We continue stedfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

#### THREE PARTIES IN HEALING

Communion Message Sunday 4 June, 2017 A.D. (Anno Domini – In the year of our Lord)

Sunday 10 Sivan, 5777

 Welcome to fellowship. We continue stedfastly in doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Let our voices unite in prayer.

- My Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Luke 11: 2
- I come boldly unto the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4: 16
- I seek first the kingdom of Elohim, and His righteousness. Matthew 6: 33
- Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14

- Jesus, if You want me to go to heaven, I thank You that I know it is well with my soul.
- But if, oh Lord, it is Your will to spare me on this earth, I pray that I may have the strength and health, the power and wisdom, to win my family and others for You, dear Savior, and be a shining light to those who sit in darkness.
- Help me forgive and make those old time grudges right.

- Help me go make it right with that one to whom I have not spoken for so long.
- I ask my spouse to forgive the harsh words that have made tears spring into their eyes.
- Forgive that enemy the injury I could not forgive before.
- I now seek life and strength, that I may more fully and gladly serve and win other souls for Jesus Christ of Calvary.

- Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as in heaven. Matthew 6: 10
- For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Matthew 6: 13 Amen.

- Blessing is from Jehovah!
- We are blessed to have a collection of powerful messages from an evangelist who traveled around these United States holding revivals.

- In 1915 Aimee Semple McPherson ministered to crowds in excess of thirty thousand.
- She used a brass band, choirs, and props of all sorts in her sermons.
- Her engagements would last for weeks.
- Through correspondence and The Bridal Call, a monthly magazine produced by Aimee she kept in touch with a great cloud of those enabled by her ministry.

- This Communion Message, will be word for word as spoken from the lips of one of God's Generals in her groundbreaking ministry.
- In a special Vesper Message at 6: 30 p.m. tonight Aimee and will conclude this message
- Her messages are as powerful today as they were a century ago. You will be blessed!
- Lord willing Aimee Semple McPherson will bless us in the June 11th, 18th, and 25th Communion Message.

Let our voices unite in praise:

Hymn #3
IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace, like a riv-er, at-tendeth my way,
 When sor-rows like sea – bil-lows roll;
 What-ev-er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

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4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

The trump shall re-sound and the Lord shall descend,

E-ven so – it is well with my soul!

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Prayer for Breaking of Bread

Let voices unite in an Intimate Prayer of Petition.

- Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Luke 11: 2
- Against thee only have I sinned, and done evil.

  Psalm 51: 4
- I come boldly unto the throne of grace, to find grace in time of need. Hebrews 4: 16
- Jesus took bread, blessed, and brake it. He said, Take, eat; this is my body. Matthew 26: 26
- My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me. Luke 22: 19

- Jesus took a cup, gave thanks, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is My blood of the covenant, poured out for remission of sins. Matthew 26: 27-28
- Jesus has borne my griefs, carried my sorrows; was wounded for my transgressions, and bruised for my iniquities; the chastisement of my peace was upon Him; and with His stripes I am healed. Isaiah 53: 4-5
- Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51: 2
- Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14

Celebrate Breaking of Bread

Praise God singing the Doxology:

Praise, God, from whom all bless-ings flow,
Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise Him a-bove, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men.

- There are three parties concerned in your divine healing.
- You.
- The Lord Jesus.
- And the one who prays for you.
- Let us consider just what part each must take in order to bring about your healing.
- The first to be concerned in your healing is, of course you.

 If you want to be cleansed and made completely whole, you have a part to do in pressing through the thronging doubt, hindrances, and materialism of the day and touching the hem of the Master's robe. So often, people come to me for prayer who have only a passive faith and are dumbly hoping that I can heal them or do all the interceding on their behalf. Though the hands of everyone about them may be lifted in intercession, their faces

wet with tears, and a real prayer of faith in their hearts, such ones stand passively, without any real soul outcry to God, waiting for our prayers to heal them and hoping it will be done. If they are healed, they will be grateful to those who prayed and say that they certainly had some kind of power. If not healed they will go out and criticize the meeting, telling the people that they tried it or had a treatment but that it did them no good.

 But do you not see that people like this have not done their part in pressing through to Jesus with active faith and believing prayer? You can try doctors, try medicine, try science, try baths and electric treatment, but you cannot try Jesus Christ. Remember also that neither Christ nor His servants who pray for you give "treatments." That word belongs to doctors or Christian Science but has no place in the Bible or in these revival meetings. The very fact that

one uses this word in connection would indicate that his heart is far from God and the truth concerning the atonement and power of the slain Lamb of Calvary is not in him.

