

TRUE SPIRITUAL HEALING

by Kenneth E. Hagin

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our INFIRMITIES, and bare our SICKNESSES.

—Matthew 8:17

Surely he hath borne our GRIEFS, and carried our SORROWS.

—Isaiah 53:4

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.

—1 Peter 2:24

In our first text, Matthew says he's quoting Isaiah in saying, "Himself took our INFIRMITIES, and bare our SICKNESSES." Our second text says, "Surely he hath borne our GRIEFS, and carried our SORROWS." These translations are from the King James Version.

As marginal notes in many study Bibles point out, a more accurate translation of the original Hebrew words would have been "diseases" and "pains": "Surely he hath borne our diseases, and carried our pains."

This is the way Dr. Isaac Leeser literally translated these Hebrew words for his Orthodox Jewish translation.

But you really wouldn't need to know a thing about Hebrew; you could read the King James translation of what Matthew said, quoting Isaiah: "Himself took our INFIRMITIES, and bare our SICKNESSES."

After I read in my Bible that Himself took my infirmities and bare my sicknesses, I decided there wasn't any need for both Him and me to bear them, and I've been free ever since! Thank God He took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.

One preacher said, "Well, He did it all right, but we don't have healing now in this life. We'll enjoy that blessing in the Millennium."

When I heard that fellow say it, I thought to myself, *Oh my! Either he's wrong, or God's wrong, or Jesus is wrong.*

Why? Because we won't need healing during the Millennium. We'll have a new body and we couldn't be sick anyway! And if what that preacher said is so, then poor old God didn't know it, because He provided something for us that we wouldn't need.

No, we need healing for the body, and we need it now—in this world. *This* is where sickness and disease are. Blessed be God, there is healing for us in this life, because "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

In our third text, Peter is looking back to the sacrifice of Christ when he says, "by whose stripes ye WERE [past tense] healed." Think about it: "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." "By whose stripes ye WERE healed."

I was reading after another supposedly outstanding Bible exponent (he must not have read the same Bible I'm reading), who said, "First Peter 2:24 doesn't mean physical healing; it refers to spiritual healing: 'By whose stripes you were healed *spiritually*.'"

A sinner does not get healed spiritually. The human spirit of the lost man or woman is not healed—it's *reborn*. That person becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things are passed away. All things become new.

So First Peter 2:24 does not refer to spiritual healing. If you stop to think about it, friends, there is no such thing as *spiritual* healing mentioned in the Bible. The concept of *spiritual* healing came into being when some psychologists got saved and filled with the Spirit and tried to mix psychology in with the Word. They were born again, all right, and were really filled with the Holy Spirit, but they got confused.

You see, when your body gets healed, you are just healed of a disease. You've still got the same body you had before you had the disease.

If your spirit were healed, you would still have the same spirit, too, except it would just be healed. But no, blessed be God, Second Corinthians 5:17 tells us, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **NEW** creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become **NEW**." Not half of them—all of them. Every bit of them.

When you're born again, you're not the same spirit you were. Notice what Ezekiel prophesied under the Old Covenant:

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EZEKIEL 36:26

26 A new heart [spirit] also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

God was saying here, "The time is coming when I'll establish the New Covenant, and I'll take out that old stony heart and put a new spirit within you. Then I'm going to put My Spirit in you."

So when I read where that fellow said the Bible doesn't mean physical healing, it means spiritual healing, I thought to myself, *Well, if that's the case, God made a mistake down there in Oklahoma!*

When God heals, He does heal you PHYSICALLY, but it is through your HUMAN SPIRIT. The reason He does is because He heals you through FAITH, and faith is of the HEART.

There was a little old woman 72 years of age whom the best doctors in the state said would never walk another step the longest day she lived. She had been confined to a wheelchair four long years. When she was brought to my meeting, I just laid the Bible on her lap and had her read First Peter 2:24. In 10 minutes' time she was jumping all over—healed.

You see, if that verse meant spiritual healing, then God made a mistake. He ought to have healed her piritually. But He healed her physically.

No, that verse means just what it says: ". . . by whose stripes ye WERE healed."

In only one sense of the word could divine healing be called spiritual healing: Our body is healed by God, and He is a Spirit. So divine healing is the Spirit's healing us, or spiritual healing. (We are not talking here about the healing of the human spirit.)

To put it another way, divine healing is not being healed spiritually, but it is spiritual because it's being healed by the power of God.

In ministering the healing power of God, I'll lay hands on people, the power of God will go into them—and often it will come right back out of them. Why?

They didn't take hold of it; usually because they are trying to receive with their mind. But *divine healing is not mental. You cannot contact God with your mind. He is not a mind. He is a Spirit.*

So healing—divine healing—God's kind of healing—is not *mental*, as Christian Science, Unity, and other metaphysical teachers claim. Neither is it just *physical*, as the medical world teaches.

