna Street,
Shreveport, La.
March 20, 1949

(NOTE: Patsy's case is confirmed by the members of the staff of the Voice of Healing, who have known her since she was a baby, when God used the healing of another serious ailment in her infant body to bring her family to the knowledge of salvation.)

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EDITORIAL... The March of Events

We rejoice as word comes to us that God is moving in many quarters. The Gifts of the Spirit are being restored to the Church and, as a result, multitudes are receiving deliverance from diseases and afflictions and many are being recovered from the snares of the enemy.

From the beginning, Brother Branham and others have preached that other sign-gift ministries were on the way, and now we see this prediction rapidly coming to pass. Revivals are springing up in unexpected places. Congregations are on their face in prayer and fasting before God. Divine Visitations are being marked by the restoration of the Gifts of the Spirit.

A Warning

Let us not be numbered among those who miss this great, and no doubt, final revival. The vast majority of the people which comprise the body of true believers are accepting gratefully this new move of God in our midst. Yet it is too much to hope that all will receive it. All the weight of history is against the established church receiving it. We do well to give heed to the words of the late Dr. Charles S. Price, given shortly before he died:

"I presume that many of you will not love me for the statement that I am about to make, but I cannot be true to the Lord and my soul unless I declare what I believe to be the truth. Like every previous outpouring this glorious experience which is about to burst over the world will not be the product of an established system. Established systems may experience it and enjoy it and flow along in the clear stream of its beautiful onward flowing. Even then they may not do it as systems, but only as multiplied thousands within their borders, who are hungry for God and are spiritually conscious of the fact that there is more to follow."

We hold no brief for those who may be given to excesses, or who have a tendency to over-emphasize certain phases of the truth. Nonetheless, through faulty human instruments, God is doing His work and will accomplish His inexorable Purpose whether we go along or not.

We would give three admonitions at this time which we believe if heeded will keep this movement along Divinely chosen lines:

1. **That leaders and men whom God has chosen as instruments in this move of God, be careful to keep the work on Scriptural lines, to avoid excesses, strained interpretations of the Scripture, out at all times adhere closely to the pattern of I Corinthians 12-14. More than that, to maintain a sweet humility and at all times to labor for the unity of the Body of Christ.**

2. *That no one allow themselves to become so busy in the work of the Lord that they do not have time to really know what*

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON DIVINE HEALING

12.—Does God ever send sickness upon people, or does the devil always do it? The writer further inquires, that if the answer to the above is "No," then what about II Samuel 12:15, and II Chronicles 21:18, Acts 12:23, etc., where the Lord speaks of bringing sickness upon certain people?—J. S., Boyne City, Mich.

A.—We believe the Bible clearly answers this question. Nothing in this world can occur unless God permits it. In the Death of Christ on the Cross, Romans 8:32 declares that God "spared not his own son but delivered him up for us all." But other Scriptures show us what we all know to be true, that God did not actually put Christ to death, but the ones who were guilty of this crime, were ungodly men who took the Saviour and "by wicked hands have crucified and slain." Acts 2:23. These men were controlled by the power of darkness, another term for Satan and his evil angels. "When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness." Luke 22:53.

Let us notice two scriptures that speak of those guilty of the death of our Lord. Matthew 27:1-2 indicts first the chief priests and the elders: "When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor."

The other Scripture speaks of Pilate being responsible for delivering Jesus to be crucified: "Then (Pilate) released Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified." Matt. 27:26.

Now although these Scriptures speak of three different parties being responsible for the delivering up of Christ to death, everyone understands that Pilate and the chief priests were the ones who were guilty of the crucifixion of Christ.

God was not responsible for the death of

His beloved Son. True, He delivered Him up, but only in the sense that He permitted Him to come under the power of evil hands that He might die on the Cross, to accomplish the Redemption of lost humanity. Every Christian fully understands that it was Satan or the power of darkness who controlled the hearts of wicked men that conceived the daring plot to put the Redeemer to death. Likewise, it was Satan that entered into the heart of Judas and caused him to betray his Master. (John 13:27.) But as Jesus said, they could have done nothing had not God permitted them free course of action (John 19:11.) *In this sense only, God delivered Jesus to die.*

Now the Scriptures show that the same thing is true in the matter of sickness and disease coming upon the individual. The devil said to God, concerning His servant Job, "Put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face." Job 2:5. Satan knew that nothing could touch Job except God permitted it. In fact, as the devil knew only too well, the Lord had built a Hedge about Job, and though he had slyly skulked about the property of Job for a long time, he had never until now been able to get at the patriarch. But now God gave His permission for sickness to come upon Job. *But it wasn't God Who sent the sickness!* He just withdrew His protection. We are taken as it were, behind the scenes and are given the opportunity to see just who it was that put the boils on Job. It was the devil, as the next verse plainly declares. *"So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown."* Verse 7.

God sends sickness only in the sense that, when certain circumstances arise, He permits the Hedge of Divine Protection to be broken down, so that Satan can do his evil work. As the Proverbs tell us, "The curse causeless shall not come." In the March issue of *The Voice of Healing*, in the article "Sickness as Divine Discipline," we gave the reasons for which the Hedge was broken down in the case of Job.

Freeman Meetings

Brother Freeman has been inactive for the past two months, but is scheduled to begin in San Francisco, April 17, Glad Tidings Temple.

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St. Louis Meeting

The recently scheduled Branham campaign in St. Louis had to be closed prematurely, due to inability to get the Kiel Auditorium, as previously planned. These are circumstances entirely beyond our control, nevertheless we wish to apologize to our readers who may have been inconvenienced by the change.

How To Appropriate Healing

Condensed From "Christ, The Healer"

By F. F. BOSWORTH

For our First Anniversary issue we have chosen the article "How to Appropriate Healing," by Evangelist F. F. Bosworth, from his book, "Christ the Healer." Rev. Bosworth speaks with authority on the subject of healing, for under his own ministry he received 225,000 testimonials of healing. The editor was associated with Brother Bosworth recently in several of the Branham campaigns, and we are a witness to the fact that his ministry now was never richer or more blessed with the presence of God. (This book may be obtained from our office)

The First Step

The first step toward being healed is the same as the first step toward salvation, or any other blessing that God promises; that is, it is God's Will to heal until one has lived out the allotted span of life. Each individual sufferer must be convinced by the Word of God that his or her healing is the will of God; for it is impossible to have real faith for healing as long as there is the slightest doubt that it is God's will.