- The one coming for healing has a real, definite part to play in his coming to the Great Physician.
- The disciples had to come to land before they could be warmed at the fire that Jesus had

kindled or partake of the fish He had broiled. They had to leave their ships, come to shore, and draw near to Jesus before they could receive the bounties from His hand. You, too, must come out of the ship in which you have gone "fishing" for worldly joys and gains, toiling through the night and catching nothing. Let down your nets on the right side; prove the bounty of His goodness, love, and power; and then jump overboard, like Peter, when his

Master bade him "Come and dine." (See John 21: 3-12)

 The prodigal son had to come home before he could receive the kiss of reconciliation, the ring, the best robe, and the shoes for his weary wandering feet. The father could not carry the best robe to his son when he sat among the swine, eating the husks that they did eat. The father could not meet the son on the ground of his prodigality; the son had to return to his father's home and meet him on his own just and

righteous ground. Besides, the best robe would have soon been soiled and besmirched, discrediting his father's name, had it been worn in the midst of his reveling and merrymaking. (See Luke 15: 11-24)

 Just so, if you want to be made whole and receive the best robe and gifts the heavenly Father has to give; salvation, healing, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, through the Lord Jesus Christ; you too, must do your part, leave

the land of sin and backsliding (Your soul is sick of it all, anyway), and say, "I will arise and go." Come crying, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in Your sight." Through the mist of penitent tears, you will surely see the Father running to meet you with clothing, with food, and with gladness. Just as the ring that the father gave the son had no ending and was a complete circle, so the love, promises, and provisions of Christ are unending, for He is the same today as He was yesterday and as He will

be evermore.

 Naaman had to dip seven times in the Jordan before he was cleansed of his leprosy. He had his part to play in obedience and humility. Had Naaman failed to do his part, God could not have done His, and he would have gone away uncleansed. Naaman did not go part of the way to the Jordan but all the way; he dipped not three or four times but seven times. If he had

dipped the first two or three times with the thought of treatment in his mind, the thought was surely washed away before he went down for the seventh time in obedience and faith, for he came up every bit whole. (See II Kings 5: 1-14)

 Many come for healing today just like Naaman went to Elisha. They think they can sit outside in their chariot or automobile and have God's servant run out and heal them. No, no! Rich or

poor, bond or free, all must go the same humble road to the Jordan. It is not the servant but the Master who has the power.

- The importance of the work of preparation cannot be spoken of too highly or be too greatly emphasized.
- People who come blindly, rushing into the meetings, say that they have heard "there is a miracle woman here who can heal them at

once" and that they want to be treated at once so they can catch the next train for business and pleasure are quickly disillusioned. First of all, they are informed that there is no "miracle woman" here at all, only a simple little body whom the Lord has called from a milk-pail on a Canadian farm, bidding her to tell the good news of a Savior who lives and loves and answers prayers.

 Then they are told to settle themselves down and take part in the meetings, just as though they were going to any great hospital for an operation and were preparing for it for days, obeying each order. So they are told to prepare their house before coming into the presence of Jesus, the Great Physician. They are reminded that if they rush into a hospital, dirty and dusty and travel stained demanding that a serious, major operation should be performed that

instant, in order that they might catch the next train for home, the doctors would explain to them that they were in no condition to go to the table as they were, lest infection should set in and their later condition be more serious than the former.

 How clean and purged their systems must be before going to the operating table! Then, how clean and pure their hearts and lives must be

before coming to ask the sacred and holy touch of Christ upon their natural bodies.

 How clean the nurse would bathe them, how sterile and white the robe she would dress them in before they were wheeled to the operating table! How pure, then, they must be spiritually washed in the blood of Jesus and clad in the pure white robes of righteousness, beneath which heart and life and soul are made pleasing

- in His sight, before coming for healing.
- The results of this preparation are self-evident. They are wonderful. Cancers have disappeared, fibroid tumors have melted like snow before the sun, goiters have gone down like a toy balloon that is punctured, stiff limbs have been made to bend, blind eyes have recovered sight, deaf ears have been unstopped, dumb lips have been opened, and

withered arms have come to life and grown several inches in an hour.

