

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

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REV. JACK T. MOORE

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

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

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

Now our way of life is being threatened

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Elgin, Ill., Unable to Accommodate Crowds Attending Meeting

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

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

"Only believe."

"Hallelujah, I am healed."

"Now, I believe."

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

"God's Word is wonderful."

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

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

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

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

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

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

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

Tacoma, Washington Witnesses A Mighty Stir For God

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Brother Branham praying for the sick in Elgin, Illinois.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHIEF USHER REPORTS

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

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

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

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FOR THIS CAUSE . . .

OR WHY THERE IS SO MUCH SICKNESS IN THE CHURCH

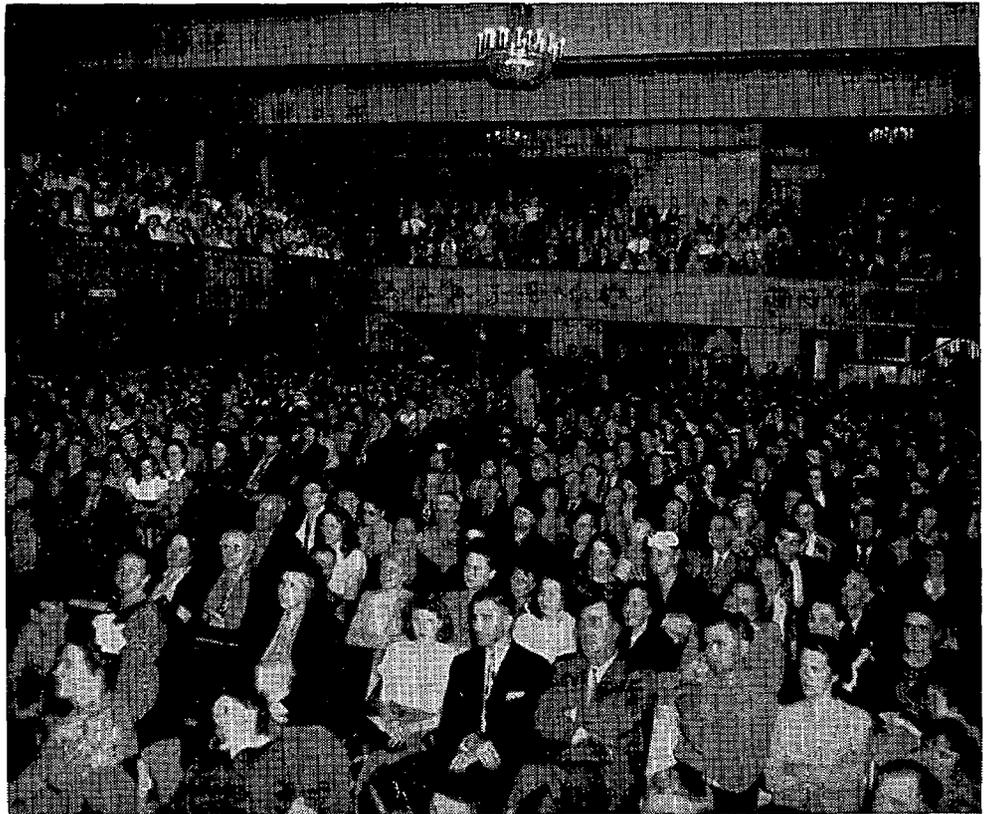
BY GORDON LINDSAY

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

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

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

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



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

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

SICKNESS CAUSED BY FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE BODY OF CHRIST

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

THE CHURCH IS ONE BODY

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

THE PENALTY OF A DIVIDED BODY IS SICKNESS AND DEATH

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

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

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

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

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

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

Usher Healed While Serving In Elgin Meeting

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

RALPH W. GOERTZEN
Route 1
Walton, Kan.



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

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

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

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

Mother and Son Are Healed Simultaneously

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

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

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

January 8, 1948.

Washington Resident Testifies of Healing

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

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

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

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

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

MESSAGE FROM REV. MR. MOORE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. How poor are we?

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



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

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

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

Here the good are bad.

Here the rich are poor.

Here the living are dead.

