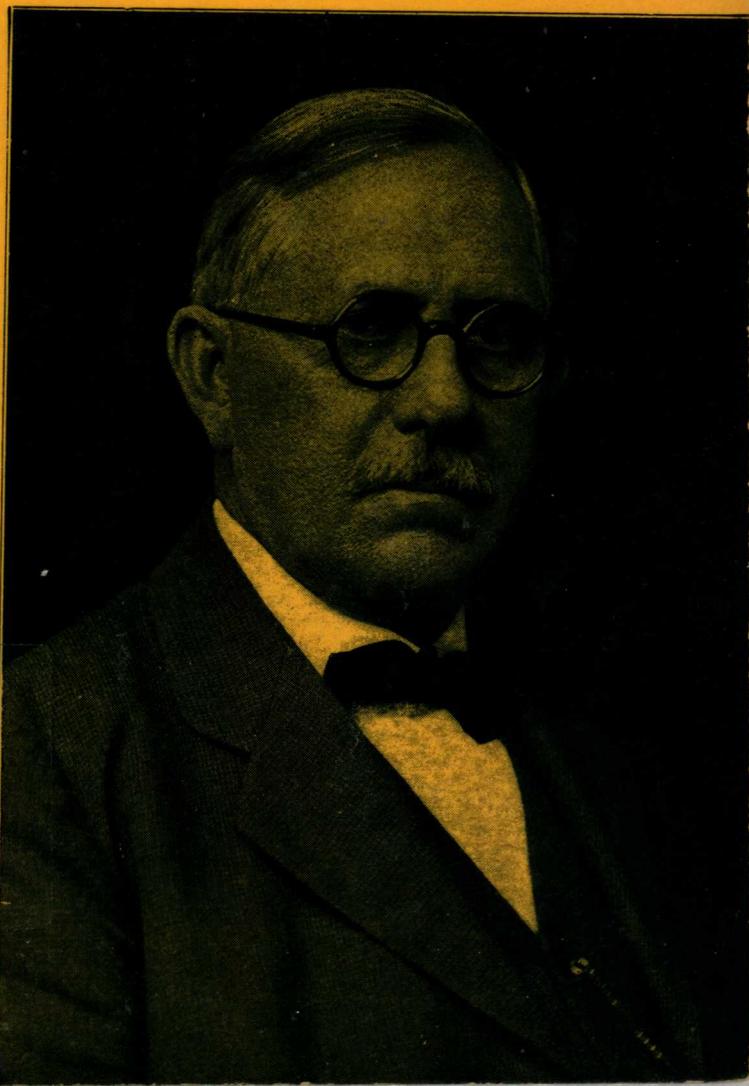


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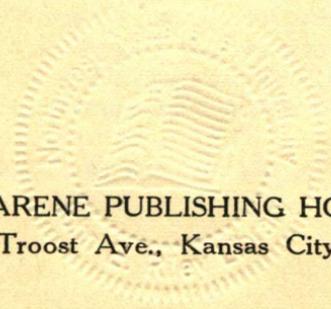


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FOREWORD

TO MY FRIENDS SCATTERED ABROAD:

For many years I have been requested by my friends to write a little book on Divine Healing. I have prayed about it and have read the Bible and studied. On coming back from the Holy Land, where Christ performed His miracles, my heart has been touched as I read of the healing of the multitudes of their diseases. Having been on the ground where these miracles were performed, my vision of the ministry has been enlarged until I feel that we have not preached enough on the doctrine of Divine Healing.

I want my friends to look up in the Bible and read the scriptures given in the booklet and at the close I want you to read my own testimony of how the Lord healed me when everything else failed me. My good friends loved me and doctors did all they could for me but none of these could heal my body. Thank God, He did, so that now in my seventy-fifth year I am able to travel from thirty to thirty-five thousand miles and preach from three hundred fifty to five hundred times a year. My readers will know that no man in his seventy-fifth year could travel thirty-five thousand miles a year and preach five hundred times if he were puny and sickly. But, while I am old enough to retire, thank God, He has refired me and I am writing this in the middle of July, 1934, and by the help of the Lord, for the next six months I want to do the best six months' work of my life. Please pray that God will help me to do it.

In perfect love and all for Jesus,

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DIVINE HEALING

Beloved, when the Lord brought the Israelites out from Egyptian bondage and started for their home land with them, He made them this promise: "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" (Exodus 15: 26).