Faith begins where the will of God is known. Faith must rest on the will of God alone, not on our desires or wishes. Appropriating faith is not believing God CAN but that He WILL. Those who claim to believe in healing, but say one word in favor of it and ten words against it, cannot produce faith for healing.

Christ's Atonement Basis of Healing Faith

There is no doctrine more emphatically taught throughout the Word of God than that, through the Atonement of Christ, both salvation and bodily healing were provided, and that it is God's will to take away the sickness of His own, and to fulfill the number of their days according to His promise. (Ex. 23:25,26). As the types in Leviticus 14 and 15 show that it was invariably through Atonement that sickness was healed, under the law of Moses, so Matthew 8:17 definitely states that Jesus healed all diseases on the ground of Atonement. This Scripture shows us that Christ's reason for making no exceptions while healing the sick who thronged Him was His Atonement, which He made for all of Adam's race, including you. As multitude after multitude pressed upon Him "to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases," it is repeatedly stated through the Gospels, "He healed them

all." He could make no exceptions. Why? Because in His coming Atonement "Himself took our infirmities," etc. Since it is "our" infirmities He bore, it requires the healing of all to fulfill this prophecy. God carefully put this in such language that we would have to misquote it to leave ourselves out.



F. F. Bosworth

God's way of saving the soul, of healing the body, and of doing everything else He wants to do, is to send His Word—His Promise—and then keep the promise wherever it produces faith. The Divine procedure in healing is stated in the text, "He sendeth His word and healeth them, and delivereth them from their graves."—(Psalms 107:20).

God's Redemptive Name—Jehovah Rapha

Now, since He heals us by sending His Word, what can be more His word than His Redemptive and Covenant Names, which were given, all seven of them, for the specific purpose of revealing to every man in Adam's race His redemptive attitude toward them. When Christ commands us "to preach the Gospel to every creature," He means that we shall tell the good news of Redemption. His seven Redemptive names reveal what our Redemption includes. One of these Redemptive names, JEHOVAH-RAPHA, is translated, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," or, "I am the Lord thy physician." This also, is in the Atonement; for "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses."

I say that nothing is more God's Word "settled in heaven" than His Redemptive Name Jehovah-Rapha. No one has the right to change God's "I Am" Jehovah-Rapha, to "I Was," because "the Word of the Lord endureth forever." This Word (Jehovah-Rapha), was so accepted and believed by those to whom it was first sent that "there was not a feeble person among all their tribes"; and whenever this state of health was interfered with by their transgressions, as soon as they repented, typical atonements were made, and God was still Jehovah-Rapha the Healer; not to some, but to all.

Brazen Serpent Type of Christ

God ratified this Word to the dying

Israelites by sending them the added Word, that "everyone that is bitten, when he looketh upon it (the type of Calvary) shall live." If bodily healing was not provided in the Atonement why were these dying Israelites required to look at the type of the Atonement for bodily healing? As their curse was removed by the lifting up of the type of Christ, so ours is removed by the lifting up of Christ, the Anti-type. Since the Spirit is given to us to make Christ real, why should we not look to Christ, Himself, with as much expectation as they did to the type?

It would be well to note that they could not look at the brass snake and their symptoms at the same time. Abraham's faith waxed strong while he looked unto the promise of God. Some people reverse this, and their faith waxes weak while they look at their symptoms, and forget the promise. Since God healed by sending His Word, which is the only basis for our faith, we will miss healing if we allow our symptoms to hinder us from expecting what His Word promises.

The Second Step—Be Right With God

The second step is to be sure you are right with God, because our redemptive blessings are conditional. After we hear the Gospel, and know what it offers, Jesus says, "Repent and believe the Gospel." Only those who are right with God can follow these instructions. When seeking healing for our bodies there should be no compromise with the adversary of our souls, because it is he who is the author of our diseases. Jesus may, but He has not promised to destroy the works of the devil in our bodies, while we are clinging to the works of the devil in our souls. It is hard to exercise faith for the removal of one part of the devil's work while we allow a worse part to remain. Until a man squarely faces and settles the question of obedience to God, he is not on believing ground. James says, "Confess your faults one to another . . . that ye may be healed." It is God's will "that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth." "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me."

There is something wrong when a man desires the blessing but not the blessing—His mercy but not Himself. It is not proper to seek His mercy while rejecting His will. Do not ask for a little blessing while rejecting a big one. It is impossible to receive and reject blessings at the same time.

The Third Step—Appropriation

We will now endeavor to make plain how to appropriate healing. Getting things from God is like playing checkers, when, after one person moves, he has nothing to do until the other player moves. Each man

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moves in his own turn. So when God has provided healing, or any other blessing and sent us His Word, it is our move before He will move again. Our move is to expect what He promises when we pray, which will cause us to act our faith before we see healing; because the healing comes in the next move which is God's move.

Fallen nature is governed by what it sees, by its senses, but faith is governed by the pure Word of God, and is nothing less than expecting God to do what He promises—treating Him like an honest Being.

Faith never waits to see before it believes, because it "cometh by hearing" about "things not seen as yet," and "is the evidence of things not seen." All that a man of faith needs is to know that God hath spoken. This imparts certainty to the soul. "Thus saith the Lord" settles everything. Faith always blows the ram's horn before, not after, the walls are down. Faith never judges according to the sight of the eyes, because it is "the evidence of things not seen" but promised. Faith rests on far more solid ground than the evidence of the senses, and that is the Word of God which "abideth forever." Our senses may deceive us but God's Word never!

Jesus at the grave of Lazarus, looked up and said, "I thank thee, Father, that thou hast heard me," though Lazarus was still dead. "Faith looks not at things that are seen." There was no flood in sight when Noah built his ark. Stone walls had never before fallen down at the blowing of the ram's horns and shouting. They were merely expecting what God had promised, and when they acted their faith by blowing the ram's horns while the walls were still up, this was their move. Then of course, God moved in His turn, and down came the walls!

Faith Does Not Regard Symptoms

Jonah's symptoms were very real when he was inside the fish, and he did not deny them: but he called them "lying vanities." In other words any symptoms that make us doubt the fact that "God is plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Him" should be regarded as "lying vanities." Jonah said, "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy." Instead of listen-

ing to Satan and watching our symptoms, we must be "workers together" with God, Who heals by sending His Word and keeping it! We must cooperate with Him by being occupied, not with what the devil says, but with the Word He sends for our healing.