 Are you a real Christian? A follower of the Lamb! Have you been born again? Are you taking up your cross daily, denying yourself, and following after Him? Is your life counting for God and souls? Even when the wires of heavenly connection are up, you should inspect them carefully before coming for healing. It takes only a little bit of paper in the electric

light socket to keep the light from shining. It only takes a little doubt, hardness, backbiting, criticism, unforgiveness, disconsolence, or a grudge to hinder the blessed power of God from flowing into that life of yours. It is a very sacred thing to ask the divine touch of Jesus upon these mortal bodies of ours. There is no question as to the power being in the storehouse or as to our electric lightbulb needing the power, but, oh make sure of the

#### connection!

- "Yes, yes," I hear someone cry, "I see that I have a real part to fill if I would receive my healing, but it has been so many years since I went to church or have taken any real interest in religion; just what must I do to be healed?
- Brother, Sister, dear, I trust that the first step you will take will be to fall so in love with Jesus crucified that the healing of your body will be a

secondary consideration. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you. (See Matthew 6: 33) Come to the altar, get down on your knees today, repent of your sins, turn to the Lord, and seek salvation.

 "Oh, Sister, not at that altar!" someone exclaims. "Not here, where I am so well known! People will talk about it so I can pray better in my own room by my own bedside, I am quite sure."

 Why, that is just what Naaman said; "Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean? (II Kings 5: 12) Yet none other than those lowly, humble, despised waters brought healing to the leper. You have tried your own way and gotten but deeper in sorrow; why not come God's way; the way of the humble and lowly Nazarene who hung on the cross for you? Repent of your sins with a godly sorrow

for sin. Do not glaze over the surface but go to the depths.

- "Seek My face," calls the Savior. Oh, let your heart answer, "Your face, O Lord, will I seek." (See Psalm 27: 8) Hear the Master sweetly say, "Draw near unto Me, and I will draw near unto you." (See James 4: 8)
- Why, He is running to meet you already with wideopen arms. "Poor, weary, sin sick child."

He is saying, "you have been wandering such a long, long time. You have been torn by the thorns and bruised by the jagged rocks. None other has been able to fill the hungry longing in your heart. Come closer to Me, my child. Turn your back upon the world, with ugliness and bitterness and sin. Come closer to My wounded side and lay your head upon My breast. I will pardon your backsliding. I will forgive you freely. A clean heart will I give you, and a new spirit

will I create in you. Your sins will I cast into the sea of My forgetfulness and remember them against you nevermore. Your cup will I fill to overflowing with the joy of salvation, and your head will I anoint with the oil of gladness. Seek My face, dear child! Let Me be your all in all."

 Glory to Jesus! When you get there, dear heart, the healing of your body will be but a secondary thought.

Since mine eyes were fixed on Jesus,

I've lost sight of all beside

So enchained my spirit's vision,

Gazing at the crucified.

Mary D. James, "All for Jesus," 1871

- It is not money, nor arrogance, nor even hope that makes them clean and white, but implicit faith, humility, and obedience to the voice of the Lord.
- The railroad track must be laid, every tie in place, every rail fastened, and the last spike driven, before the great transcontinental express can go through. It takes a great deal longer to lay the track than for the express to pass by.

 In coming for healing, make sure of the condition of the track. You are inviting the express of God's unlimited power to come over. Remember that, in making railroads, the hills must be laid low and the valleys exalted; pride must flow down before Him, and the places must be made smooth. Do not spend so much time worrying and scolding because the train does not come more quickly. You care for the track, God will take care of the train.

- Take the electric light, for instance, It is not enough to have an electric lightbulb in your possession. The wires must be strung and the connections properly made clear back to the powerhouse before the light can shine in your home.
- Just so, it is not enough for you to say,"I have a body that needs healing, and I know that the Lord has the power to make me whole." That is like saying; I have an electric lightbulb in my hand, and I know there is enough current in the

- powerhouse to make it a shining light, but what about the wires and connections between?
- Selfish motives are gone, and you are now drawing nearer every moment to the Great Physician who has power to heal the sick. The all absorbing love for your new found Christ and the overwhelming desire to be pleasing in His sight and to win jewels for His crown have taken the place of selfishness.

- "And does this hinder one from seeking physical healing," you ask, "seeing that our eyes have been taken off our own suffering and fixed upon Christ?"
- Ah, no! It will help you a thousand miles along the way. For, instead of asking healing for a selfish motive only; one now seeks life and strength, that one may the more fully and gladly serve and win other souls for the adorable Christ of Calvary.

 The conflict is over, the battle ended. There is a nevertheless not my will but Thine be done in the soul. (See Luke 22: 42) "Dear Jesus, if You want me to go to heaven, I thank You that I know it is well with my soul. But if, oh Lord, it is Your will to spare me on this earth, I pray that I may have the strength and health, the power and wisdom, to win my family and others for You, dear Savior, and be a shining light to those who sit in darkness."

