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To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are sick and need healing; to all who are in sin and need salvation; to all who are bound and have need of deliverance; to the oppressed, the afflicted, the discouraged, the "down and outs," the "up and outs," the down-hearted, the sad, the worried, the fearful, the poor, the blind, the halt, the deaf, the lame, to those in need of the Bread of Life, this book is humbly dedicated.

INTRODUCTION

By REV. A. C. LANE



Men only excel as advisors and helpful instructors in those fields where they themselves have had experience. Evangelist W. V. Grant's Volume II of "DIVINE HEALING ANSWERS," like Volume I is a true masterpiece because he himself was Divinely healed of an incurable disease of the bone, of years' standing which had rendered his life's outlook hopeless. Following this wonderful healing that he found for himself through the merits of Calvary, there followed many years of helping others to overcome doubt and every form of common hindrance and to gain the same blessing. All this has seemingly brought him into a position where he has at his fingertips just what it takes under God to inspire faith in other hearts. Many, indeed, who have sat under his ministry have wondered what it was that effected such striking results of faith, his choice of words being simple, his manner unassuming yet potent with Divine effectiveness. Now this same indescribable, Holy Ghost-prompted, spiritual force which has mightily brought faith for healing, salvation, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit to literally thousands in his revivals is also manifested through these, his books.

I believe this volume will be used of God to bring victorious faith to multiplied thousands in their struggle to overcome doubt, and by faith obtain the fulness of their inheritance in Christ.

This evangelist has conducted two revival campaigns for me and people have been healed, saved and filled with the Holy Spirit by the hundreds where in other meetings they came by fives and tens.

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EXCUSE NUMBER TWENTY-ONE

THIS KIND COMETH OUT BY PRAYER AND FASTING

I used to know a group of people who shouted, and had a wonderful time during the services. But when the time came to pray for the sick the first excuse that came into their minds was this: "In the Bible we read that there are certain kinds that will not be healed except by prayer and fasting."

So this doubt comes into their minds. As long as there is a doubt, or a question mark, in a person's mind there is no active faith there. According to their excuse, we would have to have a revelation everytime we started to pray for someone, so that we could be assured that it was not the case which took prayer and fasting.

You see how it is the trick of the Devil to plant these excuses which will create a doubt in a person's mind.

It is a big bear, or a scare-crow, that people accept. Then they tell it out loud, and create doubts and question-marks in others' minds. They seem to think they will have to afflict themselves in some way to pay for their healing. But our healing is already paid for.

Everytime the victory failed to come immediately, these people would make a little speech on this verse of Scripture. They would look so intelligent and say, "You know in the Bible the disciples failed to heal someone, or get their prayers answered, because certain cases require fasting."

Just What Required Prayer and Fasting?

Be fair with yourself. Be fair with others. Be fair with the Lord. Look and see just what required prayer and fasting. Does this apply to healing? Do you find anywhere in the Bible where the Disciples

failed to heal anyone because they failed to fast? I never have. And they healed all manner of sickness and disease. This, and other Scriptures, shows that they failed to fast. But still they had power over all manner of sickness and diseases.¹

This case under discussion was the case of casting out a devil, and not of healing the sick. A man was possessed with a devil. While all sickness is devil oppression, not all is devil possession. Get that truth and you will not have any more trouble with this doubt.²

This poor man had been this way "since a child." This devil cast him into the fire and into the water, trying to kill him. It was a deaf and dumb spirit. And it was more than that; it was a foul spirit. This man would fall to the ground. He wallowed, foaming. It cried out and tore the man's clothes. The spirit "taketh him" (Possessed). He foameth and gnasheth with his teeth, and "pineth away." People would think he was dead. To prove that he was possessed, his father spoke to the disciples that they "cast him out." The Bible says he was a "lunatic, sore vexed." It taketh him and he suddenly crieth out; and he teareth him and he foameth again," "and bruising him hardly." The devil threw him down and tare him.

I copied all the above phrases out of the three Gospels which record this account. We don't know whether it records all his afflictions or not, but this is certainly bad enough, isn't it? I'd hate to be in that condition, at least.

Now ask yourself a reasonable question. "Come and let us reason together," saith the Lord. Is that your case? Are you in that condition? Is fasting required of you? Naturally when a person is in that condition someone else would have to have all the faith for him. *He* wouldn't have fasted. Therefore,—

¹ "And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." (Luke 10:9)

² "And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out. And they could not . . . And when they saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground and wallowed foaming . . . and oft times it has cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: . . . and the Spirit cried out and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. And he said unto them, this kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." (Mk. 9:18-29.) (Read the account in Matt. 17:14-21 and Luke 9:37-42.)

Jesus Did the Fasting

Jesus did the fasting during the time he was out in the wilderness, awhile before this time. He stayed there until He received power to cast out devils. Then He came and returned in the power of the Spirit, and said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to . . . set the captives free, to preach deliverance to the captives . . ."³

After Jesus had fasted and received this power to cast out devils and set people free, He didn't have to go on a fast everytime He started to cast out devils.

The disciples did not do the fasting. The afflicted one didn't fast. Jesus had already done the fasting.

How do you know but that the person who prays for your healing has done some fasting? I don't know of anyone who ever received the gifts of healing without fasting before he received them. That does not mean that they will have to go on a long fast everytime they cast out a devil.

So get the doubts out of your mind. Put your confidence in the finished work of Jesus. Your healing is already paid for. This excuse is close kin to the idea some people have about penitence. They think they have to afflict themselves so long to pay for their healing. But Jesus wants the glory. He was afflicted. He was striped for our healing. He fasted. He purchased our healing. It is paid for. Put your faith in the finished work of Jesus. He wants the glory. He alone is worthy. That is the only way you will ever receive your healing.⁴

Before They Received the Holy Ghost

This was before they received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. After this Jesus told them to tarry until they be endued with power from on High. The last words Jesus said before He left and went into heaven were "ye shall receive power." After the Holy Ghost came upon them

³ "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: . . . The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Luke 4:14-18)

⁴ "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." (Isa. 53:4)

we don't see where they failed to cast out devils. But we do see where Jesus told them that the signs would follow, and that they went everywhere, the Lord working with them confirming the Word with signs following. The signs which followed were casting out devils and laying hands on the sick; and they would recover. The Holy Ghost brings power over *all* power of the devil if we walk in obedience.⁵

Jesus said, "tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." "The works that I do shall ye do also, and greater works than these shall ye do because I go unto my Father."⁶ He said if He didn't go to His Father the Holy Ghost would not come; but if He went He would send Him. Therefore we can also say, after we receive the Holy Ghost, as Jesus did after He received the Holy Ghost, "He has anointed me to preach deliverance to the captives, set at liberty them that are bruised, to bind up the broken hearted, and set the captives free."

It Is Needful to Fast Sometimes

We all know it helps to fast sometimes. The Bible says nowhere, that I remember, that we have to fast to receive our healing.

Suppose God does want you to fast. I don't believe in going on long fasts unless the Spirit leads us. The writer has gone on some. The Spirit leads people when they have to be in the business of casting out devils.

If you feel that you need to fast before you can receive your healing, why not fast some? You can still receive your healing after you fast. That will not hinder you from being healed.

The Lord does not usually ask you to fast long. He will never be a hard task-master. The devil will try to get you to be afraid. But the Lord is reasonable. His grace is sufficient.⁷ If He wants you to fast, He will always let you know if you will pray much. And there is no use to fast if you can't be much in prayer.

⁵ "And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." (Mark 16:17-18)

⁶ "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12)

⁷ "And he said unto me: my grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness..." (II Cor. 12:9)

Paul fasted often. That doesn't sound like long fasts.⁸ The king spent the night in fasting.⁹ The custom was in Jesus' time to fast twice in one week.¹⁰ We find in other places where they fasted one day, three days, and four days.¹¹

If you pray much and do without a meal, sometimes the Lord will show you when to fast.¹²

What Does the Bible Say?

Did Jesus ever turn anyone away by telling him that he would have to stay sick, and couldn't be healed, because he must go on a fast first? Can you find that in the Bible? Is He the same yesterday, today and forever? So I don't see why He would do that now. Maybe that is the "accuser of the brethren" accusing you day and night. Tell him to get behind you; then you can come in faith, without doubts or excuses, and receive your healing.

Does the Lord say, "they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover, providing they have gone on a fast?" Do you read a Scripture where He says this: "the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise everyone up who goes on a protracted fast?" Would it sound right to say, "many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them out of them all, if they have been fasting?"

He says "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sickness," and not "you must help Him bare our infirmities and sickness by going on a long fast." He says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," and not "I am the Lord that healeth only the ones who fast very much.

Why do you say what the Bible does not say? Be careful lest you add something to the Bible or take something away from it. Jesus never turned anyone away by telling him such stuff. He does not now. He healed all who came to Him; He still does. What hinders you from

⁸ "... in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." (II Cor. 11:27)

⁹ "Then the king went to his palace and spent the night in fasting..." (Dan. 6:18)

¹⁰ "I fast twice in the week. I give tithes of all I possess." (Luke 18:12)

¹¹ "... the fast of the fourth moon, the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth." (Zech. 8:19)

¹² "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth..." (John 16:13)

receiving your healing is your unbelief, excuse and condemnation. You can condemn yourself by listening to Satan's suggestions.¹³

Of the thousands of times that Jesus cast out devils, this is the only case where it took fasting and prayer as we know of. The fasting had already been done then. I think, if I were you, I would look at some other Scriptures for awhile and meditate on them. They will bring healing and faith instead of excuses and doubts.

Fasting is needful; but that is no sign we should make a "hobby-horse" out of it, and let it become a "scare-crow" of the devil to put a mountain in our minds, so we doubt our healing by using this excuse in every case.

If you will notice in this one Scripture you will find that there were other reasons also in that one case that kept the healing from coming. They had strife. They didn't have the Holy Ghost. They were arguing over which would be the greatest. A group of unbelievers were there arguing with them.¹⁴ They must have been trying to do this for a show to prove they could. God doesn't work that way. Jesus came out plainly and told them it was because of their unbelief.¹⁵ That is the thing which hinders God today. Unbelief, and doubts, and excuses will keep Him from working today. Get rid of them. If you are possessed with a devil just like this man had, maybe some one in the congregation has fasted, if you have not.

JESUS IS READY WHEN YOU ARE. ARE YOU READY TO RECEIVE YOUR HEALING?

¹³ "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." (Rom. 14:22)

¹⁴ "And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them." (Mark 9:14)

¹⁵ "... why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, "Because of your unbelief..." (Matt. 17:19-20)

EXCUSE NUMBER TWENTY-TWO

I CAN'T KEEP MY MIND ON THE LORD

If Satan can not wedge any other excuse into our minds he will try to get us to think we must be caught up into the third heaven, and become unconscious to receive our healing. Just because some people do not see a vision they will not accept their healing. You can receive healing even if you do not see a ball of fire. You may not be caught out in a trance, or you may not have some great revelation everytime you receive healing. You can see a vision and then not get your healing. Your mind may wander and change, but the mind of the Lord remains the same. He has a mind to heal you.

This little excuse will create a doubt; and a doubt will cause your faith to waver.

We Receive Our Healing in Our Heart and Soul

Faith works through your heart and soul, and not your mind. The Bible says, "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he" and not "as a man thinketh in his mind so is he." Our minds may not ever get together, but our hearts can be together. We cannot educate ourselves into healing. We must get our hearts right.

In a revival the other day, I prayed for a preacher. He thought he would surely receive his healing. He asked this question, "Brother Grant, why didn't I receive healing. I believed that I would surely get healing, but I didn't. I thought when one believed he was going to receive his healing, he would be healed."

But he believed with his mind. Just believing with your mind will not bring healing.¹⁶ Just believing with your mind will not bring salvation. Just thinking with your mind that you will receive the Holy

¹⁶ "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto Salvation." (Rom. 10:10)

Ghost will not bring the Holy Ghost. Why? Because, with the heart man believes unto righteousness.

“As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.” In the Bible days they prepared their hearts and not their mind to seek the Lord. God said, “Ye shall search for me and find me when ye search for me with all your heart.” We may seek for the Lord with all our mind and not receive anything from the Lord. The Lord is seeking for a perfect heart so He can save or heal, and He looks over the good brains sometimes.¹⁷

Faith works through the soul. David said, “Bless the Lord O my soul. . . . who healeth all thy diseases.” It is your heart and soul that seeks God for healing, and not your mind.

The way to prepare your hearts to seek the Lord is to let the Scriptures be quickened to your heart by the Holy Ghost. Then you will not try to have faith. You will just naturally have faith. A person can worry his faith away *trying* to have faith with his mind. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God with your heart.¹⁸ Trying to believe with your mind will never bring faith. Read the Scriptures and digest them and let them become a part of you, and you will have faith, and will not have to *try* to have faith. The queen of England does not go around *trying* to be a queen; she is already a queen.

Your Mind Can Be Tempted to Wander

Your mind can be tempted to wander while your heart is trusting. Job's did. The devil got Job's mind on almost everything while his heart was trusting the Lord.

Then, think of Jesus. He was tempted. His mind was on the stones being turned into bread. His mind was on fame and the kingdoms of this world, but His heart was trusting. He was tempted just like we are. His mind wandered but His heart did not.¹⁹

¹⁷ “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro through the whole earth to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. . . .” (II Chron. 16:9)

¹⁸ “So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” (Rom. 10:17)

¹⁹ “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are and yet without sin.” (Heb. 4:15)

I know a Spirit-filled man who was operating a business. Some very bad boys came by and tried to force him to give them some gas. They did almost everything to him they could think of. This man of God trusted the Lord for his protection and came out winner. While his heart was trusting the Lord, his mind wandered. His eyes fell on some brickbats. He knew just what he could do. But he resisted the temptation to use the brickbats on the boys; for that was just a temptation. His heart was trusting the Lord while his mind wandered

It is not a sin to be tempted. Jesus was tempted to do several things. He was tempted in all points as we are, but His heart trusted right on through it all.

While the writer was on several days' fast, his mind went back twenty-five years. The devil brought up things which were supposed to be forgotten, and tried to get him to think about them. He could not keep these things out of his mind during the temptation, but a temptation is not a sin if we will keep our hearts seeking God. Who is it who has not had things come into his mind while he was praying and seeking God for things?

I know some people have been taught that it is just as bad to think about something as it is to do it. That is false-doctrine.

In one revival I know a preacher who went to get a man to baptize him. The convert had backslidden. On being asked his trouble, answered, "Well I thought about going to a dance, and I knew it was just as bad to think about it as it was to go, so I went." He had been taught he might as well go as to think about it. That was wrong. You can't keep birds from flying over your head, but you certainly can keep them from building a nest in your hair. You can't keep things from coming into your mind, but you can keep them from getting into your heart. It is when lust has conceived into the heart that it becomes a sin, and not before. While it is in the mind it is only a temptation.²⁰

That is a good illustration: When I am tempted with my mind to do something, I say, "I am saved even if my mind *is* tempted to wander." I can also say when I am tempted when being prayed for for my healing, "I am healed even if my mind *is* tempted to wander."

²⁰ "Then when lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin . . ." (James 1:15)

Let Others Have Faith for You

In different places in the Bible we see expressions used like these: "He saw he had faith to be healed," "seeing their faith," "The prayer of faith, shall save the sick," and such expressions. The prayer of faith saved the sick even if others prayed it.

A woman came and prayed through for her daughter. Her daughter was not there. She went home and found her daughter healed.

If you had the faith to be healed, you could just be healed and not have to ask anyone to pray for you. Therefore, when you don't feel much faith, when your mind is tempted to wander, the faith of the man who is praying for you can heal you, if you will get these silly excuses, which cause unbelief, out of your mind. You can be healed when you don't have much faith; but unbelief is of the devil, and will argue you out of your healing, and hinder you from accepting it.

Even absent minded people can receive their healing by the prayers of others. They don't have a mind to have faith. But neither do they have a mind to hatch up excuses and doubt, or to argue with the Word of the Lord. They can just let God have their heart.²¹

It was after the man in the tombs was healed that he was clothed and in his right mind. So his mind did not hinder him from receiving his healing. The help came from an outside source; so can yours.

The Lord will do exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think. You see, you don't have to get your mind in a certain channel, but you can be healed by getting your heart in a certain channel, and by getting the unbelief out of your heart.

Healing Without a Blessing

You don't have to have your mind lifted up with rapture to receive healing. Many people receive healing when they don't get a blessing. Then others receive a blessing and never receive healing.

Elijah looked for God in the whirlwind. He was not there. He thought that He would be in the storm, but not so. Then he discovered He was in the still, small voice. So healing does not always come in

²¹ "... the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." (Isa. 35:8)

the shout or in the great blessing. You accept healing when your heart is prepared to accept it.

Faith, that is, true faith, is what is left after all feelings are gone. It doesn't depend on feelings. The absence of feelings will not hinder true faith. True faith depends on what God says instead of what one feels or sees. Things coming into your mind will not hinder true faith in the least.

Thoughts Will Not Bring Healing

If thinking with your mind would bring healing, Naaman would have received his healing when he first went down to be prayed for. He *thought* Elisha would come down and lay hands on him and heal him. He had his mind just where he wanted it but that didn't bring healing.²²

Simon believed with his mind and was baptized, but his heart was not right with God.²³ I suppose that he believed with his mind that he would receive the Holy Ghost as the others did when Peter and John laid hands on them. But Peter told him his heart was the determining factor. Peter and John could have laid hands on him for a week and he would not have received salvation, the Holy Ghost, or healing, although he believed with his mind that he was going to.

And most all places in the Bible where people received healing, it was a surprise to them how it came, as far as their minds were concerned. They were expecting it with their hearts or they would not have received it, but it came different from the way they expected it with their minds.

The man didn't have it in his mind to pick up his bed and walk, but he was healed. The man didn't have it in his mind to go wash, but his eyes were healed because he got his heart right. Your brain has little to do with believing in your heart.²⁴

²² "But Naaman was wroth and went away, and said, Behold I thought, he will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hands over the place and recover the leper." (II Kings 5:11)

²³ "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God." (Acts 8:21)

²⁴ "I say unto thee, Arise and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." (Mark 2:11)

For instance, I have been impressed to give money to the church. I was willing in my heart to give it. I was thinking of all the things I could do with it if I would keep it. I gave it. God blessed me for giving it because I was willing in my heart to give it, regardless of the temptation in my mind. Lots of things can go through your mind, but you can seek God with all your heart. Seek Him with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. If you lean to your own understanding you will be fooled. His thoughts are not your thoughts. His thoughts are as high above your thoughts as the heaven is above the earth. His ways are past finding out.²⁵

Your mind can be fooled in seeking healing, but your heart will not be fooled when you receive your healing.

What Is the Scripture on This?

Did Jesus train a person's mind before he healed him? He instructed him in obedience so he could seek Him with all his heart. He said, "Ye shall find Him when ye shall seek for Him, with all your heart" and not, with all your mind.²⁶

"The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up" and not, "the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise up only the one who sees a vision." He said, "they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." He did not say that just the ones who are never tempted would recover.

He did not say, "I am the Lord, that healeth thee, providing your mind never gets on natural things." He said "Bless the Lord, O my soul." It was when David was blessing the Lord with all his soul that he had faith for his healing, and not when he was only blessing the Lord with his mind. Faith works through the soul. He said He healed the one who was broken in heart and not the one who was broken in mind.²⁷

He said, "a sound heart is the life of the flesh." No where did He say that a sound mind would bring healing. He said, "a merry heart

²⁵ "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding." (Prov. 3:5)

²⁶ "And ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." (Jer. 29:13)

²⁷ "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." (Psa. 147:3)

doeth good like a medicine.”²⁸ There are lots of people who enjoy jazz music with their minds and their hearts are far from the Lord. Still they must get their hearts right to get healing. Faith works through the heart instead of the mind.

So, dear, stop trying to educate yourself into this thing. Accept healing in your heart and soul, and then count it done regardless of the temptations which comes into your mind. Temptations came into Jesus’s mind. They come into everyone’s mind; but all can receive healing from Jesus if they come to Him with perfect hearts forsaking all unbelief and excuses.²⁹

²⁸ “A sound heart is the life of the flesh . . .” (Prov. 14:30) “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine . . .” (Prov. 17:22)

²⁹ “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease among the people . . . they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments . . . and he healed them.” (Matt. 4:23-24) “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Heb. 13:8)

EXCUSE NUMBER TWENTY-THREE

SOMEONE HINDERED ME

Many people are very easily hindered. Very often I hear someone make the remark: "Old Sister 'so and so' prayed for me and just knocked me cold." This is in services where everyone lays hands on the sick and prays for them, all at once. If you believe that will hinder you from getting your healing you can probably find someone in every service to stumble over.

No One Should Be a Stumbling Block

I will admit that there are some who pray unwisely. They display fleshly manifestations. While one is yelling in one ear, "Hold on," someone is yelling in the other ear, "Turn loose everything." Then after a person has already received his healing, someone will yell, "Keep on; maybe you will get your healing after awhile. God sends healing. Lord, I wish he would get his healing." Saying that in his ear is about enough to kill his faith even after healing has already come. These folk have a zeal, but not according to knowledge.

But that can't hinder you if you will believe. "He keepeth him and that wicked one toucheth him not." "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil." There is nothing that will separate us.³⁰ He promises us power over all the power of the devil. Doubts and fears are the only things that will hinder us from receiving our healing.³¹ They are of the devil. Get rid of them. He still promises to heal you.

³⁰ "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? . . . Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." (Rom. 8:35-38)

³¹ ". . . If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark 9:23)

No One Should Stumble

While I agree with you that no one should be a stumbling block, I will also tell you that you should not stumble.³² Jesus said that if we walk in the light we will not stumble, for we see where we are going. No one stumbles over anything until he first leaves the light and begins to walk in darkness; that is disobedience. Then, he will see something to stumble over all the time. If nothing else, he will imagine that there was something there when really there was not. It was all in his mind.

I have been driving a car along and imagined that I had a flat. I would stop, get out and look around. There would be no flat. When I got back into the car, the car would drive all right. The trouble was not in the car at all. It was all in my head. I imagined that there was something there when really there was not. It was just the "scare crow." of the devil. DOUBTS! UNBELIEF! EXCUSES!

In the beginning, when God put the man and the woman in the garden, they sinned. Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the devil. They would not admit that they were to blame. Since that time people will not confess they are to blame, but will blame everyone else before they will say, "I am to blame." No one is to blame but you if you don't obey God.

Even David, for awhile, would not put the blame where it belonged. He finally confessed, "I have sinned." He was willing to confess. But Saul never would confess from his heart. He blamed David. He kept that in his heart and went to hell with it. He should have gotten that excuse out of his heart. It turned into a grudge, then into hatred, then into murder, and then into suicide. You get rid of your excuse now, while you can, instead of blaming someone else.

Sister Smith was supposed to have looked through her window one day. She saw the washing Sister Jones put out. She said, "Oh, goodness, Sister Jones is a filthy wash woman. Her clothes are so yellow." In the next week she washed her windows. Then she looked out and said, "Sister Jones sure has changed, she has pretty, white clothes this week." The change was not in Sister Jones. Sister Smith had just washed her windows.

³² "... If any man walketh in the day he stumbleth not because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him." (John 11:9-10)

If you will wash the windows of your own soul the other fellow will look better. You will see his good points instead of stumbling over his faults. You can see something good in everyone, if you are looking for it.

You Can Overcome That

If you don't overcome that, it will overcome you. If you live where you should, you will never get offended at anything.³³

One way to overcome that is to always treat them good at every opportunity.³⁴ If you know they like turnip-greens take them some. If they like ice cream take them some. Never let yourself think, or speak evil of them. Think of their good points instead of their faults. Speak of their good points. You will come to like them. Then you will be glad for them to pray for you. If you get in earnest before the Lord, you will be glad for anyone to pray for you. The trouble is in you, and not in others altogether.

You may say they are crazy or haven't good sense. But God says, "Comfort the feeble-minded." You are to help them.

God deals with people according to knowledge. He does not find fault with us every time people do. God will forgive someone tonight for something they did yesterday, and forget about it; but people will remember it a month or a year.³⁵ You need more of God. Unless you forgive you will not be forgiven.³⁶ If you forgive, you will forget.

So get the beam out of your eye and you see clearly to remove the mote out of the other fellow's eye.

Press on Through It

The woman with the issue of blood pressed on through and touched the hem of His garment. She got her healing. She did not let anyone keep her from getting her healing. If a little incurable, diseased, frail

³³ "Great peace have they which love thy law: nothing shall offend them." (Psa. 119:165)

³⁴ "Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom. 12:21)

³⁵ "O remember not against us former iniquities..." (Psa. 79:8)

³⁶ "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." (Mark 11:26)

woman, given up to die, would not let anyone "knock her cold" then why should you? Everyone was in her way. And she was not even saved.³⁷

Do you think John let Judas "knock him cold"? No he got close to Jesus and leaned on His breast.

And consider the man who pressed through and climbed the tree to get to Jesus. He was not even saved. People had no confidence in him. He did not stand back and whine and whimper and make excuses. No, Zacchaeus pressed on through! He got to Jesus. He knew he was already cold. He knew no one could knock him cold. Maybe you should learn that and press on through. Get past all these stumbling blocks and you will not be stumbling over them then.³⁸

There were doctors and lawyers, and religious people in the way the day the four men brought the palsied man to Jesus. The man was un-saved. They would not stumble over the high-collared people. All the church people, lawyers, and all that large crowd were not enough to "knock that man cold" that day, for he was in earnest. If a sinner can do that, and get saved, and healed, then you can at least get healed.³⁹

And remember the Syrophenician woman who came to Jesus. If anyone had a right to get offended, it was she. If she could have been "knocked cold" she would have given up when Jesus called her a dog. But no, she "warmed-up" and pressed harder for victory. She ceased not until she found the answer and her daughter was made whole. Take a lesson from her.⁴⁰

One man did stumble for a few minutes. I suppose he was "knocked cold" by looking at others getting in his way. He had watched others a long time. Jesus asked: "Wilt thou be made whole?" He told Jesus that people got in his way. Every time he started to get healed, "So and so" would get in his way. That was no good reason. He finally got his eyes

³⁷ "When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind and touched His garment." (Mark 5:27)

³⁸ "And he made haste and came down and received him joyfully." (Luke 19:6)

³⁹ "And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was..." (Mark 2:4)

⁴⁰ "And when she had come into her house she found the devil gone out, and the daughter lay upon the bed." (Mark 7:30)

off all those people who had been getting in his way. He got his eyes on the Master. He picked up his bed and walked away whole.⁴¹

So Jesus is asking you the same question. **WILT THOU BE MADE WHOLE?** Get your eyes off the people who get in your way and **PICK UP YOUR BED AND WALK.**

You usually find what you are looking for. If you are looking for faults in others you will find them. If you are looking for faith and healing it is for you, and **YOU WILL FIND IT** when you search for it with **ALL** your heart.

⁴¹ "Wilt thou be made whole?" (John 5:6)

EXCUSE NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR

SOMEONE IN THE CROWD DISOBEYED

Several people whom I have seen, when healing failed to come, would look around and say, "I feel like the reason I didn't receive my healing was that someone in this house disobeyed God." What made this person feel that way? Usually it is the excuse for the devil. This excuse came into the mind of the one being prayed for. It hindered healing from coming.

This excuse comes usually when several people are praying together for one person; as there are several ways to pray according to scripture:

1. We Can Pray One for Another

In the Bible we see scriptures like this "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may be healed." These scriptures, and others, show us that a group of believers may meet together without any preacher and pray the prayer of faith for any sick Christian. In this case, the Lord may move upon anyone in the group to lay hands on the sick person, or pray the prayer of faith.

Naturally, when this person feels led of the Lord to lay hands on the sick, not being used to it, he might quench the Spirit and disobey God. Then God can move on someone else if you will keep praying. God has no iron-clad way of working, nor is He forced to work in a certain channel. If you abide in Him and His words abide in you, you can still claim the promise by faith.⁴²

⁴² "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye can ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7)

2. *We Can Call in the Elders*⁴³

If there is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the Church. In this case the elders pray the prayer of faith. The Lord shall raise him up if he will get rid of the excuses and doubts. With only the elders present, there are not so many who stand a chance to disobey the leading of the Spirit. Most of the time there are one or two local preachers who come in. They can pray the prayer of faith; then you can't blame anyone else in the congregation for disobeying God. These elders, or an elder, can pray the prayer of faith over you. Trust them. Have confidence in them. You will be raised up. If you have no confidence that they will obey the Lord, why call them in the first place? You have done your part; so believe God that His Word is true, the Lord shall raise you up.

3. *We Can Go to a Man With Gifts*

This is different from praying the prayer of faith. In praying the prayer of faith the one praying may pray long or short, according to the faith. A man with the gifts has the authority over the power of the devil.⁴⁴ He has commanding power.⁴⁵ He commands the sickness to leave and it just leaves. Believe it that way. He has the power to bind and loose.⁴⁶ It is not a question of praying the prayer of faith. If you will accept it when it comes it shall be yours.⁴⁷ Excuses and doubts will hinder you from accepting it when it comes. If you are expecting your healing through the prayer of faith in this case you may pray yourself clear out of faith. You may refuse to accept the answer when he tells you it is done, because you are looking for it to come another way.

⁴³ "Is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him... and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up..." (James 5:14-15)

⁴⁴ "Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases." (Luke 9:1)

⁴⁵ "... whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." (Mark 11:23)

⁴⁶ "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matt. 16:19)

⁴⁷ "... what things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." (Mark 11:24)

Some will not accept their healing unless it comes in the way they are expecting.

Have confidence in what the man says. If you have no faith in him you wouldn't do what he told you, neither would you believe what he told you. Have confidence in the man.

Therefore, obedience is left up to you and him alone. No one in the crowd is moved on to lay hands on you. If he obeys the Spirit in commanding, and you obey the Spirit in obeying the command that he commands, then healing will come. But agree with him whatever he says; for when two agrees as touching anything that they shall ask it shall be done for them by the Father in heaven.⁴⁸

When Elisha commanded, Naaman finally obeyed and received healing. If he had not obeyed he would not have received healing, although the gifts were in operation. But you remember the disobedience of the servant did not keep Naaman from getting healed. The servant, however, got Naaman's disease.⁴⁹ Obey the man with the gifts. All the people in the house may quench the Spirit. The Spirit may not be operating through them. However, they may be disobedient and the Unclean Spirit coming from someone else may come in them, like it did Gehazi.

