

“TO THOSE NEEDING HEALING”

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“GOD’S METHODOLOGY IN HEALING THE SICK”

XXV. So conscious was the woman who was healed of the issue of blood – so conscious of its effect and power in her, upon only touching the hem of His garment, that she **“felt in her body that she was made whole of that plague.”**

A. Jesus was likewise aware of the transmission of the healing power, for He said, **“someone has touched me, for I perceive that virtue has gone out of Me”** (Mark 5:27-34).

1. This same virtue was ministered through the hands of the apostles and of the seventy, also of the early Christians, when they received from God, through the Holy Spirit, the ability to minister the Spirit of God to others.
2. Of the twelve apostles it is said, **“He gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God, and to heal the sick”** (Luke 9:1-2).
3. The seventy He commanded to go into every city and place whither He himself would come, and **“Heal the sick that are therein, and say to them, the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you”** (Luke 9:1-2).
 - a. So vital was this power of the living Spirit of God and its healing virtue in the lives of the early Christians, that it is recorded of Paul that they brought handkerchiefs and aprons to him that they might touch his body, and when these were laid upon the sick, they were healed and the demons went out of them (Acts 19: 11-12).
 - b. In this instance even inanimate objects, handkerchiefs and aprons, were receptacles for the power of the Holy Spirit imparted to them from the Holy Spirit person of the apostle Paul.

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- c. This was not an experience of the early Christians alone, but it is the common experience of men and women everywhere who have dared to disbelieve the devil’s lie, so carefully fostered and proclaimed by the church at large, that the days of miracles are past.

“GOD’S METHODS OF WORKING HEALING AND MIRACLES”

- B. This I have learned, God has many avenues through which He can work to bring the sick and needy into contact with His disciples.
 1. Some of these many avenues may include visions and dreams which have been used many times to bring deliverance to the sick and needy.
 2. *There is a true story told of a crippled man who lived in the Union of South Africa and was told through vision and dream to go to Johannesburg. God even told the man what Church he was to attend in that city. He promised the man that he would be completely healed if he would obey. People along the way gave him rides in their wagons. He also crawled part of the way. It was about one hundred fifty miles. He arrived on Sunday during the church service and crawled up the aisle. The rev. John G. Lake stopped the service and listened to the man’s story. Hands were laid on the man, and that same virtue (power) that flowed from Jesus, flowed into the man and he was made instantly whole.*
 3. This man was saved by the method of vision and dream from God when he obeyed.
 4. John G. Lake tells another story of a family by the name of Hunt who lived in the woods of Kellogg, Idaho. *His aged father had been given up to die and the son was very anxious about him. The father kept saying, “Son, I ought not to die.” The son had been in prayer about this matter. One day he stood on a log road and presently he said a man appeared a*

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little distance ahead. As the gentleman approached he addressed Mr. Hunt saying, “I am Mr. Lake. I have healing rooms in Spokane. If you will bring your father there, the Lord will heal him.” He was so impressed that he got his father and brought him to me for prayer, and the Lord healed him gloriously and he lived many years.

5. God used a vision of John G. Lake to lead this man to the healing rooms in Spokane.

“CAN GOD BE TRUSTED TO FIND A RUNAWAY BOY OR GIRL?”

C. A family by the name of Bashor had a lovely boy who became dissatisfied at home and ran away. He went to a farmer where he was not known, gave another name, and worked for him for a year. In the meantime the family, with the aid of the police, searched everywhere for the boy, but he could not be found. One day the mother came to me brokenhearted and told me the story. We knelt and prayed and asked God to cause that boy to get in touch with his parents. Two days later she received a letter from the boy. He told her that on the night we prayed, he went to bed and had an unusual vision. Jesus appeared and talked with him. Jesus said, “I forgive your sins, but I want you to write to your mother and go home to your folks.” The boy was greatly moved. He told the farmer the incident and the result was that the farmer hitched up his team and took the boy home.

1. John G. Lake goes on to tell another incident that might interest young folks. It seems he was preaching a Mica, Washington, where he related this incident, a young lady in the audience heard the story. After the meeting she said to me. “I would like to get acquainted with that young man.” She did, and he is now her husband.

“GOD USES ANGELS TO DIRECT PEOPLE TO DISCIPLES”

D. It is Christmas again. This time we are traveling in a Boer wagon, almost

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as large as an American freight car. Sixteen oxen draw the wagon over the mountains. The wagon is fitted with great brakes to keep it from running on top of the oxen as they descend the mountains. It is evening time. A great shouting of the native drivers and a mighty cracking of their ling whips indicate that they are endeavoring to stop the team. The Boer farmer (a Dutchman), who is owner of the wagon shouts, “Outspan,” meaning unhitch, and the native men proceed to loose the oxen and turn them out for pasture. The other natives prepare supper in a fire built on the ground under the wagon. We are just preparing to spread our blankets and lay down for the night when across the veldt, a mile away, another wagon is seen approaching. When it comes close, one of the natives in the party accompanying the wagon salutes us and asks if he may talk with the white man. We all sit down together on the ground while he tells us at great length that his brother, who is sick, and his aged mother are in the wagon. Many moons ago a white man had come to their hut and talked to the sick brother of one Jesus, who loved men, who died for them, who saves them from their sin and heals them of sicknesses. He said pathetically, “We are seeking for Him, that my brother may be healed.” The native told us that four days before, in the night an angel came to his brother in the hut as he slept and, taking him by the shoulder, awoke him saying, “Come with me.” The sick man replied that he was too weak, that he could not walk. Then the angel took him by the arm and, permitting the man to lean upon him, led him out of the hut and down the road a short distance to where the angel said, “Take your oxen and wagon and go three days on this road; cross the great river into the Orange Free State and on the third evening, when the sun is set, you will find some white men camping by a wagon. They are missionaries. They will pray for you and

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you will be healed of your sickness.” In the morning, the young man, believing it to be a dream, told his aged mother, who related it to his brother. The old mother was not inclined to pay much attention, saying simply, “My son has dreamed.” But the younger brother said, “The white people are having a Christmas and I have heard that at Christmas angels come to the earth to help the poor and sick. Perhaps it is the Christmas angel that has come to my brother. We had better obey the words of the angel.” So the oxen were hitched to the wagon; a pile of grasses was put in the bottom and the sick man laid upon them. For three days they laboriously traveled over the mountains looking for the fulfillment of the angel’s words. We were greatly impressed by the simplicity and sincerity of the native’s statement. At eleven o’clock at night, when he had finished relating his story to us in true native fashion, we accompanied him to the wagon where the sick man lay. Looking into the beautiful heavens we realized that possibly at that very hour, under the same beautiful skies of Palestine, the Christ had been born. The shepherds had listened to the joy notes of the angel host when “peace on earth, goodwill to men” had come as the message of God to the sorrowing world. We reverently obeyed the word of Christ, laid our hands upon the sick man, and prayed that the power of God should come upon him and heal him of his terrible disease and enlighten his spirit with a knowledge of God and His love. His face changed; a glory light began to appear in his soul, the peace of God was in him, the virtue of Jesus flowed through Him, and his pains were gone. He fell asleep. On Christmas morning he bid us good-bye, saying, “I am going home again to tell my people of your Jesus and of how He healed me, and of your Christmas angel, and of the power of your wonderful God who has made me well.” We proceeded on our journey rejoicing that the Christmas