I want my readers to remember that as long as Israel obeyed God and walked with Him they had no doctors' bills to pay, and in obedience to His command they became the holiest and happiest and most prosperous people in all the wide, wide world. God had told them when He brought them out of bondage that the land He was giving to them was a land flowing with milk and honey. I have traveled over this land and when I look back and see what it must have been thirty-five hundred years ago, I have no trouble in believing that God told the truth when He talked to the children of Israel.

Now, we have another beautiful promise made to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 7: 15, "And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee." Here is one of the most beautiful promises that our heavenly Father ever made to any of His children.

Still another promise was made to God's people through king Solomon, the wise man, in Proverbs 4: 20, 22, 23. It says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them

in the midst of thine heart, for they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

Notice that Asa in his disease looked not to the Lord but to the physicians. Then we read that Asa died.

"And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 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, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him" (2 Chronicles 16: 11-14).

Asa was a Jewish king and a beautiful man, but the histories tell us that he married an Egyptian woman and she turned his heart from the Lord to the wisdom and teachings of the Egyptians, for you will notice that when he died they laid him in a bed filled with sweet spices that were prepared by the apothecaries' art. Then you will notice that they made a great burning for Asa. That was brought about by the wisdom of the Egyptians without God. My reader will remember that to put a dead man on a bed of spices has no effect on him.

"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 thee 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 to 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 shalt go up unto the house of the Lord.

"And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

"And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

"And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the Lord the third day?

"And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

"And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

"And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord; and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz" (2 Kings 20: 1-11).

Notice the difference between Asa and Hezekiah. Asa went to the physicians; Hezekiah went to the Lord. Asa died; God healed Hezekiah and added fifteen years to his life and allowed him to go up to the house of the Lord on the third day. That is a genuine case of divine healing. God put the man on exhibition and sent him out every whit whole. The story of Hezekiah reminds me of the time when God touched and healed my side, my lungs, my nerves and my stomach and sent me out a well man. He touched my mind and made it easy for me to think and to memorize the Scriptures. Now here was a man of whom God had said, "He shall die and not live."

But when he turned his face to the wall and prayed—and I want my reader to notice Hezekiah's prayer, "O Lord, remember," calling to remembrance the fact that he had walked before God in truth and with a perfect heart and had done that which was good in the sight of the Lord—and wept sore, the Lord heard his prayer. Before Isaiah got out of the middle court God spoke to him and told him to go back and tell Hezekiah that He had seen his tears and heard his prayers and would heal him and add fifteen years to his life. For all of which I say, Praise God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Many other marvelous miracles of healing are given us in the Old Testament, and there we find the promise of God concerning the coming of Jesus Christ, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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" (Isaiah 53: 4, 5).

In reading my Bible and in traveling through the Holy Land, I find that most of the miracles performed by Jesus were in regard to diseases and sicknesses of the people. Most of His miracles were miracles of healing.

The great bulk of the miracles performed by Jesus Christ took place on or near the shores of the Sea of Galilee. In His day there were nine cities bordering on Galilee, and most of His mighty works were done in those cities. His first miracle, however, was performed in Cana of Galilee where water was turned into wine. His second miracle also was performed in Cana of Galilee and here He healed the son of a nobleman that lived in Capernaum and came to Cana to meet Christ and to get his son healed. This we find recorded in the fourth chapter of St. John:

"So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine, and there was a certain nobleman, whose son

was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him and besought him that he would come down and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman said unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way: thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judea unto Galilee" (John 4: 46-54).

In Mark 1: 23-27, we find where Jesus healed a demoniac in Capernaum which is on the banks of Galilee: "And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him."

Some time ago I read from the pen of a great modernistic preacher on the miracles of Jesus where He had cast out devils and evil spirits. This writer declared there was no such thing in existence, but, he said, Jesus had been brought up under such teaching that His mind was warped and biased and that even Jesus himself believed in unclean spirits and devils. Of course, he went on to say that intelligent thinking had now

convinced people that there is no such thing in existence as devils and evil spirits. But the reader of these pages will be convinced that in the days of Jesus, men were actually possessed with devils and demons and evil spirits. And I want to add right here that in the days in which we live we have men who are robbers and kidnappers and murderers. They are just as truly dominated and controlled by the devil as men have ever been on earth. In fact they are devil possessed. A man who will tear a babe from its mother's arms and take it out and murder it to get a few filthy dollars is a devil possessed man, and I accept every New Testament quotation where it speaks of devils being cast out of people. It was true then. It is true today. The people were amazed when Jesus cast the devil out of this man and said, "This is a new doctrine." Well, thank God, that was two thousand years ago. But the devil has not changed and sin and sickness and diseases are the same, and we need the same remedy today that they had in that day. Thank God, we represent a Savior that today can heal the sick and cleanse the lepers and raise the dead and cast out devils. We say, "Glory to God for every bit of it."