But you remember the power of God is there present to heal.⁵⁰ Just believe, obey and accept your healing. When the power of God was there present to heal and Jesus had the gifts of healing, even when Jesus said, "Thou art made whole; pick up thy bed and walk", then it was up to the man to accept the healing and pick up his bed. Without this, he would not have received healing.⁵¹

All you must do is to discard excuses, unbelief and disobedience and accept what God is offering you. Now you see where you have been missing it. Come on and accept your healing.

⁴⁸ "... if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 18:19)

⁴⁹ "The leprosy of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and to thy seed forever. (II Kings 5:27)

⁵⁰ "And the power of the Lord was present to heal." (Luke 5:17)

⁵¹ "Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse. A blessing if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God." (Deu. 11:26)

EXCUSE NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE

MUST CALL FOR ELDERS AND USE OIL

Many people were accepting healing in a revival. One man wanted healing. But he said that the way he understood the Bible a person must call for the elders of the church and be anointed with oil to be Scriptural. He didn't believe that he would be Scriptural unless he was anointed with oil by the elders of the church.

The writer is not against the elders; neither is he against oil. He uses oil quite often. But there are other ways in the Bible to be healed. There are other Scriptures besides the one referred to above.⁵²

Other Methods Are Scriptural

Look at the other places in the Bible where the afflicted did not call for anyone to come. Look at the instances in the Bible where oil was not used. James 5:14-15 is about one hundredth part of the Scriptures on healing. In fact, there are only one or two places in the Bible, from cover to cover, where oil is mentioned. That is where people came and prayed.

If you cannot come and be prayed for, and want to send for the elders, that also is according to the Scriptures. I suppose it is all right for someone to be anointed with oil in church services, where the sick are being prayer for, but I know of no Scripture for it.

There are more places where people were healed in other ways than there are by using the oil. On one occasion, a man was anointed with spit and clay.⁵³ Why don't you stick to that Scripture and say that it is the only way to be healed?

⁵² See excuse 24, note 43.

⁵³ "... he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay" (John 9:6).

Praying the prayer of faith is a different thing to the command of a man who has the gifts.⁵⁴

*When Gifts Are in Operation*⁵⁵

A man with the gifts has already prayed usually. All he has to do is to just command the disease to go and it will go. You don't see much praying done.⁵⁶

Now the man with the gifts should not be against the elders who pray the prayer of faith. Neither should the elders, who pray the prayer of faith, be working against the men with the gifts. God hath set the members in the Church as it has pleased Him. The foot cannot say to the eye, "I have no need of Thee."

The Jews said, "We never saw it on this fashion." They said, "We have seen strange things today." They said, "Never man spake like this man." They were looking for the Christ to come in a certain way. They missed Him by just looking at some certain Scriptures, and saying it had to be done a certain way; they did not have the power of God.⁵⁷

They could not find in the Scriptures where anyone was ever healed by someone putting spit or clay in his eyes. They couldn't find any Bible precedent for people being healed by getting in a man's shadow, or by a handkerchief or apron which had been on a man. They just refused it all, dried up, and missed God.

There were thousands of people healed where oil was not used.

For instance, I could tell you that Uncle Sam said we must get our guns and go over and fight a war. That would be right. But that would not limit Uncle Sam to guns only; he could still use tanks, aeroplanes, and bombs.

Uncle Sam has a right to use a bomb before the enemy gets in reach of a gun. The Lord can use a command or something to heal a person, before the person is anointed with oil. According to some peo-

⁵⁴ "To another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the same Spirit" (I Cor. 12:9).

⁵⁵ "And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all" (I Cor. 12:6).

⁵⁶ "... in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6).

⁵⁷ "... they were all amazed, and glorified God saying, We never saw it on this fashion" (Mark 2:12).

ple's belief, if there is no oil, the suffering person should keep suffering, or die.

No, it is also Scriptural to use a command, a touch, a word, an apron, a handkerchief, a shadow, or any other way God chooses to work.⁵⁸

Jesus said, "The works that I do shall ye do, and greater things than these shall ye do."⁵⁹ Now if Jesus healed through a command, a touch, or a word, then we have a right to use the same methods. If He healed without oil, and did it under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, He says we can do the same.⁶⁰ And since He said we could do greater things than He did, I think that any method would be alright, just so the Holy Ghost led us to do it. For Jesus also said that the Holy Ghost would lead us and teach us in all things, and that includes the "greater things" that Jesus said. We must just be sure that we don't do anything that the Bible said not to do.⁶¹

The other day someone phoned me to come twelve miles to pray for a woman. I phoned back and told him to have her to read Psalms 37:1-7 at five o'clock. She told them that healed her. I didn't have any Scripture for that. But I was led of the Lord to do that; and there was no Scripture against it.

There are thousands being healed by placing their hands on the radio while someone prays hundreds of miles away. They are being healed through papers, and other ways. I think that is included in "greater things" Jesus said we could do if He went to His Father and sent the Holy Ghost.

Therefore, oil is used as an act of obedience, as a point of contact, to help our faith. There is no more healing virtue in the oil than there was in the clay, Naaman's Jordan, the pool, or the bed that the man

⁵⁸ "The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, stand upright on thy feet and he leaped and walked" (Acts 14:9-10).

"And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them" (Acts 19:11-12). (See Acts 5:15.)

⁵⁹ See excuse 21, note 6.

⁶⁰ "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38).

⁶¹ "Howbeit when the Spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth..." (John 16:13). "...he shall teach you all things" (John 14:26).

carried.⁶² If I were calling for the elders I would want them to use oil, but if I went to a man with the gifts of healing I would expect him to command the disease to depart.

Why Not Use Other Scriptures?

“They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover” is Scripture. God said there were signs and wonders done by the Apostles’ hands.⁶³ If there is no power in a man’s hands, why lay hands on a person?

“Pray one for another that you may be healed” is Scripture. In that case there is no elder to anoint you with oil. Why not use that Scripture?⁶⁴

You can claim a promise and pray for yourself. “If ye ask anything in My Name I will do it.” In that case there is no elder to anoint you.

Someone in another country can pray the prayer of faith for you, without being near you, and you can be healed. You may be healed through the prayer of faith, through the gift of faith, through the gift of miracles, or through the gift of faith.

Search the Bible and you will find other Scriptures besides only one. Why not try this one? “Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give thee the desires of thy heart.”⁶⁵ He sent His word and healed them. Just while I was reading a Scripture last Saturday God healed two women. One of them discovered the Word had healed her of deafness, a goiter, heart-trouble, and stomach-trouble.⁶⁶

If We Were Pinned to One Scripture

If we were pinned to only your Scripture, we would always have to call for elders of the church. We could never get healing without it.

⁶² “And he saith unto him, go, wash in the pool of Siloam . . . He went his way, therefore and washed, and came seeing” (John 9:7).

⁶³ “And by the hands of the Apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people . . .” (Acts 5:12).

⁶⁴ “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:16).

⁶⁵ “Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart” (Ps. 37:4).

⁶⁶ “He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions” (Ps. 107:20).

They would be the only ones to anoint. An evangelist would not be allowed to. We could not pray for each other. We would always have to pray. We couldn't command the afflictions to leave as the Apostles did.

The Church people would be the only ones who could receive healing, for James was writing to the Church. No one else would have a right to a crumb.⁶⁷ I prayed for a sinner to be healed of deafness the other night. She got saved on the strength of it. She would still be in sin, had she not been healed.

That would be like the people who read, "Clap your hands for joy," and think that is the only way to worship the Lord. There are other ways.

That is like the people who read about Jesus being baptized in a river and saying that is the only way to be baptized; but there were other places where people were baptized. Down in the desert we see a man was baptized right where he was converted.

I find in the Bible where people stood and prayed, but that is no sign that there are not other scriptures where they knelt and prayed.

God is not in a straight-jacket. His ways are past finding out.

Some people are anointed with oil and yet not healed. Some are healed and not anointed. Some are prayed for and not healed. Some are healed without being prayed for.

If you want to call the elders in and be anointed, that is Scriptural. If you want to go and be healed by the gifts, that is Scriptural. Obedience and faith bring healing. Excuses and doubts hinder. Believe-OBEY-RECEIVE!

⁶⁷ "And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table" (Matt. 15:27).

EXCUSE NUMBER TWENTY-SIX

IF "SO AND SO" WILL PRAY FOR ME

Some certain people will believe they will be healed if a certain person will pray for them. There is a certain shouting saint they have in mind, or their preacher they think must be there before they will be healed. There is more than one reason for a person thinking this. Most of the time it is just an idea that is sent into your mind to block the way, so healing will not come. We might pray for you ever so much but if you really believe you will not get your healing until a certain person prays for you, of course, you will not receive your healing until you believe you will.

He May Be a Good Person

The person you have in mind to come and pray for you may be a good man. You may be right in having confidence in him. He may fast and pray and give God all his time while some other preacher fishes or plays golf. In this case you have a right to feel as you do. But remember that there are more praying men who have faith than just one or two.

Be careful lest you get your faith and confidence in one man. That man may fall, and then you would have no one to rely on. Then you will fall.

You Could Have a Grudge

If there is a grudge in your heart against someone, that may be the very person you must have to come and pray, before you get anywhere.

Job's comforters had to ask Job to pray for them. He was the very man they had been speaking against. Abraham prayed for Abimelech before he was healed. That was the very man whom he had done wrong.⁶⁸

⁶⁸ "So Abraham prayed unto God; and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-servants; and they bare children" (Gen. 20:17).

Miriam murmured against her "pastor" Moses. When she needed healing Moses was the very one who must pray for her before she received her healing. What if she had kept that feeling in her heart and had not made it right? Suppose she had run somewhere else for her healing. Do you think she would have received her healing?⁶⁹

Yet there are some people who will have hard feeling against their pastor. They run off other places to be prayed for. Let them not think they will receive anything of the Lord until they fix that thing up with their pastor. He is the first one you should call anyway.⁷⁰

Get that feeling out of the way before you are prayed for. You must, before you receive healing.⁷¹ Confess your faults one to another that ye may be healed.⁷² Let that which is lame be healed, instead of being turned out of the way. Don't let a root of bitterness spring up and trouble you. That root can spring up and make a large something. You may become as Esau was. He didn't get that grudge out of the way, and he got to the place where he could not get his prayers answered.⁷³

Jesus Is the One

Know this one thing: Your healing comes from Jesus and not from any man. A preacher said he went far and near to let someone pray for him. Finally one day he humbled himself and let his own congregation pray for him, and received his healing. You must get humble, and where God wants you.

You must be willing to let anyone pray for you. The story goes that a man said to his colored servant that he would never go to the pig-pen to pray as he did. The colored man told him he would have to if he ever got an answer. He went on praying but never got anything from the

⁶⁹ "And Miriam spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married . . . And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee" (Num. 12:1, 13).

⁷⁰ See excuse 24, note 42.

⁷¹ "So likewise shall your Heavenly Father do also unto you, if you from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother his trespasses" (Matt. 18:35).

⁷² See excuse 25, note 64.

⁷³ "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently . . . lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby ye may be defiled" (Heb. 12:14-15). "And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed" (v. 13).

Lord. Finally one day he said, "Well Sam, I am ready to go to the pig-pen today." Sam said, "You can get it anywhere now; you didn't have to go to the pig-pen you just have to get willing." So you get willing to receive your healing anywhere with anyone praying for you.

I was praying for a lady with a severe throat-trouble. She didn't seem to get anything. I stopped and said, "Get your mind off us. Look directly to Jesus. He is the one who heals, and not us." She began to say, "Jesus." Then she put her hand on her throat and said, "It's gone."

Just the other day, I started to pray for a man with a deaf ear. He said that he had been prayed for so long that he didn't know about getting his healing. I said, "Brother, Jesus is in the regular healing business." He began to look direct to Jesus, and received his healing. I wish everyone knew this truth.

What Does the Bible Say?

Does the Bible say that certain people will have to pray for you before you receive your healing? Then why would you say that, and add things to the Scripture?

Do you read, "I am the Lord that healeth thee, if a certain man will pray for you"? Does the Bible say they (any believer) shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover"? Did you ever read this? "If there is any sick among you, let him call for just one certain person". No, they can call for the elders. Your Pastor is the first one. Then the very one you have something against is the next one.

If you will get just right, you will be glad for anyone to pray for you. You can have healing when you expect it. The reason you haven't received it is because you have an excuse in your mind that kept you from receiving it. It wasn't the one that prayed for you that kept you from receiving your healing; it was the excuse, and unbelief, in your own mind. **DISCARD THE EXCUSE AND RECEIVE YOUR HEALING!**

EXCUSE NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN

HEZEKIAH USED A POULTICE

I can't understand why some people will worry over Hezekiah putting a fig poultice on a boil. That should not keep anyone from getting his healing. That question about this will create a doubt in a person; and the doubt will keep a person from getting his healing.

Would that keep you from laying hold on the promises of God and receiving your healing? Many people use remedies. Does that make the promises of God of none effect? We can still receive Divine Healing instead of natural healing.

Figs Had No Power to Heal Him

Hezekiah was beyond all natural help. God told him to set his house in order for he must die, and **COULD NOT LIVE**. His case was hopeless, beyond the help of man, and out of the reach of any remedy.⁷⁴

Now, I am no physician. And I don't suppose you are. Let me give you a statement from a nationally known doctor, Lillian B. Yeomans, M. D.:

"With reference to Hezekiah's poultice, we note, from careful study, that his case was a perfectly hopeless one. God Himself, had told him to set his house in order for he was going to die. The case has been analyzed

⁷⁴ "In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, 'Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord saying, I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. And it came to pass afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came unto him saying, Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold I will heal thee: on the third day thou shall go up unto the house of the Lord. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years. . . . And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered" (II Kings 20:1-7).

by a distinguished Christian physician, author of a treatise on "Bible Diseases", and pronounced one of carbuncle, followed by general blood poisoning. A carbuncle is like a gigantic boil which involves the deeper tissues of the body. Hezekiah prayed and received God's promise of healing, and was told that fifteen years would be added to his life. Isaiah then directed him to place a poultice of figs on the boil, but such an application could have no effect; and would put the doctors all out of business, also the hospitals and the drug stores."

Why do all these figs go to waste? Why waste them in making preserves when they are so valuable.

Search the hospitals the world over and see if just one doctor, or hospital, is using them. If they are not, then why not drop that excuse and stop propping up on it? Get busy, and get your healing! Pray through.

Hezekiah Received Divine Healing

You will find that God sent his Word and healed him before the figs were applied. In both records the healing had already been given by the Lord. There is not a place where a physician is mentioned. Although one of God's kings trusted the physician and "slept with his fathers". But fifteen years were added to this king who trusted the Lord.⁷⁵ Therefore, the poultice was probably a cleansing measure suggested by Isaiah to care for the discharge which came after the healing was given.

I say it was divine healing, because the disease was hopeless, beyond man's help. Even God said he was incurable. He turned to God in humility. He made no attempt to find help from man. His healing was accompanied with a supernatural sign from God.

Now if God had told him to put the poultice on, it would only have been an act of obedience, as the case where clay and spit was put on the blind man's eyes.⁷⁶ Do you think that the clay and spit healed the blind man? The Bible says the Lord healed him. I believe the Bible. The Bible also says the Lord healed Hezekiah. There is no medicine in clay, or spit, or figs.

⁷⁵ "And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the Physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers..." (II Chron. 16:12, 13a).

⁷⁶ See excuse 25, note 62.

There Are Other Scriptures

Why not use some of the hundreds of other scriptures for your proof on the course of such a hopeless disease as carbuncle and general blood poisoning. It might have been used as a cleansing application. It used to be customary to cleanse ulcerating and discharging surfaces by applying large moist poultices of soft pultaceous material, such as bread and milk, linseed and charcoal, etc., but they had no curative properties.

By the mouth of two or three witnesses let each word be established. Here is an example from the "Sword of the Spirit":

"Any means ever used in the Bible had no healing virtue in them whatsoever, and as we have already said in the article, were used only as a test of faith and obedience . . . When the children of Israel were bitten in the wilderness, God told them the means by which they might be healed, which was for Moses to make a polished brass serpent and put it on a pole. One look at this serpent would bring pardon, cleansing and healing, to the bitten and dying Israelites. The serpent was preserved as a memorial of what God had done. A long time afterwards, in Hezekiah's time, they tried to depend to the virtue supposed to be in the serpent. This brought a stern rebuke from Hezekiah . . ."

Therefore, Hezekiah believed in Divine Healing, instead of natural healing.

Do You Really Believe That Figs Cured Hezekiah?

Now be honest with yourself and with God. If you really believe that, the next time you get to death's door, don't you use one thing except figs. For you see God Himself said Hezekiah was at death's door. And there was no cure.

Do you want to get rich? Get all these figs that are going to waste. Make them up in poultices . . . carry them to these hospitals, where thousands are suffering with incurable diseases. Cure them. Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the Devil.⁷⁷

⁷⁷ "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3:8).

Do you believe there was medicine in Naaman's water, the clay, the brazen serpent, the pool the man washed in, or the bed the man picked up? It is obedience that brings Divine healing, and not remedies.⁷⁸ It is the blood of Jesus that heals instead of figs. The Lord wants the glory. His glory He will not give to another.

Get a promise of God and stand on it for your healing.⁷⁹

If you want to do like Hezekiah, turn your face to the wall. Look away from everything else, remedies, excuses and all. Tell God you are serving Him, that you have lived for him. Keep your face turned to him until healing comes . . . We can change the mind of God by prayer. We can get healing by prayer. We can get our life extended by prayer. Figs will do neither. **RELY ON PRAYER AND FAITH INSTEAD OF REMEDIES AND EXCUSES.**

⁷⁸ See excuse 25, note 62.

"And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean" (II Kings 5:10). "And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived" (Nu. 21:9).

⁷⁹ "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images" (Isa. 42:8).

EXCUSE NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT

LUKE WAS A PHYSICIAN

“Some excuse beats none” is what I have heard all my life. That is what the devil thinks; for this is not much of an excuse. I don’t see how anyone could prop up on this.

Would That Hinder You From Being Healed?

There are many physicians today. But there are thousands receiving healing without the aid of a physician. Luke was not an apostle. Even if he had practiced medicine, the promises of God are still true.

I don’t read in the Bible where Luke hindered people from getting their healing by the supernatural power of God in the Bible days. If Luke was a physician, that should not make you doubt the Bible and the promises of God.

Did the Lord say, “If there is any sick among you let him call for a physician”? Or did He say, “Let him call for the elders of the church?”⁸⁰ Then why would you say it? Did the Bible say, “Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all?” Then why would you want to make Him out a liar, and say that the “physician delivered some of them”? If David said that God healed all their diseases, why would you say the opposite? Why say that they had to have a doctor along?⁸¹ It is a serious offense for one to add something to the Word of God.

The Scripture cannot be broken. His Word is forever settled in heaven. His promises are just as sure and steadfast as if Luke never had been a physician. That will not hinder God from healing you. Get the excuse out of your system.

⁸⁰ See excuse 24, note 43.

⁸¹ See excuse 25, note 66.

One place in the Bible, in Col. 4:14, Paul speaks about Luke, the physician. We don't know whether he is talking about a believer or an unbeliever. We suppose it to be the Luke who wrote Luke and Acts; we don't know.⁸² We do know one thing, and that is that there are hundreds of plain Scriptures where God promises to heal us by the supernatural power of God.

Did Luke Practice Medicine?

I don't know. And you don't either. The Bible says he was a physician. But the Bible says that Matthew was a publican.⁸³ A physician is a man who helps people. A publican was a collector of Roman tribute. We do not find in the Scriptures that Matthew continued to collect taxes after he was called into the ministry. Neither do we find anywhere that Luke continued to practice medicine after he went out on the missionary journeys. We have just as much proof that Matthew kept collecting taxes as we do that Luke kept practicing medicine.

Luke was in the full time ministry. Nowhere do we find that he was one of the twelve. But he was probably one of the seventy. For he said that he had perfect understanding from the very beginning of what Jesus began to do and teach.⁸⁴

What did Jesus command those who went out in His ministry? Did He tell them to take a pill-bag along? Did He tell them to take a hospital along? Did he tell them to operate on people? No, He said, "Take nothing for your journey, neither purse nor script, for the laborer is worthy of his hire." He gave them power to heal the sick, and they came back rejoicing that the spirits were subject to them through the Name. He gave them power over diseases and told them to heal the sick and to cure diseases. What would they need with medicine when they had power to raise the dead.⁸⁵

⁸² "Luke, the beloved physician and Demas greet you" (Col. 4:4).

⁸³ "Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother... and Matthew, the publican..." (Matt. 2:3).

⁸⁴ "It seemed to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things, from the very first to write unto thee..." (Luke 1:3).

⁸⁵ See excuse 21, note 1. "Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19).

Jesus commanded them to “forsake all” and follow Him. Paul was chief of sinners. He left his job. That didn’t mean he was chief among sinners while he was in the ministry. If Paul left his job I think Luke must have left his job, for he was with Paul in his ministry in the foreign fields. If Peter, James, and John left their job, if the rest of the disciples left their jobs, Luke must have done the same thing.

Luke was with Jesus and had perfect knowledge of all that happened from the beginning. Who cured the diseases? Search the gospels and see if Luke ever cured a case by medicine.

Luke was with Paul on his travels. Did he ever assist Paul in curing one by natural means?

Luke wrote two long books of the Bible. They cover all the ministry of the disciples and Jesus. Did he say one word about one being healed by natural means? No, but he records numerous cases where they were healed by the power of God.

Luke was with Paul on his travels. Did he ever assist Paul in curing the sick with his first-aid-kit? Now be honest. Search the Scriptures. It was Paul who cured the sick on the island of Melita, and not Luke.

Do You Really Believe Luke Practiced Medicine?

Honestly, do you think they brought the sick to Luke for him to give them a round of black-draught? Did Peter, Paul, or Jesus go to Luke for a medicine-bag? When Paul was left for dead did Luke cure him, or did God raise him up? When the man fell out of the window and killed himself, or was thought dead, did Luke give him first aid, or did they call for Paul? Why did they disturb the sermon if Luke cured him?⁸⁶ Why didn’t Luke send some medicine to those people instead of sending the handkerchiefs and aprons which came off of Paul’s body? God said that God wrought miracles by the hands of Paul, and not by a doctor. I believe if I were you I’d say what God said. Luke was right there watching it all done. He had perfect understanding of it all. But

⁸⁶ “... the father of Publius lay sick of a fever of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him” (Acts 28:8). “... and as Paul was preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him” (Acts 20:9-10).

still he tells us out of his own mouth that it was God who did the miracles by the hand of Paul.⁸⁷

If you find one Scripture in the entire Bible where Luke cured the sick, then if you had rather use that one scripture than the hundreds of others, you may call for a physician, providing he is full of the Holy Ghost, and in the full time ministry as Luke was. Be sure and follow Luke's example, and see that he believes in miracles, and will prefer a Holy Ghost man curing the people, instead of giving them remedies. He will probably bring a Paul, or Peter, along and have a healing service, as Luke did.

But if you cannot find a scripture where Luke healed anyone, set this excuse aside, and never have it in your mind to create a doubt anymore.

Use the Best Physician Possible

If you use a physician at all, you surely want the very best. I would be afraid for a quack to work on me. If you get one, get the very best. Jesus is the very best. Prayer is the best remedy.

Jesus called Himself Physician. He never loses a case. He is a Specialist in every case.⁸⁸

People generally use the physician they live nearer to. If you are living nearer to Doctor Brown than you are to Jesus, then call for Doctor Brown if you want to. But if you are living in the house with Jesus, He is the Physician that can come to your rescue before a doctor can start his car.

Luke's Testimony Makes Healing More Real

He was right there and watched Paul, Jesus, and Peter raise people up by the supernatural power of God. He knew what was wrong with them before they were healed. Then he said they were well and had perfect soundness. Instead of causing a doubt to come into your mind that should clear you of all doubts forever.

⁸⁷ See excuse 25, note 58.

⁸⁸ "... they that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick" (Matt. 9:10).

Since your mind is clear on this, you can accept your healing right now! Even if a snake bites you and all the people are expecting you to fall down dead suddenly, and a Physician is standing by your side, you can trust God, who is closer, shake it off and feel no harm.⁸⁹

⁸⁹ "...there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand... And he shook off the beast into the fire and felt no harm. Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down suddenly: ...they changed their mind and said he was a god" (Acts 28:3-6).

EXCUSE NUMBER TWENTY-NINE

TROPHIMUS WAS LEFT SICK

In II Timothy 4:20 we see where Paul is writing Timothy that he left Trophimus sick at Miletum, a city in Asia. Paul is writing from Rome, Italy. Very little is known about this man. Timothy would have known about this if he had been an invalid. It must have been a temporary illness or Paul would not have been telling Timothy about it. Whatever the reason was it does not nullify the Word of God.

Why Would That Hinder Your Healing?

If you stand back on an excuse like that you will never receive healing for there are always sick people. Then why stand back on one man being sick and not look at the thousands healed through the prayer of Paul? If no one ever received healing through the prayers of Paul Psalms 103:3 is still true. "He forgiveth all our iniquities and heals all our diseases."

I know of someone who didn't get saved. I left a revival without him being saved. Would you let that keep you from receiving salvation? I know a man in a revival we are in now. It looks like we may have to leave him without the Holy Ghost. But yet there have been hundreds who have received the Holy Ghost in this Revival. And God still promises the Holy Ghost to them that obey Him; I believe God. Let God be true and every man a liar.

I suppose Paul left just as many unsaved as he left sick. Do you believe in salvation? Would you refuse salvation just because Paul left one unsaved? ABSURD!

There Was a Cause for Him Being Left Sick

In every case there is a cause.⁹⁰ God was not to blame. Neither do I think Paul was.

⁹⁰ "... so the curse causeless shall not come" (Prov. 26:2).

Trophimus may have made excuses like you do. He may have said, "I just don't have the faith." He may have seen someone who didn't receive healing, and gotten his eyes on him.

You don't know that he even called for prayer. If Paul could have healed anyone regardless of their will he would have healed everyone. So would I. I'd go down the street and heal everyone I met. I'd go to the hospital and heal them all. But no, I left the hospital a few days ago. I left some there sick. How do you know but that Trophimus chose the hospital or doctor?

He may have been healed. All people don't arise instantly. Hezekiah got up three days after God healed him.⁹¹ How do you know but that this was the case, and Paul was in a hurry and had to leave; or this was where they arrested Paul to carry him to the prison where he was then writing from? He may have been standing on the promise, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." He may have recovered.⁹² He may have begun to amend from that hour.⁹³ Jesus came late when He came to raise Lazarus. He may have come late to raise up Trophimus.

It seems that this was the reason for his not being healed. HE FAILED GOD. Paul, just four verses before saying that he left Trophimus sick, had said, "All men have forsaken me."⁹⁴ Trophimus was one of his helpers.⁹⁵ Only Luke was with him for awhile.⁹⁶ When Paul was in trouble all the men forsook him.

Miletum may have been Trophimus's home. He may have been like John Mark. He may have just failed to stand the test. In this case Paul may have been praying for him to get sick instead of praying for him to get well. He turned others who failed God over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh that their soul would be saved.⁹⁷ God has not promised to heal us if we are in disobedience.

⁹¹ See excuse 27, note 74.

⁹² See excuse 21, note 5.

⁹³ "Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend" (John 4:52).

⁹⁴ "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me..." (II Tim. 4:16).

⁹⁵ "... and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus. These going before tarried for us at Troas" (Acts 20:4).

⁹⁶ "Only Luke is with me..." (II Tim. 4:11).

⁹⁷ "... whom I delivered unto Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme" (I Tim. 1:20).

Are You Like Trophimus?

Have you forsaken the work of the Lord? Have you stayed at home? Repent and get right with God. Don't be a Trophimus anymore; then you will receive your healing. If you never believe God as long as there are some sick people you will always be sick.⁹⁸

Are you righteous? Then do you believe this? "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them ALL."⁹⁹

⁹⁸ Key verses of second Timothy are, "All they which are in Asia be turned away from me" (1:15); and, "A good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2:3) (Scofield notes).

⁹⁹ "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Ps. 34:19).

EXCUSE NUMBER THIRTY

HEALING IS JUST FOR SOME PEOPLE

It is an easy thing for someone to tell himself this. But how would we ever know when to believe God for healing? I will admit that all don't get healed, but neither do all get saved. But salvation and healing are promised to all.

*Look Into the Scriptures*¹⁰⁰

“And Jesus went about *all* Galilee . . . and healing *all* manner of sickness, and *all* manner of disease among the people . . . and they brought unto Him *all* sick people taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatics, and those that had the Palsy: and he healed them (all).

“And He cast out the spirits with the Word and healed *all* that were sick. And Jesus went about *all* the cities and villages . . . and healing *every* sickness and every disease among the people. . . and great multitudes followed him and he healed them all. And Jesus went forth and saw a great multitude, and he was moved with compassion toward them and he healed their sick. . . and they sent out into all that country round about and brought unto him all that were diseased . . . and as many as were touched were made perfectly whole. . . and a great multitude of people out of all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon . . . and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them *all*.”

I will stop here long enough to say that that is enough proof already. One verse is enough proof. You say, “That was in the Bible days.” But

¹⁰⁰ Here is the proof: (Matt. 4:23-25; Matt. 8:16-17; Matt. 9:35; Matt. 12:15; 14:14, 34-36. Luke 6:17-19. Heb. 13:8. Ps. 86:5. John 14:12-14. Mk. 16:17-18. James 5:14-15; Acts 10:34; Acts 10:38; Acts 5:12-19).

friend, God says, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever."

David said that the Lord was good and plenteous in mercy to *all* that called upon Him. That means just anyone who calls upon Him. Jesus said we could do what He did, and even greater works. He said, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." If He says the sick, that means you. He says, "The Lord shall raise him up." He was talking of just *any* that is sick among you when He asked, "Is *any* sick among you?" Jesus went about doing good and healing *all* that was oppressed of the devil. The devil oppresses people with sickness.

Look up all these scriptures in the Bible to be sure, and hundreds of more, then I will ask you just one question, "Is our God a respecter of persons?" That is not the kind of God I am serving.

