

There is a drastic need in the world today for the Church to return to what the Bible teaches about Divine Healing. This need is not only found in the denominational churches, but in what we refer to as "Message Churches." The question that needs to be asked is, "When a member of God's Bride falls ill, is their fate no better than the unbeliever's?"

Listen to God's promise to the Israelites as He was leading them out of Egypt.

Exodus 11:6-7, "And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it anymore. But against any of the Children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue (can't even bark at the Israelites) against man or beast (Why, Dear Lord, why will you not allow a dog to bark at your People?) that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel."

We in the Message understand that Israel is a type of God's Bride, but do we understand how special we are in the eyes of God? We know that in our flesh we are no better than any other People, but will we come against God's Word that says He has made a difference between His Bride and other People? No! We bow before Him in reverential worship because it was His decision to do so! If our God ever made a *difference* between His People and the unbelievers, then it is a Scriptural fact that He is still doing so, for He is God and He changes not (Mal. 3:6). One of the main reasons that God treated the Israelites different is because they believed His Prophet Moses and were willing to follow Him. Do

MODERN DAY PROOF OF GOD'S WILL TO HEAL

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you believe His modern day Prophet William Branham and are you willing to follow his Message? Then you can expect to be treated different than unbelievers. Not because you are better than others, but because of your faith. Others may not be able to receive special treatment, but only because of *their* unbelief! Hebrews 11:6, "With out faith it is impossible to please God." But for His Bride, as they simply exercise trust in the Creator, who cannot lie, then every Promise in the Book belongs to them. They are not bound by the rules of Science and Medicine. They are in a Spiritual Realm much higher than any laws of man!

(Editor's Note: If you are a newcomer to our teaching series, I invite you to obtain a copy of our Volume II DeWitt Tabernacle Teaching Series Book and study the sermon "Two Plans for Healing.")

Must we go the way of the world when Medical Science has come to the end of their knowledge? Must we submit to having our body parts removed, parts that God saw we needed for a healthy life? Must we bow before the death sentence that is pronounced daily to thousands around the world? The answer to these questions is, "Only if that is your mind-set. Only if that is what you believe." Our Lord said, "According to your individual

faith be it unto you." (Matt. 9:29) We will never escape this spiritual Law of God: We are going to receive into our lives, according to what we believe! This is why an Angel from God said to our Prophet, "If you can get the people to *believe*, nothing will stand before your prayer, not even *cancer*."

We need to ask ourselves this question: "What does hinder us from believing every promise that our "God who cannot lie" has made?" May I give my thought as to what I believe is one of the major reasons? We have not understood the very simplicity of what faith is! A Born-Again person already has Bible faith, but is not fully aware that he has it. Not being aware that he has it, he does not rely on it. He does not testify that he has Perfect Faith in His Perfect God. And so, "Faith with out works is dead."

I would to God that every person that this sermon reaches will open their spiritual eyes and ears and pay strict attention. God has a Word for us! It came through the mouth of His End-Time Prophet. Here it is! God wants to give us a spiritual examination. He wants to ask us some simple questions, and He wants "yes" and "no" answers. (Oh Lord, let us pay attention.) Questions: Do you believe that our God has *perfect wisdom*? Please answer "yes" or "no". Do you be-

lieve He has *perfect knowledge*? Do you believe He is *perfect in love*? Do you believe He has *perfect patience*? Do you believe that He has *perfect power*? Final question: Do you believe that He is *perfect in righteousness* and that there is not one flaw in His character? If we can honestly answer “yes Lord” to these questions, then the Lord has news for us that will forever change our lives! Are you ready to hear it? Friends, you already have Perfect Faith in your Perfect God. Matt. 5:48, “Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect.” We must have Perfect faith in our Perfect God. It is His command! Now, if you believe this statement, you will testify to it, and you will begin to take advantage of it by putting it to work in your life!

If a distant relative had seen fit to leave us money in his will, and before his death had even deposited the amount in our account, it would be available to us on the day he died. But if the report did not come to us until sometime later, it would be just as if we didn't have the money! Yet all the time it was ours to draw on! Now apply this truth to our faith in Jesus Christ. You people that could answer “yes” to the questions have proven to your Lord that you do most certainly trust Him. But perhaps you have not had the revelation that this amounts to Perfect Faith in our Perfect God. Do you see it? Will you believe it? Let me make a statement that may seem silly to you, yet it's forever true. Unless you believe you are a Believer, then you are not yet a Believer! You must believe you are a Believer! You have passed the exam; now never again let the enemy tell you any different!