According to the Scriptures, the devil has power to bring diseases upon the human family. In Acts 10:38 we read, "Who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

In many of the Bible instances of healing, we are told that the persons healed by Christ had been possessed of the devil. In His great work of healing Jesus often cast out devils. "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: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:16, 17).

One instance of disease brought upon the human body by the devil is given us in the following scripture: "And, behold,

there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together and could in nowise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her and immediately she was made straight and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him" (Luke 13: 11-17).

The only comment that I will make here is this: I am glad to know that these gentlemen did have enough self-respect to be ashamed of themselves. For there was a woman that had suffered eighteen years. They themselves had done nothing for her and when Jesus proceeded to make her whole, the only thing they could do was to find fault and grumble. It reminds me somewhat of a picture I saw some time ago. There was a little dog holding his head to one side and looking very sad and he said, "The only thing I did was to just growl a little." That is all these gentlemen did, a little growling, but, thank the Lord, they were ashamed of themselves when Jesus got through with them. But I want the reader to notice that this woman was diseased by the devil. It seemed that her disease was brought upon her by the devil for Christ said, "Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"

In Mark 1: 30, 31 we read of the next miracle that was performed in Capernaum, in the healing of Peter's mother-in-law: "But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them."

I had the privilege of visiting Capernaum and as nearly as we could tell, I was at the place where Peter lived and where his wife's mother lay sick of the fever—at the place where the Lord cured her to the extent that in a short time she was up and doing the work of the household. That is nothing strange. Jesus can cure anybody today and put them in a condition where they can go out to do the work of the home, the church, or anything else in the world. Peter's wife's mother was no exception. She had the fever, and Jesus took her by the hand, rebuked the fever and "she ministered unto them." Thank the Lord!

The next miracle, which we find recorded is in Mark 1: 40-45, and is the case of the curing of a man who had the leprosy. "And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will: be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away. And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter."

The reader will remember that leprosy, being a type of sin, was a disease that the human family could do nothing with. None but Jesus could cure the leprosy, but He never met a

case that was too hard for Him and He cured this man of the leprosy. The man had come to Jesus seeking help and he even went so far as to kneel down before Him. He said, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." I want the reader to notice that this man threw all the responsibility on Jesus. He said, "Lord, if thou wilt thou canst do it." Then we read that Jesus was moved with compassion toward him and put forth His hand and touched him and said, "I will, be thou clean." As soon as He had spoken these words the leprosy departed from him and he was cleansed. Jesus charged him further and sent him away and said, "See thou say nothing to any one." This man was entirely cured of that fearful disease that none but Christ could cure.

Now we find Christ healing a man that was sick of the palsy, recorded in Mark 2: 1-12, "And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, in-somuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door; and he preached the word unto them. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the

bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."

In this case the four men who brought the sick man to Jesus could not get into the house and they broke up the roof and let him down into the presence of Jesus on his bed.

Some time ago I heard Brother C. B. Fugett preach a great sermon on this sick man and his subject was "The Quartet that Raised the Roof." When he announced his subject I thought he referred to a great quartet of fine singers, but when he opened up the theme I noticed that his sermon was in regard to the man that was sick and four men brought him to Jesus.

We next notice in Mark 3: 1-5 where Christ cured a man in Jericho in the synagogue—the man who had the withered hand: "And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other."

We read that they watched Him whether He would heal on the Sabbath day that they might accuse Him. One of the strangest things that we have ever thought about is the fact that when a man can't do anything or don't want to do anything himself he doesn't want anybody else to do it. All the priests and Levites and kings and queens and captains and generals never could in the world have cured a withered hand. When Jesus entered the synagogue they watched Him to see whether He would cure the man on the Sabbath day. I want the reader to notice that when Jesus said to the man, "Stretch

forth thy hand," he immediately stretched it out and it became entirely whole.