Even when we do act our faith, symptoms do not always disappear instantly. After Hezekiah was healed, it was three days before he was strong enough to go up to the house of the Lord. In John 4:50-52, the nobleman "believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him," and when he met his servants he enquired of them the hour when his dying son "began to amend."

The Bible differentiates between the "gifts of healing" and the gift of "miracles." Christ could do no miracle in Nazareth because of their unbelief, but he healed a few sick ones. If everyone were to be made perfectly whole instantly, there would be no place for the gifts of healing: it would be all miracles. Many people miss healing by trying to confine God to miracles. Christ's promise is that "they shall recover," but He does not say "instantly." The symptoms of life in a tree remain for a time after the tree is cut down.

I have known some who had prayed for healing for as long as forty years without receiving it; and then as soon as they were told how to appropriate, the healing has come sometimes in a moment. We do not have to pray for 40 years or for one week for the blessing that Christ is eager to bestow. The truth of the matter is, God gave us this part of our inheritance nearly 2,000 years ago and He is the waiting one—waiting for us to appropriate the blessing by faith. Most of us could have been saved five years earlier than we were. God was not making us wait, but we were making Him wait. It is the same with our healing. Having promised all that we need, He says, "What things soever ye desire when ye pray"; not after you pray 20 years, not after you get well; but while you are sick when ye pray, "believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Faith, feeling is the order of healing that God never departs from. "God has given all his blessings to Faith. He has none left to bestow on unbelief."

When people say to me, "I do not know that it is God's will to heal me," I ask them, "Is it God's will, to keep His promise?" Is God honest? If you will steadfastly "believe that ye receive" (Mark 11:24) the answer to your prayer and act your faith, every one of you will be healed, though not always instantly. Healing is by faith. But "faith without works is dead." It is when we begin to act our faith that God begins to heal.

Praise Is An Act of Faith

Now we cannot all act in the same way. As the ten lepers went they were healed. Jonah when inside the fish, could not

"went" but he did act his faith by saying, while still in the fish. "I will sacrifice with the voice of thanksgiving." And so, acting our faith by praising and thanking God in advance has been throughout history, His appointed way for our appropriation of all His blessings. Hebrews 13:15 teaches us that our thank offering—our "sacrifice of praise"—is to be offered in advance for the blessing God has promised, and therefore we expect. As the Psalmist declares, "Offer unto God thanksgiving and pay thy vows unto the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

Here as elsewhere, we are required to offer thanksgiving while we are still in trouble, as Jonah did. When the Word says, "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving," it does not mean to get healed and then go from His presence thanking Him, but to come to Him with thanksgiving for healing before being healed. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." We should go away with thanksgiving, but this is not faith.

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." The sick man has breath. In other words, while you are still sick praise Him because you are going to recover according to His promise. "Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you." Instead of listening to the father of lies, make him listen to your praising God for His promise!

Every sick Christian, while sick has a thousand times more to be happy over than the most cheerful sinner in perfect health. Paul and Silas sang praises at midnight with their backs bleeding and their feet in stocks, and God sang bass with an earthquake, which set them free.

Why Listen to the Devil

All the devil heard from the lips of Christ when tempting Him, was, "It is written!" "It is written!" "Then the devil leaveth Him." (Matt. 4:11). But all we hear from some people is, "The devil says!" "The devil says!" as though Christ's words were of less consequence than those of the devil! This was Christ's way; and it is the most successful way of resisting the devil. Let us not try another! "Neither give place to the devil." (Ephes. 4:27.)

I do not recall who said, "Let us put our sickness away by faith, as we would put away sin." The consecrated Christian will not consciously tolerate sin for a moment, and yet how tolerant some are toward sickness. They will even pet and indulge their aches and pains, instead of resisting them as the words of the devil.

Present Day Results of Believing God

Following these instructions has brought soundness upon thousands who have been taught that the age of miracles was past, (Continued on Page 16)

Letters to the Editors

From Franklin Hall

Dear Brother Branham and
Brother Lindsay:

Greetings to you in the love of Jesus!
I feel sure that you would like to know how the Lord is blessing a hand maiden who, I believe, has the Last-Day Sign-Gifts manifested also in her life. This precious sister is Sister Thelma Nickel. I personally have seen every kind of sickness and disease vanish as she laid her hands upon the sick. Sometimes in a single service—every one she prayed for was healed. Many signs follow her in this ministry.

After much travail, many hardships, persecutions and grief that almost took Sister Nickel to death's door itself, plus fasting and prayer, God saw fit to bestow upon her many of the Gifts of healing.

Sister Nickel has come to me to help her in her growing work, which has grown from church to auditorium capacity crowds. Now we are arranging for a month's meeting in the Senior High School Auditorium here in Houston, where many pastors and churches are cooperating.

Am happy to hear that Brother Branham is rested up, and is feeling so much better. Sorry, Brother Lindsay, that I did not have a personal conversation with you when in Los Angeles at Calvary Tabernacle. Maybe I can later. We were in such a hurry to be in Texas to join Sister Nickel. May the Lord bless your whole staff, and let us, pull together in prayer and fasting for a greater latter rain outpouring of the Spirit.

In Him,

FRANKLIN HALL,

3236 Orange Avenue,
San Diego 4, Calif.

Thelma Nickel Meetings

Dear Editor:

The Lord has been graciously blessing our efforts in his behalf, and we felt it would be good to share his rich blessings with others. About a year ago, God very wonderfully began to bless me in healing. Many years ago he had given me this calling, but again he stirred me and I began to seek his face in prayer and fasting. After five days he bestowed upon me Gifts of Healing. That night there were present about 600 people and the power of God came down in a great way, and all kinds of diseases were healed, including cancers, tuberculosis and arthritis.

From that time forward God began to move in a great way. A little later the Lord led me to San Diego, California, and the Lord sent a great outpouring of healing there, through fasting and prayer. I talked with Brother Franklin and his wife, Helen, and they graciously consented to form a fasting, prayer and healing revival group. Since that time we have seen mighty miracles wrought in our presence.

We just completed a Valley-wide revival in the Imperial Valley, and God really met us. Churches closed down their services and joined in this great effort, and many were healed. Three deaf and dumb people were delivered, and a woman deaf from birth in one ear heard perfectly. Blind eyes were opened and the paralyzed were made to walk.