This Perfect Faith in our Perfect God has nothing to do with us and our failures. We will have them all our days. But, as we make them, we

drop them into the Blood of God, which is the “Sea of Forgetfulness” and they are remembered against us no more. Then we claim as our own personal promise II Corinthians 5:21, “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin (Jesus knew no sin) that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” May I interpret this Word for you? God, by His own shed Blood, has made us, in His own mind, as Righteous as He, Himself is, when we believe it!

I have gone to churches around the nation and asked the congregation, “Are you as righteous as God?” In most cases there has been a shocked look of unbelief on the faces. This is understandable! We are so aware of our many failures, that we are shocked by such a question! But do we not yet understand that this was God's purpose of the Cross? It was to pay for our past sins, our present sins, and yes, even for our future sin. To refuse to accept God's “Gift of Righteousness” (Rom. 5:7), is to trample God's Blood under our feet. Of course a Christian would never do that on purpose. We have done it because we didn't understand. May I say to you, it's time now to believe His Word and to stop our terrible unbelief! The Rapture is on us!

But, I must get to the title of the sermon. I want to bring our attention to our merciful God's End-time Plan to re-enforce our Faith in His willingness to heal all who will only believe it.

This Plan, or His Will, or His Proof concerning healing is wrapped up in what Brother Branham called the “Gift of Discernment.” Actually, it was more than just discernment, it was the “Super Sign”; it was the “Sign of Messiah.” It was the proof that Jesus Christ was on the platform with His Prophet, giving him information about those people who stood

before him. It was facts that no man could have known that was not familiar with the individual or their family. But this most powerful gift given to Brother Branham did not heal the People. It was to raise their faith in the truth that God was there; greatly desiring to heal them, all of them, if they would only believe it was His will for them! The Gift was meant to remove their doubts concerning God's will to heal them. It was God's own proof that He “wills” to heal people. It is the *bait on the hook* used to draw souls to Himself for Salvation.

QUOTE: CALLING JESUS ON THE SCENE, PAGE 32, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible.” Is that right? (Congregation says, “Amen.” –Ed.) “All things are possible, if thou canst believe.” Do you believe now His Presence is here? (“Amen.”) Isn't He the Discerner of the thoughts, intents of the heart? He knows. (Br. Branham didn't know!)

Ask those people; check around, if anybody is in doubt. Ask them. I never seen the people, in my life. Yes, sir.

You believe God can take that tumor out of you? Looking around there at her getting healed, do you believe He could heal the tumor, make you well? You do? This lady here next to you, too, with swelling in her body and things, you think the Lord could make you well, both of you? You do? All right, He can, if you'll believe it.

You setting, looking at me there, sir, do you believe that God can heal that prostate trouble? Sitting right back there with that black tie on, do you believe God will heal the prostate trouble? That's what you have. If that's right, raise up your hand. That's right. All right. Uh-huh. See?

You believe? He is in the ship. Here He is right here, His Word

doing just what It said It would do, taking the secrets of the heart and making it known. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever."

How can we be sure that He is? are you sure? (Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.) We are convinced. I am thoroughly convinced that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Are you? ("Amen.") I'm convinced. That I know that I don't know those things." (He's proving His Will to heal.)

QUOTE: CALLING JESUS ON THE SCENE, PAGE 33, "When I tell you different places, and what's going to happen here. "And be down here, we're going to meet a man. You're going to try to keep me away from him. Don't do it, 'cause I'm supposed to go. His wife is a *certain-certain* thing. She is going to be healed. I'm going to tell him *this*." This boy crosses the street, is going to ask a certain thing. I'll tell him a certain thing; he'll do *this* and do *that*." Why, it's just constantly, all and all the time, like that. It's Jesus Christ, not a human being. It's Christ. I'm a human being, but He is Christ. (Proving His Will to heal.)

"What is the gift, Brother Branham?" I can't explain it. The only thing I know is, just let William Branham get out of the way, that's all, and He just takes the clay and works through it. (Working the Gift to prove His Will to Heal ALL who will believe.)