I want to thank the Lord right here that when I was at one time paralyzed in my right side and my arm would not go out and obey my will, Jesus touched me and I can say that like the man with the withered hand, I could obey God and stretch it out.

In Mark 5: 22-24 we have the account of Jesus curing the daughter of Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue. "And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, and besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him and thronged him."

I want you to notice in this instance that when the man came to Jesus and when he fell at His feet and besought Him greatly Jesus did not turn him away. Jesus was never known to turn away any man or woman, it mattered not how near to death their loved ones were or if they were dead. When anyone goes to Jesus in prayer and faith, he is never disappointed. He healed this little girl and sent her out every whit whole.

In Matthew 9: 27-31 we find that in the city of Capernaum Jesus opened the eyes of two blind men. "And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country."

It was no trouble for Jesus to open the eyes of the blind, heal a withered hand, or open a deaf ear. It mattered not what

the trouble was, it never baffled Jesus. Jesus never met a hard case. A man born blind or deaf or dumb was sure of relief if he ever got to Jesus. Bless His name! We can never know how thankful these blind men were until we meet them at the great marriage supper of the Lamb. Now, Jesus commanded these two blind men to keep quiet about what was done for them, but when they departed they went out and spread it abroad, and His fame was known throughout the land. Beloved, it would be impossible it seems to me for a poor blind man to meet Jesus and get his eyes opened and go off and keep quiet about it. These men went out and shouted to the world that they had met Jesus and He had opened their eyes.

We now have another interesting case of the curing of a demoniac, as recorded in Matthew 9: 32-34. "And as they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of devils."

This man was dumb and possessed with the devil. Jesus cast out the devils and performed such a miracle on the man that he could talk and, I will add, sing and shout and praise God, in such a way that the multitude marvelled saying, "It was never so seen in Israel." But now, let the reader notice the big folks around there. The Pharisees got up in arms and said, "This man casteth out devils through the prince of devils." They attributed the work of the Lord to the work of the devil. I have known such things as that in my short experience. I have known people to attribute the conversion of sinners and sanctification of believers and the healing of the sick to the power of the devil and to brand the people as fools and fanatics and disturbers of the peace of Zion. It mattered but little to this dear old boy that had been cured of dumbness and devil possession what the people said. It made no odds to him if the people did raise a fuss. He had the goods. He had been cured.

In Matthew 8: 5-13, we read of another demoniac that was healed in Capernaum. "And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way: and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."

This case is similar to one previously mentioned, where a demoniac was healed. There is no way to tell the amount of good that Jesus Christ did for lost and suffering humanity around the Sea of Galilee. Think of the curing of these demoniacs, the casting out of devils, the sending of people who had been sick and suffering home cured of their diseases. We cannot appreciate it, but we can just give God glory and shout over His wonderful power.

The reader will notice that Jesus said of this man, "I have not found so great faith in Israel." He wanted Jesus to come and heal his servant and Jesus listened to his plea and told him, "Go thy way, thy servant liveth," and the servant was cured that same hour.

Now we come to the marvelous miracle performed by Jesus in the raising of the widow's son at the old city of Nain,

recorded in Luke 7: 11-17. "And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all; and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judea, and throughout all the region round about."

We visited the old city of Nain, on our trip to the Holy Land, where this miracle was performed. I used to preach about this and wondered what they ever did with the old coffin. I knew the widowed mother would not want it, and the boy would not want it. I was satisfied the undertaker would not take it back, and I supposed it lay out there until the bugs and worms ate it up. I still believe that, because when we were there at Nain and read our Bible and prayed, we were convinced that God had done this miracle according to the book. We went away more than ever convinced that Jesus Christ could not only heal sick bodies but raise dead folks. Bless His name!

Another demoniac was cured at Gadara, as recorded in Mark 5: 1-22. "And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken to pieces: neither could any man tame him.

And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, and cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea. (They were about two thousand); and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they came to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him; and all men did marvel."

You remember that Christ went over on the eastern coast of Galilee and met this man with the legion of devils in him. There Christ granted the devils their request. This is the only place in Holy Writ where Jesus ever granted a devil his petition. Their request was, "If you drive us out of the man,

will you let us go into the hogs?" He told them they could go. The other day when I was at that place and saw where the hogs ran down the steep bank and perished in the sea, I said from this day forward I take off my hat to the hogs, because any hog that would rather go over that steep bank and perish in the sea than to keep company with the devil has my respect.