For someone to say, "I know a real saint of God, who really believes, and who has been seeking for years, but has not been made well", is the same thing as saying, "I know someone who kept his side of the agreement, but God lied about His side." That is a serious offense. You are making God a liar if you do not believe Him.¹⁰¹

He Is the Same Today

Jesus said, "*everyone* that asketh receiveth, everyone that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." "Everyone" does not mean "everyone except a few."¹⁰²

After Christ, for several years, healed all who came unto Him, He said, "It is expedient for you that I go away." How could His going away be better for the sick if that curtailed His ministry?

Everyone who looked at the brazen serpent was healed. If the antitype healed all, what will the type do?¹⁰³

¹⁰¹ "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (I John 5:10).

¹⁰² "For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Luke 11:10).

¹⁰³ "And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived" (Num. 21:9).

Thirty years later, after Paul, on the Island of Melita, had healed the father of Publius by the power of God, then all the sick people on the island came and were healed. (Weymouth)

Healing is part of the gospel. Christ commanded us to preach the gospel to "all the world." He commanded us to preach the gospel (not just part of the gospel) "to all nations," "every creature," "through all the days."

"He is plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Him." All you have to do is to just call upon Him without any excuse or doubt. But He refuses to work when we make Him a liar.

"His truth endureth to all generations."¹⁰⁴ "No good thing will He withhold from them (just any of us) that walk uprightly." "His mercy is everlasting." If He was *love* yesterday He is *love* today. That is His nature. His nature does not change. He is the "Great I Am" and not the "Great I Used to Be". He says "I am the Lord that healeth thee", and not "I was the Lord that healeth thee".

Let Us Reason Together

God is reasonable. He even healed His enemy.¹⁰⁵ Don't you think He is as willing to shew mercy to any of His children, His heirs, as He is to His enemy? Is He more willing to shew mercy to the devil's children than He is to His own children? I would not accuse Him of that. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to all that call upon him.¹⁰⁶

I have asked some people to get saved and they would answer with the same excuse. They would content themselves by saying, "Salvation is just for some people." Some, when you ask them to seek the Holy Ghost, will say, "the Holy Ghost is just for some." You may as well believe that about salvation as to believe that about healing.

Listen: "He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among them."¹⁰⁷ That is the way His people

¹⁰⁴ "For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Ps. 100:5).

¹⁰⁵ "And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him" (Luke 23:51).

¹⁰⁶ "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him" (Ps. 103:17).

¹⁰⁷ "... and there was not one feeble person among their tribes" (Ps. 105:37).

will be today if they will not prop up on the excuses and unbelief of the Devil. Is it reasonable to think God would treat the people of Israel better than He would the people under the New Covenant after Jesus was striped for our healing? Don't be unreasonable.

*Healing Is the Children's Bread*¹⁰⁸

Are you a child of God? Would you just give part of your children some bread and say that bread was not for the other children? Foolish! (Would you will part of your inheritance to some of your children and tell the rest it was not for them in the first place?)¹⁰⁹ When the woman who was not even a child of God kept asking she knew she had the right to a crumb. Jesus told her it was not for her because she was not a child of God. She knew she had a right to a crumb.

You have a right to eat at the table. You have a right to a crumb. Don't accuse the Lord of such a thing any more.

THERE GOES ANOTHER PROP! You can receive healing now, since you learned healing is for all.

¹⁰⁸ See excuse 25, note 67.

¹⁰⁹ "... then an heir of God through Christ" (Gal. 4:7).

EXCUSE NUMBER THIRTY-ONE

I'M AS GOOD AS OTHERS WHO ARE HEALED

"I have been a good person all my life; my father was a good man." "My grandmother was a mighty good woman." "I never was a mean person." That is about what you can hear when you are around some people. Some are looking at the badness of other people, and are wondering how the other fellow can receive healing when he is not living a very good life. They say, "I am living as good as that man who got his healing, why can't I get my healing?" What you just said is the reason you can't get your healing.

Now I will admit there are some people who seem to live a low life and still they get blessed of God. But perhaps God doesn't bless a person every time just because he has been living right. Maybe He blesses them trying to get them to live right. The most unruly hog I had got the most corn, when I was trying to get him into the pen.

Solely Through Grace

None of us are worthy to receive healing from God. Let us settle that in our minds just now. Healing comes like all other blessings. It comes through the grace of God, without works, merits, or distinction of persons.¹¹⁰ Salvation comes by grace; and salvation includes divine healing. It must come as grace; there can be no human works mingled with justifying, or healing, faith. It must be wholly of God, through Christ. The natural and spiritual do not mix, as the gifts of God are sovereign gifts. He will not share His glory with another. There must not be any human boasting in the matter.

¹¹⁰ "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

The grace of healing is impartial, limited only by "whosoever will". Our eyes must be fixed on Jesus instead of self.

Perhaps They Are Not Right

The ones you are looking at may not be living right. But remember Jesus forgives seven times seventy in one day.¹¹¹ These people may get forgiveness, and receive their healing tonight, but you may hold that in your mind a week. Jesus forgives and forgets. If Jesus forgets it, why do you hold it in your mind, and let it cause you to stumble?¹¹²

Some people are, like Samson, very easy to yield to temptations. But, like Samson, they may repent and the power of the Lord will come upon them the very next day. David was a man after God's own heart, because he was very quick to repent and acknowledge his faults.

Since Samson had no resistance, he yielded to the enemy quickly. But just as easily as he yielded to the enemy he yielded to the Lord. Some people have a strong resistance. They can resist the Devil. They will not yield to the Devil; but they still have a strong resistance when yielding to the Lord. You may resist temptations; but you may resist the Lord also when you start to get your healing.

We should forget if God does. A good member of the Church where I pastored got mad because I got a certain man for an evangelist. He wouldn't come to church. I asked him what he had against that evangelist. He said, "Thirteen years ago someone sent for him to hold a funeral service and he didn't come." I mentioned it to the evangelist and he didn't remember it. If it was true, God had time to forgive him in thirteen years. But the man still remembered it.

If a person who has not been living right goes unto the Lord tonight and asks Him to forgive him, God must do it, for He promised to do so. If God didn't, this person could point his finger in God's face at the Judgment and tell Him he lied. And God cannot lie. It is impossible. He is obligated to keep His promise. The same is true with healing. Therefore, anyone can confess his sins tonight and get healing according to the promises of God, although he may not have been living as good as you have. The Lord will heal when we come to him in faith.

¹¹¹ "...How oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him . . . seventy times seven" (Matt. 18:21-22).

¹¹² "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, . . ." (Isa. 44:22).

It Is the Righteousness of Christ

Your goodness will never get healing. Your badness will never keep you from receiving healing if you will repent. It is the righteousness of Christ that purchased our healing. Be sure you don't depend on your goodness.

You remember Naaman was a good man. But that was not what it took to purchase his healing. He had to humble himself and obey.¹¹³

The Pharisee was really better than the Publican. But the Publican got his prayer answered first. The Pharisee was depending on his goodness while the Publican was depending on the goodness of Jesus.¹¹⁴

The rich young ruler was a better man than most people; but as far as we know he was lost, because his goodness was not enough to save him. Jesus told him there was none good but God.¹¹⁵ That is right. All our goodness is as filthy rags before God. Get rid of your goodness and get full of God and then you will be good. We are a Christian only when we have the nature of Christ in us and our nature killed out.

One thief on the cross was lost because he was justifying himself. The other, who was just as bad, said he was guilty and Jesus was innocent. He was saved.

Some people came to Jesus and wanted Him to heal the centurion's servant, who was very dear unto him. They said the man had built them a synagogue, and loved their nation. Jesus just ignored this. After awhile the centurion came out and said, "I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof." Needless to say the servant was made whole, because the centurion got in the right attitude. If you will get in an attitude like this, instead of making an excuse like the above, you will receive your healing every time.¹¹⁶

¹¹³ "Now Naaman... was a great man... and honourable... but he was a leper" (II Kings 5:1).

¹¹⁴ "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men . . . and the Publican . . . smote upon his breast saying, God be merciful to me a sinner . . . I tell you this man went down to his house justified" (Luke 18:11-14).

¹¹⁵ "And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is God" (Luke 18:18-19).

¹¹⁶ "He loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue... the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord... I am not worthy that thou should enter under my roof . . . returning to the house, found his servant whole that had been sick" (Luke 7:5-10).

God is not obligated to heal you unless you repent and come through the righteousness of Jesus instead of your own righteousness.

A man was asked to come to the altar, so the story goes. He said, "I don't believe that something as valuable as salvation can be free like that."

The preacher asked, "Where do you work?" He said he worked hundreds of feet under the ground.

The preacher wanted to know how he got out of there. He told the preacher he got on the elevator and came out in a few minutes.

The preacher said, "I don't believe that a man can come out of there free without a penny. The man told him the reason he came out free, was that his company spent millions of dollars to sink a shaft down there. All he had to do was to step on the elevator.

The wise minister thought: He said, "Heaven has spent lots to send the Son of God to this world to save us out of sin. The shaft has been sunk down here. Jesus is the elevator. All you have to do is to step on the elevator, and you will be brought out."

Friend, Jesus is the elevator. Step on Him. Get in Him. Step on your righteousness and you will get nowhere. Get on the elevator, the merits of Jesus.

Maybe You Need to Repent

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." That is the reason some don't receive their healing. It is because they don't have any faults to confess. The other fellow has them all, to hear them tell it.¹¹⁷

Maybe you need to repent of your self-righteousness like Job did. Job seemed to have spiritual-pride and self-righteousness. As soon as he repented of being so "goody goody good" he was healed.

Anyone can criticize. It is easier to criticize than it is to understand a person. I used to criticise the young people in the church unless they acted just like I thought they should. If they didn't dress just up to my standard, I would sit back and look at them and have it in my mind just

¹¹⁷ "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another, that ye may be healed" (James 5:16).

how it should be done. I was appointed director over a division of young people, which was over thirteen churches. After I was there for one year, I was looking at their good points and their talents which could be developed, rather than their faults. Anyone can sit back and look at someone's faults. Repent and ask God to cast out the critical spirit.

Peter looked at John and asked Jesus, "What will this man do?" Jesus said, "What is that to thee; you follow me." That is none of our business if God wants to bless the other man. Repent for watching others and finding faults.¹¹⁸

Repent of accusing God of being unjust. Repent of questioning God's wisdom and goodness, and truthfulness. Repent of doubting His love. Repent for trying to tend to His business. You have accused God of being unfair. That is what you are doing when you say God healed someone who didn't deserve it as much as you did.

Repent for holding something against others after God forgave them. You have no right to do that. That is worse sin than all they have done. And they have forgiveness and you do not, else you would receive your healing.

Repent for making excuses. That is disobeying a commandment. That is saying that you know more than God. That is an awful offense.¹¹⁹

Repent for having an unforgiving spirit. That spirit is from the wrong place.

Maybe someone has wronged you. You may say, "I'd forgive him if he would come to me." The Lord puts the responsibility on you. If he is in the wrong then he is the weaker. You, as the stronger one, should go to him and attempt to make things right.¹²⁰

There were two lawyers who were said to have gone into the back of an arbor where a revival was in progress. Finally they both were convicted of their sins and went to the altar to get saved. One was saved and the other was not. Going home that night one said to the other,

¹¹⁸ "... Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him... what is that to thee? follow thou me" (Jno. 21:21-22).

¹¹⁹ "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12).

¹²⁰ "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:15).

“How did you get saved when I didn’t? That does not seem fair. I pled my case and pled my case.” The other lawyer, who was converted, answered, “That is where you missed it; you should have pled guilty and you would have received pardon.”

So that is where you have been missing it. You should not plead your goodness any more. Plead the goodness of Jesus, and your unworthiness.

You May Have More Light

If you know so much you are responsible for more. God does not hold something against someone every time you do. He does not judge them by your standard or your light.

Try to understand them instead of criticising them. I used to find fault with a business man for every little mistake. Sometimes I would quit trading with him. But after having owned a store for about ten years now I can understand him.

I used to find fault with the deacon. But after being a deacon for awhile I can bear with them better. After I taught Sunday School I could understand a Sunday School teacher better. I don’t find as much fault. I could get along with my pastor better now since I have pastored awhile. I can see from an evangelist’s view-point since I have been on the field awhile.

The Lord can see from their viewpoint and you can’t. You judge them according to your viewpoint. Trust it with God. I think He can judge as well as you.

If your parents had been monkeys you would have been a monkey. If your parents had been Japs you would have been a Jap. If you had been brought up in a home where they had low standards you would have been like these other people, and God would not hold you accountable for as much.

Since you studied it over I believe, if you are honest, you can see where you are wrong. Ask God to help you to see. God help you to repent. Don’t prop up on that excuse any more. Come on the level with the rest of us and you can have **HEALING NOW!**

EXCUSE NUMBER THIRTY-TWO

JESUS HEALED TO SHOW HIS POWER

They have heard fighters say this. There are honest people who have been taught that Jesus only healed a few people to show His power. Therefore, some honestly believe this. As long as you don't believe that healing is for ALL you will have a hard time having faith for your healing.

There Are Heathen Today

We have people today who deny the power of God. If it was necessary for Jesus to perform miracles in days gone by, to prove His power to the unbelievers, then it is more necessary today; for we have more sin and unbelief in the world that ever before. It is not just in the foreign countries that heathen live. This country is full of people who do not read their Bibles; but they rely on what someone has told them from tradition. They teach for doctrine the commandments of men.

Jesus Doesn't Heal to Show He Can

The world says, "Show me and I will believe," but God does not work that way. The Lord says, "Believe and I will show you." He manifest Himself to faith, and not to unbelief. The Lord requires one to believe before He will work. We should believe God's Word before we see it fulfilled.¹²¹

I invite you, who argue the above excuse, to read the many places where Jesus healed the people and then told them to tell no man until He arose from the dead. Does this sound as if He healed to show people that He could?

Then notice in Herod's Court. The King wanted to see Him work some miracle, but this He refused to do. If He would not perform a miracle to show the unbelieving King, and a number of soldiers His

¹²¹ See excuse 24, note 47.

power, then the above excuse must be out of harmony with the Word of God.¹²²

Then, again, if Jesus healed to show His power, why did He put all the unbelief out of the house when He started to perform some great miracle, as healing or raising the dead? That does not sound like He only healed to show He could.¹²³

In fact, when people are full of unbelief they refuse to believe after they see it with their own eyes. They will say it would have happened anyway, or say there was nothing wrong with them in the first place. There are so many cases where this proved out that way. People will say if some certain man in the town will be healed they will believe it. When he is healed they will point out one more, and say, "Heal him and I will believe." That unbelief remains there.

You will find that kind of people in the Bible time. They were good religious people. They were so religious that they crucified Jesus. They would not let Him hang on the cross on the Sabbath day, they were so religious. They had so much religion they didn't want Jesus to heal on the Sabbath, or any other day.

When Jesus opened a man's eyes, who had been blind all his life, and had lived there more than twenty years, then they could get around it no other way, and they said, "He is not the same man. He is a man just like him."¹²⁴

There are four kinds of "C's," i.e., the Pharisees, Sadducees, them who can't see, and the ones who don't want to see. You can't show a person something when he does not want to see. How can a man see when he has his eyes shut?

I heard that a man told a neighbor that he could run a hundred rats out of his barn. The man didn't believe it. He started to show him. He ran a few out and asked if the man saw them. He said he did not. He kept running them by the neighbor; he never saw any of them. He

¹²² "And when Herod saw Jesus he was exceeding glad: . . . and he hoped to have seen some miracle by him" (Luke 23:8).

¹²³ "And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, maid arise" (Luke 8:54).

¹²⁴ "Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: . . ." (John 9:9).

looked around and the neighbor had his eyes shut. No wonder he didn't see them. He didn't want to see them.

A brother of a city policeman came by where I was working. He was crying. It touched my heart. He said his son was dying. He said he never would see him alive any more. He had epileptic fits. He had twenty-six fits in one night. He had been that way for years. He had a tumor in his brains which might eat through the last tissue any moment. They sent him home from a number of hospitals to die. They said he couldn't live over five months and could die any time. They said that he would jump off of a house, or take a shotgun to kill himself. We prayed for this man's son and he was healed. He has been well for five years, as far as I know, but his dad still says he does not believe in healing. How could Jesus prove his power to a man like that?

Then Jesus would not have had to heal *all* to show His power. But the Word says in every place that He healed all who came to Him.¹²⁵ If He just healed to show His power He could have just healed a few and let all the others suffer. But I am not serving a God like that. I am serving God who has no respect to persons.¹²⁶

Everyone already knows that the God who spoke the world into existence has all power. He healed before Jesus was born. He healed after Jesus went into heaven.

Healing Manifested to Faith

The way I understand the Bible the Lord manifests Himself to faith instead of unbelief. He refuses to work unless people believe Him first. He will not work for us when we make Him out a liar, by not believing His Word.

Sometimes we are faced with a problem like this: A well-meaning person comes to us and tells us there is an old man, deaf and dumb, and paralyzed, down in the country among fighters and unbelievers. We are told if we will go down there and get that person healed that it will cause all the fighters to accept healing and believe in the Lord.

¹²⁵ "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick." (Matt. 8:16).

¹²⁶ "I perceive that God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34).

Of course, if that old person meets the condition he will be healed. But, as in accepting salvation, he has the condition to meet. There must be a preparation, and the seed of faith sown in his heart first. Perhaps he has been raised up with those unbelievers until he has unbelief sown in his heart instead of faith.

The same rule would work with salvation. Suppose you pick out a real sinful person who has been raised up in a godless community. Could you go down there and get that person saved just anytime? No, as a general rule there must be a way prepared for faith to be planted in his heart. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Furthermore, the people would not believe then. To show that the above excuse is not true you can look at the times when Jesus performed healings and miracles. The people asked Him to leave the country.¹²⁷ They wanted to stone Him.¹²⁸ They wanted to kill Lazarus, they were so angry. He won the people who had faith. But the people who had unbelief, and who did not want to believe, hated Him worse than ever. That is what led to His death.

So Jesus does not heal to show people that He can. He requires us to believe before we see.¹²⁹ In fact, He says if we believe not we shall be damned. The wrath of God is against the unbeliever. Unbelief is of the devil. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Without faith it is impossible to please God. If our heart does not condemn us, we will have faith.¹³⁰

Jesus Moved With Compassion

Jesus did all his works because He was moved with compassion, and not just to show people He could. He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities. He is concerned about our suffering. He went up to the grave of Lazarus and wept. They said, "How He loved him!" And that is the reason He works miracles for us. It is because He is moved with compassion. How He loves us!

¹²⁷ "... and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts" (Matt. 8:34).

¹²⁸ "... for which of those works do you stone me?" (John 10:32).

¹²⁹ "Now faith is... the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1).

¹³⁰ "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

“Love kindness” (“mercy” AV) occurs hundreds of times in the Bible. David spoke often of the Justice, Righteousness, and Wrath of God. But God’s “love kindness” was the thing He gloried in.

We see in so many places that the reason Jesus healed was that He was moved with compassion.¹³¹ I don’t see where the Bible says that “God is power,” but IT does say, that “God is love.” He is more interested in your knowing that He is love than in knowing that He is power. He healed to show His love instead of His power. The devil does not mind our knowing the Lord is in power, but he does not want us to know that the Lord loves us enough to be moved with compassion. Compassion is what makes the Lord heal. We must learn that the Lord is gracious as well as to learn He is able. You must believe He delights in healing you. He delights in shewing mercy; and mercy includes healing.¹³² Surely we can say with David, “The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and a great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works.”

He loves you enough to heal you. He will not heal just to show He can. Believeth thou this? Do you love one of your children more than you do the other one? Do you only help them to prove them you can? Then don’t accuse God of being worse than you are. He delights in healing you. BELIEVE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE.

¹³¹ Read these scriptures in the Bible. Matt. 4:23-25; 9:35; 10:1; 12:15.

¹³² “Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy” (Micah 7:18). “... Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David” (Matt. 20:30). “...and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him” (verse 34).

EXCUSE NUMBER THIRTY-THREE

NO ONE SEEMS TO CARE

"There is never anyone who comes to see me or gives me a word of encouragement. It seems that they have forsaken me. They discourage me, and never try to help me. How could anyone trust God when no one ever comes about them?" How many people do you know of who takes an attitude like this? That excuse comes when one didn't have an excuse and had to make one.

You May Be Right

Everything you said may be true; and yet you may receive your healing. Did the Lord say the prayers of faith would raise you up if no one has mistreated you? Did He say that everyone who asketh receiveth, except the ones people turned down? No, praise God, when people have turned us down that is the time when we can receive help from the Lord. He said, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivereth them out of them all."¹⁸³ He didn't say all except the disease of the one who had not been treated right.

Maybe God is teaching you to rely on Him alone. He wants you to trust Him when everything else forsakes you. He wants you to depend on Him instead of depending on man. He wants the glory. As long as man has nothing else to rely on he can depend on God. It is when we come to the end of all other help that we can receive help from the Lord.

If some saint has mistreated you; if your own folks have turned a cold shoulder to you; if persecutions have come from your own church folk; if your mother or your preacher has said cutting words to you, remember this:

¹⁸³ See excuse 24, note 43. Excuse 29, note 99. "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?" (Luke 11:11).

THE ONLY THING WHICH WILL CUT A DIAMOND IS ANOTHER DIAMOND. We are all diamonds in the rough when we are saved. What other church folk does not bother us. What sinners say may not affect us; but a man's foes are they of his own household. It is when our own "bunch" lifts up heels against us that it cuts to the quick. But remember the Lord is cutting us in shape; then we will shine.

Job stood it pretty well until his own wife turned him down.¹⁸⁴ Samson said he could destroy the enemies if his own people would leave him alone. When he was finally bound his own people did it.

So, my friend, if your own people have turned you down remember God will not. If the ones in whom you have had the uttermost confidence turn their eyes the other direction, that is when you can look away to Jesus. He wants you to trust in Him instead of others.

If you were shouting all the time, things would not be a trial to you. You must be cut in shape. Other people are having trials too; but not in the same way, and maybe they don't say so much about them as you do.

Depend on God Alone

David, when his own people turned against him, said, "I will look unto the hills from whence cometh my help." Where does your help come from?

No one would put the lame man into the waters. He could find no earthly means for healing. "I have no man", were his hopeless words. No one would help him; but they got in his way. Did that hinder him from getting his healing? No, it helped him. It was then that he turned to Jesus and heard the wonderful words of hope and faith, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk."¹⁸⁵

It was after the physicians failed that the desperate little woman turned to Jesus for healing and was not disappointed.¹⁸⁶ And we could relate hundreds of other incidents like this.

¹⁸⁴ "Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God and die" (Job 2:9).

¹⁸⁵ "... Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: ..." (John 5:7).

¹⁸⁶ "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had

It was when Peter kept his eyes on Jesus that he walked on the waters. The winds and waves were real, but He looked away and kept his eyes on Jesus. If we get our eyes on people, we may be overpowered with the tempest and forget to look to Jesus, believe His words and trust Him. Walk in spite of the storm.¹³⁷

Job said, "Though he slay me yet will I trust Him." Everyone turned against Job. Did he whimper, whine, and wonder? Did he let that hinder him? No, he kept looking to God and said, "I know you can do everything." He got his healing!

Maybe You Want Sympathy

One time the writer was afflicted, with all his family. Sores broke out on the bottom of his feet and in the palms of his hands. His wife and child were in the same condition. They trusted the Lord for a long time, but didn't seem to recover. My wife went to a good old Sister for advice. This Sister had always helped my wife when she got in trouble, and had been like a mother to her. In fact she took the place of a spiritual mother. My wife felt sure that the good sister would encourage her and build her faith. I am sure the Sister didn't mean to discourage her. But she said to my wife, "I knew a little boy who had hands like your boy's hands, and his hands rotted off."

This being the only child we had, my wife was at loss to know what to do. She felt that she was having a harder trial than anyone, as no one seemed to understand her.

Then we went to the camp ground to a camp meeting, thirty-five miles from where we lived. They were to have a healing service that afternoon. As we went in we heard a preacher as he was preaching the message just before praying for the sick. Here is part of his words, "If you are coming here sympathizing with yourself you might as well turn around and go back home." My wife knew that his words were for her. He said for people to get their minds off of their afflictions and their hard times and get their minds on Jesus. Jesus bore the afflictions already.

suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague" (Mark 5:25, 26, 34).

¹³⁷ "But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried saying, Lord, save me" (Matt. 14:30).

Then it was revealed to my wife her trouble. She quit pitying herself and looked to Jesus. Needless to say, healing came.

Brother B. tells us that he started to pastor a church in his early ministry. He was called over to visit a lady who had been down bed-fast for about fifteen years. After making several trips to her house and praying, with no results, he discovered what was wrong with her. As much as he hated to do it, he began to uncover the trouble. I shall relate to you the conversation as he and Sister B were sitting in the room with Sister C., the sick lady.

Brother B.: "Sister, you have been lying in this bed several years, haven't you?"

Sister C.: "Yes, I have suffered so much."

Brother B.: "Sister, you are a burden to your folk. They have worked and toiled and waited on you so long. You delight in having them wait on you. Then for the last fifteen years every time an evangelist, or a new preacher, comes in you have them to come down to pray with you; not for you to get healing, but you like to hear the nice comforting words. You like pity."

Sister C.: "Yes, Brother B. You know . . ."

Brother B.: "Yes, that is right, and you like for the folk to carry you to the church on a bed on special days. You enjoy being carried up the aisle on a cot. You like for everyone in the church to watch you as they put you in the easy chair, and put your head on a soft pillow while the preacher is preaching."

And then before she had time to stop him Brother B. finished up like this: "And when service is over you enjoy people coming around and shaking hands with you and saying they are sorry. In fact, they have petted you so long you would hate to be healed and be without it. You don't realize your condition but you had rather have sympathy than healing."

By this time Sister C. was crying. It had done the work. Then answered Brother B.: "I am not going to pray for you any more until you promise me you will accept your healing. (Sister B. had gotten all she could stand and left the room before now). If you will promise me that you will get out of the bed and clean up your room like a

woman should, and cook the meals from now on; if you will wait on your family instead of letting them wait on you; if you will go to church like anyone else, and walk up the aisle and sit on the bench like other people, I will pray for you.”

When she could stop crying long enough she promised. When he prayed she was healed. She had loved sympathy more than healing.

Be sure and know what spirit you are of when you make such an excuse as the above. Something like that should never keep you from receiving your healing.

*The Problem Solved*¹³⁸

I will tell you something that will solve the problem. Obey the Bible. In everything give thanks, rejoice evermore, this is the will of God concerning you. Say, everything works together for good to them that love the Lord. Learn that whatsoever state you are in to be content. Let all things be done without murmuring. Do good for evil. Rejoice and be exceeding glad. Count it all joy. Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give the desire to thy heart. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Laughter doeth good like a medicine. Murmuring and complaining and fretting will bring disease; the above put into practice will bring healing everytime. **DO AND RECEIVE!**

¹³⁸ “Rejoice evermore... in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (I Thes. 5:18). “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God...” (Rom. 8:28). “... I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content” (Phil. 4:11). “Do all things without murmurings and disputings” (Phil. 2:14). “Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart” (Ps. 37:4).

See excuse 22, note 29.

EXCUSE NUMBER THIRTY-FOUR

GOD PUT IT ON ME HE CAN TAKE IT OFF

Easy, lazy, half-hearted, unconcerned, good for **nothing**, way of seeking the Lord!

Do you read anywhere in the Bible that **anyone ever** received healing who sought the Lord that way? People **don't speak** this excuse out with their mouth, but by their actions you **know** they are taking that attitude. Don't content yourself with **this excuse** and be satisfied to keep your affliction. Get in earnest!

The Lord Never Afflicts

Friend, you have it backward. Jesus is busy **taking diseases** off of people, instead of putting them on. The devil **afflicted Job**. The devil **afflicted everyone** who is afflicted. **Sickness and disease** are not devil possession but they are the oppression of the devil.

Jesus said plainly that the afflicted woman who **had gone bent over those eighteen years** was bound by the devil. **Not only there**, but every place where it tells the reason of the afflictions, **we** are told that Jesus cast out the spirits and they were healed.¹³⁹

The Lord Always Heals

Jesus came to do the will of the Father. While **He was here** He healed all who came to Him believing. He heals all **who will** get all the excuses out of their mind and believe today.

¹³⁹ "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38). "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5). "And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: . . ." (Matt. 9:33).

If God put afflictions on us, then He would be working against the Son, and the Son would be working against the Father. The Son, in His vicarious substitutionary death, would be destroying what the Father was doing. For Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. The devil comes to kill, to steal, and destroy. Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly.¹⁴⁰

Even Jesus sent the twelve out. "They departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere." Then the work was so great that He "appointed other seventy also." He added one hundred and twenty, three thousand, five thousand, and then one city after another. Today He has thousands in His service doing that kind of work; and it seems that, when we look at the endless healing lines of suffering humanity, that He needs many more. He is still destroying the work of the devil, and He never puts the devil on anyone.

Jesus is always on His way to heal someone or just returning from healing someone. The compassionate Christ healed all diseases. He bore our sickness that we might not have to fear them. Does that sound as if He puts them on us? He was striped that we might receive healing.¹⁴¹

He tells us plainly that if a house be divided against itself it cannot stand. If He both heals and afflicts then His Kingdom cannot stand. Satan does not cast out Satan; neither does the Lord afflict.¹⁴²

The Word of God tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from the Lord. There is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. He does not vary; He does not change. He does not do a thing one day and tear it down the next day. He does not work against Himself. I am not serving a God like that! His love, His honesty, His power, and Word is forever the same. His truth endures to all generations. His

¹⁴⁰ "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3:8). "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

¹⁴¹ "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Pet. 2:24). "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matt. 8:17).

¹⁴² "...every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation" (Luke 11:17).

Word is forever settled in heaven. Yesterday He is God. Today He is God. Tomorrow He will be God.¹⁴³

“But where sin abounded, grace did MUCH MORE abound.”

Are You Sincere?

If you believe this excuse you use why do you try to get well? Why don't you be honest, and wait, and let God take it off? You want to wait until God takes it off. But you can't make us believe that if you go to the doctor, take medicine, or try to get well in any way. Now be honest. You know that is the truth.

