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WITH REV. HAGIN ON THE
GOSPEL CIRCUIT

Following our Seminar in March, I went to Chattanooga, Tenn. for a Rally Day sponsored by the Chattanooga chapter of the F.G.B.M.F.I. This Rally was held on Friday night and all day Saturday, March 22, 23. Here the Lord met us in a most unusual way and I believe I had the greatest anointing to minister on Saturday night that I have had for many a year.

I ministered in the Faith Memorial Church in Cleveland, Tenn. from Sunday, March 24 to Wednesday, March 27 where Rev. M.E. Littlefield is pastoring a lively and thriving church. Then on Friday I flew with my good friend, Norvel Hayes, to Florida to speak at the Rally at Lakeland, Florida sponsored by a nearby F.G.B.M.F.I. chapter. Here again the anointing of the Lord was rich and productive.

On Sunday, March 31, I ministered in Calvary Assembly in Orlando, Florida. We had two

wonderful services here with a number saved, baptized in the Holy Spirit and healed.

On Tuesday, April 1, I drove from Cleveland, Tenn. to Lebanon, Ohio and while staying in the home of our good friends, Blaine and Helen Amburgy, conducted a Holy Spirit Seminar in Kettering, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton, Ohio. This was a six day seminar and a goodly number were filled with the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday night, April 7, we spoke in the First Baptist Church in Centerville, Ohio. Here again the Lord manifested Himself in our midst and we had a "Pentecostal" service in this Baptist Church. There were nine or ten filled with the Holy Spirit in this one service. Rev. Garfield Judkins is pastor of this growing church.

I conducted a Faith Seminar in Kokomo, Indiana in cooperation with the F.G.B.M.F.I. chapter from April 11-16, and another Seminar in April in Muncie, In-

diana.

During the month of May I will be in the Chicago area speaking to several F.G.B.M. chapter meetings and will end the month of May at the Greenlake, Wisc. Regional -- May 30-June 1. If you desire further information about my schedule, you may contact Henry Carlson, 564 W. Fulton, Chicago, Ill.

As many of you know, four years ago the Lord gave me a prophetic vision of 1968 and then last year a prophetic utterance concerning this year. If you did not get a copy, write and ask for Vision, 1968 and it will be sent to you immediately.

Because of the critical events of this year, the Lord has directed me to have two seminars this summer instead of one. Here are the dates: June 9-16, a Prayer and Faith Seminar; August 9-18, a Prayer and Healing Seminar. Make plans now to attend. We will learn how to pray properly for our nation in this tragic year.

WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE

The believer whose eyes have been opened to the comprehension of his throne rights in Christ should begin to exercise the spiritual authority which has been conferred upon him. The moment he does, though, he must realize that he is a marked man.

Therefore, the devil will do everything in his power to keep you from coming to this knowledge. Then after you do, he'll oppose you and try to steal it

from you. There will be tests and some will fall. The devil wants you to throw up your hands and say that it won't work for you. One time a man came to me in a meeting when I was preaching on this and told me that it wouldn't work for him. I told him if it didn't work, then God was a liar. This man was the same as calling God a liar. I'd rather die than to say that God's Word doesn't work. If it didn't work, it's because

I didn't work it. God's Word doesn't fail. The enemy bitterly resists your entrance into his domain because he's exercising the authority of the powers of the air and wants to continue to exercise them. He resents interference. He'll concentrate all his forces against you in an intensive warfare. If attacks against your spirit are successfully resisted, then assault will come in mind, body, family, or circumstances. You might as well get ready for them because they're coming.

The place of special privilege has become a place of special danger. There is no truth that encounters such opposition as does the authority of the believer. The Spirit prayed through Paul that the eyes of the people would be opened, that they would know the full provision that had been made for their safety. I've seen good people whom the devil has tried to overthrow. They've endeavored to teach these truths or have been taught these truths. They've endeavored to act upon the Word of God. Many times they've been overthrown in body because they couldn't be overthrown in spirit. The devil has tried to defeat them in any way he could. Safety had been provided for them, and if they would have taken advantage of it the enemy could not have defeated them.