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I've seen it again and again: *When people quit trying to contact God with their MINDS, and start BELIEVING in their HEARTS, they are healed instantly! "For with the HEART man BELIEVETH unto righteousness . . ."* (Rom. 10:10).

So God contacts you through your SPIRIT—not through your MIND, and not through your BODY—because He is a Spirit. He's not a mind. He's not a man. The Bible says He isn't. Although He has a spirit-body over in the spirit world (angels do, too), God is not a PHYSICAL being. He is a Spirit. He contacts us through our spirit, and we contact Him through our spirit.

When man heals (and man can heal, whether you realize it or not), he must do it either through the mind, or through the physical senses. But when God comes on the scene as the Healer, He heals through man's spirit.

Healing IS God's Will

If you want to see God work, look at Jesus.

If you want to hear God talk, listen to Jesus.

Jesus told Philip, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9).

Then Jesus is God. I like to say it this way: *Jesus in His ministry is the will of God in action.*

In the ninth chapter of Mark's Gospel, for example, a man came running up to Jesus, telling Him about his demon-possessed son who threw himself into fire and water. The disciples had been unable to deliver him.

"*If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us,*" the father begged (v. 22).

Notice what Jesus replied: "*If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth*" (v. 23). Jesus started working immediately on the man's *believing*, which had to do with his *spirit*. Jesus turned his plea for help around and said, "It's not a matter of what I can do; it's a matter of what you can believe."

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We see this emphasis on faith repeated again and again in the ministry of Jesus: in the healing of the two blind men in Matthew 9, in the healing of the woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5, and in the healing of the centurion's servant in Matthew 8.

These people RECEIVED HEALING through their SPIRITS, because they BELIEVED with their HEARTS (or spirits).

Psalms 107:20 says, "*He sent his word, and healed them.*" The Word He sent under the Old Covenant was spoken by the prophets, but the Word He sent under the New Covenant is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Word of God, the Living Word. He sent His Word and healed us.

Therefore, *in the mind of God, we're already healed!* He's already sent His Word and healed us! And He's given us the written Word so we'll know what the Living Word did for us.

The Living Word already healed us, because Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses. By whose stripes ye WERE healed. "Were" is past tense. We're already healed in the mind of God. (You've got to get your believing in the right tense for it to work for you.)

Often God will let somebody believe for those who don't know, or those who are in the babyhood stage of Christianity. He'll meet them on a lower level of faith.

But God expects mature Christians to walk in the light of what they know.

That's the reason Pentecostal and Full Gospel people are the most difficult people in the world to get healed: They have the light on healing, and God expects them to walk in that light.

In September 1954, I was holding a three-week revival in the First Foursquare Church of Lodi, California. There was a gentleman in the church—his son-in-law was the pastor—who was 82 years old. He sat in the day services.

When we got over into the third week, he came to me after the morning service and said, "Brother Hagin, can I

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speak to you?"

I said, "Yes."

He said, "I came to California from Indiana in 1923. I had a physical condition that was terminal. The doctor said if I'd go West where they didn't have such severe winters, I might live another two years, so we moved to California lock, stock, and barrel.

"That was the year Mrs. McPherson built Angelus Temple in Los Angeles. Somebody told me about her healing meetings. Of course I was desperate, because the doctors had said nothing could be done for me, so I went over to Angelus Temple.

"I got in the healing line and got healed by the power of God. I went right back to the same doctor I had in California, and he couldn't find a thing wrong with me.

"Then I found out I wasn't saved. Because I'd been a church member and active in church work, I had just supposed that I was a Christian. So I got saved. Then I got baptized with the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues.

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"We lived in Los Angeles from '23 to '33, and I went there to church every week and heard the Word taught. Then we moved up here to Northern California in 1933.

"In 1938, I developed a hernia, or rupture. So I said to my wife, 'I know all I've got to do is get on the train and go down to Los Angeles and have Mrs. McPherson lay hands on me and that rupture will disappear.'

"Well," he said, "I made plans to go, but before I made my journey, I developed another hernia. Now I had a double rupture. So I got on the train, and went down to Los Angeles. Angelus Temple will seat 5,000 people, and folks were coming from everywhere for the daily healing meetings.

"I got a healing card. It took me five days to get in the line, but I finally managed. Mrs. McPherson ministered to me and I didn't get a thing.

"I said to myself, *Well, she just didn't have it tonight. If she had had it like she had it 15 years ago, I would have gotten it. But she didn't have it. I'll just stay here until she gets it.*

"I stayed another five days with some kinfolks. It took me that long to get in the healing line again. She laid hands on me the second time and I didn't get a thing.