GET SINCERE! He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Everyone that asketh receiveth. He said if you asked Him for bread He will not give you a stone or a serpent. Don't make Him out a liar. Healing is the children's bread. You ask Him for healing; you will not get sickness.¹⁴⁴

What if a sinner said that about his sins? Suppose when you start to get him to get saved he would say, “God put this sin on me; He can take it off”? He would not get saved. Yet, we have as much scripture for healing as we do for salvation. A sinner may as well say that about forgiveness as for you to say that about healing.¹⁴⁵

In the same scripture where He promised to forgive all thy iniquities, He promised to heal all our diseases.

Can you produce one scripture where the Lord put diseases on people? No, if people could use that excuse no one would have ever been healed.

Then repent for making such an accusation against God. Then get in earnest. Seek Him with all your heart. He WILL BE FOUND.¹⁴⁶

¹⁴³ “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17). Also see excuse 30, note 5.

¹⁴⁴ “For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh” (Prov. 4:22). “If a son sha'll ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?” (Luke 11:11).

¹⁴⁵ “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” (Isa. 53:5). See excuse 21, note 19.

¹⁴⁶ “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:13).

EXCUSE NUMBER THIRTY-FIVE

I INTEND TO GET HEALING SOMETIME

This excuse represents neglect. It makes no difference what reason one gives, whether it is that he is too busy, too lazy, or for other reasons. We don't have space to treat each reason or excuse separately. So we will bundle them up and hurry and get them out of the way so you can get your healing.

The person I have in mind now has faith for healing, but somehow he puts off receiving his healing until some other time. He knows God will hear and answer, but he always puts it off until tomorrow to receive healing. This age-old excuse is as good as the devil wants, just anything to keep you from healing.

Same Excuse for Other Things

Many folks know that God will save them, but they always wait until some other time. As long as they say they will be saved tomorrow they will never be saved. So many say they are going to receive the Holy Ghost sometime. I have talked to several lately who have good intentions. They intend to start a regular hour to pray and read the Bible, but it remains intentions. I know of a good man who intended to start preaching "next year." Many years went by and he died, still intending to preach the next year. Oh, the road to hell is paved with good intentions! They went to hell, not because they were real bad people, but because they neglected their great salvation.

Some think that Paul is talking to sinners when he asked, "How shall *we* escape if *we* neglect so great salvation?" And if you will read, you will see that he is not talking about the common salvation, as Jude is, but he is talking about your healing; for before he finished the sentence he tells us what great salvation he is talking about. He is

speaking of miracles of healing. So how shall you escape if you continue to neglect your healing? He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.¹⁴⁷

The Lord commands us to prove all things¹⁴⁸ That includes healing. If you really believe in healing, prove it. You are responsible for bringing the light to others if you have seen it. You will be held responsible more than the person who does not know about these great things of the great salvation.

The old proverb, "Procrastination is the thief of time," is still true. The people in Noah's day were not drowned just because they were all wicked. But it was just because they neglected to go into the Ark until "tomorrow". Don't wait until your affliction destroys you.

You remember the man with the rattlesnake. Of course it was tame. A friend told him to stop playing with it because it was getting stronger. He thought he could try it one more day. It wrapped itself around the snake charmer so tight one day that even he got afraid and barely escaped alive. He said, "I will try it just once more." But that time he failed to escape. He threw up his hands and reached for help, but it was too late. His breath was gone. It squeezed him to death.

Beware unless you let your afflictions grow one day too long!

"Sometime" May Be Too Late

Don't get in the habit of neglecting. It will grow on you. You will practice it in other things.

I heard that a captain on a ship was told that the ship was sinking. He told the messenger that they had plenty of time. He kept getting messages of danger; but each time he sent the word back that they had plenty of time. Finally he started to the lifeboat, but alas, it was chained! He neglected a few minutes too long. He went down!

¹⁴⁷ "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation; which at the first begin to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" (Heb. 2:3-4).

¹⁴⁸ "Prove all things; . . ." (I Thess. 5:21).

GOD'S TIME IS NOW. He has never promised to save tomorrow. He never promises to heal anyone tomorrow. "Behold, now, is the accepted time. Today is the day of salvation." And salvation includes divine healing.¹⁴⁹

Wake up! Why be lazy? Why be a foolish virgin? Why sleep when duty is calling you? Don't get too busy to receive your healing. Soon you may change the excuse, "I'll get my healing sometime", to "My case is chronic now." Why would we have to beg you to accept your healing now?

In my vision the other night, I saw a man asleep. The house he was in was burning down! I yelled at him and told him to wake up and get out! He raised up on his elbow, very slowly, and groaned, "I know it; I'll get up after awhile." Is that you?

Jesus is coming after overcomers. He is coming after people who are awake. **IF YOU WILL REACH UP AND ACCEPT, YOU CAN RECEIVE YOUR HEALING NOW.**

¹⁴⁹ "...behold now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).

EXCUSE NUMBER THIRTY-SIX

THE SPIRIT IS WILLING, BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK

I knew a dear saint of God who was afflicted in body. She took medicine all the time. She excused herself for not trusting God, by saying her Spirit was willing but her flesh was weak. Therefore, she did not receive her healing, as far as I know; for she had Scripture for her excuse.¹⁵⁰ This excuse kept her from receiving her healing. It caused a question mark to form in her mind. She felt like her flesh was too weak to receive her healing.

Not Speaking About Healing

This scripture has nothing to do with healing whatsoever. Jesus left Peter, James, and John to watch at the gate; for He felt that the enemy was near. They were tired and needed rest, so they went to sleep. He told them that they were tired in body, which was the reason they didn't stay awake. They were willing to stay awake. They didn't go to sleep on purpose.

Now if you were sitting up with the sick, or sitting up with a dead man, and happened to drop off to sleep a few minutes because you were tired in body, and worn out, would that mean that you could not receive healing from the Lord? Some people, after they get so tired in body, go to sleep driving a car, on the job or even at church. They don't do it on purpose. Therefore, it is no sin. That does not mean that Jesus will not heal them.

The man who fell out of the window, and killed himself, was healed. He went to sleep while Paul was speaking so long. His spirit

¹⁵⁰ "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41).

was willing but his flesh was tired and worn. That didn't hinder him from getting healing.¹⁵¹

Trust in a Living Christ

This hour belonged to the devil. It was the hour of the power of darkness. Jesus was being overpowered. Why try to live in that hour? We are not in that hour.

We are trusting in a living Christ now. He has the keys of death and hell now. He says He has power in heaven and earth. He says, "I give you power in heaven and earth." He says, "I give you power over all the power of the devil, over sickness, and disease, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon you." "The works that I do shall ye do also." Jesus has already won that battle. It is finished.¹⁵²

The Holy Ghost Was Not Yet Given

They all forsook Him then. They fled. Peter backslid, denied the name, followed afar off, and cursed and swore. Does that mean you are justified by putting yourself back where they were? Just because Judas killed himself in that dark hour would you go kill yourself? You may as well read the scripture, "Go ye and do likewise," and go kill yourself as Judas did, as to read this scripture where they slept, and apply that to healing. You may as well be lifted up with pride, boast, fail to fast, and follow afar off, and warm by the wrong fire, as Peter, as to say you have a right to sleep as he did.

But he obeyed the Lord's command, and went back and received the Holy Ghost after that! We don't read where his flesh was so weak after Pentecost. He had enough of the healing power that the people who got in his shadow were healed. Why not pattern after him as he is in the book of Acts?

¹⁵¹ "And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead." "And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him" (Acts 20:9-10).

¹⁵² "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19).

He was wide awake after he received the Holy Ghost. He looked those same people in the face and testified to healing. He told them they crucified the Lord of glory.

He had power to get delivered one time when he was bound. And he was asleep when deliverance came. Being asleep didn't keep deliverance from coming.¹⁵³

Live After the Spirit

There are people who try to make that scripture mean that we must live after the flesh. In other words, according to their belief, we must let the old man come alive sometimes and to do things we should not and blame it on the old man, or the flesh.

The story goes that the colored man was arrested and brought to court for stealing chickens. He told the Judge it was the old man that stole the chickens. He said the outward man had to sin every day. The Judge said that he would lock the old outward man up thirty days, and let the inward man do as he pleased.

The inward man is what sins. "Every sin that a man doeth is without the body." All sins come from the heart.¹⁵⁴ When this outward man is put into the grave the inward man is stopped. When this inward man is finished the outward man does not sin anymore. Therefore, it is the inward man that is responsible, for giving permission. The Bible says the body is dead because of sin. When Paul said that he died daily he was not talking about the old man dying every day, for he taught that we should keep the old man dead. He was talking about his fleshly body wearing away.

No man can serve two masters. The old man and the new man do not both stay alive in us at one time. A house divided against itself cannot stand. No fountain can send forth both sweet water and bitter.

Let the Word of God bring you healing, by being quickened to you, going to the joints and marrow, and then it will be life to your flesh.¹⁵⁵ There is a difference in your natural flesh being tired, as the

¹⁵³ "... Peter was sleeping between two soldiers...but thought he saw a vision" (Acts 12:6-9).

¹⁵⁴ "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin:..." (James 1:15).

¹⁵⁵ See excuse 22, note 28.

disciple's flesh was, and letting the old, unregenerated nature, also called the flesh, come alive and take control.

If I were you, I could change my attitude and get in earnest. Anyone can float along with the tide, and make excuses. Seek God with all your heart and He will be found.

I'M HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME

When I am trying to help some folks, and give them advice how to obtain and retain healing, I can't get them to hear a word I am saying. Why? Because they are complaining me about their pains, their aches, their throats, even if in their back, their leg or their head. They have commitments. They have suffered so much.

I know one good brother who suffers so much. I pray for him. I ask him if he is easy and he will say, "O, just right this moment I am; but I am having such a hard time. Of course the pain is gone right now, but it comes back every night until I can't sleep. I just lie there and sob—and can't sleep. It is my back, and my stomach, my head, and my kidneys, and I believe I must have a cancer, and maybe heart trouble. I must have high blood pressure. I am just ran down all over." I say, "Yes, but you are easy now?" "O, yes," he answers. "But I must have cancer, and people don't seem to know what a bad condition I am in." I say, "Yes, but you just now received your healing didn't you? You should believe and praise the Lord." "Oh no, I wish I could get my healing. Wouldn't it be wonderful if I was to get my healing, but it doesn't look like I ever will. I am ran down all over. Keep praying till I will get it sometime." Look at the times he has already said "I'm having such a hard time." I and

Get Your Mind on Jesus

Maybe you are having a hard time. Jesus is the burden-bearer. Unload your burdens on him. There are thousands of others who are having just as hard a time as you are, and they are not complaining. Why? Because they are complaining every time they meet someone. I have your burdens at the cross. Don't pick them up any more.

EXCUSE NUMBER THIRTY-SEVEN

I'M HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME

When I am trying to help some folk, and give them advice how to obtain and retain healing, I can't get them to hear a word I am saying. Why? Because they are busy telling me about their pains, their sufferings, their trials, etc. It is their back, their leg, or their head. They have been mistreated. They have suffered so much.

I know one good brother who suffers so much. I pray for him. I ask him if he is easy and he will say, "O, just right this moment I am; but I am having such a hard time. Of course, the pain is gone right now, but it comes back every night until I can't sleep. I just lie there and roll—and can't sleep. It is my back, and my stomach, my head, and my kidneys, and I believe I must have a cancer, and maybe heart trouble. I must have high blood pressure. I am just run down all over." I say "Yes, but you are easy now?" "Oh, yes," he answers, "but I must have cancer, and people don't seem to know what a bad condition I am in." I say, "Yes, but you just now received your healing, didn't you? You should believe and praise the Lord." "Oh me, I wish I could get my healing. Wouldn't it be wonderful if I was to get my healing, but it doesn't look like I ever will, I am run down all over. Keep praying that I will get it sometime." Look at the times he has already said "I." Get your mind off of "I" and,

Get Your Mind on Jesus

Maybe you are having a hard time. Jesus is the burden-bearer.¹⁵⁶ Unload your burdens on him. There are thousands of others who are having just as hard a time as you are, and they are not grumbling, whimpering, howling, nor complaining every time they meet someone. Leave your burdens at the cross. Don't pick them up any more.

¹⁵⁶ See excuse 21, note 4.

There is nothing so good, or so bad, but what talking about it will make it more so. Try never to mention your problems to anyone, but Jesus, for six months, and see if you don't improve. It is alright to be prayed for, but then don't tell anyone else about it, not even your folk. Maybe it is just sympathy you desire instead of your healing. Your tooth concerns you more than all the suffering that took place in the last two wars, and all the pains in the hospitals of the world! You should not be so self-centered.

Get your eyes off yourself and put them on the sufferings of Jesus for awhile. Think how much He suffered. He didn't whine around and tell everyone He met. No, He helped others. He set us an example. Look at His stripes! Why did He suffer those stripes? **HE TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND BARE OUR SICKNESS.** So stop carrying them around if He has already bore them.¹⁵⁷

Complaining Hinders Healing

Murmuring defiles the whole body. It brings sickness and diseases. It causes cancer, and heart disease. Your food will not digest right if you are discontented.

So many people, when they get healed and feel better, will not confess it; for they are afraid they will lose the sympathy of the people. They will still hold their stomach and grunt, or hold their leg and limp!

Complaining is a sin. That is the reason the Children of Israel died. They complained and murmured about what a hard time they were having. When we complain about what we have to go through with we are complaining against God. "In everything give thanks." When they looked to the serpent, the type of Jesus, they were healed.¹⁵⁸

Moses condemned complaining! God condemned it! Paul condemned it! Jesus condemned it! Habakkuk condemned it! Jude said

¹⁵⁷ "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matt. 8:17).

¹⁵⁸ "And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass he lived" (Num. 21:9).

they would go to torment with the murderers. Complaining and murmuring is of the devil. It brings diseases.¹⁵⁹

Delight Thyself in the Lord

Paul practiced what he preached while he was in that dark jail with his back bleeding. He could have whined and whimpered; but he didn't. He commands us to be content in all things. "Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give thee the desires of thy heart." "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." "Envy is the rottenness of the bones." Envy causes you to murmur.¹⁶⁰

People have learned in the hospitals if they can play music, and keep a person's spirit up, he will regain health more quickly. Keep him contented and his food will digest.

When a person gets discouraged he will discourage all the people he meets. That is the reason the Lord commanded all the fearful and afraid to go back.¹⁶¹

Some workers at a factory were said to have planned a joke on their employer. One went in and said, "Good morning, how are you? You don't look so well today." He said he was doing just fine.

Another came by and said, "How are you Mr. B—? You look pale, you must be sick today." He said he was feeling a little "tuff" but he would pull through.

The next one who came by received the answer that he was feeling badly. Before noon he had gone to have a check-up.

My friend, you can imagine you have a cancer. You can be afraid something is going to happen. Jesus said according to your faith be it unto you. Job said what he feared came upon him. Where there is fear there is not faith. Where there is faith there is no fear.

Don't you have any good points at all? Talk about them and try being thankful.

¹⁵⁹ Read these scriptures: Ex. 16:17; Num. 14:7; I Cor. 10:10; John 6:43; Heb. 3:17-18; Jude 16.

¹⁶⁰ "A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy is the rottenness of the bones" (Prov. 14:30).

¹⁶¹ "...let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his" (Deut. 20:8).

I can be driving a car down the road. I can imagine I have a flat. That car will drive like I can't get much farther. I get out and prove to myself that I have no flat and the car will drive like it may last for many years.

So it is with you. A lot of the trouble is in your head. God hates imagination, because it is of the devil. That steals your faith. It causes doubts. That causes you to make excuses and miss your healing God has for you.¹⁶²

Why Be a Chronic Complainer?

Don't live where people will dread to meet up with you, and where no one can pray a prayer of faith for you. You will never receive your healing until you expect your healing. If you are borrowing trouble from tomorrow you will never receive anything from the Lord.

Jesus said they were going over to the other side. The disciples said they were going to the bottom of the lake and drown. No wonder Jesus said, "O you of little faith." They had rather believe the imagination of the devil than to believe Jesus' Word.¹⁶³

The Lord said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." The devil says, "You ought to go have a check-up. You may have a cancer." It is according to which one you believe, whether you will be healed or not. From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. When someone asks you how you are, just say, "Praise the Lord. I am depending on the promises of the Lord. He said He is the Lord that healeth me." It is not wrong for you to say, "It is written," if Jesus did.¹⁶⁴

Habits will grow on you. The habit of complaining is no exception.

Brother B. went to see one Sister who was suffering. She began like this: "I don't know why I have to suffer so much. I have lived for God twenty years. I can't get healing. And I know I have lived right."

Brother B. said, "Sister, repent and get right with God and you will receive healing."

¹⁶² "These six things doth the Lord hate...wicked imaginations..." (Prov. 6:16-18).

¹⁶³ "... why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4:40).

¹⁶⁴ "... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matt. 12:34).

She was shocked. "What am I doing that is a sin? I have been suffering these two years. I can't get anywhere. I live right." She answered.

Brother B. said, "Sister, you are grumbling. That is a sin! You should rejoice in everything. You didn't know that complaining spirit was in you. This sickness brought it to the surface. Now repent of it, and get rid of it."¹⁶⁵

When she repented and confessed she was delivered of that spirit, and was healed.

The joy of the Lord will help you. Get a refilling of the Holy Ghost. Let Him speak through you. That will build you up in faith. Laugh in the Spirit. Talk about your blessings. Can't you see? Then talk about how wonderful it is that you have eyesight.¹⁶⁶

Suffering friend, if you are not guilty I am not talking to you. Jesus came to heal you. He will gladly minister to your needs now. **ONLY BELIEVE.**

¹⁶⁵ See excuse 33, note 138.

¹⁶⁶ "...neither be ye sorry: for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:10).

EXCUSE NUMBER THIRTY-EIGHT

I HAVE TO SEE SOMEONE HEALED FIRST

“Seeing is believing,” according to some people’s philosophy. Some state plainly that they will believe nothing until they see it. Some don’t say that with their mouth, but by their actions they are saying just that.

God Required Believing First

The world says, “Show me and I will believe,” but God says, “Believe and I will show you.” “Blessed is she that has believed for there shall be a performance.” After you see something, faith is not in operation. Faith is believing something before you see it. That is the only way the Lord will work. Without faith it is impossible to please the Lord.¹⁶⁷

You Can’t See the Power of God

You can’t see the Gifts of the Spirit. You can hear three of them when they are operating. But the other six work silently. You can’t see electricity. You can’t see the wind. You can’t see radio waves, but if you believe they are coming through your room you will get a receiving set and tune it in. What if you would say that you are not going to believe there are radio waves? Shouldn’t you as soon believe God as the scientist?

God reveals Himself to faith only. You must believe His Word, and not make Him out a liar.¹⁶⁸

You could say the same thing about salvation. But you would never get saved. Suppose you would tell people that you would never

¹⁶⁷ See excuse 32, note 128.

¹⁶⁸ See excuse 30, note 101.

believe in salvation until you saw someone get saved. You might see the results of them getting salvation. You may see the manifestation. But if you had unbelief in your heart you still would not have any faith in what they said. If you don't have faith in your heart then unbelief is there. Unbelief is of the devil.¹⁶⁹

You can't see electricity. You can see results. If I would put my hand in a light socket you could see me sling my hand, but you would have to have enough faith in me to take my word for it, or you would not believe that I felt the power. Suppose you would say you want to see someone get their prayers answered.

You may see my table loaded down with food, but if you had no faith in me you would not believe me, when I told you that I got it in answer to prayer. You would say, "It would have happened anyway."

Unbelief Will Not Accept

Even after things come to pass, unbelief will not accept it as being from the Lord. People say if some certain man will receive healing, they will believe it. When he gets well they will find one more, and say the same thing. They make God out a liar unless one more gets healed.

The rich man in hell told the Lord, that if Lazarus would be sent back from the dead his brothers would believe. The Lord told him that if they would not believe the Word of God, when it was preached to them, then they would not believe a person who came back from the dead. That means if you don't believe the Word of God, as it is in the Bible, if you don't believe the preachers, then you would not believe it if someone would get raised from a death bed, or was brought back from the dead in answer to prayer.¹⁷⁰

That Lazarus did not come back alive, but another Lazarus did. The people who were not honest just had that much more unbelief. The unbelief and the devil rose up in them until they wanted to kill Lazarus, and did kill Jesus. The more miracles the Lord works the more

¹⁶⁹ "But the fearful and unbelieving . . . shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8).

¹⁷⁰ ". . . If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (Luke 16:31).

people will fight and say they don't believe, if they are full of the devil anyway.

They say it would have happened anyway. I told a man we prayed for rain and it rained. He was a good customer. He had been trading with me about six years. I thought he would rejoice with me. He said, "You could have hung up a snake and it would have rained just the same. If you would have hung up two snakes it would have rained more." I could just see the unbelief rise up in him. He stopped trading with me and wouldn't come back any more.

The people in St. John 9, after they saw a man was healed, who had been blind all his life, said, "He is a man just like him. He is not the same man."

Beware unless you doubt it after you see the results of healing.

Faith Cometh by Hearing

Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God, not by seeing so much. Unbelief will not believe after it sees. It shuts its eyes.¹⁷¹

If you want faith in your heart just read and obey the Word. He will send His Word and heal you. Try reading Exodus 15:26 seven times each day for seven days, and do just what it says. You will have faith. Faith cometh by hearing instead of by seeing. Read the Word until you feel the assurance that it is true. It takes praying and living right also. If you will obey it you can understand it. That is the only way.¹⁷²

First, repent of making God a liar. Then say, "Lord you told the truth; you are the Lord that healeth me." Turn your dial toward heaven. Get your receiving set where you can receive when healing comes as the radio waves. Tune toward God instead of toward someone's experience. You can tune your radio toward a foolish program or toward a religious program. You can tune the receiving set of your soul towards doubts, or towards faith.

Someone right by you could have picked up the radio waves and you didn't know they were there, because your receiving set was out of

¹⁷¹ See excuse 22, note 18.

¹⁷² "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine..." (Jno. 7:17).

order. You won't receive anything. Get your receiving set tuned up. Receive the Word of God into your heart. It will bring healing. All things you ask believing *you* shall RECEIVE.

Here are a few testimonies of healing from my files:

DEAF IN ONE EAR—My father tried to get some bugs out of my head when I was a child which caused the hearing in one ear to be completely gone. There was a roaring in my head. My ear ran corruption for years. Since you prayed my head is cleared up. The roaring is gone. I can hear the preaching. I had been deaf out of that ear 53 years. **File E-93**

GOITER—In your revival in North Malvern I was healed of goiter which I had been bothered with ever since I can remember. It seems like there is a hole there now. **File E-94**

ARTHRITIS—I am a Spanish-American Veteran. I had arthritis for 52 years. After everything else failed I was healed in your meeting. **File B-35**

DEAF IN ONE EAR AND INDIGESTION—I was completely deaf in my right ear for over two years. When you prayed I could hear a whisper out of it. I was also healed of indigestion which I had since I can remember. **File B-36**

GOITER, FEMALE AND GLAND TROUBLE—I had goiter in my throat 12 years which choked me. I smothered and was nervous continually. I had female trouble and gland trouble. I couldn't get into the healing line and you prayed for me. I have felt good since and have had no symptoms since I was healed. (It came gradually.) **File F-79**

BLIND—I was blind in both eyes. The doctor said the muscles were worn out. After I was prayed for in Brother Grant's revival I could see people. I saw the light. Then I could sit in the congregation and see the preacher. After two days I could see people as they pass the road. I can read large print in the Bible . . . My eyes are about normal for an 86-year-old woman. **File C-66**

ULCERATED STOMACH AND COLON TROUBLE—I suffered with colon trouble and ulcerated stomach for nine years. I was on a diet for three years. I was pronounced incurable after three X-rays. The soreness is now gone and I can eat anything. **File C-68**

ARTHRITIS—I was sent home from the hospital in Memphis. They said I would have to suffer with arthritis the rest of my life. It affected my ears, eyes, and feet. Since you prayed for me I am perfectly whole and working every day. **File C-69**

ANEMIC—Malaria affected my red blood cells and gave me an anemic condition. . . . I have had no attack since March, 1950. Pains in my back for five years kept me from sleeping at night. The doctors had said an higher climate was the only cure. I was prayed for in your meeting at Camden. **File C-71**

DEAF IN ONE EAR—Total deafness in my right ear for 42 years was caused by 500 caps shooting one Christmas. Doctors said my ear drum was paralyzed completely, and I would never hear again. Since Brother Grant prayed for me I can hear a whisper out of that ear. **File D-86**

EXCUSE NUMBER THIRTY-NINE

MY CASE IS CHRONIC

Do you feel that your case is chronic? Don't you think there is any use in being prayed for? That is the reason that you do not receive healing. Although you are prayed for, your case being chronic does not keep you from being healed, but the excuse in your mind creates a doubt.

Faith as a Grain of Mustard Seed

If we have faith, as a grain of mustard seed has faith, we can move a mountain of afflictions. When a mustard seed comes up it refuses to be discouraged. If it is cut down it still tries. If it is covered up it still pushes its head out and looks up. If the winter bites it off it is still encouraged to look up to its heavenly Father in the Spring.¹⁷³

Brother, Sister, why can't you have that much courage to keep trying? If you have to ride the altar bench all the way be determined to go through.

I helped a chronic seeker to the Holy Ghost the other day who had been seeking for nineteen years. A chronic sinner gets saved. Which is easier for Jesus to say, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," or to say, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk?"

No case is incurable, but some people are. It is because the excuse is in there.

Jesus Specializes in Chronic Cases

Many of the Bible records where people were healed show it was after everything else had failed. They were pronounced incurable.

Look at the man with the withered hand. Look at the man who had been blind all his life; the man who had not walked in forty years;

¹⁷³ "... If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place . . . and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt. 17:20).

the lame at the Gate called Beautiful; and the woman with the issue of blood. Take a look at the woman who had been bound by Satan eighteen years where she could not raise up.

Did any of these people stand back and have to beg to be healed? Did they whine around and say that their case was too much? If they had made such an excuse, they would not have received their healing. Their names would not have even been mentioned in the Bible records.¹⁷⁴

He Is Just the Same Today

We have so many testimonies today where people tried everything else, and then they came to the Lord.

The writer has such a testimony. After nineteen years of chronic disease, when it looked like all was hopeless, then he came to Jesus after everything else failed. He was not disappointed.

Many will not come until they fail and give up. After the Physicians give them up that is when they rely fully on the Lord. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. When you walk out of your own strength that is when you can walk out into God's strength. When you come to the end of yourself that is when God begins. It is easier to trust God then, because you don't have anything else to trust. That is when you put it all in His hands. Any Physician would demand that you trust him and put it in his hands. Jesus is the Great Physician.¹⁷⁵

Believe God's Word

Did He say He was the Lord that healeth thee, if your case was not too hard? Did He say He healeth all our diseases except the chronic cases? Did He say He would deliver us out of all our afflictions, except the chronic cases? Do you read that they shall lay hands on, and the ones would recover who had easy cases? Did you read that the Lord would raise up only the easy cases? Suppose He would say, "Everyone that asketh receiveth, except the chronic cases."¹⁷⁶

¹⁷⁴ See these scriptures: Matt. 12:10; John 9; John 5; Acts 3; Mark 5:21-34; Luke 13:13.

¹⁷⁵ "... trust also in Him and he shall bring it to pass" (Ps. 37:5).

¹⁷⁶ See these scriptures: Ex. 15:26; Ps. 103:3; Ps. 34:19; Mark 16:17; James 5:14-15; Luke 11:11.

Is there anything too hard for Him? If so, then He is not Master, but Satan is. Did He say He would give power over all the power of the Devil, except the "tuff" cases?¹⁷⁷

If He didn't say that, if He said just the opposite, then you are believing the Devil instead of the Lord. The Lord will not work for you when you make Him a liar. No wonder you have not received healing.

Destroy That "If"

Lazarus seemed hopeless. He was dead and in the grave. "By this time he stinketh." Things were hopeless, but only in the minds of the people, not with Jesus. But the doubt had to be erased out of their minds. When Mary and Martha said, "If you had been here my brother would not have died," Jesus had to destroy that "if" with His "if." He said, "If you will only believe you will see the glory of God." That goes to you, suffering friend. Deliverance comes more quickly to those who are hopeless. **ONLY BELIEVE AND YOU WILL SEE.**¹⁷⁸

¹⁷⁷ "Is anything too hard for the Lord? ..." (Gen. 18:14).

¹⁷⁸ "Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" (John 11:40).

EXCUSE NUMBER FORTY

SO MANY HYPOCRITES

Have people gotten in your way? Are you looking at their faults? Then I know just what you are battling against. I was in your condition. So I am qualified to give you a little advice; will you be teachable?

You May Be Right

You may be right, but still you are wrong. Did it ever occur to you that a critical spirit is just as bad as any spirit that may be in other people? It is easier to criticize than to understand.

Jesus forgives a person the same day he commits the wrong. If you have the Spirit of Christ you will too. If you have not the Spirit of Christ you are none of His.

Could it be that you have had your eyes blinded? In "dog days," they say that the snakes go blind and bite everything they come in contact with. Do you backbite people?¹⁷⁹

Remember that people use that same excuse to keep from getting saved, or to keep from receiving the Holy Ghost.

That critical spirit may be the thing that causes you to be sick. If it is, you must remove the cause before you receive healing. The trouble is not that someone is not living right. The trouble is in your stumbling over them.

Remember the tongue can defile the whole body. Next to sin of unbelief is the sin of unforgiveness. Because people do not forgive from the heart the Lord does not forgive them.¹⁸⁰

¹⁷⁹ "But he that lacketh these things is blind and cannot see afar off and has forgotten that he was ever purged from his old sins" (II Peter 1:9).

¹⁸⁰ See excuse 26, note 71.

Some say that ill health causes a person to become bitter in thoughts. Ill health does not cause one to become bitter in thoughts or words. It is the other way around. It is harsh, bitter words or thoughts that causes a person to become ill in health.