In Matthew 12: 22, 23 we find another incident where Christ performed a remarkable miracle in Capernaum. "Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spoke and saw. And all the people were amazed and said, Is not this the Son of David?"

This man was blind and dumb and possessed with a devil. That required a threefold miracle. To open the eyes of the blind is a miracle. To give a man speech is a miracle. And to cast out a devil is another miracle. Three miracles were performed on one man. We read that this man both spoke and saw, insomuch that the people were amazed and said, "Is not this the son of David?" Thank the Lord, the Son of David had come with power to help.

In Mark 7: 25-30, we are told of the healing of the Syrophenician woman's daughter. "For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord; yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed."

This woman had been put to the hardest test possible, when she went to Jesus and said, "Lord have mercy on me.

My daughter is grievously vexed with the devil." Christ did all that He could apparently to try the woman's faith, and He said to her, "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs." But that did not dishearten her. She said, "Yes, Lord, but the dogs eat of the crumbs from the Master's table." This is another case where the woman went and fell at the feet of the Master. Again we state that no man or woman has ever come to Jesus with a prayer of faith but that the petition has been granted. Christ said unto her, "For this saying, go thy way, the devil is gone out of thy daughter." And when she was come to her house she found the devil had gone out and her daughter was laid upon the bed. Mothers have said to me, "Brother Bud, I want you to pray for my daughter. She is not religiously inclined." Here was one woman who said, "Lord, my daughter has the devil in her. I want you to cast him out," and her petition was granted.

A man of Decapolis was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, Mark 7: 31-35. "And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue: and looking up to heaven he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain."

This man was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, so that a double miracle was performed. I am of the opinion that he stuttered something like I did for many years, until I was a preacher of the gospel. I stuttered so that I could not tell my name. I could pray and shout, but to get up to talk—I could not do it, until God came upon me and set me free and then I would go to preaching. I will just add that this

man had a bad case of the stutters. He was deaf and had an impediment in his speech.

In Mark 8: 22-26 we have a most interesting account of a case of healing. "And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town."

This incident truly brings out the two works of divine grace to be wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit. We notice that when Christ entered Bethsaida they brought a blind man to Him and besought Him to touch him. He took him by the hand and led him out of the city and when he had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, he said, "I see men as trees walking." He then put His hands on him again and told him to look up and he saw everything clearly. It took two touches of the Master to open the eyes of this blind man so that he could see clearly. So it will with you and me. We get one touch in the new birth and we see men as trees walking. We get the second touch with the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire and we see the men clearly. In this story we have first, no vision; second, partial vision; and third, a clear vision. No vision, a sinner; partial vision, a converted man; a clear vision, a sanctified man. Praise the Lord forever!

Now turn to Mark the ninth chapter and read from the sixteenth to the twenty-ninth verses. "And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; and wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he 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. He answered him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him; and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but prayer and fasting."

This miracle took place at the foot of Mount Hermon. What a terrible condition the boy was in. From childhood he had been a care and worry to his parents. His case was utterly hopeless. They had tried everything, in the hope of his cure, but had now given up in despair until they heard of Jesus and His wonderful works. The father comes to the disciples, again hoping, but they can do nothing. Again he is about to turn away with a sorrowful heart until Jesus himself came. The case is put before Him. The miracle is performed. The son is healed. I wish I could have been in that home when the father and the son returned. The father with the happiest face and the lightest heart that he has had since the boy's affliction in childhood. The boy walking by the father's side strong, stalwart and well. No doubt the mother has been

anxiously waiting at home—hoping against hope. Is it possible that this man Jesus can do anything? Thank God, He was able.

In John the ninth chapter, we have recorded a great miracle. "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent). He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing." I trust that my reader will turn to the ninth chapter of St. John and read the entire story. In this case, we find where the leaders of the Jews, the neighbors and friends, and the enemies of Jesus, became interested. They argued with the man that there was nothing to it. He could not have been healed. That would be entirely impossible. Nothing of the kind had ever been heard of. It just couldn't be done. But this man declared emphatically that he knew that whereas he had been blind he could now see. He knew that someone had opened his eyes and that he could see. For the first time in his life he could look out over the hills of Judea and behold the beauties of his country. I was right on the spot where the Lord healed this man and where the leaders tried to convince him that there could be nothing to it. This was not a strange scene to holiness people, for folks up and down the land tell us that there is nothing to the doctrine of divine healing, nothing to the doctrine of holiness, and that nobody but a crank could believe that Jesus could ever come back to the world again. But we can say with the blind man, "Whereas I once was blind I now see." They would not believe his testimony.