 If it is His good will to take one of the children home, Amen! If not, bless the Lord, you can touch the hem of the Master's robe and have healing and strength for His service today, even as did they who lived when Jesus walked this earth. But whatsoever you do, whether you eat or drink, seek healing and strength, be sure that you do all for the glory of God.

(See I Corinthians 10: 31)

 You can then look as you come to the altar and lifting up your hands toward heaven say:

My body, soul and spirit
Jesus I give to Thee.
A consecrated offering,
Thine evermore to be.
My all is on the altar,

I'm waiting for the fire;
Waiting, waiting, waiting,
I'm waiting for the fire.

 Then remember, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift before the altar and go first to be reconciled to your brother. Then come and offer your gift.

(See Matthew 5: 23-24)

 And when you stand praying, forgive; make those old time grudges right. Go make it right with that one to whom you have not spoken for so long. Ask your wife to forgive the harsh words that have often made the tears spring into her eyes. Forgive that enemy the injury you could not forgive before. (See Mark 11: 25) Otherwise, how can you pray, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us? (See Matther 6: 12)

- "But what has all this to do with my healing?"
  you ask. "I thought that all I had to do was walk
  right up on the platform, be prayed for, and be
  healed without further obligation on my part.
  What has all this to do with it anyway?"
- Why don't you see, this is the stringing of the electric wires between the bulb and the powerhouse and making sure of the proper connections. This is the laying of the track across the desert wastes or the tunneling through the mountains and making straight

- paths for His feet so that the mighty express of God's glory and power may pass through.
- Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all else will be added unto you. Put first things first. Spend time in prayer. Read you Bible carefully and prayerfully, especially Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the Acts of the Apostles, with reference to those to whom Jesus healed, and see what part they

had in obeying His command and in having active faith.

 Establish family worship in your home. Do not wait till you are here but begin to serve Jesus now, till joy and peace are flooding through your heart. Faith is rising mountain high, and you have prayed through and gotten witness; every wire is in place between the bulb and the powerhouse, and you are ready to turn the

switch and let the current of God's power flow through.

Lord willing, we continue stedfastly in doctrine, fellowship, and prayer tonight at 6: 30 p.m.

Join us.

Lord willing, we study doctrine and pray every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Join us.

- The second to be concerned in your healing is next and greatest, of course the one to whom you are coming for healing; Jesus. Has He the power to heal? Is He willing to do so, and will He do His part?
- Yes; beyond a doubt, He has the same power today as He had in the old days. His promises are constant. Amen to everyone who believes. When the leper in the Bible days said, "If thou

wilt, thou canst make me clean (Mark 1: 40), and his healing depended upon the "willingness of Jesus," the Master without hesitation said, "I will: be thou made clean" (Mark 1: 41). There is no doubt as to His willingness, if we only have faith and ask for His glory.

• As for Jesus doing His part, Brother, Sister, it was already done when He purchased our healing at the cruel whipping post almost nineteen hundred years ago, that by His stripes, we might be healed (see | Peter 2: 24), for "himself"

took our infirmities, and bare our sickness" (Matthew 8: 17).

 Just as in salvation, Christ has done His part in the finished work of Calvary and now awaits our coming to the cross in faith to accept and make this great redemption ours, so with devine healing, the Great Physician, the Son of Righteousness with healing in His wings, has done His part. He bore the cruel lash, carried

our pain and suffering, was smitten of God and afflicted as our burden bearer, and bore not only our sins but that dire result of sin; sickness and pain. Thus, with Isaiah, we can cry exultingly, "He was wounded for our transgressions...and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53: 5).

 Indeed, He will do His part. Draw near to Him, and He will draw near to you. (See James 4: 8)
 Reach out your hands in faith and touch the

blessed hem of His garment, and He will bend low over you. You will feel the gentle pressure of His nail pierced hand laid in healing and benediction upon your head. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever; He who heard the cry of His people in times past is just the same today. His ear had not grown heavy, that He can not hear, nor has His arm been shortened, that it cannot save (See Isaiah 59: 1).

- The third party concerned in your healing is the one who anoints you with oil, according to James 5: 14, and prays with you, that you might be made whole. Just what part is played by this one who prays for the sick, and of what importance is His role?
- The first duty of the one who is instrumental in praying for the sick is the duty that Christ laid upon His disciples in John 10: 49; namely, that of

bringing the man near to Him. The blind man cried, "Thou son of David, have mercy on me" (Mark 10:47). He had faith. He had prayed through and reached the ear of the Master.

- He had done his part.
- Jesus was ready to do His part.
- But a blessed duty, or part, in the healing was granted to the disciples when Jesus commanded them to bring the man near to Him.