Now, visions doesn't heal you. Visions only identifies His Word to be true. See, you're already healed. Visions only proves that He is here and He is still the living word. But as far as healing you, it doesn't. It only lets you know that he's here. He's already healed you; His Blood. The reason He's here is because He healed you. The reason He's here is because he saved you. His life was

give for you. His Blood was shed. And He is here in the form of the Holy Ghost, to work through us, to prove that He's here. But your healing is with your faith. If you believe it, it's so. Amen." (End of quote)

Visions only prove He is here ready to heal. We repent, be willing to serve Him and love Him and our healing starts at that moment. We often think that if Br. Branham was still here, and God would reveal some of our secrets to him, then we could know that God wants to heal us personally. But wait; is it not enough that God did it thousands of times through his Prophet? Is it not enough for us to have read about the prayer lines in many places, where God freely healed all who simply believed that He wanted to? Is it not enough to know that if God did it for the people in years past, then He does not change?

I will now speak of one of the greatest hindrances keeping us from being healed. We have supposed that we have to conform to a long list of "requirements" before we are in line for healing. Until we see that this is not true, we perhaps will not be healed. Did we have a check list of requirements before God saved us? No! What did we have to do? We only had to repent and promise to serve Him, and then He saved us and gave us the power to start working on the check-off list of things to change. I am simply showing that we did not *earn* our Salvation. Never did He require us to keep all His Laws perfectly *before* He would save us! That is an impossibility even *after* we are saved! Neither does God require us to reach any certain stage of spiritual growth before He heals us! Our healing is on the way the moment we realize that He has already healed us, and that He stands ready to manifest it in our bodies. All He asks us to do is believe that He not only *can heal* us, but greatly *desires* to do so.

But, what about the list of requirements concerning our Christian walk? Are they not to be met? Yes, as best as we can. We can be healed in the midst of our sins, having repented, just as we were saved in the midst our sins, having repented. But then, after healing us, Jesus said, "Go and sin no more lest a worse thing come on you." In Luke 10:8, there is a most revealing Scripture. The Lord is sending forth His Disciples. "**And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:**

Verse 9, "**And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.**"

In this one profound verse we can see God's requirement for those who need healing, "**And (if) they receive you.**" All they had to do, even if they were not saved, was receive the Disciples as men of God, be willing to repent and serve God, and the orders were "Heal them!"

Whoever you are today and wherever you are, simply follow the same instructions and be healed in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ! He will heal you to draw you closer to His bleeding side. The disciples were sent to be fishers of men. That is, to bring lost souls to the Lord. When Jesus sent them fishing, He gave them bait for their fish hooks. The bait on the hook was the authority to heal all that would receive them. There is a need to understand what the Spirit means by the word "receive." We will state some things it did not mean first. It did not mean they must be Christians. Remember the nine Lepers who did not return to give God glory? They perhaps were not Christians, but God healed them, giving them a chance at Salvation. Perhaps the Lepers had good intentions at the time they were healed, but did not carry through. They did not fool our

Lord, yet He healed them and gave them their chance! He will heal us and give us our chance too! Surely we will give Him Glory! When the people received the disciples, it did not mean they had already met a list of qualifications that had earned them healing! Even after Salvation we cannot keep the Law perfect enough to earn our healing. Healing is a Gift of Grace. What then does God mean that the sick must “receive” the People of God? They must welcome them, be hospitable, teachable, open minded, able to be changed. They must be responsive. They must not be resisting. They must be repentant!

Did “receiving” the Disciples necessarily mean they had the faith they needed? No! Jesus said, “Heal them and say, **“The Kingdom of God has come nigh unto you.”** So some did not even understand about the Kingdom of God! They were to be healed and given a chance to

seek the Kingdom. When the disciples returned, they said to Jesus, **“Lord even the devils are subject unto us through thy name!”** Notice, the devils, that cause diseases, were subject to the disciples, not to all those sick people that were in the cities! That could come later, after they were saved because of the healing they had received!

We sometimes forget that healing is one of God’s ways to bring in the lost. Can we really suppose that all those people, **“Into whatsoever city ye enter,”** were saved and living so holy as to have earned healing? Not at all. And, neither have we earned it, but God promised it to us, especially the Bride! Let us rise up and receive the Gift of Love. There is a heart-broken Bridegroom today. He is grieved to the depth of His being because His Bride will not accept Her healing! He sees Her sick and suffering, but not receiving His healing balm!

Jeremiah 8:21-22, **“For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me.**

22 Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

Dear sick one, are you grieving the Bridegroom today? Have you dared not testify for His Glory and claim His healing balm? If you have feared to do so, may you from this day forward be afraid not to claim it, for fear of breaking His heart. Remember the price He paid. I Peter 2:24, **“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.”** Amen.

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