They called his parents and asked, "Do you know this is your son and that he was born blind?" They said, "Yes, he is our son who was born blind." But being afraid of the rulers when they were asked how he came to see, they said, "He is of age, ask him." They called the son and asked him again who had opened his eyes. The son declared, "This is a marvelous thing that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened my eyes." Then Jesus came and revealed Himself to the man who had been blind and he believed on Him and worshiped Him. A man blind from his birth, now seeing, believing in Christ and shouting His praises.

In Luke 14: 1-4 we find an account of Christ curing a man that had the dropsy. "And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go."

This miracle took place in one of the rich homes on the banks of Galilee. Again the chief Pharisees watched Jesus to see whether or not He was going to heal on the Sabbath day. We want to give God thanks that Christ in the presence of the unbelievers cured this man of the dropsy and sent him home a well man. A man could preach on this one incident for a week, but here we only say, Christ healed him and sent him home healthy and hearty and happy.

In Luke 17: 11-19 we find recorded the curing of the ten lepers at old Samaria. "And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was

healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

The reader will notice that while ten lepers were cleansed only one came back and gave glory to God, and he was a Samaritan. Well, thank the Lord, whether he was a Samaritan, a Hebrew, a Greek, or even an Irishman, God cured him and he went the rest of his life a leper no longer, but a well man.

In St. John the eleventh chapter, we have the account of one of the greatest miracles ever performed by Christ, the calling of Lazarus from the grave:

"Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judea again. His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk 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. These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus

spake of his death; but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: and many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

“Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. The Jews then which were with her in the house and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit and was troubled, and said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept.

Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh; for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

“Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

“Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles?”

In Mark 10: 46-52 we have the account of Christ healing blind Bartimæus at the city of Jericho. “And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimæus, the son of Timæus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth

thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

I was on the spot where Christ cured this man. This poor fellow sat by the wayside begging and when he heard that Jesus was going by he began to cry, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." The people tried to get him to quit but he cried the more. How strange that when a man gets burdened about something and goes to weeping over his condition, the people want to quiet him down. The people told this man to keep quiet, but he cried that much the more. And Jesus stood still until he was brought and said unto him, "What is it you want me to do?" He said, "That my eyes might be opened." Christ said, "Go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole." Thank the Lord, here was a man who had enough faith to get his own eyes opened.

During the ministry of Jesus on earth, multitudes felt His healing touch or heard the word spoken which sent them on their way completely whole. "And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; and besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole" (Matthew 14: 35, 36).

"And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; and they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him, for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all" (Luke 6: 17-19).

“And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus’ feet; and he healed them: inso-much that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel” (Matthew 15: 30, 31).

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them” (Matthew 4: 23, 24).

In every instance where one came in faith, the healing touch was given. But in some places, “He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief” (Matthew 13: 58).

Among the last miracles that were performed by Christ, was that of restoring the ear of the high priest that was cut off by Peter in Gethsemane, as recorded in Luke 22: 50, 51. “And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far, and he touched his ear, and healed him.”

Shortly after performing this miracle, Christ went away, leaving His work to His disciples. “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 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; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Mark 16: 15-18).

Christ still has power to heal the sick. His word remains with us: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 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. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth for the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5: 14-20).

I want the reader now to notice the dealings of the Lord with me in regard to my healing. That has already been written in a number of books—at least some sketches of it. But some parts of it have never been correctly written up and given to the public.