Even the Baptist Church cooperated with us and the pastor was with us in the afternoon service, and many of his members were healed. About fifteen of the many who were saved were Catholics. Many were saved in the healing line.

We plan an itinerary in the East this spring, then to Canada, Australia and Africa. So pray for us that we will be greatly used of God.

In His Service,

THELMA NICKEL

Evangelist Dale Hanson

Dear Brother Lindsay:

We have just finished a great five week Holy Ghost Revival in the 1700 seat Evangel Temple in Toronto, Canada. God certainly blessed in a wonderful way. Blind eyes were opened, deaf ears were unstoped and many other definite healings took place. Approximately 2000 people got in the building and many stood in doorways and aisles and many were turned away in a single night.

Pastor William McPherson states that this revival is the greatest in years. Other pastors have said that this was a very good revival and spiritual landslide.

We will be in the city of Verona, Ontario, April 3-10, and in St. John's, Newfoundland, April 17-30.

Yours in Jesus Christ,
EVANGELIST DALE HANSEN
30 Fairview Boulevard
Ontario, Canada

Hall-Lindsay Meetings

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I have been deaf in my left ear for 20 years. And I had a terrible pain in my right breast since Christmas. I was afraid of cancer. I was prayed for Sunday afternoon, February 13, 1949, by Brother Lindsay. For three days I was tested. But I kept right on praising the Lord Jesus Christ, for in Isaiah 53:4-5 it says "by His stripes we are healed." Now I'm healed and delivered! Glory, Glory! Jesus healed me. I am 78 years old.

MARGARET S. KNOWLTON,
201 S. Knoll Avenue,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am happy to say that my neck is healed since you prayed for me on Tuesday in Los Angeles. It was so weak and painful I could hardly hold my head up, but it is all right now. Praise the Lord.

MRS. MAGGIE BARNETT
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Brother Lindsay:

During your recent Campaign at Calvary Temple, you prayed for me as I went through the healing line following the afternoon instruction service, and the Lord healed my sinus condition; blurred vision; and also an internal condition. Before you prayed for my eyes, it was difficult for me to see the eye of a sewing needle, let alone thread it, but the next morning I could thread the smallest needle with size 100 thread, without my glasses. Praise the Lord, and thank you for your prayer.

MRS. W. WHITTAKER
4042 Van Horne Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif.

March 3, 1949

Oral Roberts

Dear Brother Lindsay:

We recently in our Tampa meeting had a two hour fellowship and conference between the members of Brother Branham's party and ours and we had a most glorious time. Brother Branham is a most precious brother.

It is a joy to keep up with the work of Brothers Branham and Freeman and your own ministry through THE VOICE OF HEALING. I hear many comments on their meetings and the magazine.

Our Tampa campaign is now winding up. During the first eleven days over 1700 souls have found Christ, and many notable miracles have been wrought so that this entire area has been stirred; in the last service 5000 people were present and stayed from about 6 p. m. until nearly midnight; it seemed no one left. We have 16 cooperating churches and over 100 preachers in attendance each service. Our afternoon meetings have reached a new peak; enormous crowds and 150 saved in the first eleven afternoon services. There is a spirit of love and compassion here that I have been happy for. We have six more services and truly believe the Lord will give us our largest closing. Brother and Sister Bosworth have been with us several nights and were very kind toward us in their remarks. With best wishes and personal, brotherly love, I am

Yours because His,
ORAL ROBERTS,
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Elderly Man Receives Unusual Experience After Prayer For Healing

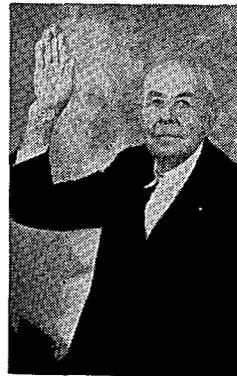
I want to testify to what the Lord has done for me since I was prayed for at the Life Tabernacle in Shreveport, December 12, when Brother Freeman prayed for me.

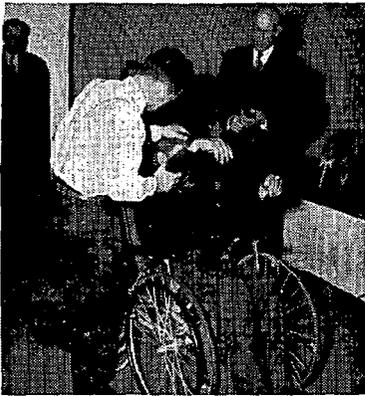
I prayed for the Lord to save me and believed that He would after I was prayed for that Sunday night. On January 10 at 3 o'clock in the morning, I heard a knock at the door; I listened, wondering what or who it was. There was no one that I could see. I heard a sound like a wind blowing, but there was no wind blowing outside.

In a few minutes I felt something go through my body like a shock of electricity, but instead of hurting it felt good. Every ache and pain left my body immediately. I knew that moment that the Lord had healed my body and saved my soul, praise God.

I felt so good I got out of bed and woke up some of my neighbors, so I could tell them what God had done for me, praise His Name. I am 80 years old and feel better than I have felt in years. What He has done for me He can do for others if they will only let Him. All my thanks to God.

R. L. WHITMAN, SR.,
518 E. 79th Street,
Shreveport, Louisiana





Rev. Wilbur Ogilvie prays for Mr. Vino Rangel of 1143 Euclid Ave., Long Beach, who suffered a stroke 10 years ago.



THE COMMAND TO RISE!
Although the man has been confined to the wheel chair ten years, he rises at the command!



HE BEGINS TO WALK
It is the story of Acts 3, repeated today. The lame man walked at Peter's command, while the people praised God.



HE MOUNTS THE STAIRS
Here he goes up the stairway after walking for some distance around the auditorium.

DRAMA IN THE OGILVIE MEETINGS

Scenes of Bible Days Repeated As Man in Wheel Chair Ten Years Rises and Walks

By Mrs. Stanley, Secretary of The Colonial Tabernacle

On Sunday evening, February 6, the closing night of Evangelist Ogilvie's second Healing Revival, held at The Colonial Tabernacle, Long Beach, California, the power of God came down in a most unusual and glorious way.

Evangelist Ogilvie prayed for a large number of people in the healing line, and many were slain under the power of God and healed in a miraculous way, as testimonies continue to show.