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

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

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

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

Missionary Healed, Returning to Alaska

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

Dear Christian Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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DOCTRINAL POLICY

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

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

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

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

(Signed) Rev. William Branham.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
CONCERNING BROTHER
BRANHAM'S ITINERARY**

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

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

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

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

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Failed to Come?**

We try to do our best to see that every subscriber receives his copy. We have some subscription blanks on which the name or address is illegible or incomplete. All we can do is wait until the subscriber makes a complaint. Occasionally a letter is lost in the mails. If after a reasonable time your copy fails to arrive, please notify our office.

Literature Available

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

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



REV. WILLIAM FREEMAN

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

MORE TESTIMONIES

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

MRS. MARY PRESSON
3405 Harvey Avenue
Fresno, Calif.

January 24, 1948.

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

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

May 12, 1948.

NEW FEATURES TO BE ADDED TO THE VOICE OF HEALING

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

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

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

DORIS SUPROVICH
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Edmonton, Alta., Canada

August 20, 1947.

Late News From Rev. Oral Roberts

Dear Brother Lindsay:

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

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

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

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

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

Yours because of Him,
ORAL ROBERTS.

Woman Testifies To Seeing Star In Elgin Meeting

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

Dear Editor:

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

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

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FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

BY REV. LYLE G. PALMER

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

SEEKING TRUE FOLLOWERS

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

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

THOSE WHO COME OUT OF CURIOSITY

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

THOSE OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES

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

THE GROUP INTERESTED IN SELFISH GAIN

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

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

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

THE CRITICAL GROUP

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

THOSE THAT REALLY LOVED HIM

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

HEALED OF TUMOR

Dear Brother Branham:

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

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

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

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

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

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

August 29, 1947.

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

EXPLOITS OF FAITH

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING IN THE BRANHAM MEETINGS

Miami Man Healed In Faith Line!



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

The Voice of Healing
Box 4097
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Brother Branham:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,
J. I. Singleton.

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

Spanish Sister Reports Profound Experiences Of Healing and Baptism

April 22, 1947.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MISS EMMA MARTINEZ

(Age 19 years)

560 N. Broadway

Stockton, Calif.

(The Spanish Faith Sister)

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

Remarkable Faith Brings Healing in Tacoma

Kelso, Washington
May 19, 1948

Dear Brother Branham:

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

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

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

Heart Trouble Healed

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

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

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

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

November 18, 1947.

Operation Averted

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

WILLIE MAE STACEY
Box 462
Castroville, Calif.

February 11, 1948.

SEND US YOUR TESTIMONY

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

THE VOICE OF HEALING
Box 4097
Shreveport, Louisiana

Anointed Cloth Brings Healing and Baptism Of The Holy Ghost

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

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

May 6, 1947.

Cross-Eyed Child Now Well

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

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

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

February, 17, 1948.

Specialists Declare Canadian Well After Prayer

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

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

CHARLIE McDOWELL
Woodfibre, B. C.

November 24, 1947.

Mother and Child Healed

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

MRS. TWILA PANURE
2506 Washington Street
Bellevue, Neb.

Cancer Victim Testifies

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

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

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

LELA SMITH
Route 5, Box 175
Fresno, Calif.

Pronounced 100 Per Cent Well

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

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

PAULINE BARNES
Boulder Street
Modesto, Calif.

May 5, 1947.

Child Sends Testimony

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

TEDDY RAY STACEY
Box 462
Castroville, Calif.

February 15, 1948.

THE FAITH THAT TAKES

By F. F. BOSWORTH

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

Mark 11:24

FAITH A TITLE-DEED

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAITH FIRST—RESULTS AFTERWARD

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

freedom which was already theirs.

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

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

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

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

THE SIX SENSES

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

ALL SENSES INDEPENDENT OF EACH OTHER

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

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

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

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

TO BE RULED BY SENSES MEANS SPIRITUAL DEFEAT

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

HAVING BEFORE SEEING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR THIS CAUSE

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

CONTENTIONS BRING OUT THE WORST IN CHRISTIANS

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

DIVINE LOVE MUST GO WITH GIFTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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