Get Ahead of That Person

If you get ahead of him he will not get in your way. He is closer to the Lord than you are if he is in your way. He will not look so badly to you when you get right. He that walketh in the light does not stumble because he can see where he is going. You only stumble over things when you are walking in darkness and failing God yourself. The Word of God says to comfort the feeble minded instead of trying to knock them out, or stumbling over them. If you think that they are so weak remember it is your duty to bear the infirmities of the weak. Wash your window and the other person's window will look more nearly clean.¹⁸¹

There were so many people in a poor, feeble, sick woman's way. She was given up to die. She had an issue of blood for twelve years. But she refused to let Judas, or anyone else, get in her way. She pressed on through and touched the hem of His garment, and was made perfectly whole. She could have stood back and let people get in her way, but she didn't. Are you weaker than she was? She was not even saved.¹⁸²

You need to get where Job did. As soon as he prayed for his enemies he received healing.¹⁸³

That Shouldn't Hinder Healing

Judas didn't keep thousands of people who came to Jesus from receiving healing. Alexander did Paul much evil, but that didn't hinder hundreds from receiving healing who came to Paul. Demas didn't treat Paul right, but people didn't let that stand in their way. Why should you? It is not that which hinders your healing. It is the excuse you are propped up on. Let it go!

¹⁸¹ See excuse 23, note 32.

¹⁸² "And he said un'o her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague" (Mark 5:34).

¹⁸³ "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before" (Job 42:10).

If a banker were to get hold of a counterfeit dollar would he say this? "I will never handle another dollar while I live because I got hold of a counterfeit the other day." A counterfeit only proves that there must be some genuines. Because if there were no real ones there would be no counterfeits.

In the fifth chapter of John Jesus wanted to heal a poor man. He asked, "Wilt thou be made whole? But the poor man said, "Every time I start to get my healing someone gets in my way." That was not what Jesus asked him. Jesus asked, "Wilt thou be made whole?"¹⁸⁴

When the poor crippled man got his eyes off the people and the pool, and got his eyes on just Jesus, he picked up his bed and walked.

That is all you need. Jesus is watching. He is asking now, "Wilt thou be made whole?" He respects your will. He will not do it against your will. Are *you* willing? Willing to discard that silly excuse and say, "Lord, I accept you now. I accept my complete deliverance?"
WILT THOU BE MADE WHOLE?

¹⁸⁴ See excuse 23, note 41.

EXCUSE NUMBER FORTY-ONE

HEALING FOR EARLY CHURCH

As long as you believe that the Early Church was the only one to get healing you never will receive your healing. So, if you don't mind, I would like to help you.

Tradition of Elders Proves Nothing

Jesus said the tradition of the Elders makes the Word of God of none effect. How true that is in this time we are living in. Why had you rather believe the Old Teaching, which has been handed down to you, that Healing is done away with? You have only done away with your part of it by holding to the tradition of the elders.¹⁸⁵

I suppose if I had been taught all my life that a mule was a cow, when I got grown I would have seen a mule and called it a cow. Therefore, dear friend, don't think that I am putting the blame on you. I don't want you to be deprived of this experience of healing just because you have been told it has passed away.

So many times, people belong to a certain church just because their Mother or Father did, not stopping to consider what that church teaches. If your church fights healing it is fighting the Bible and the power of God.

Don't understand me to say that your parents, or grand-parents, were not saved. You can belong to the same church they did and then not have the experience they did. In those days that church might have had the power of God. But do the people in it believe and practice the old power like your grand-parents did? Joining the church is

¹⁸⁵ “. . . full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition . . . making the Word of God of none effect through your own tradition” (Mk. 7:9-13).

no more than joining a lodge unless you are saved, except that it makes you a hypocrite and a sinner, instead of just a sinner. If your church does not believe in the power of God, you are commanded by the Bible to turn away from it. (I have no certain church in mind)¹⁸⁶

As I said, I am not trying to criticize you or say that you are not a Christian; I only say it is unfortunate that you have been taught that, for you are not enjoying this wonderful blessing.

If my parents had been Negroes I would have been a Negro. I am glad that I had a Mother who believed in the Holy Ghost and healing. I was not taught it had passed away, or I may not have been enjoying it today.

If you really believed that arsenic was powdered sugar that would not hinder it from killing you. Just because you really are sincere in believing that divine healing is passed away, that will not help you to live longer and enjoy life.

Tradition of the elders makes the Word of God of none effect. They teach that when the Bible was completed then all healing, tongues, miracles, in fact everything except faith, hope, and charity was done away with. They say that the scripture in I Cor. 12:30, means just that.

But I Corinthians 13 teaches the opposite. Don't we still have faith? Don't we still have preaching and teaching? Don't we still have knowledge? Don't we have wisdom? Do we see face to face now? The next verse says for us to "desire spiritual gifts."¹⁸⁷ "When that which is perfect is come" means when we step beyond this life and see face to face. We will know as we are known then. We no longer will need the spiritual gift of the Word of Knowledge but we will know all things instead of having just a word now and then.

The tradition of the elders is trying to make the "perfect law of liberty" an "imperfect law of bondage." People are teaching that the Word of God no longer liberates or sets men free. They say the Word of God no longer has power to heal.

¹⁸⁶ "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Tim. 3:5).

¹⁸⁷ "... desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy" (I Cor. 14:1).

The truth still remains, "He sent His Word and healed them," and faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by Word of God. The Word of God still goes to the joints and marrow. It is still life to your flesh. It is still the perfect Law of Liberty. It still sets men free. It is still quick and powerful. It is the Perfect Law of Liberty instead of the Imperfect Law of Bondage.¹⁸⁸

The Bible Proves Healing

The Word of God is forever the same. From lid to lid there is power in the Word—POWER TO HEAL! Miracles have been in all dispensations. He is the God of miracles in all dispensations. In every age, people have tried to put miracles in the past, but God has proved Himself forever the same.

Moses proved miracles were not in the past. Gideon proved it. Samson proved it to his generation. Job proved it to his generation. Hezekiah proved it. David proved it and preached it. Then, about the time people began to put them in the past again, God moved by sending greater miracles than ever through His own Son and through the early Church.

We have other generations who have come up and decided that miracles were all in the past. But God is moving on the scene right in the face of it all and doing the same things He used to. He is still the God who is enough.

No one has a right to change another's name. God's name is Jehovah-Rapha, meaning the Lord our healer. That means "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Yesterday His Name was Jehovah-Rapha; Today his name is Jehovah-Rapha; and tomorrow it will be Jehovah-Rapha. He is forever the same. He does not change. He is not *I Was* or *I Will Be*, But His Name is still *I Am*.¹⁸⁹

¹⁸⁸ See excuse 25, note 66.

¹⁸⁹ "And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them." "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Ex. 15:25, 26).

We can prove that salvation has passed away just as easily as we can prove that Divine Healing has passed away; for salvation includes healing. Why can't the last Adam restore what the first lost through the fall. If healing is in the type of the atonement why is it not in the atonement. Does the type have more power than the thing it is the type of. Does the type of Christ have more power than Christ.¹⁹⁰

Everytime the children of Israel lifted up the serpent, and people received their healing by looking at the serpent, that told them that people could receive their healing by looking at Christ when He would be lifted up. Every time the Israelites ate the passover they were looking forward to the time when Jesus would come. They were saying, "This blood we put over the doorpost is the sign our Christ is coming. He will shed His blood for our sins." But they roasted the flesh and ate it. Don't forget that. By that they were saying, "Our Christ will come and permit His body to be striped for our healing."

So every time anyone takes the Lord's Supper he is doing the same thing. When you drink the fruit of the vine you are saying, "Jesus' blood was shed for my sins." When you partake of the bread you are saying, "This is His body which was broken for the healing of my body." Therefore, if a person believes that divine healing has passed away, why does he not discard the bread, and use the fruit of the vine only?

This is the Church period. The age in which the early church lived will extend until the Rapture of the Church. Paul and Peter lived in the "last days." The Church is one. There is no age called the age of miracles. The gifts belong to the whole Church. Otherwise there are two churches instead of one. Jesus prayed that we be one.

Are there two churches, one which was given the gifts, and the other which was stripped of all supernatural power. The Bible does not say so.

Healing is part of the present Church, the whole Church, for the elders to administer. God set the gifts in it. When did they leave? Show Scripture.

¹⁹⁰ "... the first Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening Spirit" (I Cor. 15:45).

Don't exalt the Apostles, and others, who did great things, and forget that they did it not, but it was the Holy Ghost which worked through them. Jesus did all His miracles under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. So did the Apostles. So must we. He said if He went away He would send the Comforter and the works that He did we could do also.¹⁹¹ The men in the early church were men of like passion as we are. We are commanded to earnestly contend for the faith they had.¹⁹²

The Holy Spirit came to glorify Christ.¹⁹³ Could He glorify Christ by telling the sick and suffering that Christ is not moved with compassion any more, and by saying, "He can, but He won't?" By telling them that healing is passed away, and that about half of the Bible is not for us today? Nonsense! That is not the Christ I am serving. His mercy endureth forever! His truth endureth to all generations!¹⁹⁴ His Word abideth forever. His Word is forever settled in Heaven.¹⁹⁵ The sun cannot scorch it. The frost cannot bite it. It is incorruptible seed. The scoffers and skeptics cannot destroy it. They may murmur at it. The anvil remains after the hammers are gone! The Holy Spirit cannot magnify Christ by modifying His ministry. He makes Jesus ten thousand times more real in our lives. He is alive forever more.

HE LIVES, HE LIVES, SALVATION TO IMPART
YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES
HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART

And I ask again why would the Holy Spirit, who healed all the sick before His dispensation began, do less since He entered into office at Pentecost than after He entered in office? Why would He be withdrawn in His early rain just after He entered in office? Why would the gifts be withdrawn as soon as they were put in the church?

Jesus said these signs would follow them that believe, and not to the first disciples only. He commanded them to heal the sick, cast out

¹⁹¹ See excuse 21, note 6.

¹⁹² "... ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

¹⁹³ "He shall glorify me: for he shall take of mine and shew it unto you" (Jno. 16:14).

¹⁹⁴ See excuse 30, note 104.

¹⁹⁵ "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Ps. 119:89).

devils, etc. He gave them a command to go into all the world and preach all the gospel. He said to teach all the people in all the world to observe all the gospel, to observe all the things He commanded them.¹⁹⁶

Did He say He would be with them through the early church only? No, He said He would be with them always, even to the end of the world (or the end of the age). He is the God who has no respect to persons. It is in the Great Commission.

If healing is in the gospel, we have no right to withhold it from the suffering, and the needy world. Let's take it to the end of the world!

Bible History Proves Healing

All down through the centuries, since the times of the Apostles, there have been individuals who have had faith in God for healing of their bodies, and where New Testament faith has been found New Testament miracles have been wrought in the Name of Jesus Christ.

John Wesley, in his "Notes on the New Testament," says, "Having anointed with oil—this single conspicuous gift which Christ committed to His Apostles, Mark 6:13, remained in the church long after the other miraculous gifts were withdrawn. Indeed it seems to have been designed always, and St. James directs the elders, who were the most if not the only gifted men, to administer it. This was the whole process of Physic in the Christian Church, till it was lost by unbelief . . . and the prayer offered in faith shall save the sick from his sickness, and if sin be the occasion of the sickness, it shall be forgiven him."

We have no record where the gifts have ever been withdrawn. If the church is still here what went with the gifts? It takes the parts of anything to make the whole. The whole is the sum of the parts, and gifts are part of the church. People talk of *His* church, *our* church, *your* church; but Jesus has a church. He set gifts in His church. Who took them out? If the gifts are in the church, and the church is here, then the gifts are here.¹⁹⁷

¹⁹⁶ See these scriptures: Mark 16:15-18; Matt. 10:8; Matt. 28:19-20.

¹⁹⁷ See excuse 24, note 43.

People still claim to have preachers and teachers, helps and government. God said healing, miracles, and tongues were put in the church *after* preachers and teachers. It is all in the same verse.¹⁹⁸

Search church history for yourself. There is undeniable proof. If healing is not for people other than those in the early part of this church, why did God grant healing to every generation from Paul's day until the present day? We have a record in every generation. Space will not permit us to give them all.

A Father of the church in 180 A. D., Irenaeus, draws a comparison between heretics and true Christians: "They (the heretics) can neither confer sight on the blind, nor hearing on the deaf, nor chase away all sorts of demons . . . nor can they cure the weak, or the lame, or the paralytic; or those who are distressed in any other part of the body. Nor can they furnish effective remedies for those external accidents which may occur, and so far are they from being able to raise the dead, as the Lord raised them, and the apostles, and as has frequently been done in the brotherhood, the entire church in the particular locality entreating with much fasting and prayer the spirit of the dead man has returned in answer to the prayers of the saints."

In another place he tells us this: "Others again heal the sick by laying their hands upon them and they are made whole. Yea, moreover, as I have said, the dead have been raised up, and remained among us for many years."

In the twelfth century thirty-six miraculous healings are reported as having taken place under the ministry of Bernard of Clairvaux in one single day. He was a man who lived a holy life. Under his ministry the halt, the blind, the deaf, the dumb, and others were perfectly restored in answer to prayer in the Name of Jesus.

Records show that at least four hundred and twenty-nine miracles of healing were performed as Thomas of Hereford prayed in the Name of Jesus in the 13th century.

Augustine (354-430 A. D.), Bishop of Hippo, the great theologian, in his "City of God," says: "Concerning the miracles which were

¹⁹⁸ "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues" (I Cor. 12:28).

wrought in order that the world might believe in Christ, and which cease not to be wrought now that the world does believe in Christ . . ." ("Gordon's Ministry of Healing".)

"Many heathen amongst us are being healed by Christians from whatever sickness they have; so abundant are miracles in our midst." (*Theodore of Mopsueste* (d 429 A.D.)

Martin Luther (1483-1546 A.D.) was a man of simple faith in God. The sick were healed and demons were cast out in the Name of Jesus through his ministry. His best friends were brought back from the dead through his prayers.

Other people who were used in the healing ministry were Francis Xavier (1506-1552 A.D.); George Fox (1624-1691 A.D.) Time and space will not permit to record it all. If you need any more proof just write the author.

John Wesley prayed for his horse and God healed it (1703-1791); Dorothea Trudell had a mighty healing ministry, and is said to have been instrumental in the healing of 10,000 persons (1813-1862 A.D.). Her healing ministry was recognized by the German government and they recognized her and licensed her.

Quite a stir was created in Austria and Germany by miraculous healings in the 19th century by Prince Alexander of Hohenloche.

Many pages throughout the rest of the book do not have scriptures on them as they would just be a repetition of those already given. I am, however, putting testimonies on the bottom of these pages to encourage your faith. These are just a few taken from my files. In every case I have signed testimonies from responsible people made months after the healing and I have received permission to publish these testimonies. However, I am using file number instead of the names of those healed as there are many good people who would rather their names would not be published all over the world. This would also expose them to critics. Therefore, if any of you should have the same trouble as mentioned in these testimonies, and want to write those healed I will be glad to furnish you the address upon request. My files are open at all times for inspection.

CANCER—I was healed about two years ago when Brother Grant prayed for me. I had cancer for four years. My blood was full of it. The doctors said there was nothing they could do. It was on my breast, and the whole side of my body burned and itched like fire. As I was prayed for the pain went out at my feet. I came home well of the cancer and have gained weight since. It had an effect on my unsaved husband. My neighbors want to go be prayed for. **File E-100**

In almost every country the light of divine healing has shone through such men as Bolzius in Sweden; Huguenots in France; Hans Egede in Greenland; Hung-sew-tseun in China; Father Mathew in Ireland; and others.

Observations Proves Healings

In these days, divine healing cannot be denied. Scientists and physicians admit it as an established fact.

We mention some who have been used by the Lord in this Great Healing Ministry in late years. Among them are Dr. Charles Cullis, Rev. A. B. Simpson, Dr. A. J. Gordon, Andrew Murray, John A. Dowie, Carrie Judd Montgomery, Mrs. Elizabeth Mix, Dr. William Gentry, Dr. Charles S. Price, Aimee Semple McPherson, Dr. Yeomans.

There is no need to mention the hundreds who are used today in the Divine Healing Ministry. They have hundreds of statements from our best physicians.

It is estimated that there are more than 10 million Pentecostal people throughout the world, not mentioning thousands of people in other groups, who practice divine healing.

We don't forbid anyone who casts out devils in the Name of Christ. Jesus said, "Forbid them not; he that is not against us is for us." We don't forbid anyone who casts out diseases of the devils in the Name of Christ. Neither should you, just because they do not follow your group.¹⁹⁹

There is no variableness or shadow of turning with the Lord. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We are living in the last days while He is pouring out His Spirit on all flesh, showing signs and wonders, just before the great and notable day of the Lord, just before the sun is turned into darkness and the moon into blood. The signs and wonders points to the return of our Lord.²⁰⁰

¹⁹⁹ "... forbid them not ... for he that is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:29).

²⁰⁰ "And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath, blood and fire, and vapour of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come" (Acts 2:19-20).

We are in the "double portion days," the "best wine days," the "latter rain" days.

He was a present help in the time of trouble, His gospel remains the same to us. Heaven and earth will pass away before His word will. Get in and get your portion.²⁰¹

A story goes that a woman was riding in a train where they were not supposed to smoke. Someone told her she couldn't smoke in that coach. She took a draw and said, as she raised back her head and blew out the smoke, "I *am* doing it."

They say we can't enjoy this part of the gospel, but we *are* doing it. And you can. Will you?

Divine Healing is for the New Testament church and we are part of that church.

²⁰¹ "God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in time of trouble" (Ps. 46:1).

RHEUMATISM—In 1949 I was stricken down with my back. My neighbor came to see me. I couldn't move. She put me to bed and called Dr. McConneley. He said I had sciatic rheumatism. I was healed instantly in your meeting. After six months I am still well. (Before I was prayed for I had to be turned in a sheet.)
File F-30

EXCUSE NUMBER FORTY-TWO

I BELIEVE IN WAITING UNTIL DOCTORS FAIL

Not everyone says this with his mouth; but somehow folk have it in their mind. You ask me how I know. I know by their actions. Actions speak louder than words. If you don't mind, I would like to have a talk with you about it. That is exactly why you have not been healed.

Why Do You Say That?

As I have told you, tradition makes the Word of God of none effect. That is what Jesus said. That is the reason some say this, because it is an old family saying. You can't blame them too much; for they have heard it all their lives. It is almost like law to them.

In fact it is an old proverb; but not according to the Bible proverbs. It is quite natural to hear people go around saying, "God only helps those who help themselves." But do you read that in the Bible? Sometimes you don't know how to help yourself. Many times the physician can make you worse.

Some reason that their case is too small to bother the Lord with. Brother, it doesn't bother the Lord. You mean you just don't want to bother yourself to go to prayer. You had rather drift with the tide.

You say that is the reason doctors are put here. Maybe so. They are put here for people who don't trust the Lord. I appreciate the right kind of physicians. But the question is, "Why don't you trust the Lord?"

EYE TROUBLE, GOITER AND MUSCLES IN ARM BROKEN—I had a scum over my eye, a goiter on my neck, and the muscles in my right arm were broken down. I had been that way 18 years. I was healed when you prayed for me. (She saw instantly out of the blind eye.)

File G-109

Could it be that you are so interested in *your affairs* that you have not been in contact with the Lord lately? Could it be that you are *not* on speaking terms with the Lord? Or it could be that you *are* lazy, half-hearted, and unconcerned, and so sluggish that you don't wake up and get in earnest. You know you must seek Him with all your heart to get the answer. You can be drowsy and let the world roll by, and neglect this great salvation.

If you sincerely believe in waiting until the doctors fail, I am not finding fault with you. You will just miss a blessing. I am trying to help you. That is your privilege if you want to do that. However, you will have to suffer for it, for it will hinder your healing.

Is It Scriptural?

I will admit that there are many cases in the Bible where people came to the Lord after everything else had failed, and received their healing. But is that the plan of the Lord in the first place? Did they all do that? They would not have done that way if they had gotten the excuses out of the way.²⁰²

The Bible teaches just to the opposite; the Lord's way is to heal all that come unto Him. There was never a case, large or small, that He turned away. The Bible plainly says that He healed *all*. That was the small diseases, the incurable, and all. He healed them without partiality, and without respect to persons.

I will admit that more of the worst cases are recorded, and naturally so. When you see a thousand healed and begin to relate the cases to someone, or write a letter to someone about them, do you tell about the headaches mostly, or do you begin to speak about the incurable, bedfast, the blind, or dumb being raised up, and being made perfectly whole?

But in spite of that we see some simple cases recorded in the Bible. Look at Peter's mother-in-law. She only had a fever. The fever was rebuked.²⁰³ She was well. They were not all incurable nor bedfast; for they came to Jesus, and to the Apostles, by the thousands. (No one was

²⁰² "For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness" (Rom. 4:3).

²⁰³ "And when Jesus was come into Peter's home, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand and the fever left her" (Matt. 8:14-15).

turned away.) And some had to be *brought* to them.

God promises to heal *all*. That means the incurables, or anyone else. He is still touched with our infirmities. He does not say, "The Lord delivereth them out of them if they have been given up by the doctors." He says, "He delivereth them out of them ALL."²⁰⁴

Why do you say what the Bible does not? Look around you. There are thousands who have not had a doctor in ten, twenty, and thirty years. There are hundreds who have raised their children on the promises of God. They have never had medicine given them. They took "Everything to God in prayer." They took Him at His Word when He said, "If ye ask *anything*."²⁰⁵

As I have said, Jesus is coming after overcomers. Overcoming the little things gives you power to overcome the larger things.

There is not a case that the promises do not cover, whether large or small. "He healeth *all* thy diseases." "He forgiveth *all* thy sins."

In the Beginning God

The first part of the first verse, of the first chapter, of the first book of the Bible tells us that God's place is in the beginning. Oh, what peace we often forfeit just because we don't put Him in the beginning of our day's work, our home, our schooling, our job, and our whole life.

When we put Him last we break a commandment.²⁰⁶ That is not treating Him fair. If you were a physician how would you feel if someone would not use you until everyone else failed and sent him home to die? Yet Jesus is our great Physician. Give God a chance first.

Turn your idea around. Seek God first. Then when God fails go to the doctor. Jesus never fails. He wants all the glory. His glory He will not give to another. You are His property. He is jealous of you.

²⁰⁴ "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Ps. 34:19).

²⁰⁵ "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do..." (John 14:13).

²⁰⁶ "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:25, 33).

Seek God even before you get sick. He has promised to keep you from sickness. That is the best. Some folk get down before they start to bed and tell God to forgive all their sins they have committed. It is better to start twelve hours before this and tell Him to keep you from sin all that day. "In the beginning God."

It is better to seek God, even before we get sick, to prevent diseases. And yet you believe in waiting until you get incurable. You say wait until doctors fail.

When Do the Doctors Fail?

I had an uncle who said that he was going to live in the country near Malvern until just before he died, and then he would move back on his home place. He did not know when to move. For just after saying that he went to have a check-up. They put him under dope. They didn't know what a serious condition he was in. He never knew anything else; for they sent him back a corpse.

With all due respect to our physicians, they do not tell you the truth many times about your case. Sometimes they don't know any better. Sometimes they know better. Sometimes they don't tell a lie. But they very seldom tell you the truth. **THEY MEAN GOOD BY IT.** But that doesn't keep you from being in ignorance about your case. They want to keep you cheered up, or keep you in hopes. And soon you are unconscious. God does not get a chance. You are expecting to seek God when you have been "given up;" but you are not at yourself. You want to wait until the doctors fail; but so many times they will not admit failure.

Sometimes a few doctors will not admit failure as long as they know you still have money. After the lady had spent all she had they sent her home. They might not have sent her home hopeless if her money had not been all spent.

Friend, don't you see that the devil just wants to keep you waiting? Just anything to get you to put your healing off.

The Lord didn't say if someone is incurable let them call for the elders of the church. He said if *any* be sick. That means *you*. Everyone that asketh receiveth. Seek you *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness and *all* these things (including healing) will be added."

EXCUSE NUMBER FORTY-THREE

I HAVE SO MUCH TO GO THROUGH WITH

Many use this, but it is no excuse to keep you from receiving. You may have a hard time in your home, church, town, community, or otherwise. You may have many persecutions. But get that out of your mind. It is just a prop.

You Are Not the Only One

You have no more persecutions than the people in the early church did, and they received healing more than any of us. All Christians were persecuted then. All of us are promised persecutions. There are others who are going through things just as you are and worse. They receive their healing. These things drive people closer to the Lord, so they will pray more. The more they pray the more they are healed.

Everyone is tempted. But count it all joy. Give thanks for all things. If you murmur about it you will get worse. If you want to get well delight thyself in the Lord. Proverbs says, "The tongue of the wise is health." Also we read in Proverbs 16:24, "Pleasant words are as a honey comb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones."

BLIND EYE, CANCER, INGROWING FINGERNAILS, SMELLING, STOMACH TROUBLE—The Lord healed me of a blind eye which had been totally blind for 20 years. It was healed while I was sitting in the congregation. You were praying for all of us at once. It was here in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, August, 1950. I went up and had you to pray for other afflictions. A cancer on my arm which had been there for several years was healed, and it peeled off. I had ingrowing finger nails which gave me much trouble for eight months. God healed them. I had not smelled anything for 12 years and my smelling was restored. I couldn't eat anything at night without it hurting me. I went home and ate and have not had any stomach trouble since. I am 72 years old and I feel fine.

File G-84

God's Grace Is Sufficient

Do you go through with more than Paul did? If God's grace was sufficient for Paul, then you have nothing to grumble about. God has promised more grace. He said He would make you able to bear it. He will not allow you to be tempted more than you are able.

Remember all these things are blessings in disguise. If you will turn to excuse 37 and read, you will see that this excuse is close kin to it. Then this prop will also go down and you can "trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass."

RUPTURED DISC IN BACK—Dear Brother Grant: I was afflicted four years with a ruptured disc in my back. When the disc would slip out it would hit the spinal nerve and paralyze my leg. I couldn't lift anything at all without it putting me down so I could not turn over. The doctor said my leg was perishing away and I would never be able to walk any more without it bothering me. They operated on me and drilled it four times. They wanted to operate on me again; but said it would either cure me or cause me to lose my mind. I spent \$1,800 in three weeks on doctor bills, but it did no good. Since you prayed for me in your Denton revival in October, 1950, I can lift a hundred-pound sack of feed without it hurting me. I had been treated by 16 doctors in all. I had been that way four years. **File G-102**

RHEUMATISM OF THE NERVES—About one year ago I took down with sciatic rheumatism of the nerves. I suffered until I cried at night and could not work. I'd lay awake all night. My leg was dead clear to my toes. Physicians said I would never be over it. Since you prayed I am perfectly whole and working every day without pain. **File C-59**

DEAF IN ONE EAR—As soon as I was prayed for I could hear a watch tick out of that ear which had been deaf 12 years. After two weeks I could hear as well out of it as the other one. I can now talk over the phone. **File C-55**

DEAF IN ONE EAR AND SINUS TROUBLE—I had not heard anything out of my right ear for 50 years. I had a chronic head trouble which hurt me until I had to hold my head backward to get ease. I had chronic sinus trouble for five years. My nose and head stopped up which hindered my breathing. . . . As soon as you prayed for me I could hear a whisper out of the ear which had been deaf. . . . I have not been bothered with sinus trouble or headaches since. **File E-90**

RIGHT ARM PARALYZED—For six years I could not raise my right arm to comb my hair because it was paralyzed. My feet were swollen. I had a swimming in my head. I was hurting all through my chest, and that for over a year. There had been TB in our family. I'd spit up mouthfuls of blood from five til nine o'clock. Since you prayed for me I can use my hand as well as I ever could. God healed my feet, head, and I have spit up no more blood. **File D-98**

PHELITIS—I had phelitis 13 years. The doctors said I'd never be well. My circulation was so slow my muscles would not relax. My eyes had gotten affected. I couldn't walk any distance. I really was healed in your revival. **File F-77**

ASTHMA—For ten years I have suffered with asthma. The past five years I have hardly been able to make my living. I've had to take as high as five shots in 24 hours. I would have to take one each night so I could rest. I haven't taken a shot since I was prayed for. And I can sleep well. The doctors told me I would have to go to Arizona. Now I carry my baby and walk to church with no sign of asthma. **File D-97**

EXCUSE NUMBER FORTY-FOUR

MY FOLK DON'T BELIEVE IN HEALING

There are many precious people with this excuse. That fact will not keep Jesus from healing you, but that prop will.

Put God First

He will not be second. Unless you put Him before all your people you are not fit to be a child of His. You must forsake wife, husband, parents, children, brothers, sisters, and kinfolk for Him.²⁰⁷

He does not want you to be a weakling. He wants you to have a backbone. Give Him all your heart and He will answer. He wants you to act a man, and not cry and whimper and whine around. He has promised you grace. He will "make you able to bear it."

Most of the time your folk are for you. They will not let you know it. But if you will come out for God, regardless of the cost, your folk will see that you have something and they will fight for you. If they don't God will do your fighting. I had rather have Him anytime. God and one is a majority. If God be for us, who can be against us.²⁰⁸

You are breaking a commandment if you do not prove all things.²⁰⁹

You are responsible to bring the light to your folk if you have the light. They may be lost forever if you fail.

Usually they are depending on you, hoping that you will make a success, although they will not let you know how they really feel. They

²⁰⁷ "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:37).

²⁰⁸ "For the battle is not yours but God's . . . ye shall not need to fight in this battle . . ." (II Chr. 15:17). "The Lord shall fight for you and you shall hold your peace" (Ex. 14:14).

²⁰⁹ See excuse 35, note 148.

are depending on you. Don't disappoint them and you will stand a chance to win them. If you stop, then they will say there was nothing to it in the first place.

Brother P..... was to pray for all the children in a Saturday night's service. A crippled girl came by with braces all over her. She asked to be prayed for.

He asked her if she was praying. She said she was. He asked if her mother was praying. She said, "yes." He asked, "Is your father praying that you will be healed?" She said, "y-e-s-s," real slowly, and went on.

That afternoon she came back from school trying to walk, holding on to something. She told him she couldn't be healed. He asked why. She said, "I told a lie. My mother and father are not saved. They don't believe in it."

He told the girl that she could repent. She did, and was prayed for. There was no difference seen with the natural eye.

Brother P..... looked for the girl Sunday, Sunday night, Monday night, and did not see or hear from her. About the middle of the service on Tuesday night he saw her coming in the church. She did not have a brace on. She was walking as well as anyone. She was perfectly whole. She had her father by one hand and her mother by the other. She said, "Daddy, you kneel here, mother, you kneel right here."