Among the first to be prayed for, after the deaf and blind, which were prayed for first, was a Mr. Vino Rangel, whose address is 1143 Euclid Avenue, Long Beach. He and his wife knew nothing concerning the doctrine of Divine Healing, as taught in the Word of God, and had never been in a Full Gospel service, until that Sunday morning prior to being prayed for at the evening service. They had seen the ad in the paper stating that there was help for the sick, and as he had need of healing, having suffered a stroke 10 years ago, and being unable to walk since, they called the church and asked about it. As they had no way of coming to the service someone volunteered to bring them in a car.

After being anointed and prayed for, he was able to get on his feet, and walked off the platform and completely around

the church and back to the platform, with Brother Ogilvie. Then as he realized he was able to walk again, after so many years, he just kept on walking around the church, and up and down the steps to the platform, also bending up and down, as God had set him free. All he could say was, "I'm so happy," and "Thank you, Jesus." The next week one of the brothers saw him walking up the street, and last Sunday, he and his wife attended both the morning and evening services at the church. He is still healed and continues to walk quite well.

Mrs. Rangel has given her permission to print this testimony of her husband's healing.

Schedule of McAlister Healing Campaigns

ELIZABETH, N. J.—April 3-10, Ebenezer Pentecostal Church, 856 E. Jersey Street, Rev. Frederick H. Huber, Pastor.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—April 14-May 1, Gospel Tabernacle, Orange and Edwards Streets, Rev. Grady L. Fannin, Pastor.



Happy wife has regained her composure, and wipes perspiration from forehead of husband. (Rev. and Mrs. Robert Roth are in background.) Mr. Rangel took his wife and pushed his wheelchair home.

Rev. Albin Johnson Reports Lindsay-Hall Meetings

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three deaf mute children for prayer. Two of the children received healing as they were prayed for. Brother Lindsay was making inquiry of the mother concerning the third child. The mother replied the child had gone deaf several years before and could now hear nothing. But while they were conversing the child spoke up. They looked at each other in surprise and then at the child, and the congregation with them praised God for the miracle which had just been wrought. God's power was so prevalent in the service that she was healed even before she was prayed for.

Evangelist and Mrs. Albin G. Johnson, 3232 South Del Mar Avenue, San Gabriel, California.

Ogilvie meeting in St. Louis postponed.

Union meeting in Los Angeles continues indefinitely at Faith Tabernacle, West Olympia and Purdue Streets.

This Month's Prophetic Message

"When the Stars of Heaven Fall"

By GORDON LINDSAY

Rev. 6:13: "And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind."

Everyone is familiar with the shooting stars or meteors that appear as streaks of light, darting across the night skies. Usually they fall intermittently; an intent observer will generally catch sight of one every half hour or so. Again it may be as it happened a couple of winters ago, that a moderate sized shower of falling stars will appear, radiating out from a single point in the sky. During this star shower which was witnessed by this writer, a score or more appeared every minute. These meteors are usually tiny grains of sand, which upon striking the upper atmosphere at terrific speeds of between ten and eighty miles a second, become incandescent from the friction of the air.

The Great Star Shower of 1833 (See Picture)

Occasionally the earth, in its circuit about the sun, meets an unusually large swarm of meteors. We then witness a brilliant shower of falling stars. The most notable one of history appeared in the year 1833 on the night of November 12-13. Beginning before midnight, the meteors increased in frequency until they were as thick as snowflakes. Bells tolled and frightened sinners prayed, believing the world was about to come to an end. In the morning all was serene and we fear that many of the "sudden" "penitents" reverted back to their old ways.

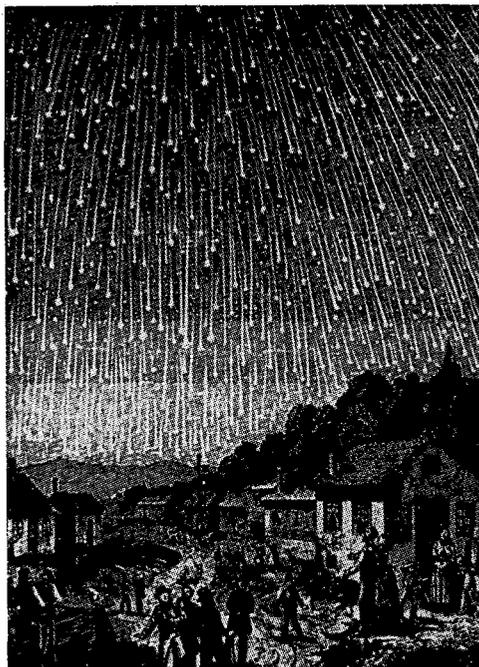
The Great Star Shower heralding Day of Lord

Prophecy informs us that there is to be another star shower just before the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord. (Matt. 24:29; Rev. 6:12-17.) Other signs in the heaven such as the darkening of the sun and the moon shall cause the impenitent inhabitants of the earth to be filled with panic and fear, and to cry, "To the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of His wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?"

It is interesting to note, as another evidence of the Divine Inspiration of the Scriptures, that prophecy discriminates between the fixed stars and meteorites. In the days when the Bible was written, stars were thought of as small points of light fastened on a revolving sphere not far above the earth. God, who created them, knew that they were massive suns at incredible distances from the earth and dim only because of their remoteness. The

Scriptures show that the fixed stars are not to be disturbed, nor, of course, to be a part of the star shower, as Isaiah 13:10 declares:

"For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. . . ."



The great Leonid star shower of November 12-13, 1833, as drawn by a contemporary artist.

Evidently because of the dust and smoke resulting from seismic and cosmic disturbances, the lights of the heavens will be darkened. But the flaming meteorites and fireballs that penetrate the earth's atmosphere will illuminate the earth as with lightnings of Divine Displeasure.

Fear Upon the Earth

The effect that these ominous celestial signs will have upon the world's population is described by the Lord in Luke 21:25-26:

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

The falling of the stars will not termi-

nate, with an extension of the Day of Grace and the serenity of the star shower of 1833, but will usher in the fearful Divine Judgments reserved for the end of the age.

A Mountain Falls Into the Sea

One of these judgments which comes under the Second Trumpet speaks of a "burning mountain" falling "into the sea:"

"And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed." Rev. 8:8-9.

