

# Aimee Semple McPherson's Sermons

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# SISTER AIMEE

- A collection of powerful messages from an evangelist who traveled around these United States holding revivals in 1915.
- Sister Aimee's engagements lasted for weeks.
- Sister Aimee ministered to crowds in excess of thirty thousand.
- Sister Aimee's messages were broadcast on radio.
- Sister Aimee founded Angelus Temple of Los Angeles and The Foursquare Church.

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- Correspondence and a monthly magazine, *The Bridal Call*, kept Sister Aimee in touch with a great cloud of those enabled by her ministry.
- These word for word messages were spoken from the lips of one of God's Generals in her groundbreaking ministry.
- Sister Aimee's messages are as powerful today as they were a century ago.
- Blessing is from Jehovah!

# THREE PARTIES IN HEALING

- 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.

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- 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

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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.

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- 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

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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



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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.



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- 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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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."



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- 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

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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."

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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

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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.

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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

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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



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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.

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- "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.

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- 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."

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- 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)

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- 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,

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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)

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- 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)

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- "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



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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

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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

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

- 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

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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 I Peter 2: 24), for "himself

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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

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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

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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).

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- 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



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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.

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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,

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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

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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.

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. <sup>8</sup> A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1: 6-8 KJV

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- 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

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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

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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

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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



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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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:

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<sup>14</sup> 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: <sup>15</sup> 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

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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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- "Thy faith hath made thee whole" (Matthew 9: 22).  
"According to your faith be it done unto you" (Matthew 9: 29). "Woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt" (Matthew 15: 28). These were the words of the Master when He trod the shores of Galilee.
- It was faith that made the believer whole in Bible days, and it is faith to reach up and touch the hem of the Master's seamless dress that can make us whole today. For "if ye have faith



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as a grain of mustard seed," said Jesus, "ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matthew 17: 20).

- In order to get to this living, active, mountain-moving faith in Jesus Christ, you must get on believing ground. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. (See Romans 10: 17.) To rightfully understand and feed upon the Word, the heart must be given to the Lord Jesus. We must be

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washed in the precious blood, be born again, and be no longer children of darkness but children of light.

- "Well, if the Lord heals me, I'll believe and be converted," we hear someone say.
- But, dear one, this is not the attitude in which to come to the Great Physician, Jesus. He did not heal the sick under those conditions when He was on earth. Healing was not received first and faith afterward, but faith first and then

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healing, for He said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole" (Matthew 9: 22). But to a sinful nation who seeks a sign, no sign will be given. (See Matthew 12: 39.) Neither can one bargain with the Lord and exchange service for healing. Many forget their vows and promises to God after the answer has come.

## Be Born Again

- Positively, the first thing to do is to be genuinely

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born again – not for the sake of being healed but because of real heart conviction for sin and the wooing, all-conquering love of Jesus Christ.

- Many have been not a little surprised and filled with questions when, in our meetings, we have listed a complete surrender to Jesus - a change of heart and a bright salvation experience – as one of the conditions required for us to pray for the healing of the sick and afflicted. But, you see, it is Jesus and not us

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whom the afflicted must look to for healing. It is to Him that they must pray.

- Think for a moment how could a sinner pray to the Lord for healing? If he were really honest, he would have to pray something like this:
- Oh, Lord Jesus, I am a sinner. I know You have long been knocking at my heart's door and that I have never been willing to let You in. Even now, I am unwilling to deny myself or to take up my cross and follow You, but while I am not

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ready to live for You or to repent of the coldness and sin that grieves Your heart – and though I am rejecting You and unwilling to do anything for You – I would like You, please dear Lord, to do something for me. Please heal my broken body so that I may go out and better enjoy the world. Heal my eyes so that I can the better see the moving pictures. Open my deaf ears that I may enjoy the devil's jokes and gossip. Heal my crippled hands so that I can play cards or work

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for my own selfish ends, and heal my feet so that I might dance and run in worldly paths!

- Oh, no, those might not be the exact words uttered by the petitioning sinner's lips, but it would be the language of the heart, would it not? And, after all, it is upon the heart that the Lord looks, and it does not seem possible that the Lord could answer that prayer for the honor and glory of His own dear name, does it?

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Make an Out and Out Surrender

- Give Him your heart, freely and gladly. Drink deep from the joyous wells of His salvation till your heart overflows with the rich fullness of His love. Then come crying:
- Dear Jesus, my Savior and my Lord, Your name do I worship and adore. By your blood I have been redeemed. My whole heart and life flows out to You in gladness and surrender for service



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great or small. Take me and use me, I pray. But, oh, dear Lord, this body is sick and frail. I come to You for healing and strength, that I may serve You better and help lead souls from darkness into light. Heal my eyes, that I may read the blessed Book; my ears, that I may hear the preached Word; my hands, that I may minister in loving deeds to those in need; my feet, that they may run to do Your bidding, Savior dear. Humbly, I ask in faith for Your own glory. Dear

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Lord, I do believe and take Your promise now.