By her faithfulness they were both won to the Lord.

Their Faith Not Required

In the early church the people, when they accepted Christ, were driven from their homes. But they received healings.

You are the one to have faith. What did the Bible say? The Lord said if you would believe you would see the glory of God. Did He say

RHEUMATIC FEVER AND BAD HEART—I had suffered with strep throat and pneumonia which caused rheumatic fever for five years. This caused a real bad heart murmur. The doctor told me my heart was about worn out and I would have to stay in bed for a long time. The last attack affected my eyes and they swelled out of my head. The doctor was so interested in my case he would come to see me and not charge, even without me calling him. I was prayed for in your meeting at Bartlesville and healed. The doctor now says he can't find any trouble with my heart or anything. He says I can go back to school. File G-91

He would heal you if your folk all believed? When people came to Him did He stop and enquire about all their folk, and find out whether they believed or not, before He would heal them? If the Bible does not say that, why should you say it?

If your folk will not let you go to be prayed for, or will not let you call for the elders, you are promised healing anyway. Go straight to Jesus. He understands when you have done all you can.²¹⁰

Have faith in Jesus. Have confidence in the one who is praying for you. Press beyond that prop. Healing is here from heaven!

²¹⁰ See excuse 24, note 42.

TUBERCULOSIS—I was a patient in the hospital in Booneville, Arkansas. I was a victim of TB. I asked for a visit to see my mother. The doctors counseled for two weeks before they would let me come home. I went to church and was prayed for. When I started back to Booneville I left my clothes at home except what I had on. When I arrived at the hospital I asked for a fluoroscope. The usual time to give it was about five minutes. Dr. Riley examined me for about an hour. He thought something was wrong with the machine. I lacked two months for time for me to have an X-Ray. But he had me X-Rayed. To his surprise there was no trace of the old trouble.

File F-38

EXCUSE NUMBER FORTY-FIVE

I'M FLEECING THE LORD

I prayed and prayed for a preacher to receive healing. I knew I had prayed through. Still he wouldn't accept his healing. I knew there must be something in the way; so I questioned him closely. He finally confessed. He said he didn't know for sure whether the Lord wanted him to hold a certain revival. He prayed like this: "Lord, if you want me to hold that revival heal me. If you do not want me to hold that revival do not heal me."

Note the "ifs." There is no faith as long as there are *ifs* connected with your prayer. We first have to be convinced it is the will of the Lord to heal us before we can receive healing.

Why Put All the Responsibility on God?

WHY MAKE GOD OUT A LIAR?

I know a man who prayed like this: "Lord, if it is wrong for me to work on Sunday, make me sick and I will stop working on Sunday. If you don't make me sick I will know it is your will for me to work on Sunday." Either way it went the devil would get glory. That is putting God on the spot. How will He answer such prayers? He does not have a chance to get glory out of this kind of praying.

Would you fleece God to see if He would tell the truth or not? You may as well say, "Lord, if you are really telling the truth, make me sick, if you are not telling the truth, let me stay well." May I say again, it is not the Lord that makes us sick; it is Satan.

BLOOD DISEASE, KIDNEY TROUBLE AND BLADDER INFECTION—

Since my child was born seven years ago my back was out of place, a joint in my hip and one in my back. I was never easy. I also had a blood disease. I had a kidney and bladder infection which made me deathly sick when I stooped. My folks thought I had tumor. Since you prayed I have lost four inches in the waist in two weeks. I can now do all my work.

File C-86

Can you imagine a sinner fleecing the Lord about salvation? Suppose he would say this: "Lord, if it is your will to save me, let the sun rise fifteen minutes early tomorrow morning." That man would never get saved. First because he is not clear on the will of the Lord. Next, he has no faith; for faith begins where the will of God is known. If the Bible says it is the will of the Lord to save, then we need to take His plain Word for it. If the Bible says it is the will of the Lord to heal, then we should believe Him to be truthful.

The same is true with the Holy Ghost, or any other promise. We need to look into His Word and believe His Word.

So many people will pray: "Lord, if you want to heal me let Mr. "So and So" come and pray for me." That is making God out a liar. For He has already promised to heal.

There are people who will pray like this: "Lord, if you don't want me to go to the show, use tobacco, drink whiskey, or play cards let me have a dream," or "Lord, if you don't want me to marry that sinner, let me have a dream." If they don't have a dream they will go ahead sinning. That is like Balaam. He knew he shouldn't do a certain thing, but he kept praying over it until God let him do it. He got into trouble.

Usually, that is the reason you fleece the Lord, and pray over things; you feel condemned about it, or you never would have prayed about it in the first place.

I am telling you if something is already revealed as a plain promise of God in the Bible you should believe that, and not make God out a liar by fleecing God.

Why Put Out a Fleece?

Some say the reason that Gideon put out a fleece was that he doubted God's word. I don't know about that. But at least he didn't have a written revealed promise of God, inspired of God, on that, as we do on healing and salvation.

DEAF IN ONE EAR—The Lord healed me of deafness. For 20 years I had been deaf in my left ear, caused from risings in my head when I was a baby. When you prayed for me I could hear a whisper. I could hear a watch tick for the first time the next morning. I can still hear well.

File G-110

That was before people were baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are to be led by the Spirit. The Holy Ghost will guide us into all truth.

You may use something in your fleece which is going to come to pass anyway, as "Let the sun shine tomorrow." Someone across the street may be praying, "Lord, if you want to heal me, don't let the sun shine any tomorrow." How could the Lord answer both prayers?

I don't say that God does not tell anyone to put out a fleece. If He does, it is because a person is honest and does not know how to be led by the Spirit. But why not use the impossible like Gideon did? He didn't use something which could have happened anyway.

If the Lord does not show you to put out a fleece you are gambling on God's Word. You might as well flip up a nickle and say, "Heads I win, tails you lose." At least you are standing a fifty-fifty chance of losing.

There was a precious woman, in false doctrine, who came up to me and said, "Brother Grant, I prayed about going into this doctrine. I told the Lord if He wanted me to be baptized into this, to heal a lady. We prayed for her and the Lord healed her. So I know that I am in the will of the Lord by accepting this doctrine." Maybe someone else prayed the prayer of faith. If they did God would have to keep His promise. He would have had to lie to keep this lady from going wrong. You see how absurd it is for us to fleece God on something He has already bought for us and promised us.

God will never tell you to put out a fleece to see if His promises are true.

Brother, sister, he that cometh unto the Lord must believe that He tells the truth, and that all His promises are yea and amen, His word is forever settled in heaven. So settle it in your soul and mind; believe it, accept it without any doubts or props, and seek Him with all your heart, and HE WILL be found!

RHEUMATISM—I had rheumatism from my toes to my head for 48 years. The doctors said there was no cure. I have not suffered since you prayed for me.
File F-81

EXCUSE NUMBER FORTY-SIX

I TAKE MEDICINE

Some well-meaning folk think that if they take medicine they cannot receive healing. They are afraid to stop taking medicine for fear that they will die. We are not to judge each other. He that is weak eateth herbs.²¹¹ God knows the condition of your soul and body. He knows the light that you have on divine healing. It is your duty to walk in that light.²¹² Failure to receive healing is living far below your privilege, and must be disappointing to the Saviour, who paid so much to provide it.

But You Can Be Healed in Spite of Medicine

Will medicine keep you from receiving divine healing? According to your faith be it unto you. God can even guide the doctor and go through the hospital with you, and guide the knife in your operation. Of course, that is not God's ordained way. And that is not divine healing.

Many people have been healed who took medicine. People have been healed while they were on the operating table.

I am not telling you to quit taking medicine. I will advise you not to overstep faith. Just go by the leading of the Spirit. Stop taking medicine when God tells you to stop. I will not take the responsibility. I will not tell you to stop taking medicine. I don't know how much faith you have.

If medicine harms your body then you should dump it.²¹³ I am not telling you that you are sinning by taking medicine. Just walk in the light you have.

²¹¹ "For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak eateth herbs" (Rom. 14:2).

²¹² "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light... and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I Jno. 1:7).

²¹³ "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy which temple ye are" (I Cor. 3:16-17).

When You Are Healed You Won't Need Medicine

I don't read anywhere that Jesus ever told anyone to throw away his medicine when He healed him. They don't need medicine any more when Jesus heals them. You have to walk on crutches until you are healed; then you can discard your crutches. You can go ahead taking medicine until you are healed. That is all you can do. Then when you are healed you may discard your medicine. A person is bound until he is set free. The Lord will not ask you to do the impossible.

But the Word Is the Best Medicine

The Word of God gives life to the bones; also to the flesh. Jesus is the Great Physician and the Best Physician. He is a Specialist in every case.

All physicians will tell you, if they are honest, that medicine cannot heal you. They can cut you open but they will have to let nature heal you.

Divine Healing is a commandment. You should trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to your own understanding.

God does not get glory out of medicine. He does not want the glory, or the credit, to go to the doctor. God is a jealous God and will not give His glory to another.²¹⁴

The Jews considered disease as a punishment for sin, hence the cure was religious rather than medical. Medicine was not known among Jews until the time of Solomon.

We shall see that the cause of sickness is of a spiritual nature, and therefore, the cure must also be of a spiritual power greater than the disease. The spider must be killed before you can get rid of the cobwebs permanently. The cause must be removed if you want the sickness to stay gone. Therefore, the cause is worry, fear, discontentment, and sin. Prayer is the only cure for this.

²¹⁴ "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images" (Isa. 42:8).

CANCER—The doctors at the Charity Hospital said I was perfectly well: Also they said I am perfectly well from a cancer of the womb. They have dismissed me from the hospital.

File F-82

Luke was a physician but he gives us an account of a woman who had tried all the physicians, but had grown worse. At last she came to Jesus and was healed.²¹⁵

That shows that medicine will do no good in some cases. It also shows that, although you take medicine, you can yet be healed. So take hope.

Dr. S. W. Mitchell, one of America's foremost physicians, now dead, said: "Back of all diseases lies a power no drug can reach." We can furnish several statements such as this, and show that scores of doctors acknowledged divine healing after they gave up.

The only thing that will keep you from receiving your healing in this case is that *if*, or that doubt. You have faith if you are not under condemnation. You can condemn yourself over this; and that condemnation will hinder your faith.²¹⁶ So turn that prop loose! God can heal you in spite of medicine!

He did not say, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover, if they never touched any medicine." But He did say, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and **THEY SHALL RECOVER**. If you are sick that must mean you. The devil puts an excuse in your mind and says something will be in your way. God says you will recover. Which will you believe? According to your faith be it unto you.

²¹⁵ "And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague" (Mark 5:34).

²¹⁶ "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God" (I John 3:21).

AFFLICTION IN BACK AND SIDE—For several years I had an affliction in my back and my side. Several physicians in Hot Springs treated me. It was said to have been caused by a fall out of a tree when I was a girl. I suffered day and night with dislocated bones in my back, regardless of where I stood or sit. Brother Grant prayed for me over a year ago. I am still sound and well. **File F-83**

DEAF IN ONE EAR—I had been deaf in my right ear for six years. It would run corruption and had a bad odor. When I came to your services at Senath, Missouri, and was prayed for I could hear a whisper. **File D-91**

ARTHRITIS—Six years ago I had arthritis in my knees. It went to my heart and caused me to have an enlarged heart. I was in the hospital four weeks. The doctors said there was no cure for it. I went back to the hospital for three weeks and then took a 14 weeks rest in bed. The doctors said I would have to remain in bed. I was healed when you prayed for me, and I can do any kind of work. **File A-71**

EXCUSE NUMBER FORTY-SEVEN

I BROUGHT IT ALL ON MYSELF

“I exposed myself to the weather.” “I sinned against nature.” “I overworked.” “I strained my body.” “I didn’t use wisdom.” “I have to work so hard.” “I ate too much.”

All these are common excuses. So we will bundle them all up in one bundle and dispose of them.

Maybe this is all true, but—

This Is Not Unpardonable

Jesus will forgive you if you promise not to do it anymore. Some count that it is an honor if they will take it all on themselves. But Jesus has taken it on Himself. He bore it for you already.

This verse is yet in the Bible: “Fools because of their transgressions, and because of their iniquities are afflicted . . . then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word and healed them . . .”

Brother, that shows that, even if you are to blame, you have a chance to repent and get right with God, and get your healing. He still forgives all thine iniquities and healeth all thy diseases. The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and if they have committed any sins they shall be forgiven them. Whether is easier for Him to say, “Arise, take up thy bed and walk,” or to say, “Thy sins be forgiven thee?”

DEAF IN ONE EAR—In the first night of your meeting here in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, August 20, 1950, you called me out. I had been deaf in my right ear for nearly all my life. When I was four years old scarlet fever settled in this ear. The doctor said I was completely deaf in that ear, and I would never hear, and could do me no good. All the doctors told me I would never hear. The doctor said if I went deaf in the other ear I would be like a stone. Since you prayed for me I can hear my wrist watch tick.

File G-93

When I was in sin, I could have said the same thing. I could have stood back and said this: "I brought this sin on myself. I could have repented ten years ago. So since I have brought it on myself I will take the blame and not ask Jesus to forgive me."

That would be nonsense. But it would be just as reasonable as a person saying he will not get healed because he was to blame for the sickness.

The Lord is willing and ready and anxious to forgive you, but—

You Must Repent

You must repent as well as confess. And that means you must stop breaking the laws of health. The cause must be removed. Go and sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you.

You say you must do these things to make a living. Do you mean that you have to sin to make a living? God says for you to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added. God will clothe you if He clothes the lilies. He will feed you if He feeds the sparrows. Are you not much more valuable than sparrows. He has promised to take care of you. But you have said that you have to sin to make a living. That is opposite to what God said.

God does not require you to do the impossible. You say you have to do these things to make a living. What if you were taken to the hospital tomorrow? What if you should get on your sick bed tomorrow? Or go to your grave? Then who would do these things? Some one could do these things, and sit up with you on the death bed also; or they could go undone. This world can go on without you. Do you believe that?

Healing Restores to Normal

Healing will not make a sixteen-year-old boy out of a ninety-year-old man. If you are seventy-five, don't expect God to make you so that you can saw logs all day, as a twenty-year-old man does. If you sin against nature you are sinning against God; and you will suffer for it.

95 PER CENT BLIND—My eyes were enlarged. The doctor said nothing could be done for them—(about 95 per cent blind.) When you prayed the Lord wonderfully healed them.

File C-78

God promises to heal *you*. He doesn't promise to do so if you continue in sin.

Even if you have brought it all on yourself, you can yet repent and receive your healing. Remove the cause; make restitution. God said, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" and not "they shall recover, if they did not help bring it on themselves." He said He forgives all thy iniquities and heals all thy diseases." And that *all* means, regardless of what caused them.

BROKEN HIP—Fifteen months ago I fell from the porch in a rocker and broke my hip. The doctor took an X-Ray and showed me that my hip was broken. I could not turn in the bed without pulling up by something first. I suffered most all the time. I came to your revival in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, in August, 1950, and was prayed for. The pain left immediately, but I still limped. But when I got up the next morning I didn't even limp. Since then I have not limped, and have had no pain. I was saved the same night I was healed. **File C-86**

SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF VISION GONE—I had been treated by Doctor Layne. Seven-eighths of my vision was gone. I had been this way five or six years. I couldn't look at print, without my glasses on. Since you prayed for me I can read without glasses. I was also healed of pains in the back of my head. My ears were so full it seemed that they would burst at any time. I was also healed of itching on my chin, neck, and body. **File C-88**

ALMOST BLIND—My boy was examined by Doctor Shelborn in Blytheville, Arkansas. He said he was totally blind in his right eye, and had a very bad case of near-sightedness in the left eye. He couldn't go around good without falling into things, and couldn't see any space ahead of him. After you prayed for him he can see well out of both eyes. He is five. He had been blind in that eye all his life. **File D-76**

NEURITIS—The specialist in St. Louis said I had neuritis of the nerves. They took out a piece of the muscle in my leg below the knees and in the back of my leg. I took 6810 capsules of one drug, 350 of another, 250 of another, 250 of another, 150 of another, and 125 of another, and took 19 double doses at Wall's Hospital. I never got any relief. Since Brother Grant prayed for me it is all gone. **File D-84**

BLIND IN ONE EYE—It is my heart's desire to thank and praise the Lord for healing my left eye. I was totally blind in it for 16 years. **File D-85**

GALL STONES—Dear Brother Grant: You prayed for me May 13 for gall stones. It was at Senath, Missouri. I have never had it since. **File D-89**

GIRL BLIND IN ONE EYE, BOY DEAF IN ONE EAR—My sister, Carolyn Fae Davis, had been blind in her right eye since a baby. She had to wear glasses for a long time. She is ten now. My eight-year-old brother, Bobbie Davis, had been deaf in his left ear for one and one-half years, caused by spinal meningitis. They were both healed in your revival at Monette, Arkansas. They are normal now. My sister discarded her glasses. **File A-69**

ASTHMA, HAY FEVER AND DEAF IN ONE EAR—I could hear a watch tick out of the ear which had been deaf all my life, 46 years. Also I was healed of asthma and hay fever which I had all my life. **File C-56**

EXCUSE NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT

IT IS TOO SIMPLE

As little as you think about it, this is the reason the most righteous people fail to receive their healing. They want to pay for it, or do something in order to receive it. They pray long. They scream, yell, or fall in the floor. They worry, cry, and beg. They seem to have it in their minds that they have to purchase healing by working a long time. They miss it because they were not looking for it in such an easy, simple way.

Don't Make Something Hard Out of Healing

Why try to help the Lord? He doesn't need any help. If you were on a table to be operated on, would you help to do it? If you were in a dentist's chair would you help him? The more you tried to help him the more you would hinder him. That is the way it is when you come to be healed. So just simply yield to the Lord as Adam did. When he woke up he had a wife. It will be just that simple with your healing. He might not have known he had a wife if God had not have told him. It was so simple.

Some people pray around the world two or three times and then get up: they are really not expecting anything; they just don't feel like they have paid for it. The things of the Lord comes as a free gift of grace. You can have faith without saying a word, or doing anything, or waiting.

In fact, generally, when we pray loud and long that shows a doubt. That is the reason we use vain repetitions. We show unbelief when we keep praying and begging.

NEURITIS AND DEAF IN ONE EAR—I had been deaf in my left ear ten years. When I came to be prayed for neuritis in your revival in Denton, Texas, the Lord healed me also of total deafness in that ear and now I can hear.

File G-100

The prophets of Baal prayed loud and long. They tried to do something to get their God to hear them. They screamed and cut themselves. But Elijah just spoke to his God in simple faith. It was a short prayer, but the fire came. He prayed in faith. The reason that the prophets of Baal prayed loud and long was that they were afraid it would not happen. When a person screams, "I believe you Lord, I believe you Lord, Lord I do believe you," that generally shows he does not believe the Lord.

Faith accepts healing in a touch, a word, a promise, a command, or a look. Faith says, "It is done," even before it appears to the natural eye. Faith just says, "Lazarus, come forth," and expects it. That is a short prayer, but it gets the work done.

So many people are like Naaman. He wanted to pay his healing out. He was looking for it to come the hard way. It was so simple he almost missed it.

Healing Is Already Paid For

And since healing is paid for it is a free gift. It comes simply through faith. Which is easier for Jesus to forgive sins or to heal your body? Yet healing is as simple as salvation. You can't pay for salvation. You can pray and work a month for salvation and you can't purchase it. It is paid for. Healing is paid for. "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah said we are healed. That is when he was looking at the cross. Peter said, "By his stripes we were healed." It is paid for already. Jesus bore our pains. He took our infirmities and bore our sickness. If you try to pay for it, that does away with faith and grace. When Jesus died, he said, "It is finished."

If your father died, would you have to get a job and work long hours every day for the money he left you? No! It would be free! Yet healing is the inheritance which is left for the children of God.

ULCERATED STOMACH—In September, 1944, I was prayed for for ulcerated stomach. Brother Grant told me to go home and eat anything I wanted. The doctor had not let me eat anything but strained soup and milk for one year. I had tried a very small piece of cornbread before I was prayed for, and they had to sit up with me all night. The next day after prayer the table was loaded with farm products of most all kinds. I ate anything I wanted. That has been years and I still eat anything I want with no bad effects.

File F-85

Remember, when you have to depend on the prayer of faith being prayed, it takes longer. But when you depend on the gifts of healing all you have to do is to obey and receive. Just accept your healing. It is so simple so many people miss it, and look clear over it. That is the reason they don't accept.

Jesus Is the Elevator

The story goes of a man who said he could not accept salvation because of the fact it was too simple. The preacher thought awhile and asked him where he worked. He said he worked 800 feet under the ground in a mine.

"How did you get out of that mine?" asked the preacher.

"I just stepped on the elevator and came out," replied the man.

"How much did it cost you?" the preacher inquired.

"I came out free of charge," the answer came.

Then the preacher had the man where he wanted him. He said he didn't see how it could be so simple not to cost him one thing. He wondered how he could come 800 feet free of charge. It must cost something.

The man explained: "You see our company spent thousands of dollars to sink a shaft down there for that purpose. It is paid for already. We belong to the company. All we have to do is to step on the elevator. **WE COME RIGHT OUT.**"

Quickly the wise minister said, "Heaven spent its costly treasure to sink a shaft down here to this sin-cursed world which was lost. That shaft is Jesus. He is the elevator. All you have to do is to step on the elevator. That is the only way you can get out. You can't work your way out. Just get on the elevator!

What is true of salvation is true of healing. For salvation includes healing. My friend, I will admit it is simple. Don't overlook it. **JUST STEP ON THE ELEVATOR.**

CANCER—I had cancer on my face for 15 years. The doctors used fire and knives on my face, but sent me home not cured. My whole jaw and eye hurt almost unbearable. I worried two years thinking how cancer ate other people's nose and eyes out. God healed me. (I was her pastor at that time.—W. V. Grant.)

File F-36

EXCUSE NUMBER FORTY-NINE

I'VE TRIED AND TRIED TO HAVE FAITH

I get so sorry for some people. They try so hard to have faith. In fact, they have almost worried themselves sick trying to have faith. They have worried themselves clear out of faith, trying to have faith. They are getting worse all the time.

Faith Does Not Come by Trying

I know your trouble. Yet you have a hard time believing me. The Lord tells us just how to have faith. After you worry yourself to death, the Word of God will still be true. It will still be saying, "Faith cometh by hearing." Be a good listener and you will have faith. Have a teachable spirit and you can have faith. Whether you believe it or not, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Faith does not come by trying to have faith.

You must have the simple Word of God quickened to you by the Holy Spirit. Solomon says, of the Words of God, "They are life to all that find them, and health to all their flesh." The Word of God heals. It goes to the joints and marrow.

Instead of saying, "Lord, give me faith," say "Lord, let someone teach me thy Word." In the plainest Bible text there is a world of blessing, just as in a little seed there is a potential tree a million times larger than the seed.

MASTOIDS—My boy had mastoids. He was operated on six times. He could hardly hear out of either ear. He had been that way four years. He can hear a whisper out of either ear since you prayed for him. We were taking him to the doctor until your revival. The doctor said he would never live but he seems perfect now. We had been out hundreds of dollars on him. Our neighbors had made up over \$300 at one time to help on the hospital bills. He is now going to school making good grades.

File A-21

Why Try to Believe a Reality?

Faith does not come by the act of the will, except to a limited extent. One cannot be happy by trying to feel happy. One cannot be taller by trying to be taller, or be heavier by trying to gain pounds. All your worry will not make you a pound heavier. If anything it will make you lighter. Eating natural bread will make you heavier. Eating the bread of life will give you growth for your faith.

If you had a dollar bill, would you go down the street trying to believe it was worth a dollar? No, you would believe it without *trying* too hard.

Do you worry trying to believe your bed will hold you up? You don't lose any sleep over that. You believe that without trying so hard.

Does your baby worry itself to death trying to believe you are not going to drop it? No, it believes in you without *trying* so hard.

If you are married you don't go around *trying* to be married. If I ask you if you are married, and you tell me you are trying to be, I will not believe you are married. So, if you have faith, you don't have to try to have faith; you already have it. Trying will not bring faith.

The Queen of England does not go around trying to be a queen. She is a queen without even trying to be.

Would you go around trying to believe your wife? Do you trust her already?

If she is a good wife, you believe her. If she never lied to you, you trust her. God is a good God. He has never lied yet. And He can't lie! Why go around *trying* to believe in Him?

If you don't have faith you have unbelief. Unbelief is of the devil. The wrath of God abideth on the unbeliever. As soon as faith leaves you, unbelief comes in. As soon as unbelief leaves you faith comes in. If faith is there, you can't doubt it. The best evidence that anything is true is the Word of God. That is more proof than you see with your natural eye. Believe it!

TUMOR AND DEAF IN ONE EAR—I had been deaf in one ear since my youngest child was born. The doctor said nothing would do it any good. The doctor said the tumor I had was well which he had planned to remove. **File C-80**

Why Worry Yourself Out of Faith?

There are four prescriptions in Psalms 37 which will give you faith. They are: "Trust in the Lord," "Delight thyself in the Lord," "Commit thy ways unto the Lord," and "Rest in the Lord."

If you will trust the Lord, as you do the other things I have already mentioned, then you should make the next step. That is, delight thyself in the Lord. Worry, fear, and fretting is not trusting. It is unbelief.

The Joy of the Lord is your strength. Battles have been won by nothing else but praising the Lord. Look at II Chron. 20:18-19 and you see where they won a battle over an army by simply marching out and saying, "Praise the Lord." The Devil can't stay where you praise the Lord from the depth of your heart.

Grumbling, complaining, murmuring, and fretting will cause sickness. Worry will not let your food digest. The tongue can defile the whole body. The reason the children of Israel first needed healing they murmured and complained. It is against the commandment of the Lord.

After you delight thyself in the Lord, then commit thy ways unto the Lord. And that does not mean keep your ways and your excuses. This whole book is trying to get you to take God's ways instead of your own way. Naaman finally did that, and you can also. Be as good as Naaman.

The last step is to rest in the Lord. If you are resting in the Lord you are not trying, fretting, worrying, or begging. You are not anxious. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything give thanks." When you are through, God begins. If you are trusting Him you will enter into rest. The children of Israel entered not into rest because of their unbelief. God was not pleased with them. Without faith it is impossible to please the Lord. There remaineth a rest for the children of God.

Therefore, prepare for a final act of committal, and appropriation—a definite, positive step, like a marriage ceremony. "Burn your bridges behind you." With every question settled forever, step out on a new

CORONARY THROMBOSIS—I had coronary thrombosis—hardened blood in the arteries. It caused me to have heart trouble and rheumatism. I fell wherever my legs gave way on me. The doctors pronounced me totally disabled. The Gulf Oil Company paid me my insurance. In 1946 at Oak Grove I was prayed for and healed instantly. (Witness Pastor W. V. Grant.) File F-37

ground with the conviction that it is done. From that point, doubt should be out of the question—put away for good. The more entirely the act of faith can be a complete committal, the more power it will have.

Remember the Lord is able to keep what you commit in His hands. But He has not promised to keep what is not committed to Him.

Not Under But Over

Jesus said, "We are going over to the other side." Did He mean that they were going over in the middle, or go under and drown?

When they were in the middle a storm came. The disciples got afraid. They thought they were going to drown.

Was Jesus afraid? He was asleep. Faith can sleep in the middle of the storm. Faith trusts in the spoken Word.

The disciples had rather believe the storm than Jesus. No wonder Jesus said, "O ye of little faith." Where there is fear there is no faith. Faith drives out fear.

Friends, can you rest and sleep in the storm and depend on the Word of God? He didn't say we are going under and drown. He said we are going over. The Devil says you will perish. Jesus said, "I will give you power over all the power of the Devil."

ARTHRITIS, GALL BLADDER, APPENDICITIS AND HEART TROUBLE—The doctor said the poison in my head from sinus trouble caused arthritis. I suffered with it 16 years. It was in my spine. I had to walk with a crutch. It went in my heart, neck, shoulders and hips and all over me. The doctor said I had infected appendicitis, gall bladder, and something wrong with my heart, and must be operated on. I had nervous shakes which lasted for six hours. For four hours at a time I could not speak. Since your revival in Senath, Missouri, I feel better than I have for years and use no shots or head medicine. I'm healed.

File A-60

EXCUSE NUMBER FIFTY

I DOUBT HEALING IN THE ATONEMENT

You may not say this with your mouth, but, as long as that doubt is there, you never receive your healing. Would you like to be satisfied that healing is in the atonement. All right, come along and go on a trip with me. If you are honest, I think you will admit that healing is in the atonement.

The Second Adam Restored What the First Adam Lost

The causes of disease and suffering are distinctly traced to the fall and sinful state of man. If sickness were part of the natural constitution of things, then you might meet it wholly on natural grounds, and by natural means. But if it be part of the curse of sin, it must have its true redemption in the great redemption.

The salvation of any part of man without sacrifice is unknown in the Bible.

Young's Concordance renders Isa. 54:4: "Surely our sickness he hath borne, and our pains he carried them." Isaiah says, "WITH HIS STRIPES ARE WE HEALED." After all the fighters are dead, the Bible will still say the same thing.

I Cor. 5:7 says, "For even Christ our passover was sacrificed for us." You will remember that when they ate the passover they roasted the flesh of the lamb with fire and ate the flesh. If the blood represents the blood of Jesus, then the flesh represents the body of Jesus. His

RUPTURE—Dear Brother Grant: I had a bad rupture. I could feel the effects of it every day. Since you prayed for me (about six months ago) I can do all my work. It doesn't bother me, or hurt me; it doesn't give me the least of trouble. Sister Thorlow, the one who came with me to be prayed for, is signing this as a witness. I can say this is true. Bertha Thorlow, Steele, Missouri. **File A-72**

blood was for our forgiveness; His body was broken for our healing. When you partake of the fruit of the vine in the Lord's supper you are saying, "Forgiveness is in the atonement." When you eat the bread you are confessing, "Healing is in the atonement."

Many teachers have tried to spiritualize Isa. 53:4-5. But the gospel of Matthew shows that Jesus is the best commentator on this. Jesus tells us in Matt. 8:16-17 it means, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sickness." I had rather believe this inspired commentary of Jesus than to believe a train load of the commentaries people wrote who never had the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. If the Holy Ghost is the author of the Bible then we need the Holy Ghost as the teacher.