First, then, lift up Jesus from the earth. Talk of His power; magnify His name. Many take so much time talking about what Jesus cannot do that they spend very little time telling of the things He can do.

 Sow the seed of faith in the hearts of the people, and have faith yourself. Those who pray for the healing of the sick should themselves first be partakers of the fruit and be a living example of what they preach, having a sound,

- whole body, and being invigorated by the strength and resurrection of the life of Jesus.
- Bring the sufferer near to Christ in prayer, faith, and praise. Make Jesus so real through the preached word that your audience can see His blessed face through the parting clouds and reach out and touch Him.
- Second, it is the duty of those who pray for the sick to believe with the whole heart and have

the real touch of God upon them, the Holy Spirit dwelling in them, and the authority of the Master clothing them as the raiment of Elijah clothed Elisha.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1: 6-8 KJV

- One can tell in a moment whether a preacher, or the one who is exhorting or praying, has faith. Have you ever heard a man preach a long sermon and then say, "Now, if there is one here tonight who wants salvation, will you lift your hand and say 'Pray for me'?"
- Why, right there, his faith has wavered; he seldom gets more than the one he asked for, whereas the man of faith has won the day and cries, "Let every sinner or backslider in this

building lift up your hand high, and by that lifted up hand, say,'Pray for me; I am a sinner and want salvation.' You all need Jesus! Let everyone lift his hand and say so." Have you watched the hands go up? And have you seen hundreds of penitents weeping their way to the altar? So it is in the prayer for the sick. According to your faith, so will it be done to you.

In a recent meeting, we came to the closing

day, and thousands were still waiting to be prayed for, so it became necessary for various groups, composed of some twenty ministers, to be called upon to offer prayer for the healing of the afflicted. Among the long lines of sufferers came a deaf man, desiring prayer that his hearing might be restored. A certain dear minister, who perhaps had never before been called upon to pray for deaf ears to be unstopped, began to talk to the Lord about His

power and willingness to hear the prayers of His people. After a few moments, he looked at the man and realizing that something definite should be done, leaned over inquiringly, brought his lips close to the ear in question, and asked, "O deaf ear, are you going to open? Are you?" Right there, he had wavered, and let not that man who wavers think that he will obtain anything from God! With the unction and power

of the Holy Spirit upon him, he should have commanded, "O deaf ear, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to be opened and to hear the Word of the Lord! You deaf spirit, come out of him, in the mighty name of Jesus." Ask in faith, nothing wavering, and it will be done according to your faith.

 Tell the one for whom you pray to have faith also, reaching out and clasping the promise to

hold it tightly, and it will be his. Whether he is healed instantly or gradually, he must believe from that very hour.

- Third, the one who prays for the sick should have clean hands and a pure heart.
- Many ministers we know use tobacco. Throw it away; let your own heart be cleansed with the precious blood and your lips be sweet and pure before you pray reverently the prayer of faith.

Could you imagine Jesus smoking a big cigar and then going to pray for the afflicted?

 Do not expect to spend your time telling or listening to foolish, idle stories or gossip, or being a good mixer in the club, and then rushing into His presence to bring the power down. Keep close to Jesus yourself. Keep the lamp of faith burning. Walk with God like Enoch of old, till your life is swallowed up in His own blessed will. Let triumphant faith mount up and

up til your own face is all aglow, and poor, weak, tempest-driven souls see in you that mighty, unwavering confidence and trust in God that will give new courage and guide them into the calm, safe harbor of the Savior's strength and blessing.

 Do not feel, however, dear, afflicted soul, that unless the preacher or elder who prays does his part, that you need necessarily go away without healing. Many are healed in answer to

their own prayers while seated in the audience or while praying in their homes. "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray" (James 5: 13). Even though you are alone, you can reach up right where you are and claim the promise. It is only natural, however, and perfectly scriptural, to want someone to pray the prayer of faith for you and hold up your hands in encouragement as you come to God, for we also read:

14 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: 15 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. James 5: 14-15 KJV

 Let us, therefore, do our part. Press in close to the Master; the Great Physician; the Shepherd of the sheep, who stands waiting with his flask

of oil to make us whole in body, soul, and spirit. There is not a tear so blinding, but Jesus can wipe it away. There is not a hurt so deep in the heart, but He can comfort and bless. There is not a body so weary, so weak, and so sick, but His touch can strengthen and heal. There is not a load so heavy or a burden so great, but His love can lift and bear it away.

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Lord willing, our guest minister continues next Lord's day teaching HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR HEALING Join us.