- There is quite a difference in the heart language of those two prayers, is there not? And it does seem as though one could pray this latter prayer with much more assurance and confidence.
- Do not seek salvation for the sake of being healed; but after seeking and finding the Savior, then come for deliverance from sickness and pain that you may henceforth live for Him who

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died for you.

- Having read of the miracles of healing our Lord has performed, people often rush into the meetings from distant places, saying, "Pray for me quick, Sister; I have to catch a train or leave for home tomorrow." But they have not sat long under the preaching of the gospel till, when asked if they feel that they are now ready to go to the altar for prayer, they almost invariably reply, "Oh no, let me wait a day longer, I have a

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few more letters to write asking forgiveness, a few more things to make right, a couple of more bills to pay, and so forth." Bless the Lord, the Spirit has been working in their hearts, and instead of rushing pell-mell without thought or preparation into the most holy and righteous presence of the King of Kings, asking His pure, nail-pierced hands to be laid upon their sinful selfish bodies, they are coming now with clean hands and a pure heart, entering humbly under

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the covering of the precious blood.

Do Not Come On Your Own Merits

- "But I have been such a wicked sinner," some other heart may cry. "My life has been wasted. Would He ever hear my cry? Would He save, heal, and baptize me with His precious Holy Spirit? Am I not too sinful, sick, and broken of body and soul?"
- Indeed, He will hear your cry, dear one.

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He came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. You are just the one whom He will hear. When Jesus walked this earth, none was too sinful for Him to save, none too sick for Him to heal.

- And it has been a noticeable fact that the new convert, filled with humility and a sense of his own unworthiness, often receives healing much more quickly than those who have been Christian workers for many years and who now

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come of their own merits, filled with a sense of their own goodness and importance.

- "Why I am Mr. So-and-so. I've done this, that, and the other for the Lord for so many years, and I am sure that He will heal me." But oh, it is not upon our own merits, righteousness, or even service that we can claim the promise; and righteousness of Jesus that we must plead. Coming in humility, we find, that, in

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deed, when we are weak, then we are strong, for He resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. (See 1 Corinthians 4: 10; James 4; 6.)

- "Have you faith that Jesus will heal you now?" we often ask the sick who come for prayer. When dealing with old Christians, we frequently meet the following complacent, self-satisfied answer in a tone that would indicate that they almost resented the fact that we felt the necessity of such a question:



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- "Oh my yes! Why I have always had faith."
- "How long have you been ill, Sister, and crippled up in the wheelchair?"
- "About ten years."
- "And yet you say, in an offhand, assured way, with a little wave of your hand, 'Oh yes, indeed, I have always had faith.' Why don't you see my dear, that if you really had faith – that is, the

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instantaneous, mountain-moving faith for the fraction of a second – the work would be done, and this captive body would be free? Get out of that self-satisfied, boastful complacency and – in humility, heart searching, and earnest prayer – draw near with sincerity and unfeigned faith unto the Lord."

## The Difference Between Passive Faith and Active Faith

- Having been converted, having made peace

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with the brother who had something against you, as far as it is in your power, and having put your all upon the altar in sacrifice, you are now coming to Christ for healing.

- Come with radiant, active faith; pray earnestly; pray believing, doubting nothing, and you will feel the mighty hand upon your life. His power will thrill your being, and the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will quicken your

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mortal body. (See Romans 8: 11.)

- "Just what do you mean by 'active' faith? Is there more than one kind of faith?" I hear someone ask.
- Yes; there is passive faith, and there is active faith. There is an instantaneous faith that takes the promise now. There is a steady, unwavering faith that can stand the test and, through the vision tarry, wait for it, growing daily in strength

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as young trees grow in stature. The one with passive faith says, "I will be prayed for, and if it is His will to heal me, I will be restored to health" – but right there is an if, a small if in itself, but a most mighty stumbling block to faith.

- Had the woman with the issue of blood sat by the wayside, saying, "Well if it is His will to heal me I am willing, I will just sit here at ease, and if He happens to come to me and heal me, all right; if not, all right, but I will make no great

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effort until He does," do you think she would have been made whole? It was her active faith that pressed through the throng and touched the Master's robe that brought about her healing.