The Siberian Meteor of 1908

As has been mentioned, the ordinary meteor is very small, the size of a grain of wheat or smaller. These are burned completely up and never reach the earth, being vaporized as they pass through the upper air. Occasionally a meteor may weigh several pounds. It then appears as a brilliant fireball, momentarily illuminating the heavens and sometimes leaving a trail of smoke behind. Part of it may reach the earth, and if found, is called a meteorite. In rare instances, a meteor of enormous size has been swept into the earth's gravitational field and has appeared as a flaming horror, striking the earth with a tremendous impact. On the morning of June 30, 1908, a great meteor blazed over Siberia and crashed to the earth in an isolated region. Only this latter fact, that it fell in a wilderness, prevented it from doing incalculable damage. As it was, about 25,000 acres of forest were left a smoking ruin. For distances of 25 miles in all directions, trees were blown flat to the ground. Accompanying the explosion, a pillar of smoke rose for a distance of 15 miles. Five hundred miles away an engineer stopped his train lest it be derailed. Had the meteor hit five hours later, allowing the earth to rotate eastward, it would have struck in the vicinity of St. Petersburg (now Leningrad), and the lives of millions of people in that area where the Russian Revolution was to occur a few years later, would have been snuffed out. Perhaps then there would have been no Revolution and the course of history might have been changed. But prophecy had to be fulfilled.

The Arizona Meteorite

The Siberian meteorite was small compared to the one that crashed near Winslow, Arizona. Scientists estimate that it fell about 5,000 years ago, or about the time of the Deluge. The writer has had opportunity to visit the immense crater of almost a mile across, which was caused by the

THE MONTH IN PROPHECY . . .

American Warplane Girdles Globe

The American air force continues to make front page news. First a plane named *Lady Luck II* takes off from the Fort Worth, Texas, Air Force Base and begins a trip of some 23,500 miles in which she girdles the entire globe without landing, being refueled at various points in mid-air. America thus serves notice that she can send a plane to any place in the world, drop a bomb, and return without the necessity of having large landing fields.

A smaller plane can take off from a small field and refuel a large one, but we must not forget that Russia can do the same. In the vast and unguarded expanses of the North, of which Russia is more familiar than we, it is possible that even now she is establishing bases to attack America.

Rocket Ascends 250 Miles Into the Air

The next item of significant news in the progress of the grim game of waging war, is the development of the WAC Corporal, a rocket which army engineers have succeeded in sending 250 miles above the surface of the earth, far above the upper reaches of the atmosphere where meteors striking the rarified air, dart about in brief flashes. To attain this altitude, a speed of 5,000 miles an hour was reached. On a useful trajectory a rocket may now be shot a distance from 500 to 1,000 miles. Plans contemplate sending them distances of 3,000 miles, and the army is learning to guide these missiles by radio beams to their destination. If such rockets were to carry the atomic bomb, and could be guided, the science of war will have reached a frightfulness undreamed of even a few years ago. No wonder Jesus said, "except those days be shortened no flesh should be saved."

A Dread Secret of the Communists

We are beginning to witness a strange demonstration of the sinister character of the Beast Power of which the Scripture speaks shall understand "dark sentences" and have power to "wear out the saints of the Most High." What is taking place now gives us only an inkling of the evil works to be manifested in an unprecedented reign of diabolical ferocity, when Communism throws off its last mask of pretended virtue.

By some diabolical secret that it possesses it apparently has power to not only take a man a prisoner but also to cause him to "confess" things that are not true. Cardinal Mindszenty "confessed" of con-

spiring against Bulgaria, satellite nation of Russia. Now the 15 Protestant ministers, stalwart men, who have held high respect of the church outside the Iron Curtain have also "confessed."

What is the answer to all this? Has Russia secret drugs she administers? One method that the Nazis formerly used was to make the direst threats against the wife and children of the unfortunate victim, who, having tasted torture already, was willing to promise anything in hopes of sparing his own family from the hellish torture chambers of men wholly given over to demon control. At any rate, we have the strange spectacle of men of high respect in the church "confessing" their guilt of treason, espionage, and black marketeering in which it is generally agreed there was not the slightest possible chance that such things were true.

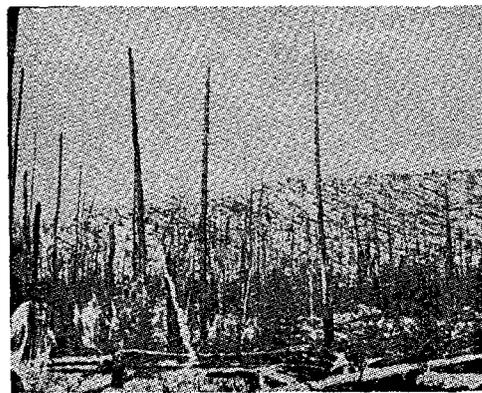
New Discovery With 200-Inch Telescope

Up on Mt. Palomar, they at last turned the 200-inch telescope up toward the pole of the Milky Way, and with a special camera caught a glimpse of the universe a billion light years distant. Light travels to the moon in a little over a second; from the sun in eight minutes. In a year it makes a journey of six trillion miles, and this distance is called a light year. A distance of a billion light years is well beyond the comprehension of the human mind.

The report of the first use of the Palomar telescope has some interesting things to say: "The 200-inch telescope, taking a look twice as far as man ever saw before, has made its first great discovery. There is no outer edge to the universe of stars even that far away, the distance light can travel in a billion years.

"The discovery is the first great step to great things. It may mean a restudying of Einstein's theory that the universe is limited. Possibly there aren't any limits. This new far-distant part of the universe was photographed February 1, by Dr. Edwin Hubble, the astronomer." (A.P.)

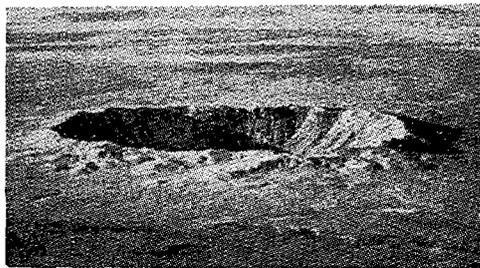
Einstein has made some remarkable discoveries, including the fact of atomic energy. But when the Einstein theory attempts to explain the universe, it will follow the way of all other human theories. In the first view through the giant telescope, no thinning out of the distant galaxies was found, as the Einstein theory demands, but rather the universe seems to be infinite in size.