I want the reader to know that from over labor and handling a great sulky plow, I injured something in my left side, apparently a blood vessel near my heart. That caused me such pain that it was days before I could get up and down and my left side turned black. It seemed as if it would kill me. After I got over that and able to go back to the plow, I hurt myself again. The same place in my side seemed to give way near my heart and for a few days I was nearly helpless and became partially paralyzed in my left side. From that I went into nervous convulsions. These were so severe that they pulled me to pieces. They would strike me apparently in my left side where it was injured so severely and then seemed to crawl over my body until they would pull my arms out of joint at

the shoulder. They were pulled out of place and put back nearly five hundred times and would not stay in place. We finally had to leave them in their dislocated condition. For years I suffered untold agony. It finally seemed to settle in or around my stomach and the headache was as common as it was to wake up in the morning. I suffered with it untold agony until night. None but the Lord knows how much I really suffered. I have seen the time when it seemed as if my head would split open. My head was never easy and I never had an easy day with my stomach. And yet, strange to say, in that fearful condition I preached most of the time. I did not let paralysis or convulsions or a bad stomach or a pain in my head or anything of the kind—not even dislocated arms—keep me from preaching the gospel. I very seldom missed an appointment. I challenged the devil on it that I was going to preach the gospel if I had to sit in a chair and be rolled to the church on a wheel chair. I would not let man or devil or my afflictions keep me from preaching the gospel of Christ.

When I had suffered in that condition for several years, a little woman, Sister Laura Penuel, a Missionary Baptist woman, a graduate from one of the best schools in North Carolina, who had been saved and sanctified for twenty-odd years and had been healed for more than twenty years, heard about me and made a visit to my home. She read to me out of her English Bible and her Greek Testament and out of the Hebrew Bible, and showed me in all of these different languages that God wanted to cure His people and make them whole. I confess right here that no preacher in the church of which I was a member, which was the Southern Methodist, had ever told me one time that I could be healed. This little woman wanted to anoint me with oil and pray for me and lay her hands on me, but it was so new to me that I did not have the faith on that occasion to allow her to anoint me with oil and pray for me. But I was interested and asked her if she would be willing for me to pray about it until I could get the mind of

the Lord and then come back and pray with me again. She said she would.

When she left I went to see my pastor—a splendid man, a graduate from Vanderbilt—but he looked wise and told me that nobody had been healed since the apostles died and he gave me no encouragement, but rather seemed to ridicule the idea of a person's being healed. But I want to thank the Lord for one thing—what he did or said did not discourage me. I began to pray and fast and consult the Lord about it and in ten days I grew a crop of faith. I sent for the little woman to come back and she brought with her another lady who had been saved, sanctified and healed. Her name was Mrs. Georgia Church, and she was a pronounced second blessing holiness woman.

I notified my neighbors that Sister Penuel would be back on a certain day. When she got there I had my house packed full of my neighbors and she read her Bible and began to preach on the subject of divine healing. I wanted to be anointed with oil and prayed for so much that I could hardly wait for her to get through with the message. She had us kneel at the chairs. There were between fifteen and twenty that knelt, and she anointed me with oil. It was all so new to me. She had a little vial of olive oil and seemed to just put the end of her forefinger into the neck of the little bottle, and I watched her as she did that, and take out a little oil. And she said, "Brother Buddie, I anoint you with this oil in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Then the most beautiful peace and rest that I had experienced for years seemed to thrill my whole body. My side that had been so weak was completely restored and the paralysis in the left side disappeared like the rising of the sun and seemed to pass over the hills, as the glory of the Lord flooded my soul. My head was made perfectly easy for the first time in many years and the Lord touched my stomach until it became entirely well. The Lord cured my headache

and bad stomach and convulsions and even my lungs, although they had been so wrecked that they had been bleeding a lot and the devil had told me, "If you have another hemorrhage you will die." But before I had another one Sister Penuel anointed me and my lungs became as easy as rubber heels on my shoes. I have scarcely had a headache now in around thirty years.

I ran then up until a few years ago when I was struck by an automobile and knocked about thirty feet and taken up with about nine broken bones. But I want the reader to get this thought, before my healing at times I was so nervous that I actually wanted to get out in the yard and pull my hair and scream. But, beloved, from the day I was healed until now my head has been just as easy as a knot on a stump. If I have any nerves, I do not know where they are located. My lungs have never bled a drop and I have now traveled 1,275,000 miles and have preached over 28,000 times. I have put the *Herald of Holiness* into nearly 33,000 homes and have written a dozen books and am preparing to write two or three more. I intend to have this testimony with some beautiful Scriptures put into book form, and I want my friends everywhere to rejoice with me in the fact that God has healed me and sent me out to be a blessing to a world of suffering humanity.

Ten thousand blessings upon every man, woman and child that may read these beautiful scriptures and my own personal testimony.

In perfect love and all for Jesus!

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