- Passive faith just stands there and lets someone else do all the praying, hoping to be healed and willing for it, if it comes, but making no real effort to reach out and take it by active faith. Hope, however is not faith, though many

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mistake the one for the other.

## An Example of the Difference Between the Two

- Let me tell you the true story of something that happened in one of our meetings that exemplifies the difference between active and passive faith.
- During the great revival campaign in the Memorial Hall of Dayton, Ohio, the Lord graciously poured out His Spirit upon us in a most marvelous way. Thousands were seeking

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the Lord as their Savior, Healer and Baptizer.

- The auditorium was packed almost to suffocation. The basement also was filled. Policemen and firemen were struggling with the multitudes that thronged the streets outside. Healthy friends who carried the sick and had been crowded out had, in desperation, resorted to cutting out the basement windows and passing in their afflicted on beds to those within.



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From early morning until late at night, the throngs continued to strand. And now, within the building, on the great platform, prayer was still being offered for the sick.

- Many mighty healings were resulting. Deaf ears were unstopped, and the lame had been made to leap for joy. As quick as one row of supplicants was prayed for, another would take its place. We who were praying for the sick

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turned now to the new row.

- The first man with a stout walking stick in his hand, whose limb was held painfully and straight before him. The man appeared to have absolutely no burden of prayer but was sitting up straight in his chair, gazing about him with wide open eyes, watching the workers and the people as they came and went. I looked at him searchingly with the thought that it is ever

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uppermost in the mind when praying for the sick: Has he faith – active, mountain-moving faith? I was afraid that he did not.

- Second in the line was a dear lady with a child perhaps three or four years of age seated upon her lap. One arm was pressed tightly about the child; the other raised to heaven. Her lips moved in audible prayer, and tears flowed down her cheeks. Her face – there was no doubt as

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to faith there!

## The Man with the Cane

- Addressing first the elderly man with the inexpressive face and the open eyes, I asked, "Well, Brother, dear, have you faith that Jesus will heal you now?"
- "Why, I certainly hope He will," he made answer.

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- "But, Brother, have you only a 'hope so faith? No assurance from the Lord?"
- "Why, why I thought perhaps I could be healed; I certainly hope so."
- "Just what is your greatest reason for desiring healing, Brother?" I asked trying another track.
- "Why to be rid of the pain, of course," he answered testily.

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- "But isn't it even just a little bit so that you could serve the Lord and work for Him with all your heart and strength?" I persisted.
- "W-e-e-ll, I suppose so." He spoke hesitatingly, without conviction, as though the thought were foreign. The man had a hard selfish face, and we could not help wondering whether he had ever made a real sacrifice for the Lord Jesus in his life.

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- There was nothing to do but to offer a prayer for the man, of course. But, oh, that living, vital faith one so covets when praying for the afflicted seemed to have been sinking away down out of sight, and all we could do, after we had prayed, was to turn to the man and say, "According to your faith be it done unto you."
- "Now Brother," we tried to smile bright encouragement, "do you take the promise?"

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Come! Rise to your feet, in Jesus name. If you but have faith, you can walk from this platform straight and strong and every bit whole, leaving your cane behind you."

- As I spoke, I succeeded in getting him to his feet; faith was springing up in my own heart, and I had the assurance that, even now, if he could but grasp the promise, he would be made whole.



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- "Come Brother! Forget the cane, lean upon the Lord, and walk in Jesus name!"
- "Oh-h-h! But I couldn't walk without the cane, Sister! My limb has been sore so long," he cried in a startled voice, without even trying to walk, and taking a tighter grasp upon his cane.
- We groaned within our spirits, and the man, clinging to the stick, hobbled away. Only a

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moment, however, could be spared in following him with a regretful gaze. Hundreds of others were waiting for prayer – hundreds who have real active faith.

## The Mother and the Paralyzed Child

- Next in line was the mother with the little daughter who had been afflicted with infantile paralysis.

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- The mother's lips were still moving in prayer, as, with closed eyes and tear stained cheeks, she clasped her child to her breast and rocked gently to and fro with an intensity of emotion and faith that appeared to be obvious to all surrounding. I scarcely needed to ask the question here, "Mother, dear, have you faith that Jesus will heal the little darling now and make her walk and run again?"

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- She opened eyes that were red with weeping but in which glowed a light kindled by the taper of faith, and she cried, "Indeed, I have faith, Sister. I have prayed through. I just know that it will be done. This paralysis must go. My child will walk, in Jesus name."
- Ah, what blessed faith had she! Jesus spoke of those like her, saying, I have not seen such faith; no, not in all of Israel." With every word

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she uttered, we could feel our own faith mounting. No long prayer needed here! The praying had been done in advance.