The Siberian Meteorite of June 30, 1908, left 25,000 acres of forest a smoking ruin. A pillar of smoke 15 miles high rose after the fall

fall. Due to the speed of the object and the terrific force of the impact, the meteorite buried itself hundreds of feet into the earth, and in forming the crater, it forced the rock strata upward some two hundred feet above the level of the plain. In view of the destruction caused by the relatively insignificant Siberian meteorite (its craters were not more than a hundred feet across and a few feet deep), it is believed that the concussion and shock caused by the Arizona fall, may have extinguished life over a large part of the North American continent.

Scientists estimate the time of the fall by the erosion on the sides of the crater, and evidence seems to point back to about 5,000 years ago or very nearly to the time of the Flood. It may have been that this incident had some connection with that great catastrophe resulting from Divine Judgment. But this is a matter beyond the scope of this article and is mentioned only as a possibility.



THE ARIZONA METEOR CRATER

About 5,000 years ago a great meteor struck the plains of Arizona. The devastating effect of this collision with the earth must have destroyed life over an enormous area. Crater is almost a mile wide. Another great meteor will strike the sea during the great and notable day of the Lord. One third of the world's shipping will be destroyed.

A Mountain Almost Strikes the Earth October 30, 1937!

During the latter part of the month of October, 1937, astronomers noticed that a whirling fragment, a mile or two in diameter, was passing through space and was rapidly approaching the earth. It was named Hermes, and was large enough to

be a small asteroid. It was well within the gravitational field of our planet, and observers watched with some anxiety as it drew nearer the earth. Because the course of such a rapidly moving body cannot be quickly ascertained, and the earth also pursues its own path about the sun at 18 miles per second, it could not be immedi-

ately determined whether Hermes might not actually plunge into the earth. Were it to strike our planet, observers knew that it might wipe out life on a hemisphere. But when Hermes reached about a half million miles away, it veered off and passed out into space.

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**We Want Every Reader To
Carefully Read This Article**

“Come Over . . . And Help Us” - Acts 16:6

Two years have passed since, in the Providence of God, the editor became associated in the great healing revival that has swept the nation. Just one year has elapsed since the first copy of *The Voice of Healing* appeared with a subscription list of 600. Now almost 30,000 copies are being circulated monthly, exclusive of what may be used in special meetings.

With the publication of our first anniversary number, we believe that it is a good time to take inventory of “what God hath wrought,” and give praise to Him who has dealt so graciously with us. We believe to no little extent this revival owes itself to the cry of the church for a great spiritual awakening. At any rate, a little less than three years ago, God spoke to an unassuming man by the name of William Branham that a ministry of deliverance was at hand, and that the gifts of healing had been given, and for him to pray for the sick. The angel told our brother that this movement would soon shake the world. Already we see that this prophecy is being fulfilled. Shortly after the supernatural visitation to Brother Branham, God spoke also in a special way to Brother Roberts, and since then his ministry has grown to such proportions that large communities have been stirred and a profusion of miracles have taken place that have confounded the sceptic. After this, another brother by the name of William Freeman received a special visitation and his meetings have filled the largest auditoriums of the West. And beside these, God is raising up still others with the glorious ministry of deliverance.

The Place and Purpose of THE VOICE OF HEALING

The Voice of Healing had its origin in a desire to report the great meetings of William Branham. Unfortunately, soon after publication began, Brother Branham was forced to take a protracted rest, and all responsibility fell upon Brother Jack Moore and the editor. Subsequently, the scope of the magazine has been enlarged to cover the expanding reach of this vast move of God. We now are reporting one by one other sign-gift ministries as they appear, and as they prove themselves wholesome and beneficial. However, by reason of the fact that Brother Branham is now back on the field—and in the Providence of God he was first used in this unique visitation of deliverance—we shall continue to feature his ministry. Indeed many that are now having outstanding results in their own ministry received their inspiration through Brother Branham. Truly there is no room for flesh to glory in this last-day revival. God passed over staid ecclesiasti-

cism, university degrees and the wisdom of the wise, and used the things which “are not to bring to nought the things that are.” I Cor. 1:28. Having taken away man’s opportunity to glory, God, of course, will continue to use, even as He did in Paul, men of learning who are consecrated to Him.

Many Problems Arise

One may be sure that Satan is not pleased with this divinely-sent ministry of deliverance. Even now there are those on the field who are doing their best (we trust unwittingly) to hinder the work of God. Some manifest an uncharitable attitude and speak evilly of other brothers on the field, thinking that in so doing they may strengthen their own ministry. But, of course, in so doing, they wound the Body of Christ still more, and in the end, if they so continue, will ruin their own ministry, besides depriving themselves of any reward in the kingdom of God. We believe our readers will agree that those whom God has sent will be manifest by the following signs:

1. Besides having a unique manifestation of the Gifts in their ministry, they will seek for the unification of the Body of Christ, thus fulfilling the prayer of Jesus when He prayed to the Father for His Disciples “that they may be one even as we are one.”

2. They will allow no jealousy to enter their heart, but will rejoice in the blessing of God wherever it is manifest. They will not suppose that they have a monopoly on the power of God, nor think more highly of themselves than they ought to think. (Luke 9:49-50.)

3. They will use wisdom and moderation in the raising of finances, and will bear in mind the many who have been snared by money. We have found that if the real power of God is manifest, long, drawn-out appeals for money to meet expenses are not necessary.

4. They will avoid using the “Gifts” which have been given for the healing of the Body of Christ and the edification of the Church, to promote some strongly sectarian doctrine. In most things God’s people are generally agreed. There are some men who eagerly seize upon some detail in which there is disagreement and use it to divide the children of God still further. But this is the hour when God is speaking to His people to unite, not denominationally, not necessarily in head agreement, but in the Love of God and in compassion for the lost. “Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth.” Let us put away the works of darkness, self, egotism, sectarianism; let us rally together for the healing and edifying of the Body of

Christ, that It may be presented faultless at His coming.

The Time is Ripe for Union Revivals

Many of the Full Gospel churches (and some of those of the older denominational churches, too, whose heart God has touched) are rallying together in great city-wide revivals. If this uniting of forces spreads generally over the country what a reaping there would be! We have personally seen five hundred, a thousand or two thousand saved in a brief campaign. The tide is moving; some may try to hinder it, but none can stop it. Already, in response to this Divine tide, most of the Full Gospel movements have subscribed nationally to a fellowship which has been formed to foster this very cause.

