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DIVINE HEALING

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Reading of the Scripture, St. Mark 16: 14-20.

Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them that had seen him after he was risen. 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. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

There are four modes of Divine Healing.

First, is the prayer of faith directly addressed to God, without the intervention of any ministry of any kind; as in the case of the centurion, when he said, "Lord, speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed;" and in the case of the nobleman, when the Lord said, "Go thy way, thy child liveth;" and in the case of the woman who believed the word of Christ, "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." It was in that way I myself was healed. That is the first and best way.

Second, is that of co-operative prayer. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven." Matthew 18:19.

The third mode of healing is anointing by the Elders, referred to in James 5:14-15:

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.

The last mode of healing is that of laying on of hands, ordained by the Lord in the passage before us, and elsewhere.

These four modes of Divine Healing are set forth in the New Testament. Our Lord Jesus Christ used men in His infinite mercy, from the very beginning, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the laying on of hands. But I point out to you that there must be a cooperative faith, for "without faith it is impossible to please God." The question today is do you fulfil God's conditions? If you do, God will fulfil His promises. All Divine Healing covenants throughout the Bible contain these conditions: Ex. 15:26, "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 (or permit to be put) none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought (or permitted to be brought) upon the Egyptians: For I am the Lord that healeth thee." If you do what you know to be right to the full light of your knowledge you will get the blessing. God will not give any blessing unless the conditions are fulfilled; and He does that for our good. It is essential that we come to that point. If those conditions are fulfilled you may expect a blessing.

I would remind you that these conditions are not grievous; He is more willing to heal than we are to be healed. All that is wanted on our part is a complete abandonment of sin. And that reminds me what a learned man from a celebrated university told me today. He said that when he saw a simple man get the healing, get a perfect healing and walk away, and himself with all the privileges he had of a Christian education, it made him feel ashamed to go away without a particle of healing. He could not exercise that child-like faith. Nothing is so acceptable to God as a child-like faith. It is not that the person healed may be practically worthy; on the contrary, they may have been very unworthy, and not have lived as close a life to God as you have done, but there is a complete abandonment on their part; and if there is the same on your part today you will get the blessing. There are some things with regard to the Word of God I often wish I could put into words; but I cannot communicate to you what I want to today in words. It is difficult to explain to any degree the work of the Holy Ghost, the unseen Spirit, and yet I will venture now upon an analogy, even although it may be very imperfect. Suppose I had in my hand a short copper wire, and that I would say to you that I am going to drive with that some five hundred horse-power machinery. The copper wire is nothing comparatively, and yet you can see how easily I could do it. If I attached one end of that wire to a dynamo of some thousands horse-power, and the other end to the machinery, don't you see how easy it would set it to working? So that little wire is a very essential thing in linking these two great powers.

Now it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom not to link us by any visible means; and yet He commits to us a visible ministry. God was in Christ reconciling Himself to the world, and to those men whom He qualified and appointed He has always fulfilled the promises. "These signs shall follow them that believe. They shall lay hands

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Shiloh Tabernacle

Lord's Day

August 30

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9:30 a. m. Bible School

2:30 p. m. PRINCIPAL MEETING

ADDRESS by the GENERAL OVERSEER

8:00 p. m. Meeting in Zion Home Auditorium

Program :

CLARINET SOLO.....Silas Hendricks
RECITATION.....Esther Wadkins
SOLO.....Miss Ruth Potter
RECITATION.....Carrie Newton Royall
READING.....Miss Marion Moulton
VIOLIN SOLO.....Mr. William Farrar
READING.....Mrs. Frank Mole
EUPHONIUM SOLO.....Mr. Wm. C. Dunn
SOLO.....Miss Florence Farrar
READING.....Mr. A. D. Palmer
CORNET SOLO.....Mr. P. B. Newcomer
PIANO SOLO.....Miss Lillis Albrant

DIVINE HEALING MEETINGS

Zion Home Auditorium . . . Tuesday, 2:30 p. m.

Zion Home Assembly Room . . . Friday, 10:00 a. m.

MID-WEEK MEETING

Zion Home Auditorium . . . Wednesday, 7:45

All Welcome

Free-Will Offerings Only Received

All Seats Free

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