- "According to your faith be it done unto you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, be made whole!"
- "Put the little darling down on her feet, Mother dear. Dry your tears and take your little girl by the hand. She will walk." And she did too. Only

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Mama went too slow, and the pretty little darling let go the mother's hand and ran and danced across the platform, perfectly whole. What a novelty it was to have that paralyzed side paralyzed no longer! How grand to use that little foot! She would run a little, then stop short, lift up the foot, look at it inquiringly and approvingly, then skip some more, like a little lamb gamboling in the field, then stop again and turn the foot in all directions, gazing at it delightedly, before she ran and danced some more. The

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delighted audience laughed and shouted and wept all in the same breath.

- The happy mother lifted up her clasped hands and cried, "Oh, Jesus! I just knew You'd do it! I just knew it! And oh, I thank You Lord, I will give You my love, my strength, my all, and ever bring her up in Your paths, dear Savior."
- Do you see the difference, dear one? Here was a woman with active faith. She cried, and the

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Lord heard her; and according to her faith received.

Don't Lose Faith if Healing Is Not Instantaneous

- Very often the Lord heals His children instantaneously, and yet there are some who are healed gradually and begin to mend from that hour. In these cases, active faith is necessary more than ever.
- This was exemplified by our dear Sister Fraga,



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whom so many have learned to know and love. She came to the meeting on crutches. She was frightfully deformed, with dislocated hips, which had been out of their sockets for years. When prayed for, she reached out to Jesus in simple, childlike faith and said that she could feel the hips snap back into place. She let the crutches fall from under her arms and, declaring that she was healed, walked away, something she had not been able to do before.

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- But, though the hips were gradually going back into the sockets, the body was still far from straight, and we used to catch our breath when Mrs. Fraga rose to testify (as she tended to do at each testimony meeting) and declare that she was healed. Then, gradually, day by day, as this precious sister turned her house into a home of prayer, brought her husband to Jesus, prayed with sinners at the altar, and went out for miles to pray and bring others to the

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meetings, her lameness began to disappear.

- When we saw this dear sister one year after she had been prayed for, and she was as trim and as straight as a girl. She was still ministering to the sick and afflicted, walking for miles with perfect ease, for as she said, "only those who have been in trouble, bound with braces of steel and leather, tortured by crutches and pain, could ever fully sympathize and yearn

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with such a full heart to help those who walk in the path of affliction.

- Here again was active faith that stepped out on the promise, even as Peter stepped out on the water and walked to meet the Lord. This woman had held fast through sunshine and tempest, believing that He who had begun the good work was also able to perfect it. (See [Philippians 1: 6.](#))

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## Have Faith in God

- Remember that faith is not always accompanied by feeling. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, evidence of things not seen. (See Hebrews 11: 1.) Whether you are healed instantly or gradually, hold fast to the promise. In the Bible we read of some who came to Jesus and were healed as they went. (See, for example, Luke 17: 12-14.) Just so today,

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there are some who see little visible indication of healing at the moment they are prayed for. But this is the very time to have faith and to hold fast. If they should wait a moment or so, without feeling any great surge of healing power, and then walk away with downcast face, saying, "Oh, I was prayed for a moment ago, but I feel no different; I guess this is not for me," then, according to their faith will it be done.

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Remember, faith is not feeling, and trust is not trace. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who is at this very moment measuring and testing the quantity and quality of your faith.

- Cling to the words of Isaiah: "With his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53: 5). Lift your heart to Jesus and say, "By Your own suffering at the whipping post, You bore my sickness and pain. My eyes are upon You, dear Lord. By faith I lay hold of the promise. The work is completed in You. Complete it now in me, O Lord."

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## Step Out Boldly upon the Promise

- Pray through before you come to Christ for healing. Then come with perfect faith in Jesus and His power to heal. When you lay aside that cane or those crutches, after prayer, do not put one foot out hesitatingly and say, "Um, now I wonder, could I take a step on that foot? I wonder if I could bear my weight on it? It's been a pretty sore foot! Now let's see...I'm going to



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try."

- No! No! That is not faith!
- Do you suppose that Peter ever would have been able to walk on the water to meet his Lord if he had put one foot rather dubiously on the wave and said, "Let's see now...I wonder if that water will bear my weight? I know that the Lord bade me come, but this water is pretty soft, and I'm pretty heavy, but I'll try it and see"?

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- Why, no; he would have sunk in a moment! It was faith that kept Peter up – faith in Jesus. As soon as he got his eyes off the Christ and fixed them fearfully upon the tempestuous waves, or the circumstances with which he was surrounded, he began to sink.
- According to your own faith, it will be done to you. Do not fix your eyes upon your own condition or surroundings. Fix your eyes on

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Jesus. Have faith and walk to meet Him in gladsome love and service, and the answer will come.