Divine Healing is part of the gospel which is to be preached "to every creature" "in every nation," "in all the world," "to the end of the age." It is "whosoever will" for salvation. Salvation includes healing.

According to II Cor. 5:21 He was made sick for us who knew no sickness of His own.

The Old Testament Declares It

When 14,000 of the children died because they murmured, and when the rest of them were dying with a plague, what happened? How was the plague stopped? Moses commanded Aaron to act swiftly. He filled his priestly censer with fire from the holy altar. He ran into the midst of the people with that holy fire. "He put on incense and made atonement for the people." Aaron stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stopped. We know that atonement speaks typically in the Bible of the atonement of Christ.

When the children of Israel were dying by snakebites the brazen serpent was put on a pole. Whosoever looked at the brazen serpent was healed of his deadly wound.

Jesus said in His own words, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, EVEN SO, must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

CATARACTS AND BLIND IN ONE EYE—I had been blind in one eye for more than 20 years. The doctor put plain glasses in my frames. He said the operation would leave a scar which would be as bad as the cataracts. I had the cataracts all my life, 62 years. Since Brother Grant prayed for me, I can see. **File G-112**

As the serpent brought both forgiveness and healing, so does Christ. Why can't Christ have as much power as the type of Christ? So it seems plain according to John 3:4. Christ tells us in his own words that the serpent was a type of himself, and healing is also in the atonement. Christ has made provision to deliver us from the effects of sin—even from sickness and pain.

I shall not take time to mention many places in the Old Testament. But if you will turn to Numbers 25 you will find where Phinehas, the son of the High Priest, made an atonement for the healing of God's people. Many other places in the Old Testament prove that without atonement there is no healing.

Why were the Israelites required to eat the flesh of the passover lamb for physical strength unless we can receive physical life, or strength, from Christ? He is our passover. II Chron. 30 says that the Lord harkened to Hezekiah and healed the people when they kept the passover. Paul says there are many sick in the church because they do not rightly estimate the Lord's body. (Weymouth.) Therefore, the Lord's Supper shows healing in the atonement.

In Leviticus 14 we see the priest making atonement for the cleansing of the leper. Why would he make atonement for the leper's healing if healing is not in the atonement?

You don't like Christian Scientists for saying that people can be saved without Calvary, but it is just as bad to say that about healing.

If the people in the olden days were healed by the atonement, and we cannot be healed by atonement, then the statement of Christ robbed us of much instead of bringing us benefit.

If healing was not in the atonement, why were the dying Israelites required to look at the type of the atonement for their healing? Does the antitype have more power?

In Duet. 28 we see that sickness and disease are in the curse. The curse includes these diseases: consumption, fever, inflammation, the botch, emeroids, scab, itch, madness, blindness, plagues, all diseases of Egypt,

EYES, LUNGS AND NERVES—Brother Grant, you had a "wholesale" healing one night in the revival here. I was healed of eye trouble, lung trouble, and nerve trouble. I had worn glasses for 20 years. I had spit up blood six or seven years and had been out many doctor bills.

File A-36

every sickness and every plague which was not written in the book of the law. If Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, and sickness is included in the curse, then He redeemed us from sickness. Galatians 3 says He did it!

Matt: 8:16-17 shows that the reason Christ healed ALL was that healing was in the atonement. The atonement was made for all Adam's race, including *you*. What Calvary provides is for all. What Calvary provides is for *you*.

If we cannot receive as much from Christ as they did from the type of Christ then the type of Christ is placed on higher ground than Christ, and the type becomes a false prophecy. Absurd!

God provided a remedy before He announced the curse. In Exodus 15 He gives us a remedy. He really didn't announce the curse until Deut. 28. He had the atonement in mind before the foundation of the earth. If man had not fallen, then we would need no atonement. Since he fell soul and body then the atonement is for soul and body.

The New Testament Proves It

James 5 is a positive ordinance of healing in Christ's name as sacred and binding upon every church today as the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Christian Baptism.

Jesus was made sin for us. But He was also made a curse for us. Redemption is for soul, body and spirit.

I Peter 2:24 shows that if forgiveness is in the atonement, then healing likewise is in the atonement. If both healing and forgiveness came by a look at the type, then why not by the antitype?

How can God justify us and at the same time require us to remain under the curse of the law, which Jesus redeemed us from by bearing it on the cross?

Jesus is still healing all who comes unto Him, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken. . . ."

GOITER—I had a goiter in my throat for six years. It would choke me and cut my wind off. It seemed to burn away down in my throat. I was called out in your meeting here and I obeyed the voice of the Lord and was prayed for. I felt an emptiness as it went down my throat. I haven't had any choking or symptoms since.

File G-94

Since in the darker age of the types they all had the privilege of being healed, surely in this better dispensation, with its better covenant, and better promises, God has not withdrawn the Old Testament mercy. If so, the atonement robbed us of that much.

One of the redemptive names of the Lord is Jehovah-Rapha which means I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE.

If we seek to be justified by the law we are fallen from grace. We are not under the law, or the curse of the law. We are under grace.

My dear friend it would take all this book for me to show you all the scriptures. It would take about all the Bible; for the whole Bible points to this one truth, the atonement.

Look into the scriptures. If you can find one place where healing is not in the atonement then say the Bible is divided against itself and is not true. Throw it away and believe neither in salvation or divine healing.

But if you can't find any scripture that healing is not in the atonement, then why not believe these few scriptures I have showed you and look up and say, "yes, Lord, you told the truth. By your stripes I am healed."

MOTHER AND SON HEALED OF DEAFNESS AND MUTENESS—A fall I got when I was two years old caused me to be completely deaf in one ear and one-half deaf in the other one. The fall bursted my ear drum. The doctor said I would never hear out of it. I never could talk. Since you prayed I can hear normal out of either ear. I can carry on a conversation. I can talk better each day. My son, Mark, was born deaf and mute. His dad is deaf and mute. Mark was also healed in your revival. He can hear plainly and can talk better each day.

File E-78

EXCUSE NUMBER FIFTY-ONE

BEEN TOLD HEALING IN MILLENNIUM

You can't help being told that. But you don't have to believe it, especially after you use your better judgment, and look into the Word of God. It is a foolish thought. It is hardly worth the time and space to consider; but even if you don't believe it, you need to be certain what the will of the Lord is, for that is where faith begins.

Why does the tradition of the elders teach what the Word of God does not? It makes the Word of God of none effect. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. The Word of God takes effect and heals you. But faith leaves by hearing some modern preachers.

We Get the Earnest of Our Inheritance Here

In Ephesians 1:13-14 we see that we receive the Holy Spirit after we are converted. It is the earnest of our inheritance. We get the earnest of our inheritance here, through the Spirit. (Have you been baptized with the Spirit since you believed?) And in I Cor. 12 we find that the gifts of healing are given to the Church now. And the gifts comes by the Spirit. Therefore, we conclude that healing is the part of our inheritance that we get while we are here.

Jesus said in Luke 3 "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Does this sound like it will come to pass in the Millennium? The 18th verse tells us that He was talking about the eyes of the blind being opened, the captives being set free, and the bruised being liberated.

He not only said that but He began to heal all manner of sickness and diseases "that it might be fulfilled." We find healing all through the New Testament. It is set in the Church, and the Church

BLIND IN ONE EYE—My nine-year-old boy was blind in one eye all his life. He could read immediately after you prayed for him. File C-91

is still here. It is here, instead of in the Millennium. It was in the Church, not in the Millennium, that God set "teachers, miracles, gifts of healing, and gift of miracles." As they are put in one verse, how can you separate them?

If we wait until the Millennium for our healing we will have to wait until then to have teachers and preachers. For I Cor. 12:28 says, "And God hath set some in the Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, *after that* miracles, *then* gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

If you say healing is in the Millennium it is the same as saying we are in the Millennium now, for thousands of people are receiving healing now. They can show statements from their doctors.

God's promise is to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh during the "Acceptable year of the Lord." That is in the Holy Spirit dispensation. The Holy Spirit wants to execute for us all the blessings of redemption. He is bringing us "the earnest," or the "first fruits" of our spiritual and physical inheritance, until the last enemy which, is death, is destroyed, thus admitting us to our full inheritance.

Remember this: "BECAUSE OUR ETERNAL DESTINY IS BOTH SPIRITUAL AND BODILY, OUR REDEMPTION ALSO MUST BE. THE EARNEST OF OUR INHERITANCE MUST ALSO BE BOTH SPIRITUAL AND BODILY. Since our inheritance includes a glorified body what must our earnest be?"

Why Healing in the Millennium?

During the Millennium the devil will be bound. There will be nothing to hurt or destroy in all His holy mountain. It will be like a garden of Eden.

None of us will need healing during the Millennium, for we will receive glorified bodies before the Millennium, when we are caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Then this mortal will put on immortality.

DEAF—My daughter is 40 years old. She was born without ear drums. When Brother Grant prayed for her she could hear a whisper when he was behind her. She could talk. She seems to be learning. The doctor said she was born without ear drums and would never hear anything. I believe she will be normal as she learns.

File G-101

You might as well put salvation in the Millennium. Healing and forgiveness are tied together in scores of verses in the Bible. Healing is part of salvation. For man fell both soul and body. Redemption would not be complete without healing also. As we **have already** proved, they are both in the atonement.

IT IS HERE THAT WE NEED HEALING, AND NOT AFTER THE RESURRECTION. There will be no sickness then.

What Does the Bible Say?

Again I ask, why don't you say what the Bible says? Why say what the Bible does not? When He says *healeth* all our diseases that is present tense. When Psalms 34:19 says "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them out of them all," that is present tense. "By His stripes ye are healed" means now. "I am the Lord that healeth thee" does not mean "I will be." His name has not changed. It is still I am. If people can't say the days of miracles are past, they will try to put them in the future and say they have never come. If you believe God, you will look up and say, "God, you told the truth; your name is yet **"I AM."**

CANCER OF FACE, CANCER OF STOMACH—I had cancer on my face for four years according to Dr. Buchanan of Prescott, Arkansas, and Doctor Bryant of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Doctor Buchanan wanted to operate on me within ten days. The other doctor wanted me to have it burned off. I went to the revival at Curtis Junction which Brother Grant was conducting and was prayed for. The cancer was healed. It disappeared within a few days. That has been about three years and it is still gone. Two years afterward Brother Grant came back to our church and prayed for me and I was healed of cancer of the stomach. Within three days it passed and it has given me no more trouble.

File F-70

EXCUSE NUMBER FIFTY-TWO

MAYBE JESUS HEALED ONLY TO MAKE HIMSELF KNOWN

There are many people who have read this until they almost believe it is scripture. It is ringing in their minds, "Jesus only healed to make Himself known." But remember—

He Healed All Who Came to Him

Would He have healed all who came to Him? It would not have been necessary to heal all who came to him if He was just doing it to show His power, or to make Himself known. A few outstanding cases would have proved this. The Bible clearly teaches that He only began to do and teach. If He only healed to make Himself known why does Acts 1:1 say He *began* to do and teach? I tell you that He is still doing it! Hebrews 13:8 says He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

After Jesus had healed for three years He said, "It is expedient for you that I go away." That means it is profitable.

How could this be true if His going away would modify His ministry to the afflicted?

Jesus said in John 14:12: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do, shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father." He did not say, "less works," He said "greater works."

HEART TROUBLE, NEURITIS, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, SUGAR DIABETES, GALL STONES, GALL BLADDER TROUBLE AND HEMORRHOIDS—For eight years I had heart trouble, neuritis, high blood pressure, sugar diabetes, gall stones, bladder trouble, and hemorrhoids. The doctor said I had to have an operation. When you prayed for me God performed the operation. For 23 days at a time I had been bedfast. I had been in bed three days the night I was prayed for. I was suffering all over as I was helped into the house. **File A-37**

Listen to the Word of the Lord in Deut. 7:15: "And the Lord will take away from thee *all* sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knoweth, upon thee. . . ." Does not that say *all* sickness?

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease among the people. And His fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people, people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatics, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them (all)" I wish you would notice the *alls* in Matt. 4:23-24.

Then look at Matt. 8:16-17. "He cast out the spirits with His Word and healed all that were sick." May I ask you once more, did He have to heal all to make Himself known? The Bible didn't say He healed to make Himself known, but—

He Was Moved With Compassion

Psalms says "He is plenteous in mercy to *all* that call upon Him." "His mercy endureth forever," is what is recorded hundreds of times; even at the end of every verse in Psalms 136. He delighteth in mercy. Healing is called mercy in many places.

If He is less merciful in the Holy Ghost dispensation, then the Holy Ghost took away the mercy of Jesus. But Jesus said, "He will receive of mine and show it to you."

If God is not as willing to show His mercy of healing to His worshippers as He is to show the mercy of forgiveness to His enemies, then He is more willing to show mercy to the devil's children than His own. But the Bible says that "the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to *all* that call upon Him. That means the suffering saint as well as the vile sinner.

NEURITIS, BACKACHE AND KIDNEY TROUBLE—I had been afflicted with neuritis in my hands and knees 15 years. My shoulders and knees were stiff. I couldn't stand on my feet for five minutes at a time without getting real weak. I suffered also with a terrible backache and kidney ailment, until I could hardly walk. I am free from all these troubles since you prayed for me in your revival here in August, 1950. The doctor here said I would die, but I am healed. **File G-93**

“The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to *all*: and His tender mercy is over *all* His works.”

“And Jesus went forth and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick.” If we had nothing but Matt. 14:14 we would see the reason He healed. Did He fail to heal any of them, telling them that He was just healing some to make Himself known? No, and He is the same today, thank God.”

His mercy endureth forever, and Matt. 20:31 says healing, that was granted, was mercy. The blind asked for the mercy of having his eyes opened, and Jesus granted the mercy of healing. This proved that healing is a mercy, as well as forgiveness is a mercy. In these days some people think of mercy as applied only to the sinner, not knowing that His mercy is extended to the sick also.

God’s desire to heal *all* is as much greater than ours can be as His love is greater than ours. II Chr. 16:9 says that His benevolence is so great that His eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth continually seeking opportunities to bless those whose attitude of heart makes it possible.

With these few brief words we pass on, hoping that you will catch the vision and agree with the Word of God in Deut. 7:9 “The faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them, that love Him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

Why Say What the Bible Does Not?

The Bible says in Mark 1:44; 5:43, and other places, that “He charged them straitly that no man should know it.”

That is right to the opposite to what the modern fighters of God’s power says. It is a serious offense to add to, or take away from, God’s Word. In Matt. 12:15, 16, we read in plain words “Great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them *all*, and charged them that *they should not make Him Known.*”

ARTHRITIS—Arthritis was in my shoulder until I couldn’t work, raise my arm, or dress myself. My arm was numb and almost totally useless. I was prayed for in Brother Grant’s revival in Senath, Missouri. My arm is normal now. I’m working every day.

File A-20

They were trying to crucify Him; and He was trying to finish His work.

But now He wants to be made known. After He arose from the dead, He said the first thing, "Go and tell." Matt. 28 tells us He said just before He left, "Go therefore and teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He commanded them to go and tell; He commanded them to heal the sick. We are still telling it. The signs are still following. The modernist does not want Him to be known, but we cannot but speak that we have seen and heard. You don't want Him to be known, but He is still healing to make Himself known. We have so many people ignorant to His love, mercy, compassion, and healing power as they did in Bible days.

Once more I say, "He is saying, 'Go and tell that *all things* are *now* ready. Yet there is room. Come and dine. If you ask Him for bread He will not give you a stone. Healing is the children's bread.' COME, CHILDREN ONE AND ALL. EAT!"

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE—I suffered with high blood pressure. I knew I might go out at any time. My folks had died with the same trouble. I wanted to live to raise my children. I was prayed for at church. Jesus operated on me as I was under the power. I went home and ate anything I wanted. Dieting had failed, but since I had been prayed for I have lost over 25 pounds. I went back to Doctor Mosley, the same doctor and the same implements which pronounced me with high blood pressure one year before. He said, "Your blood pressure is all gone." (Witness W. V. Grant.)

File F-88

EXCUSE NUMBER FIFTY-THREE

HEALING DONE THROUGH APOSTLES ONLY

Some honest people have heard this so much that they accept it as Scripture. Many ministers stand in their pulpits, look so wise, and tell honest members, who have confidence in them, that healing was done through the Apostles only. I am not taking this space to fight these poor ministers; but as long as you have this question in your mind you will not have faith to believe that we can bring you deliverance through the power of God.

Healing Is Promised to All

All people of all ages are promised healing, before the law, under the law, and after the law. Psa. 100:5 says His truth endureth to all generations. "The Lord is faithful which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations."

Answer this question: Why would the Holy Spirit who healed all the sick before His dispensation began, do less after He entered into His office.

Answer this question: Did not the Lord give the seventy power to heal the sick in the 10th chapter of Luke? He said, "Heal the sick that are therein." The seventy returned stating that the spirits were subject to them in the name of Jesus. He told them He would give them power over all the power of the devil.

BACK TROUBLE AND BLIND IN ONE EYE—I had been blind in my left eye for 15 years. I had back trouble three years. My eye being blind made it embarrassing for me at school. I was in the hospital three days. The doctors said I would have to have my back operated on. I would suffer and would have to go to bed. I was healed instantly of the back trouble and blind eye in your revival.

File G-108

Answer this question: Did not Jesus say that these signs would follow all believers? Look in Mk. 16. "And these signs shall follow them that believe (not just the Apostles) . . . they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

What right have we to preach one without the other? How can you preach part of the great commission in Mk. 16, without preaching all of it, and make people believe it? Dr. Young gives the 17th verse like this: "Signs shall follow them that believe these things."

Here is another question: Was James an Apostle (the James who wrote the book of James)? Did not he command all elders to pray for the sick, and say that the Lord would raise them up, and that we are men of like passion as Elijah, who even raised the dead? Look in James 5 and believe God's Word. This was given not at the beginning of the Apostolic age, but at the close. Why would it be withdrawn just at the time it was given.

We see that Jesus told the Apostles to go and heal the sick, true enough, but Matt. 28 also says He told them to teach all nations to observe all things whatsoever He commanded them to do. Did He mean that, or was He just saying that?

Healing Done Through All

Healing was first done through the twelve, I will admit. Then it was done through the seventy, as I have said. Then it was done through the Church. After that it was done through each believer. James said, "confessing your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James means that just any of the righteous is promised healing. "They (the believers) shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Jesus said in St. John 14:12, "He that believeth on me (any believer) the works that I do shall he do also." Does that sound like it was only for the Apostles?

ROARING IN HEAD—One doctor said I had a bursted nerve in my head. I had a roaring all the time. My neighbors would hollow but I couldn't hear them, to understand. I was sitting in the audience when Brother Grant prayed a wholesale prayer. I noticed that I could hear. The next day I heard a clock in the car, which ticked quietly. I had been that way eight years.

File G-115

You look in Acts 7 and 8 and you will see that Philip and Stephen were used as gloriously in divine healing as Peter and John. They were not apostles. They were deacons. So the deacons are to administer divine healing to the sick and suffering.

The book of Acts is the record of the acts of the Holy Ghost. If you want to know how He acts read how He did act. The book of Acts shows us how He wants to act throughout "all days, even to the end of the age."

The writings of the early church historians, such as Justin Martyr, St. Augustine, and others show clearly that the miraculous power of God was not withdrawn from the church.

John Wesley prayed for his ailing horse and God healed it (1703-1791). You will see in excuse 41 that healing was practiced right on down until the present age. We have thousands today who trust God for their healing. Hundreds have statements from their Physicians which cannot be denied that God is still healing today.

In fact, we are all apostles. An apostle is one sent with a commission. I am telling you that the twelve apostles are not to be exalted above everyone else. Jesus is the one to be exalted. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The apostles are dead and lifeless. They are not to be worshipped; but Jesus has not lost any of His power. The apostles were just men as we are. We have the same God they had.

What Is the Church Here For?

We are in the age of Christ and Christianity. If this is not the age of miracles, what is it? In fact there is not a certain age called the age of miracles. God has always worked miracles. He is the God of Abraham. If He healed Abraham and his wife after they were past age, then He is the same. He says He changeth not.

If there is any essential difference between the Apostolic age and a later age, then the Church is not one body but two. We are yet in the Church period. If we are the same body then we have the same life and power according to I Cor. 12.

ALMOST DEAF—I was totally deaf in one ear, and couldn't hear good out of the other. I had been that way five years. I hadn't smelled anything for 40 years. Since you prayed for me I can hear a whisper and can smell all right. **File G-107**

What made the Apostles more than ordinary men? It was the gift of the Holy Ghost. They became great after the Holy Ghost came upon them. Jesus said we would have the same power after the Holy Ghost came upon us. Even Jesus did no miracles until after He was anointed with Holy Ghost and power. Then according to Acts 10:38 He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil.

Neighbors, the only reason the Church exists today is to bring deliverance to people in need. The church should be no social club operated for the enjoyment of its dues-paying members, but a house of mercy where suffering humanity may come and find a helping hand and faith for deliverance. We may not say "silver and gold have I none," but we should still say, "in the name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk."

I would like to say this is the only age in which the nine spiritual gifts were to be distributed "to every man severally as He, the Holy Ghost, will." The nine spiritual gifts includes the gifts of healing, the gift of miracles, and the gift of faith, according to I Cor. 12.

I think it is absurd for one to say that the Holy Ghost will work miracles in every age except His own age. This is a "better covenant, with "better" priest, and "better" promises.

Luke 4:18, and hundreds of other places, says healing is part of the gospel. If we are preachers of the gospel why do we have any right to go into the hospitals and tell the sick, suffering, and dying, that Jesus is not touched with the feeling of their infirmities any more? Why should we withhold the gospel from them and tell them that Jesus is not the same yesterday, today, and forever, and He is not moved with compassion any more, and His mercy does not endure forever?

No, a thousand times No! Not me! I am going to tell them Jesus has not lost any of His mercy, compassion, love, power, or truthfulness. He is yet truthful. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them *ALL*."

TASTE AND SMELL—I could neither taste nor smell. I was prayed for in your revival and was healed instantly.

File A-55

EXCUSE NUMBER FIFTY-FOUR

GOD IS PUNISHING ME

Do you believe that you are being punished for something, therefore you are afflicted?

Does God Use Sickness to Punish His Children?

Some will say, yes, some will say, no. I am not going to say. I do say this idea is so common that you could not do much good by telling some that God does not punish with sickness. If it is just a tradition of the elders it certainly made the Word of God of none effect in some folk's lives.

Heb. 12 tells us that the Lord does chastise His children because He loves them. My Mother whipped me. She said it was because she loved me. She wanted to make something out of me. But, really, I don't believe that she would have put cancer or T. B. upon me to punish me.

You say, "She couldn't have." No, and she wouldn't have if she could. God can't afflict people. The reason for it is that He can't lie. God is good. He is busy taking sickness off people. The devil is a wicked devil. He is busy putting sickness on people.

If God both afflicts and heals, then His kingdom is divided against itself and it can't stand. Luke 11 tells us that a house divided against itself can't stand. If Satan cast out Satan then his kingdom is divided. If God puts Satan in us then His Kingdom is divided.

My Mother would not put sickness and disease upon me to punish me. She will seek other ways to punish me. God loves me better than a Mother loves her child. To say that God puts diseases upon us to punish

ROARING IN RIGHT EAR—I couldn't hear out of my right ear, just a roaring. I could hear a whisper when you prayed. I can now talk over the phone.

File C-39

us is to say He is worse than we are. But He says, "If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more does your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" The words "*how much more*" shows that He is no more evil than we are.

The Lord chastises with His Word. He chastises with trials, tests, persecution, reproaches, poverty, conviction, condemnation, discontent, despair, and so forth. He will not let you have your way when you are stubborn. He will let things go wrong. He will let you have a crop-failure. He will allow you to toil all night and not catch anything. But will He put a cancer on you because you fail Him? I am not saying He will not. I don't want to accuse Him of such a thing unless I know. He may not let you prosper in your ways if you fail Him.

How was Cain punished? He was driven out of the presence of the Lord. That would be the greatest punishment I could ever have, to be driven out of the presence of the Lord. That would be worse than sickness to me. In Gen. 4, Cain was driven out of the presence of the Lord and said, "My punishment is greater than I can bear."

We see many places where others were punished, but do we read where God put some disease upon His child to chastise him? I'm asking you?

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. According to I John 3 that is right. Does He put the works of the devil on people? Does He want the works of the devil, that He formerly wanted to destroy, to remain in our bodies? Can it be that He wants a cancer, a "plague," a "curse," the "works of the devil," in the "members of Christ," and "the temples of the Holy Ghost"?

Of course, when you fail God and walk out from under the blood, you have no protection and you may contact any kind of disease; but don't blame God with that. He is trying to blockade the way and keep you from running into the afflictions of the devil.

RHEUMATISM, FALLEN KIDNEY AND BLIND IN ONE EYE—I had rheumatism and had to walk with a cane. I had swimming in my head. I was totally blind in my left eye for 62 years and nearly blind in the other one. I suffered with fallen kidney. I was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in your revival and healed of all my afflictions. I am 81 years old and feel fine. **File G-104**

I might disobey my Mother and run into Small-pox, and suffer from them, but I couldn't blame my Mother, and say she put them on me to punish me. I don't think she would be pleased for me to accuse her of doing it. I may disobey my Mother and run where she told me not to go, and get bit by a rattlesnake; but my Mother wouldn't have me bit on purpose to punish me. God loves us better than a Mother. He will not give us a serpent.

If You Are Sinning

If you are sinning, you deserve punishment. He chastises whom He loves. You can prevent punishment if you will try.

I Cor. 11 says "For if we would judge ourselves we would not be judged. But when we are judged we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."

Since you say that you are sinning, and know what you are being punished for, you can repent and prevent being punished any further. Prov. 26:2 says the curse will not come without a cause. So, remove the cause and the curse will go.

If you think that you are being punished with sickness because you have sinned against the Lord (and the Lord would not punish you if you had not sinned) then James 5:14-16 is written just for you. That Scripture says that the prayer of faith shall save the sick . . . and if they have committed sins they shall be forgiven. Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may be healed. You have no excuse. You can yet be healed even if you have sinned.

This is the case where a child has run out into sin, just as I would disobey my Mother and run into the yard and get bit by a mad dog. My Mother would not have me bit by a mad dog, as a punishment.

If you have sinned you can yet be healed: Psalms 103 says He forgiveth *all* thy iniquities and healeth *all* thy diseases. I Peter 2:24 says He bore our sins on the tree and healed us by His stripes. He took our infirmities and bore our sickness.

MILK LEG, DISLOCATED DISC IN BACK—I had the milk leg for 15 years. A disc was dislocated in my back for six years. There is no swelling or pain in my legs now. The Lord has made me whole. You prayed for me in the Senath revival. File A-39

After you get right, you may yet be healed. I don't whip my child always. After I whip him, he gets hungry and I give him some bread. I don't starve him. And healing is the children's bread according to Matt. 15. If you are a child you may have bread. If you ask bread He will not give you a stone.

If He has reasons for punishing you, and you suppose He is punishing you by making you sick, He is not doing it at random. He has a goal to reach. Let Him reach it. He yet forgives and forgets.

If you put biscuits in the stove you let them stay until they are done. But do you let them stay any longer? No. So, when you get just where He wants you, when you are done, He will jerk you out of the fire that second. Therefore, let Him accomplish His purpose and heal you.

He will not put on you more than you can bear according to I Cor. 10. He will never ask you to do something you can't do. You wouldn't demand such a thing of your child; and God is not worse than you.

So there is only one way not to receive healing if you have sinned. That is to be just too stubborn and rebellious to make things right.

If You Are Not Sinning

If you sin, you know it. Maybe Satan is just putting that excuse in your mind, and he is telling you you are failing God, and you are being punished, when really you are not.

If you don't know you sin, then you don't. The devil is the accuser of the brethren according to Rev. 12. He will try to get you to condemn yourself. According to Rom. 14, you can condemn yourself. That will take your faith.

You don't have to agree with the devil. If you don't know you are sinning, just tell the devil he is a liar. Then say, "Lord, you said if I would abide in you and your Word abide in me, I could ask

DEAF—I am 46 years old. I had been totally deaf in my left ear since five years old. The doctor said my ear drum was bursted. You know you preach low. Just after you prayed for me I could hardly hear you preach. By the time you got through preaching I could hear every word you said, even when I closed the other ear.

File A-29

what I would and receive it. Lord, I'm abiding in you and your Word is abiding in me. Give it here. I want my healing." I John 3 says we can have whatever we ask if we keep His commandments and do those things which are pleasing in His sight.

If you have failed Him repent and receive your healing. If you have not, don't condemn yourself by confessing you have.

You can do like Hezekiah. Turn your face to the wall. Don't look at the excuse of the devil. Say, "Lord I have lived for you and kept your commandments. So heal me." And He will say, "I have heard thy prayer. I have seen thy tears; behold I will heal thee."

DEAF AND ARTHRITIS—I was deaf in both ears six years. I couldn't hear a car or anything. Both knees had arthritis in them until I couldn't kneel for about three years. It started from a cramped muscle five years before. When you prayed for me in August, 1950, the Lord healed both my ears and both my knees. I heard a clock tick the next morning and thought the refrigerator was tearing up. I called my husband to see about it. I can kneel on both knees now. **File G-90**

BLIND—You gave me a scripture to stand on for the healing of my blind eye. You waited three days to pray for me. I was healed instantly of the eye I had been blind in for five years. I could see a bulk of something at times, but now I can read in the Bible. Praise the Lord because I learned to trust the Lord. **File A-33**

EXCUSE NUMBER FIFTY-FIVE

I DON'T FEEL LED TO BE PRAYED FOR

You may laugh at this one. Nevertheless, the writer has met people who had this very excuse. I have asked people why they didn't get saved and they would say they were waiting on a feeling. I have asked others why they didn't receive the Holy Ghost and they seem to think it is a sin to seek the Holy Ghost unless they are overpowered by a deep convicting spirit first. Some will not receive healing until God deals with them and puts them under a deep conviction.

Does God Say Wait for a Feeling?

God convicts a sinner, but, after he gets saved, he should obey God without being convicted. It is after we fail the Lord and go into sin that we feel convicted. You can reject the Holy Ghost, or healing, until you go into sin (for he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin). Then you will have a conviction. You will then have to repent before you receive anything. But that is what I am telling you. Don't wait until then.