"I went back home and they said, 'Well, did you get healed?' 'No, no,' I said. 'Whatever Mrs. McPherson had, she lost it. Now, if she had it like she had it in '23, I would have gotten healed. I went twice through the line, so she doesn't have it.'

The old gentleman told me, "I carried my double hernia from 1938 to 1948—10 more years. Up in the San Joaquin Valley, I happened to pick up a paper, and I saw that some fellow was going to put up a tent in Stockton. It said, 'Come bring the blind. See the lame walk' and so on. I knew all I had to do was get down there. Stockton is not very far from Lodi.

"I went to the meeting several times. The evangelist laid hands on me, and I didn't get a thing. I decided, *Well, he doesn't have what he claims to have. If he had what Mrs. McPherson had—she had it, but she lost it—why, I'd have it.*

"It wasn't too long after that, I picked up another paper and I saw an advertisement that another fellow was going to have a tent meeting in Sacramento.

"I knew all I had to do was get over there and into the meetings, so I did. He laid hands on me, and I came away with both my hernias. And I said, 'He doesn't have it.'

"I'd go to other meetings, be prayed for, and go away saying, 'They don't have it.'

"Now, a famous prophet and evangelist preached our campmeeting last year there in Santa Cruz. I'd read about him and his vision and so on, so I went over there and got in his healing line. By the Word of Knowledge he told me exactly what was wrong with me without my telling him, but I didn't get healed.

"I went away and said, 'This brother doesn't have it. If he had it, I'd have gotten it. Of course, if he'd had what Mrs. McPherson had, I'd have gotten it. She had it, but she lost it.'

"Now this year, 1954, you were advertised to preach the campmeeting, and your vision was published

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throughout the church. I knew all I'd have to do is get over there to Santa Cruz and get in the healing line. So I did.

"You laid hands on me I don't know how many times in the campmeeting and later in my home church here, and I wasn't healed. So I said, 'Well, Brother Hagin doesn't have it. If he'd have had it, I'd have gotten it. Now, if he had what Mrs. McPherson had in '23—of course she lost it—I'd have gotten healed.'"

He said to me, "You know, Brother Hagin, since I've been sitting here in these day services listening to you, I'm beginning to see something."

I said, "What?"

"Well," he said, "I'm beginning to see that God requires something of me."

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I said, "Yes, brother, I don't mind telling you, you're wasting your time getting in healing lines. You've wasted 31 years in the Full Gospel church. Instead of your being prayed for, you ought to be out praying for the sick yourself. Amen. You're going to have to get it on your own faith."

He said, "I'm beginning to see it."

(I was teaching in those day services on "How To Put Your Faith To Work" and "How To Confess with Your Mouth and Believe in Your Heart.")

That was in September 1954. In July 1955, just 10

months later, we went up to Old Oak Ranch in the Sonora Mountains to preach for the Foursquare folks in that district.

One of the first fellows I saw was this elderly man, now 83. He waved from a distance and called, "Brother Hagin—Brother Hagin!" So I waited for him to catch up with me.

Here he came running—at 83!—threw his arms around me, and hugged me, just shouting and jumping up and down. He said, "Brother Hagin, I'm completely healed! Both of my hernias have disappeared—both of them—after I had carried them all those years. They're both gone, and I got healed on my own faith!"

"Not only that," he said, "but I'm doing what you said. I'm 83, you know, and retired, so I'm out visiting the sick every day, praying for them and getting them healed!"

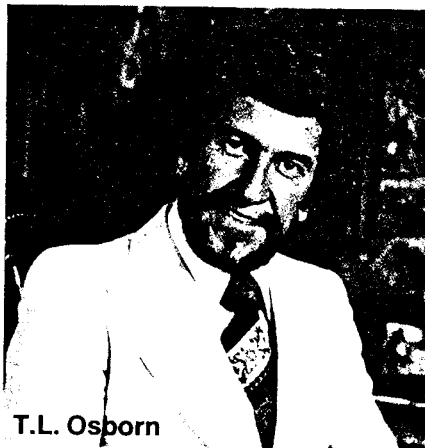
In 1923, this man was healed of his terminal illness through Aimee Semple McPherson's ministry because he was new in the faith. When he developed hernias years later, something was required of him: He was required to exercise his own faith.

When I lay hands on people in obedience to the Law of Contact and Transmission, the contact of my hands transmits God's healing power into their bodies to undo that which Satan has wrought, and to effect a healing and a cure in them.

When I'm conscious that the healing power went into them, I say, "There it is." That's as far as I can take people. That's where my responsibility ends and yours begins.



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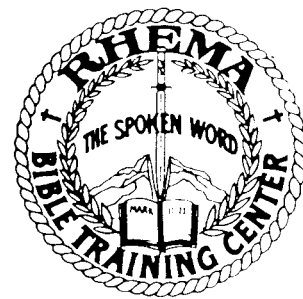
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