## Going Home to Heaven

- "But suppose that it is not His will to heal me? Suppose He wants to take me home to heaven?"
- Well amen! That is a different matter. Your coronation day is at hand. Blessed are those

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who die in the Lord.

- Paul was in a strait as to whether it was better to stay in order to serve and minister unto his brethren or to depart, declaring to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. (II Corinthians 5: 6-8.) If the savior has spoken to your heart and is calling you home, hallelujah, there is nothing to fear, if your heart is washed in the blood of the Lamb. For you, death has lost its sting, and the grave its victory. (See I Corinthians 15: 55.)

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When you pass through the waters, the Lord will be with you, and the waters will not overflow. (See Isaiah 43: 2.)

- But we do believe that the Lord's little children do not need to die screaming with convulsions and pain. We read of our fathers that they "fell asleep." (See, for example, Acts 13: 36.)

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Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast;  
There by His love protected,  
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

Fanny Crosby, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," 1868

- If you have the blessed assurance that the Lord is calling you to that golden shore, you will of course, be longing and ready to go; but if, on

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the other hand, you still have years to spend below, there is work to be done. Thousands on every hand are perishing in sin. You can be quickened and healed and made every bit whole through Jesus' mighty power, and you can then go forth into service, great or small, be it at home or abroad. You may become a soul winner for the Master, that when He calls you, you will not be empty-handed.

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- In gazing upon the sinner who has just given his heart to Jesus and, in his illness, is very near the other shore, this verse always comes to mind:

Must I go, and empty-handed,  
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?  
Bring no soul with which to greet Him,  
Lay no trophies at His feet?

Charles C Luther, "Must I Go and Empty Handed," 1877



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- How can I covet at least a few months of service for those who, when the last summons comes, will "come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." (See Psalm 126: 6.)
- Oh, the multitudes we have seen come to Jesus for healing! Our ears still ring with the glad shout of the blind when they received their sight and cried aloud, "Oh, I can see! I can see. Dear people, dear Jesus, I can see again."

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We still see the overjoyed, almost rapt, expressions of those whose deaf ears were suddenly opened, so that they were liberated from a tomb of silence and enabled to hear the songs of praise to Jesus and the voices of their loved ones. Again we can see the lame, leaping and fairly dancing for joy, their crutches, braces, and canes being thrown away. Hear the testimonies of those whose cancers and tumors have melted away.

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- Step into Bethesda's pool by faith today, dear heart, and your faith will make you whole.

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- Having received your healing from the loving hand of Jesus, the next thing is to keep it.
- "Oh! Is there a possibility of losing my healing after receiving it? You ask.
- "Is there a possibility of a discharged patient, who has just recovered from pneumonia, going out into the blasts of wintry winds and coming down with double pneumonia, so that his latter condition is worse than the former?"

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- "Is there a possibility of a sinner coming to this altar for conversion, being washed in the blood of Jesus and forgiven of his sin, going out into the world among godless companions, and forgetting his vows to the Lord?"
- "Why, yes; we hear of such things everyday."
- "Then is it also possible for people to receive the divine healing touch of Jesus Christ upon their bodies and then to depart from His paths into doubt, criticism, and sin, eventually not only

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losing the healing but even becoming more ill than before?"

- Remember that Christ is the Vine, and we are the branches. In healing, as in salvation, we have no separate life of our own. In Him we move and live and have our being. (See Acts 17: 28.) Sever the branch from the Vine, and it is bound to perish and wither away.
- Jesus said: "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee"

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(John 5: 14).

- The very hour in which your healing has begun, look about you and begin to minister to those in need. This new light and life and strength are not given to you for selfish purposes but to spend and be spent in His service.
- When Jesus touched the hand of Peter's mother-in-law, the fever left her, and "she arose and ministered unto them" (Matthew 8: 15.) Will you do the same? For every bit of strength you give

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Him, He will repay you a hundred fold.  
Hallelujah!

- Walk in the Holy Spirit; spend much time in reading His Word and seeking His face in prayer, but no time in doubtful disputations.
- Give not only your love and service but of your means to Jesus, also. A man came into one of the meetings one time on crutches. He was on his way to San Francisco, where he was to undergo a surgical operation on his limb. The



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Lord graciously healed him in answer to prayer. The man was overjoyed as he hung his crutches upon a nearby post in the tabernacle. His joy, however, was not only in the fact that the painful operation was no longer necessary but also that he had saved five hundred dollars. But oh, could he have poured those five hundred dollars into the treasuries of the Lord for foreign missionary work or the spreading of the gospel at home, how much more blessed a thank offering that would have been. In fact, this

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would have been his "reasonable service" (Romans 12: 1). Anything he gave above this would have been a thank offering. Give, and it will be given unto you, a good measure, heaped up and running over, (See Luke 6: 38.)