The believer must be constantly arrayed with certain kinds of armor. Ephesians 6:10-17 says, "Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you

the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

The different parts of this armor symbolize certain spiritual attitudes which the believer must maintain. Wearing this armor, the believer is protected and unhampered in his ministry of authority. All he needs to be concerned about is that he keep his armor bright and well secured about him.

First, there's the girdle of truth, which represents a clear understanding of God's Word. Like a soldier's belt, it holds the rest of the armor in place. Second, there is the breastplate of righteousness. This has a twofold application, for first of all Jesus is our righteousness. First of all we put Him on. It also indicates our active obedience to the Word of God. Third, our feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. This is a faithful ministry heralding the Word of God. Fourth is the shield of faith. We know that a shield is a covering for the whole body. This indicates our complete safety and refuge under the blood of Calvary, where no power of the enemy can penetrate.

Then there is the helmet of salvation, which is referred to in I Thessalonians 5:8 as the hope of salvation. The hope of salvation is the only helmet that is able to protect the head in these days of turning from the truth. Then finally there is the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God. This shows that

the Word of God is to be used in an active sense. The other weapons are more or less defensive ones.

The 18th verse says, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." We are ready for the prayer fight now because we've got on the armor. Praying in the Spirit gets the job done.

AUTHORITY OVER DEMON SPIRITS, NOT HUMAN WILLS

Although we have authority over devils and demons, we do not have power over our fellow men or their wills. A few years ago while preaching a camp meeting in California, a pastor friend of mine from Fort Worth accompanied me. He had sugar diabetes and had to check his urine every morning for sugar content to determine how much insulin he needed. He had to give himself a shot every day. As we were leaving for California, I told him, "You won't register any sugar as long as you're with me." I claimed authority over that disease. He looked at me as if he didn't believe me, but he was with me almost two weeks and never registered any sugar. He even ate pie and cake, yet his tests showed no sugar. He later told me that he was home three days before he started registering sugar again.

You see, I had control over unseen forces but I didn't have control over his will. I could control it as long as he was with me and this unseen force was in my presence. I tried to convince him that he could do the same thing, but he expected it to come back and it did.

We don't have control over human wills, but we do have authority over the devil who endeavors to maintain control over these wills. Years ago

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when my older brother was bound by the devil, I said, "Satan, in the Name of Jesus Christ, I break your power over my brother's life, and I claim his deliverance and salvation." In approximately two weeks he was saved. For fifteen years I had been trying to get him saved. Nothing had ever worked, but when I took this stand and exercised my authority it worked.

Somebody else said that they believed they would try it and see if it worked. It won't because I didn't try it, I DID IT. Sometimes children of God say that they will try something just because it worked for one person. But if they will study God's Word and clothe themselves in God's Word of authority, it will work for them. When you try to act upon God's Word without really having that Word built into your spirit, the devil will whip you badly. But when you've got a foundation of God's Word and act upon it, you'll defeat the devil in every combat.

The Bible differentiates between casting out devils and healing the sick. Many times certain things don't respond to prayer and laying on of hands because of an evil spirit. One lady, a member of a Baptist Church in New Orleans, was mentally deranged and confined to an institution. A certain university professor acquainted with her case used it as an illustration in his teaching. One day a Baptist minister whom I know and who had received the Holy Ghost went to pray for her. He cast seven devils out of her, and immediately she was all right. This made such an impression upon the professor that he invited the minister to come and talk about it. As a result, the professor's wife received the Holy Ghost and has

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spoken in tongues. The professor too is seeking to be filled, and has incorporated into his teaching the fact that demons have more effect on the world than was ever thought before.

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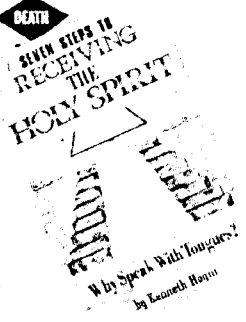
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