We should serve God after we are saved. My Dad used to tell me that I ought to do some things without being told, or without being driven to do every little thing. An animal has to be controlled that way. We should serve God without being compelled. If I waited until God sent such feelings, before I prayed or began to seek Him, I would backslide. You will too.

DEAF, GOITER, HEART AND STOMACH TROUBLE—About 20 years I had been deaf in my left ear. I was about 75 per cent deaf in the other. I had a goiter also. I had heart and stomach trouble. I was suffering when I came to be prayed for. While Brother Grant was reading some scriptures on healing, the Lord healed me. I now hear a whisper out of either ear. There is no trace of the goiter, heart trouble, or stomach trouble.

File A-26

The Bible does not speak of feelings but about one time, and that is when it says people will be past feelings. You can get past feelings, just in a little while, by sitting around and disobeying the Lord. Could that be your trouble?

Maybe you are out of connection with the Spirit. How can you feel led by the Spirit if you are out of connection? We are not supposed to serve God on feelings.

Believe Before You Feel

No one believes in feelings any more than I do. If you will obey God you will have plenty of feelings. But many times you must do something first. Many times we must sacrifice our service. Anyone can serve God, without sacrifice, when they feel good all the time.

The way healing comes is this: Faith-fact-feelings. But most people want to turn it around and say feelings-fact-faith. After you feel, or see anything it is not faith. It is already there. Faith is believing before you see. "Blessed is he that hath not seen and yet believe." "Blessed is she that hath believed for there shall be a performance of those things."

Do you think that the man who fell out of the window had much feelings before he was healed? Lazarus didn't have much feelings. After he obeyed the command he had plenty of feelings. A dead man doesn't have feelings. Maybe you are dead. I'm sure you are if you don't feel anything.

If you felt like knocking someone in the head with a rock, would you go by feelings? Certainly not! for you know the Bible is against it. You would go by the Bible, and your better judgment. Well the same thing that tells you to sit on your seat is what tells you to hit the man with the rock. Don't yield to that spirit. Go by your better judgment and go by the Bible. Ask for healing. Everyone that asketh receiveth. You have not because you ask not. The man at the beautiful gate in Acts three may not have felt like rising up and walking; but he obeyed the command anyway. He was healed and had plenty of feel-

BAD EARS—I had crickets in my ears for 10 years. You prayed for me in your revival in Denton. The crickets left and I can hear plainly. I can hear a small wrist watch out of either ear plainly.

File G-111

ings later as he leaped, ran, walked, and jumped through the temple. You may not have lots of feelings; but obey the command, "Call for the elders of the church," and you will have feelings as the Lord raises you up.

What Does the Bible Say?

The Lord says, "Come unto me *all* ye that are heavy laden." He didn't say wait until you had a strange feeling. Are you heavy laden with afflictions? He promises you rest.

He says "Come for all things are *now* ready." If you wait until you feel like it, that will not be *now*. Do you wait until you have a leading before you go to dinner, when you are called? If you did, dinner might be more than ready.

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them *all*." That means the ones that feel like it, and all the rest.

He says "Call unto me and I will answer thee, and shew you great and mighty things that ye know not." Did He say wait until He made you do it?

He said, "Everyone that asketh receiveth." Why don't you ask? "Everyone" means you.

"They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." "The sick," it didn't say whether they were strangely pulled or not.

I am sure if you have the Spirit, and are full of the Spirit, you will get a leading. But the Spirit will not lead you contrary to the Bible, if you have the right kind of Spirit. The Spirit and the Word agrees. If you are led to stay on your seat, or stay at home, you need to try the spirits, for you are being led contrary to the plain Bible command.

PARALYSIS, STOMACH TROUBLE AND HEART TROUBLE—I had two strokes of paralysis and a bad stomach trouble. I had to be fed through the bowels. I was in a wheel chair 17 months. I got bedfast; then where I could walk with a cane. I had an operation for gall stones. The doctor gave me up. My liver was grown to my backbone and gall bladder. I had a bad heart trouble and a nerve trouble. I would shake like I had a chill. I was helped in the house at your meeting at Senath. I can walk now without a cane. I was healed instantly and can eat anything I want. I went back to the doctor and he said it was a mystery. He said it was God and not anything he did.

File D-95

Get in Earnest

We are men of like passion as Elijah, and he prayed earnestly. The Lord will not do anything for a person who half-heartedly, aimlessly, seeks Him.

If you would fall heir to one hundred thousand dollars would you put in your claim for it? Would you wait until you felt led? If you were due some insurance you would go after it even if you didn't feel good. If you would find a hundred dollar bill in the road would you feel led before you picked it up?

The woman with the issue of blood was nearly dead. She got in earnest. She felt something afterwards. The blind man got in earnest. He wanted his sight, feelings or no feelings.

Jesus asked the man in John 5, "Wilt thou be made whole?" The man wanted to be made whole. Jesus said, "rise, take up thy bed and walk." Do you think he lay there until a certain kind of feeling he had figured out, came? No, indeed. He got up! He walked! He took his healing! You can do the same. **WILT THOU BE MADE WHOLE? GET UP!**

TUMOR, TONSILITIS—I suffered for four years. On being examined by the physicians at Hamburg, they said I had a tumor. I would get sick and then get better. I came to your service one day and was prayed for. The swelling all left completely. Some asked if I had quit eating. I was healed also of tonsilitis.

File A-43

GALL BLADDER, NEURITIS AND RHEUMATISM—About 11 years ago they began to doctor me for gall bladder trouble. I had rheumatism over me. Since you prayed for me eight weeks ago I am completely well. I was healed instantly of a bursted knee also. I was real hard hearing because of head trouble. I had neuritis. I am perfectly delivered.

File A-35

EXCUSE NUMBER FIFTY-SIX

I DON'T BELIEVE IN PUBLIC HEALINGS

So you are one of these people who rejects healing on the grounds that your nature rebels against public healing-meetings. It must be on that ground; for I don't find any Bible ground. If your nature and the Word of God does not agree, then you should be changed.

Objections Considered

Some charge that we are exalting ourselves when we have public healing-meetings. Now if we claimed to have the power to heal people then, I will admit, we would be exalting ourselves to have a public healing-meeting. But since we do not claim such power we are only the servants of Christ.

About the time that everything is going good, and we think everyone is getting his healing, someone comes along who has no faith. Since they don't make any preparations, they go away just as badly crippled as they came upon the platform. You see that would be very humiliating indeed if we were doing it within our own power or holiness. We would be brought to shame. It would be much better for us to pray for each one in secret and then bring the ones who received their healing out to the public.

But since it takes faith, living faith, in the Lord, as it does for salvation, for one to receive healing, we leave it up to them and the Lord. We take no responsibility for the failures and no praise for the

GROWTH IN NOSE—I had a growth on my nose and could only breathe through one side. I never went to a doctor but it was believed to be a cancer. I had it for a year and it was growing. I was prayed for in your revival here and felt no different at that particular time but the next morning it came out into my hand, blood and all. I have been breathing well ever since and feel fine.

File A-48

success. Therefore, we do not do it to exalt ourselves; for we are abased in most people's sight.

Others charge us with making a boast when we have public healings. That is also absurd, because of the reasons stated above. According to Psa. 34:2 and 44:8 it is all right for us to put our boast in the Lord, but never in ourselves.

Others quote us the Scripture where Jesus said for them to tell no man. These poor folk will not testify to their healings, neither will they pray in public, for fear that they will disobey the command where He said tell no man. They may not know it; but they are going by the traditions of the elders.

The reason Jesus didn't want them to tell anyone about healing is because He was in danger of being arrested. He wanted to finish His work. He added "until I am raised from the dead." After He arose from the dead the first thing He commanded was, "Go and tell." He said for His disciples teach all nations to observe whatever He commanded. We still are commanded to go and tell. Matt. 28 says, "all nations," "every creature" "to the end of the world."

Now with as few people as we have giving their time to God for the divine healing Ministry, we would never get round to "all the world," to "every creature," as near as the end of the World is, if we did our work in a corner, behind closed doors, ministering to one at a time. Paul said, "this thing is not done in a corner."

And as far as secret praying is concerned, we have nineteen recorded prayers where Jesus prayed, and most of them are in public. We have Scripture for both. I have no confidence in a person's salvation, if he does not do both. In fact, Jesus says in Matt. 6, that if we pray in secret we will be rewarded openly. If you do any praying in secret you will see Him work openly. These people who claim that they do all their praying in secret never pray. They may murmur a few words from the lips. If they really pray in secret they will be rewarded openly, in public.

GOITER—I had a goiter all my life. It would choke me badly at times. I came to your revival in Texarkana, Texas. The Lord healed me, and I'm free. It seemed like a brush was going round and round in my neck as you were praying for me.

File A-44

These people who do not believe in making a parade of healings are mighty quick to parade failures. That is strange to me!

It was just in some places, perhaps one, that Jesus did not allow them to stir up public feelings, and that was just before He was crucified. Jesus told the man who was healed in Mark 5 to go home and tell people; and the 20th verse says, "and he departed and began to publish in Decapolis how great things the Lord had done for him: and all men did marvel." All men wouldn't marvel if we were confined to closed doors. We would be like Russia is today. That would suit some people. It would suit the fighters of the gospel and of the power of God. They would like to be in a modern, government church which denied the power of God.

I will admit there are counterfeits, and there are public, so-called, Healing Meetings which bring a reproach on the cause. That does not make the genuine less real. If there had never been a genuine dollar there would have never been a counterfeit. Imagine a man who says, "I will never handle another dollar, because I got hold of a counterfeit."

Say What God Says

Jesus had plenty of public healing services. In fact most healings He did, He did them in public.

Look into the second chapter of Mark. The doctors and the lawyers, scribes and Pharisees were all there. The door was full. The yard was full of people.

In most places we see that Jesus was working in public. The people, in many cases, as in Mark 5, couldn't get to Him for the press. "Master the multitude throng thee and press thee" was true in most cases. Wherever Jesus was, the saying in Mark 2 was true: "Many were gathered together, inasmuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door."

Truly He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He set us an example that we should follow His steps. Wherever He is today the multitude comes together.

DEAF—Doctor Speidel of Senath, Missouri, examined me. I had been deaf in one ear four years. After Brother Grant prayed for me I could hear a whisper. I can hear a watch tick.

File A-56

Sometimes there were as many as five thousand men, besides their families, with Jesus. They needed no other physician along except the Great Physician.

And what about the Apostles? It is enough to say, "The works that I do shall ye do also." See John 14:12. They knew to follow their Master. You just look in the Acts of the Apostles, in the early Church. They had such a large healing service in Acts 5 that they couldn't all get into the house. They had to have an open air meeting. The streets were blocked with cots and beds and sick folk. They had to have a fast line. The ones who couldn't go through the line—Peter just walked by them. His shadow passing over them gave them faith for healing.

What about the deacons? Look at the 8th chapter of Acts how the deacon had a public revival. The whole city full of people came out. It was true then, as it is now, the man with a black heart, which was not right in the sight of God, wondered about it. The man in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity was "beholding and seeing the miracles." The sinners came out and were converted. The devils were cast out. There was great joy in the city.

I think that is the thing which stirs up the devil mostly. Wherever you see great public healing meetings you see multitudes come to God. The modern preacher loses his worldly members after they are acquainted with God's power. That is why the modern preachers fight it. They lose their members.

The tradition of the elders, as in Mark 7, still makes the Word of God of none effect.

Everything else is published. They advertise beer, whiskey, wine, and shows. They have public auctions. Why don't you spend your precious time preaching that these whiskey joints should be chased back into the back woods, to the boot-legging joints? Do you think more of them than you do the gospel? Praise God, we do not have to bootleg this gospel. We may have to sometime, if such people as you increase in numbers. It will be as good as the devil wants.

BRONCHIAL ASTHMA—On April 2, 1950, at Blytheville, Arkansas, in Brother Grant's revival I went up to be prayed for. The Lord healed me of bronchial asthma. I gained 13 pounds in three weeks. I was unable to do any little chore about the place. Now I can work my garden, mow my lawn, etc. **File D-50**

How many cars could a man sell if he would put them all in private? Or the Real Estate Man? What could he do, boot-legging Real Estate?

It reminds me of a little puppy dog barking at the moon. After the dog is hoarse the moon will yet be shining. The moonlight covers the earth. Sunshine is not a secret. The Love of God can't be. "The Love of our Redeemer covers the earth."

Read Ex. 15:26 and lift your voice up like a trumpet and say, "Lord, you told the truth, You are the Lord that healeth me."

HEAD TROUBLE—I had trouble for 16 years. It continued to grow worse. My jaws swelled. I had to have my mouth open to breathe. My nose flowed almost continually. My mouth and gums ached until I was driven into a fever. My head swelled and my eye felt like it would pop out. I was so nervous I layed awake for hours at night. Thirty days ago you came from another state and prayed for me. I have been well since that hour. I have slept soundly since. **File D-96**

DEAF AND MUTE—As far as we know my daughter, Nellie, has been deaf and mute all her life. Since your revival at Texarkana, June, 1950, she can hear me call her from another room. She is learning to talk. She meets some on the train and talks to them. They don't know she has been deaf and mute. She is happier now and wants to go to church. She is 36 years old. **File A-45**

EXCUSE NUMBER FIFTY-SEVEN

I JUST CAN'T TRUST THE LORD

One of the most common of all excuses is that one is not able to trust the Lord. It is easy to say that, and just be unconcerned. But remember that a sinner could say the same thing about trusting the Lord for salvation. If a sinner can trust the Lord with his soul which is worth millions, we should be able to trust the Lord with our bodies which are not worth one dollar each. We should be better than a sinner.

How Does God Feel About That?

How would your wife feel if you would go to town tomorrow and say to everyone you see that you couldn't trust her? Imagine how you would make people feel about your wife, if you would say this: "I just can't trust my wife. I wish I could believe her. I can't trust her." And yet God is better than your wife. He is stronger, more honest, and more truthful than anyone's wife.

My wife has never been untrue to me. She has never lied to me. I trust her. God has never been untrue to me. He has never lied to me. I can trust Him.

Can your child trust you? If you promise him something he expects it. If I put my little boy on a rock wall and tell him to jump into my arms, he trusts me. He jumps. He knows I've never lied to him. God never lied to me. I can jump into His arms. His strong arms catches me every time. I trust my life with Him. If God is an honest being why don't people trust Him as such? He will not command the impossible.

LEAKAGE OF HEART—I had leakage of the heart my entire life, 16 years. They wanted me to go to the hospital and stay in bed and read, not go to school or take exercise . . . After Brother Grant prayed for me I went back to the same doctor and brought him a statement that there was no trace of the leakage of the heart.

File A-64

According to I John 3 we will have confidence in the Lord if we are not under condemnation.

If God can trust you, surely you can trust Him. He is no worse than you are. You are no better than God. He trusts you with salvation, the Holy Ghost, and healing. If you will trust Him with your body, He will trust you with healing. God trusts us with millions of dollars worth of blessings every day. Let's trust Him with our little ninety-cent bodies.

Do you know what the middle verse in the whole Bible is? It is Psa. 118:8. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." This was written by a man who had gone through the test and found out for himself. He had slain a lion, a bear, and a giant. He overcame Saul and the devil by trusting in God. He said, "I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from my fears."

You Trust Other Things

When you ride in a car with someone, you are trusting your life with him. If he swerved a few inches to the left you would be killed.

I was going up on an elevator the other day. A cross-eyed Negro about fourteen years old was operating it. The thought came to me: "You are trusting your life with this colored girl. Can't you trust your body, which is not so valuable as life with the Lord?"

When you order things from a mail order house, and go to the post office and buy a one-hundred-dollar money order, you give them your money. You are trusting one hundred dollars with Uncle Sam and the mail order house. You are standing on their promise. Their promise can fail; God's will never. They can go bankrupt. God cannot.

You will trust the banker with hundreds of dollars just on a written statement that the money is deposited. Yet Phil. 4:19 says ALL YOUR NEEDS, healing and all, is deposited in glory for you, and HE WILL SUPPLY IT. Had you as soon believe the Lord Jesus Christ as a banker? The banker can lie; but God cannot.

GOITER—The goiter I had for two years would choke me and cause my eyes to inflame, my breath to be short. The Spirit called me out through Brother Grant. While he was praying for me I felt it tearing loose. He asked me to swallow. It lodged in the hollow of my neck. Then it passed on. Now I'm so happy. **File 49**

Every time you get into your car you trust the condition of your car. You trust the steering gear, the tires, the brakes, and hundreds of parts about it. The condition of your car may be nearly worn out. God never wears out! The most reasonable thing in the world is faith in God to trust Him. We can trust in Him when we can't trust in ourselves. If we trust our better judgment, then God has better judgment than any of us.

Every day, you trust your chair to hold you up. Every night you trust the bed to not fall with you. So let's bear our weight on the Lord day and night. Prov. 16 says "whosoever trusteth in the Lord, HAPPY IS HE."

The Lord Is Concerned About Us

Don't doubt His love and His truthfulness. A person who says, "I know He is able, but I just can't trust Him," is saying, "I know He is powerful but I doubt if He is truthful and honest. I doubt His love."

Deut. 32 tells us that He keeps us as the apple of His eye. You will protect the apple of your eye.

He loves us as a Mother loves her child, and more so. Is your little baby always afraid you are going to drop it? Of course not. He never worries about that. If your baby can trust you, then you should trust your loving Heavenly Father.

He has promised faithfully in I Cor. 10 that you will never be tempted above that you are able to bear. Can you trust His Word?

"He will never leave nor forsake thee," according to Heb. 13:5; Isa. 49 says that a Mother may forget her sucking child, but the Lord will not forget you.

Matt. 6 tells us that the hairs of our heads are numbered. If He takes care of the lillies of the field, and the sparrows, he will take care of us. For we are of much more value than sparrows. And yet the sparrows put us to shame when it comes to putting our trust in the Lord

ARTHRITIS AND LOW BLOOD PRESSURE—I had arthritis for two years. Dr. Ferguson of Nashville said he could give me medicine but it would not cure me. I had low blood pressure. The white corpuscles were eating up the red. I got stiff and could not move. When you prayed it left instantly. I was a widow supporting my children. Since you prayed I feel better and feel like working every day.

File B-30

and being free from all worry and fear. If a sparrow can trust God, then don't you believe that He is more concerned about you than He is about many sparrows? If you believe His Word, you do.

Luke 12:22-23 tells us that He knoweth that we have need of these things. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and *all these things* will be added.

God Is Trustworthy

If you go to a specialist he requires you to put your trust in him. If you don't trust him enough to put your case into his hands, then he cannot help. The same thing is true when you come to the Lord. You must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. If you trust the Specialist, then trust in Jesus. He is the Great Physician. He is a Specialist in every case!

Do you believe Jer. 17:5-7? ". . . cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm . . . blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord . . ."

The Lord commands that we trust in Him. Psa. 62:8, and other places say, "Trust in the Lord at all times."

Look what Prov. 3-5 says: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding." Jer. 29 says that when we seek Him with all our heart He will be found.

A person that trusteth in the Lord is the happiest person living. Psa. 32:10 says, "He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him." Mercy is healing. "The young lions may suffer hunger, but he that trusteth in the Lord shall not want any good thing." If the lion, the king of the forest, is able he will overpower everything in the forest, or see that the young ones do not suffer. Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He can. He has prevailed. Glory! He does! Psa. 34:8 says "Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

DEVIL OPPRESSION—The Lord delivered my boy, Ralph, from the oppression of the devil in your meeting in Senath, Missouri. He is getting ready to go back to college. **File A-57**

HEART TROUBLE—Three years ago I took ill with a heart attack. The doctors said I could not live. I had three doctors out of Memphis and some out of Little Rock—(seven in all). They said nothing could be done. You prayed for me on February 4, 1950. I was wonderfully healed. **File C-40**

It works! No one has ever trusted in Him in vain. "Trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass." Both a commandment and a promise! "Whosoever putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."

"Trust in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is *ever-lasting strength*." Do you want everlasting strength? Isa. 26.4 says you may have it.

My friend, settle it in your heart like Job, and say, "though He slay me yet will I trust Him." Then you will come forth as Job. He was healed. The time he was well was hundreds of times as long as he was sick. When He hath tried you, you shall come forth as gold.

BROKEN BACK AND RIBS—About one year ago I was sitting under a house. Being a contractor I had the house jacked up. The house fell on me. I was under there 30 minutes before my employees could get it off of me. They carried me to a hospital and found that my back and four of my ribs were broken, besides other injuries. I was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in your Blytheville revival. You prayed for me and I threw up my hands and said I was as well as I ever was. The next morning I discarded my brace and gave it to you. No one asked me to do so. . . . I am now working back on the job with no symptoms.

File D-65

DEAD LEG—For over two years my left leg from my hip to my knee was dead. I could stick pins in it without feeling it. Doctors didn't know what it was. The iodine shots I took for 16 months did me no good. I am perfectly whole. I can walk and work with no pain since you prayed.

File C-41

EXCUSE NUMBER FIFTY-EIGHT

HE ONLY HEALED TO CONFIRM RESURRECTION MESSAGE

Some preachers look so wise when they get into the pulpit and make such an assertion. Then honest people have their simple faith in God's Word destroyed just because some minister thought up this excuse to keep from losing his members. Friend, if you have been taught this, I hope you can get this doubt out of your mind.

The Word Needs Confirming Today

In Acts 4 and 5 we see the early church taking Christ at His Word and praying unitedly for signs and wonders and healing, until "the place was shaken where they were assembled together," and then "they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches . . . There came also multitudes out of the cities 'round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and they which were vexed with unclean spirits, and *they were healed everyone.*"

May I ask why were *all* of them healed? Just one would have been enough to prove that Jesus had been resurrected.

Thirty years later Jesus was still healing *all* who came. In Acts 28 "all the other sick people in the island came, and were cured." (Weymouth) In the very last chapter of the book of Acts, which is the only unfinished book in the Bible, we see in it that Jesus is yet healing *all* who came.

We also notice that thirty years later there were heathen people, and we still have them today. There are millions today who don't believe in the resurrection. If we needed miracles then to prove the resurrection,

GOITER—My goiter left as Brother Grant prayed. The Spirit said, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the World." File E-71

we need them more so today, for we have more who deny the resurrection. We have more modernists than ever before. Many don't claim to be modernists, but if they deny divine healing they are modernists.

It is in the last days when we have people who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof, according to II Tim. 3. That is the reason we see in Acts 2 that in the last day, just before the great day of the Lord come, God would be shewing forth signs and wonders again. Therefore, it is in these last days when people deny the supernatural power of God, that we need miracles more than ever.

May I ask why was the command in James 5 given to the Church in the last of the early church period? Why was it given? It said "if any be sick." That didn't say just a few to show proof of the resurrection. Why say what God does not?

Look in answers to excuse 41 and you will find that God has healed in every century since the early church. He is healing today. Why is that true if He just wanted to heal a few to prove the resurrection?

Why Did Jesus Heal?

Did He ever turn anyone away telling him he could not be healed, using that for a reason? No, a thousand times no! Then why don't you say what God says? He says "His truth endureth to all generations."

We have seen that Jesus healed because of His compassion. He still has compassion today. It is His nature to love us enough to heal us.

We have found that He healed "that it might be fulfilled." If He does not heal today then He does not fulfill His Word.

We have found that He healed because healing is in the atonement. He is obligated to heal as much as He is to save.

Healing inspired faith. Many believed and were saved. Jesus set us an example that we should follow His steps.

He healed because that was His mission. He came to do the will of His Father.

BLIND PARTIALLY—I could only see a bulk of something out of my left eye. The doctor said I would never regain my sight. When I was prayed for in your revival in Senath, Missouri, I could read fine print.

File A-59

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. He is yet doing so. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Disease is brought by the devil, as we will see.

Jesus healed because of His promise in Ex. 15:26, and "His truth endureth to all generations."

He healed because we can serve God better with a well body. He gets glory out of healing. Nowhere did He say He healed because He only wanted us to believe the message of the Resurrection.

In Great Commission

Healing is in the great commission for us to take to all the world. These signs shall follow them that believe, according to Mark 16. That didn't mean just a few; for He said, "they went everywhere, the Lord working with them confirming the Word with signs following." Matt. 28 says the same thing is to every creature, to all nations, to the end of the age. John 14 says He said we could do the things He did. The promise is to "He that believeth on Me." We have people who believe on Him today.

Luke says, "Everyone that asketh receiveth." By two or three witnesses let every word be established. God still confirms His Word today. I wouldn't want to preach it if He did not.

Jesus is still alive. He is still the resurrection. Healing will yet prove it. If He didn't confirm His Word how would we know that He is yet alive? Believe it! RECEIVE IT!

He is alive forevermore. Because He lives, you can live also. His life brings healing to you! If you believe He is resurrected—you will believe that He is truthful and is alive to confirm His Word—and you will receive your healing.

DEAF IN ONE EAR—I had been deaf in my ear for 20 years, as long as I can remember. As far as I can remember I was born that way. You prayed for me and I was instantly healed. I praise God for healing me. **File G-113**

EXCUSE NUMBER FIFTY-NINE

GOD USES SICKNESS TO PURIFY ME

Even if you come to be prayed for, and receive a touch from God, you still will not put the claim in for your healing, or close your case out for victory, as long as you believe that it might be possible that sickness is necessary in order to make you pure. You will have to be convinced that is all a mistake, or you will have a question mark. That doubt will not allow faith to take hold. Faith does not take hold where the revealed will of God is not known.

Does Sickness and Disease Purify

To be free is to be free from uncleanness. Disease is uncleanness. To be purified is to be free from impurities. Sickness is an impurity. Ask any physician.

Pure blood is what makes a child grow. The physicians will tell you when a person has pure blood nature will restore him to health by healing him. When a person has impure blood nature cannot heal and restore to health. A man with a broken leg will be restored to normal by nature much more quickly when he does not use tobacco or whiskey. Disease germs are filthy. Filthiness will cause sickness. That is why the health department wants everything pure and clean.

Disease kills, decays, and destroys. It never purifies. The tongue defiles the whole body according to James 3. Murmuring, complaining, and fretting brings sickness and prevents healing. Jesus wants to purify unto Himself a people zealous of good works, not filthy works.

“He that hath this hope in Him purifies himself even as He is pure.” Jesus is the one who is pure. We want to be more like Him. Imagine Him being diseased!

DEAF—I had been deaf in my left ear for ten years. Brother Grant prayed for me July 25, 1950, and I was healed—praise the Lord. File E-76

Sickness defiles the body instead of purifying it. The smell of a sick room will prove that fact. Smell a sick person's breath. Get close to a cancer. You will see that disease is filthy.

Sickness will not purify a person's spirit or soul. It will cause him to question God. It will cause him to grumble, fret, and complain. It makes the soul bitter and the spirit hard.

These people who have been sick all their life don't seem to be any more pure than they did years ago. Many times they accuse God of being unjust. They have been taught to lay the blame on God, when really it is the devil who does the dirty work.

Personally, I don't see where God uses sickness for anything. He has no need for it, or He would have put it on people in the beginning. It is the devil who is busy putting afflictions on people. The Lord is busy taking them off.

Do You Believe Your Argument?

Are you sincere? Why doesn't God take leprosy, cancers, tuberculosis, brights disease, and other foul diseases and put them on everybody, so they might be purified?

Why not pray for a second blessing instead of going to a doctor and trying to get well? Tell God to give Grandpa a second blessing of cancer. Tell Him to bless all your children and purify them with the itch. Instead of using remedies, going to a hospital, or seeing a specialist, pray for God to put all kinds of tormenting disease upon you. You would have to pray for the devil to do such stuff; for God does not do such dirty work.

According to your theory, every physician should be put out of business, and put in jail, for trying to make people well. They shouldn't do it, if sickness purifies one. The doctor is making people impure by causing them to get well. Absurd!

HEART TROUBLE—For five years I had heart trouble. I came to your revival at Senath, Missouri, and was prayed for. I went back and was examined the next day and got a statement that I was all right. I thank God I don't have to take any more heart tablets. File A-65

PARTIALLY BLIND—The doctors said I was 80 per cent blind. I wore glasses four years. When you prayed for me I could read the fine footnotes in your smallest Scofield Bible. (Glasses discarded.) File E-1

Every hospital is a house of rebellion against God, according to you, and there should be an "open season" on all the home remedies. Burn them all and make it a law to never allow anyone else to bring any more remedies in. Put all the drug stores out of business. Open *prohibition* laws on medicine of all kinds. We want people to be pure. We don't want them to be unclean.

Then, according to you, you are accusing Jesus of making us impure by healing us. God is defiling people by healing them, according to you. We should throw the Bible away for teaching healing, and never allow another to be sold. Burn them all and make it a law not to let another be sold.

If you believe what you argue, you would never try to clean up yourself and home and country, or try to feel better. YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT! Confess it and get that prop knocked out!

Do You Have Any Scripture?

Disease is of the devil. Sickness does not purify. The devil does not come to purify. John 10 says he comes to kill, steal, and destroy. Jesus comes to give us life, and more abundant life. That life includes healing. Disease brings death.

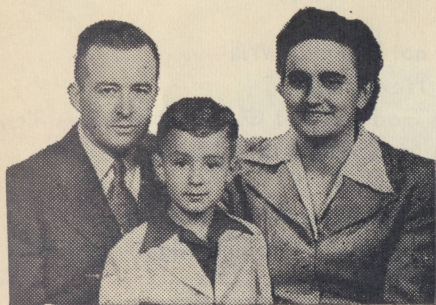
Did Jesus ever turn anyone away by telling him that he must keep this filthy disease, or sickness, in order to be purified? No, he had no respect of persons. He healed all who came to Him.

The fire purifies. The Spirit of God purifies. Healing purifies. If you want to be purified get your healing. "Confess your faults (get pure) one to another and pray one for another that ye may be healed." "He forgiveth all thy iniquities (purifies you) and healeth all thy diseases." He first forgave the man's sins (purified him) and then He healed him.

When you get your sins forgiven (get this excuse out of the way), and get purified, you will receive your healing. Acts 15:9 says we are purified by faith, and not by sickness. Have faith in God, get healed, and you will be purified.

DEAFNESS—You prayed for my ear which had been deaf 46 years. The Lord completely healed it... Scarlet fever ate out the ear drum. The doctors said I would be deaf in that ear all my life.

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