- Establish a family altar in your home, and keep the light brightly burning. Begin today to win others to Christ. Do not try to see how little but how much you can do and give.
- It is, I repeat, a very sacred thing to ask the

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divine touch of the Lord upon these mortal bodies, and if we want keep our physical healing, we should walk with the Master.

- Through correspondence and through "*The Bridal Call*", we have been enabled to keep in personal touch with large numbers of those converted and healed in meetings. A great cloud of witnesses are standing true after several years have elapsed and are still permanently healed.

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- On the other hand, there are some who were mightily touched by God who have *lost* their healing. Such a one was a young man in Illinois, whose paralysis was healed instantaneously in answer to prayer in a meeting held in a Methodist church there.
- Delightedly he slung his crutches over his shoulder and strode down the aisle, smiling broadly. From the meeting he went to the back room of a worldly place of amusement, in which

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his old companions in sin were playing a game of poker and gambling. After having shown them how easily he could walk without his crutches and having paced the room several times with ease, he sat down at their insistent urging, dealt the cards, procured his stack of chips, and played the game, and gambled with them.

- In the midst of the game, the numbness flowed back into his limbs, and the paralysis returned. He not only lost his healing but was worse than

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before.

- Go your way and sin no more – lest a worse thing come upon you.
- The Lord did not promise His blessing and protection to the sinner and the scornful but promised His blessing to... the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (Psalm 1: 1-2)

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- To him who walks closely with God and meditates upon His law (that is, reads His Word, the Bible, and thinks upon it earnestly), He promises that he *"shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper"* (Psalm 1: 3).
- But if, instead of walking a holy sober, God-fearing life with Jesus, the man goes back to his theater, dance hall, card party, seat of the

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scornful, and selfish life not lived for the glory of God, the branch is severed from the true Vine, and this protection and abounding life and strength are not promised to him, for "*the ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away...for the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*" (Psalm 1: 4, 6).

- I would not dare come to the altar for anointing and prayer for healing unless solemnly from



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that hour I pledged heart and life to do His bidding and meant to walk in His blessed way.

- Avoid foolish talk, idle conversation, gossip, and criticism. There is not a more deadly enemy to the health of the soul and body than an ungoverned tongue. It is as though one hand pumped water from the river into a great reservoir, for life and irrigation purposes, and then foolishly opened the gates of the sluice box and let it all run back into the river again.

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- It is possible to talk, jest, or criticize away, between meetings, all the strength, blessing, and healing one has gained in those meetings.
- A society woman was one of the many to be healed in Denver, Colorado. Her deaf ears were instantly unstopped in answer to prayer, and she went away rejoicing.
- Sometime later, however, she returned with all the joy and light gone and complained to my mother that the healing was not permanent and

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that the deafness had gradually returned after a few days.

- Mother looked thoughtfully at the lady awhile, as she stood there, dressed in the height of fashion, and then questioned her as to how she had been occupying her time since being prayed for.
- "Why, just doing the ordinary things," she replied in a surprised tone, as though wondering what that had to do with the subject.

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- "Such as what?" my mother questioned persistently.
- "Just the duties entailed by my social standing."
- "Bridge parties, I presume?"
- "Oh, certainly!"
- "Theaters, parties, a ball, a new fashionable evening dress, a little gossip and exchanging of idle nothings over the teacups?"
- "Why yes," she admitted. "Just the usual things"

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- But right there, Mother had put her finger on the reason for the woman's losing her healing. It means something to *keep* your healing.
- Pray, read your Bible, spend and be spent in His service, testify as to what He has done for you, and resist the enemy when he assails.

## Testify

- Testify at every possible opportunity as to what the Lord has done for you. "*They overcame him [the enemy] by the blood of the Lamb, and by*

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*the word of their testimony"* (Revelation 12: 11), we are told of those triumphantly sweeping up the glory way. Exalt the power of the Lord Jesus. Give Him glory and praise for what He has done.

- Remember the ten lepers whom Jesus cleansed. Only one came back to bear witness. The Lord said, "*Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?*" (Luke 17: 17). Will you be the one to return with the testimony? You will

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find indeed that with each note of victory that you sound forth, added strength will be given you.

## Resist Temptation

- Do not imagine for a moment that the devil will allow such a great victory as that which has been wrought in your life to be accomplished without resistance. Every inch of ground will be disputed. He has several methods of attack.