The Task of THE VOICE OF HEALING

Thus we see the task of *The Voice of Healing* set before us: To use such means at our disposal to publish and carry the good tidings of this great ministry of deliverance, and to encourage united efforts to reach the masses.

Perhaps you would be surprised if you could read a day’s mail as received at our office.

People who have received a copy of *The Voice of Healing* are so impressed with its message that they desire immediately to secure all the back copies. Perhaps the next letter will be from a sick person who writes begging for a copy or a number of back copies. Others want special information on the movement. Another wants to know when a healing campaign will be held in his town. Yet another inquiry may be concerning questions on Divine Healing. The desire for information goes quite beyond our time and ability to individually supply. Our only hope to accomplish this is through the pages of *The Voice of Healing*. It may sound fanciful, but the response thus far has caused us to believe that if all were aware of our publication there would perhaps be multitudes of afflicted people who would eagerly read the message of deliverance. The multitude of letters we receive from people who express their gratefulness over blessings thus received has encouraged us to make a supreme effort. First, to continue to gather and present the manifestations of the sign-gifts and ministries of the supernatural in such a way as to interest the mass of unsaved as well as the born-again Christian, and to build faith for healing. And second, to devise a way that the message may be sent out to the tens of thousands of hungry souls. It is the most efficient way to reach the masses. A tract is often tossed aside; but an afflicted person (and multitudes are afflicted) rarely turns aside the thing that offers him hope of deliverance.

You Can Help Us!

The Voice of Healing is a non-profit organization. The editor gives time and energy freely, without any pay. The co-editor, Brother Jack Moore has, without compensation given us a large office space for the constantly expanding facilities of our publication. Now, you too can help us and have a very substantial part in this great move of the hour. We neither ask nor want anything for ourselves. But we find that we have an unlimited reservoir of willing workers who would gladly distribute *The Voice of Healing* to the sick, the broken, and the afflicted. Through the pages of *The Voice of Healing*, we can get the message of deliverance and salvation to them. One issue contains the Gospel equivalent to an 80-page book, and is presented in a style that most people will read.

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God is doing in the midst. Once a man has committed himself against something, it requires perhaps more grace than the average person has to make a reversal. Do not let your judgment be governed by the mistakes of a few. In almost every case

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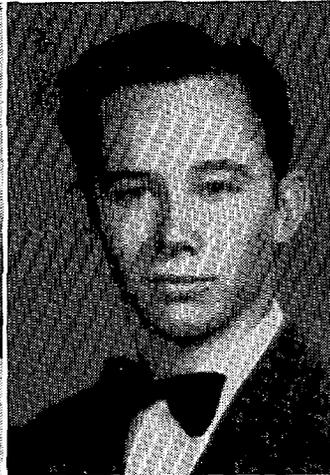
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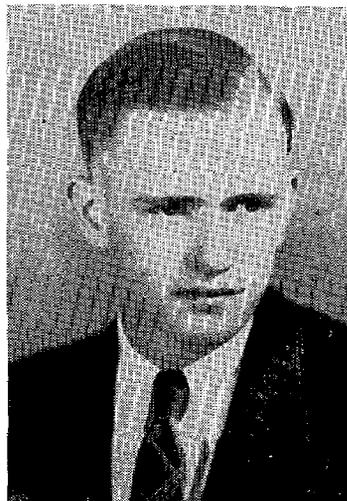
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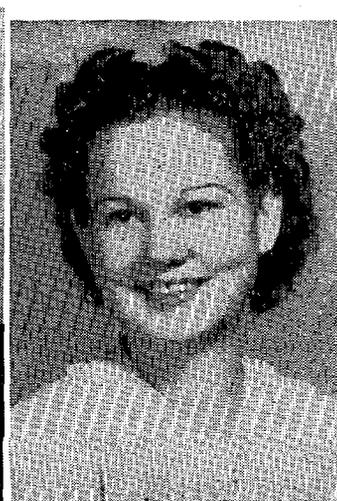
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the established denominations have missed Divine Visitations because they have allowed their attention to become focused on the excesses of some.

3. Let us beware of the exaltation of self. May we like John the Baptist of old say, "He must increase, but I must decrease." The apostles were disturbed when they saw another casting out devils in the Name of Jesus and they forbade the man. As the apostolic company, they thought that they had a monopoly on God. Strange as it may seem, there are some who have been distressed when they have seen God blessing others. May God keep jealousy from our hearts. If we exalt ourselves we shall be abased. Let us rejoice when we see God's blessings upon other of His children. If we do not we shall ultimately find that our own life has become barren, and the tide of Divine Visitation will have passed us by.

We who govern the policy of *The Voice of Healing* solemnly pledge ourselves to the exaltation of Christ and not man. We shall, however, honor those whom God honors, and attempt to faithfully report the Divine Visitation wherever and upon whoever it falls regardless of church or denomination.

How To Appropriate Healing

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and that God wanted people to remain sick for His Glory. Those born blind are now seeing; deaf and dumb mutes from birth

are now hearing and speaking; cripples from birth are now perfectly whole; epileptics for years are now free and rejoicing; many who were dying with cancers are now well.

Since it is "by His stripes we are healed" let us not forget what our healing cost, but with gratitude, and love, and consecrated service to God, let us stand on His promise and "blow the ram's horn" of faith and thanksgiving until the walls of our affliction fall down flat.

When the Stars Fall

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A Mountain Falls Into the Sea

Apparently, such an incident as the fall of a "mountain-size" meteorite will take place during the Great and Notable day of the Lord. A "mountain" will fall into the ocean, affecting one third of the waters of the earth. One third of life in the sea will die, and one third of shipping will be destroyed. One can imagine the great tidal waves resulting from the impact. "Signs in the stars . . . the sea and waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear. . . ." Surely judgment is swiftly moving upon the earth. The Hour of Grace is almost gone, vengeance and the Day of Wrath beckon ominously on the horizon. The judgment spoken of above is only one of many—there will be no way of escape, no place to hide from the wrath of Him who sitteth upon the throne. Sinner friend, "Flee to the rock that is higher than thou!" Repent quickly while the day of salvation still lingers.

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"Brother Branham is a great and big man although small of stature; this was proven beyond all doubt in the way he praised the ministry of Brother Roberts. He said that Brother Roberts' sermon that night was the greatest sermon that he had heard in all his life, and that the commanding power over demons, over disease and over sin was the most amazing thing he has ever seen in the work of God."

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