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JESUS, THE DELIVERER

— by Kenneth Hagin

"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 4:18

More than thirty years ago when I lay on the bed of affliction, there were some questions in my mind that had to be settled before my faith could be effective. I'm glad that in the scriptures we have the answers to many questions that crowd into our minds and stop the flow of healing.

We must get these questions settled, because as long as there are questions in our minds then there will be doubt also. As long as there is doubt, then the flow of healing will certainly be stopped.

I was bothered with many questions when I came seeking healing. Just about the time I found one answer, the devil would bring up something else. It would take me sometimes weeks and months to find the answer to that question, and when I got that answered he would bring up another one.

Many are bothered with the question of whether or not it is God's will that you be sick. Some think that it is God's will to heal some, but for others it is not His will.

After the devil saw I was going to believe in healing anyway, he came along and said, "Well, healing is true all right, but it is not His will to heal everyone, and you are one of those that it is not His will to heal." It is just impossible to believe God to heal you, and at the same time believe that lie. It stops the healing flow.

Is it God's will to heal? And is it His will to heal me? Is God the author of the sufferings that are in this world today? Well, these questions demand an answer, and thank God the Bible has the answer. We can believe God's Word and be delivered, or we can doubt and remain bound. But I thank God for the privilege of believing the Word.

I read from the pen of John Alexander Downey who in 1875 was the pastor of a denominational church in Australia. The bubonic plague came to that land, and people were dying like flies. Downey had buried forty members of his church, and four more members were dead and waiting to be buried.

He sat in his study with his arms folded on his desk, and his head lying in his arms, weeping before God. He asked the Lord, "Oh God, are you the author of sickness and disease? Did you send this terrible plague over this land? Are you going to destroy my whole congregation? Where did this come from? Who is the cause of it? Who stands back of it?"

Those were the questions he asked the Lord while he sobbed his heart out. As he prayed, the Holy Spirit spoke to his spirit, and brought before him Acts 10:38 which says, "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."

A light turned on in his spirit, and he immediately got the revelation of it. Jesus is the deliverer. Satan is the oppressor. He then asked the Lord to help him get this truth over to his people so that they could see it and enjoy the results. After this, he ministered to every member of his church who was sick and they were healed. Not another single member of his congregation died because of the plague.

Well, my friends, the revelation that came to Dr. Downey back about 1875 is still true today. John says in his first epistle concerning Jesus the Son of God,

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

Luke 4:18 says that Jesus was in the synogogue in Nazareth, his home town, on the Sabbath Day, when the book of Isaiah was handed to him. He found the place where it said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me...." That is what Peter was referring to in Acts 10:38 when he said, "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." I like that, "Doing good, and healing,"--"healing all that were oppressed of the devil."

Again the Word says in Luke 9:56, "For the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." The Bible pictures Jesus, not as a destroyer, but as a deliverer. That is what Dr. Downey saw by revelation - - Jesus is the deliverer, Satan is the destroyer.

Thank God, Jesus is still the deliverer today.

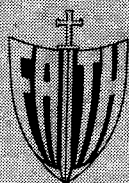
Matthew 8:17 says, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." It is amusing to what lengths some folks go to get around that verse of scripture. I was reading some time ago where a minister said, "Yes, it is true that scripture is in the Bible, but Jesus took the sicknesses and diseases of the people who were on earth when He was here. When He healed then, that scripture was fulfilled."

He was trying to prove that healing from sickness and disease is not for us, but that this scripture just applied to the generation when Jesus lived on earth. I thought immediately, 'Well, to whom was Jesus sent?' John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..." Jesus was not just given to that generation, or to the world then, He was given for all time to the world. You could use that man's

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ACTIVE FAITH WORKS!

argument and prove that salvation is not for us today. But everything He secured belongs to us today, just as much as it did to them then. It says "For God so loved the world." It does not say He so loved that generation, or the world that then was, it says, "He so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." That not only includes salvation, it includes everything that Jesus bought.

Another minister tried to prove that healing was only for the future. He said, "Well, it is true that scripture says, 'Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses', but of course we have not entered into the fullness of our redemption yet. We are going to reap the benefits of being delivered from sickness and disease during the millennium."

But that would not do the 'church' any good then. This part of redemption would never help the church then. There are going to be natural people there during the millennium, and it would help them all right, but we are going to have a body that cannot be sick.

Before the millennium takes place, the dead in Christ are going to be raised, and will have a resurrected body. Those which are alive and remain shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and we will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. So shall we ever be with the Lord. Then we will have a body that cannot be sick.

Friends, deliverance belongs to us now. Thank God for the hope of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank God for the hope of seeing our loved ones. We rejoice in it. But thank God, we do not have to relegate all of God's blessings to the future. We can have deliverance now, this moment, in this life. ♣

BAPTISM OF HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES LIFE

A few months ago I asked you to pray for me for I was seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord! Jesus has given me this wonderful gift and it has changed my life. Thanks for your prayers and letter of encouragement. I think your radio program is just great, and a real faith builder. I listen to it everyday I can.

Mrs. M.R., Missouri

HEALED OF HEART TROUBLE

My eighty-eight year old grandmother has been listening to your program for about a year. She has been on heart medication for several years, and was still manifesting symptoms of heart trouble. She also had circulation difficulties, which caused her to hear and see things that were not there. Twenty-two weeks ago, stepping out in faith that Jesus had died for her diseases as well as for her sins, she stopped all medication and had had no symptoms since. She feels better now than she has in years, and is now claiming healing for her arthritis. She told me that if you can be raised from a death bed, there is no reason why she can't be healed.

B.B., New York

FAITH APPLIED WORKS

Please send me the copy of this weeks lesson, "What it means to believe with the heart". We have been following your radio ministry very closely now for quite a few months. It has been very enlightening. I have taken these lessons and applied them, and they work, because the Word applied brings results. Your lessons have brought much clarity, and have helped me to live Jesus, live the Word, and see results. The Lord is truly faithful and full of grace and truth.

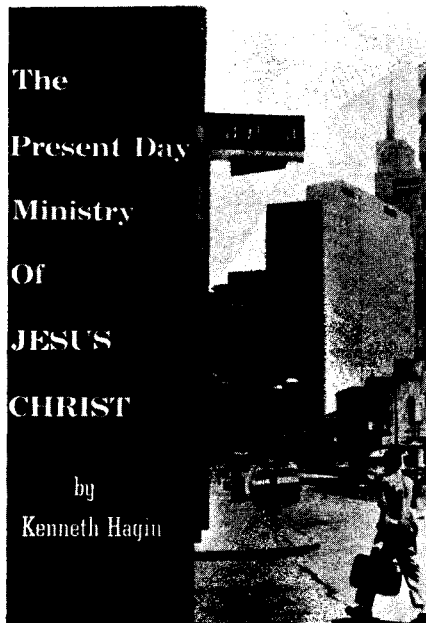
Mrs. J.D., Texas

CALIFORNIA IS SITE FOR ALL FAITHS CRUSADES

Wilmington, California will be the setting for the first of two All Faiths Crusades scheduled in October. It will be conducted at the Boulevard Assembly located at 1551 Wilmington Boulevard, beginning October 1, through October 8. Reverend H.W. Ezell is the pastor.

Then beginning October 15, the crusade team will be in Los Angeles at the West Washington Community Auditorium, 1945 Carmona. The crusade will continue through October 22.

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