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- One of his methods is to raise unbelievers about you who will try to sow the seed of doubt in the heart, just at the time when you stand most in need of help and encouragement.
- Another is to bring back the old symptoms and twinges of pain, saying, "Aha! You thought you were healed, didn't you?" But look at there waves piling up on every side. You cannot walk upon these waters much longer. Don't you feel that pain? Doesn't that prove that you are not



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healed?"

- But keep your eyes upon Jesus. Lift up your heart and begin to praise the Lord; resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (See James 4: 7.) Do not let the enemy corner you in a doubting castle; keep out, in the sunshine of Jesus' smile. Lift your voice in audible praise to Jesus and prove indeed that the "*joy of the LORD is your strength*" (Nehemiah 8: 10). Remember that all things are possible for those who believe and

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that faith is the master key that opens every door of every promise castle of God's Word.

- Another ruse of the enemy is to take the eyes of the Lord's children off of the righteous Jesus and the finished work of Calvary and to fix them upon their own imperfections and blemishes.
- A dear young lady was taken from a bed in which she had lay suffering for a year and a half, following several abdominal operations. After consecrating her life to Jesus, this

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beautiful girl (at that time little more than skin and bones) was prayed for. Jesus healed her of intestinal disorders and adhesions. For months, she walked in victory, enjoying more liberty and real happiness than she had ever known, for she had been afflicted since childhood.

- Then came the time when she was preparing to attend a big revival meeting, in the very city in which her victory had been gained, to give her testimony.

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- Could the enemy allow this without a struggle? No! He came in like a flood with recurring symptoms of old time pain, and when the dear sister lifted troubled eyes and asked why this had come, the devil began to accuse her, declaring that she must have done something wrong, failed somewhere, or fallen into sin.
- Ah, how cunning the enemy is! Full well he knows that if he can get our eyes off the righteousness of Jesus and center them upon

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our own unworthiness, we will sink like Peter of old. Each time her tender conscience would cringe and say, "Oh! I must have sinned or have done *something* wrong, though I do not know what it could be," the lash would fall again on her quivering spirit and the clouds roll more thickly over her sky.

- At last, she came to us about the subject, asking that we would pray and inquire of the Lord regarding where the trouble lay. She

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stated that she had searched her heart, read the Word, and cried out to the Lord, and that though she knew she must have sinned terribly in some way, somehow, she did not know where the trouble lay.

- In prayer, the Lord showed me that the devil was still the accuser of the brethren today, as in the days of old. (See Revelation 12: 10.) Gathering the trembling little form into my arms, I told her that it was the devil and not the Lord who stood over

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her with the stinging lash and the threatening, intimidating air, saying, "Now, you bad girl, you have sinned somewhere. You have prayed and wept and done the best you knew; but, though I will not show you what it is, you have done something wrong somewhere and must suffer for it."

- "Oh, darling," I said, "does this sound like the voice of Jesus? No! His voice is loving and tender. When He speaks, He says, 'Come poor,

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tired child, and lay your head upon My breast. Let Me enfold you with My love and wrap you about with My presence and support. Gaze upon Me; listen to My words till your soul is filled with music and you are transformed into My own image.'

- "Here, you have been listening to the enemy all this time. Every time you spoke, you put your hand to your ear, bent closer to him, and said, 'What did you say, devil? What did you say?'



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- "Oh, my dear, listen to him no more! Resist the oppression of the evil one. Throw his yoke from off your neck. He whom the Son sets free is free indeed! Rise up and take your liberty."
- She saw the light through the clouds and rose up in victory. The pain was gone. The enemy fled like vanquished shades of night before the rising sun of the morning, and *she was free*. The enemy had come in like a flood, but the Lord had raised a standard against him. (See Isaiah 59: 19.)

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## Hold Fast to the Promise

- Hold fast to the promise, seeking His glory. *"He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber."* (Psalm 121: 3).

*"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee". (Isaiah 26: 3). If you hold fast to Him, He will hold fast to you, for He has promised that... Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of*

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*temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

*(Revelation 3: 10)*

*Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)*

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- Christ overcame the curse of sin and death and purchased their healing with His stripes. He makes that whole gift to anyone and everyone who will receive it.
- What is Divine Healing? It is the divine power of Jesus Christ to heal the sick and afflicted in answer to the prayers of His people, without medicine or surgery, even as He did almost nineteen hundred years ago when He walked upon this earth.

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- Is Divine Healing for Today? Many of God's dear children have the mistaken idea that the day of miracles is past and the Lord Jesus no longer heals the sick. They honestly believe, and some have even preached, that these things were only for Bible days, that Christ has now withdrawn this power (which they say, was only given as a sign to the Jews), and that we now must do the best we can for these human bodies, looking for help from doctors, surgeons,

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medicines, herbs, massage, morphine, quacks,  
- in fact anybody or anything except the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

- There is not one verse in the dear old Bible to substantiate such teaching.
- What is the Difference Between Divine Healing and Christian Science? Christian Science teaches there is no sin and no sickness, that such thoughts are error and that all that is

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needed is the power of mind over matter to overcome. Their foundation for this is based upon the Scriptures that tell us that without God, nothing was made that has been made (see John 1: 3), and that God saw everything that He had made and, behold it was very good (see Genesis 1: 31). Because, they say, there was nothing made except that which God made, and because He made neither sin nor sickness, there is therefore no such thing as sin or

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sickness. Train your mind to believe this, disregard sickness and pain, exert your mind to correct this error, and all is well.

- This however, is not the teaching of the Bible. Sin and sickness were brought into the world through the fall, when Satan entered the garden of Eden in the form of a serpent, deceived Eve, and brought in, through disobedience to God, the curse of sin, suffering, thorns, and thistles.



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- The Bible teaches us that there is not only such a thing as sin but that it is exceedingly sinful, and no amount of correct thinking or turning over of new leaves or cultivation of self-righteousness can cleanse us from its stain. We are told that there is but one remission of sin, and that is the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father.
- Will Turning to Medical Aid Keep Me from Heaven? No, it is sin that bars us out of heaven. Divine healing is not law; it is a blessed

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privilege.

- When we bought our automobile, a salesman kindly said to us, "Now, any time your car needs fixing up or servicing, we will be glad to have you come right in. We will fix it free of charge. This is our own make of car, we understand it thoroughly, and our system of service is included for a certain length of time without any additional cost to you."
- So it is with our blessed Lord. It is He who

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made us, not we ourselves. If you would prefer an earthly physician to the Great Physician, or feel that you could trust him more, then go to him. But it is your blessed privilege to come to the Lord who made us, who understands our frame and knows just how to heal us without pain or suffering.

- What Is Your Attitude Toward the Medical Fraternity? "Do you fight the doctor?" we are sometimes asked. Not at all. Some of our most

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blessed Christian friends and brethren are in the medical profession, but the very best of them have told us they could only do just so much with their powders and pills and that the Lord must do the rest. We have known doctors who have much more confidence in God than their medicines and who kneel and pray with their patients, seeing Christ conquer where they have failed.

- What Should Be the Attitude of the Church Toward Divine Healing? There is only one way

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to answer this question, and that is from the Word of God. The attitude taken by the church today should be identical to that taken by the children of God in Bible days. Our attitude should be that of Peter when, in Acts 5, by the power of Jesus, the healing of the sick, and working of signs and wonders through his prayer, the entire country was shaken for miles around; or Philip, when in Acts 8, a whole city was turned to Christ because they saw and heard "the miracles which he did" (verse 6); or James,

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when he left explicit directions for the healing of the sick through the prayer of faith.

(See James 5: 13-15.) It should be the attitude of John Wesley when he prayed for the healing of the sick and saw so many diseases among the people, and even the lameness of his horse, healed in answer to prayer.

- What Is the Difference Between the Prayer of Faith and Gifts of Healing? The Prayer of Faith

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as we understand it, is just what its name indicates – a prayer of faith: "Oh Lord, Your Word is true. Your promises are yes and amen to everyone who believes. And now dear Jesus, we bring our brother or sister in the arms of faith to Your throne. Be pleased to lay Your hand in healing and blessing upon this afflicted one, that he/she may be made whole from this very hour."

- The gifts of healing, coming as a special

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unction from God, at special times, in special cases, usually according to the tide of the cry of faith, cry: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, be made whole! Rise up and walk!" (See Acts 3: 6.) This gift commands the blind eyes to be opened and the deaf ears to be unstopped. It is as though the power and authority of God, through the Holy Spirit, descends upon and envelopes one for the time being, even as the mantle of Elijah fell upon



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and clothed Elisha.

- Just What Benefits to the Church Are Derived from Divine Healing? The practical benefits that the church derives from the healing of the sick are substantial and manifold.
- It awakens the interest of entire communities and convinces infidels who have heretofore cried, "Where is your God?" Like the dynamic challenge of Elijah, "The God that answereth by fire, let him be God!" (1 Kings 18: 24), it brings down

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the power from heaven.

- It draws multitudes unto Jesus, causing them to repent and make Him their Savior, who were previously cold and indifferent to revivals or religion of any kind. The very act of preparing for healing, as set forth leads the petitioner to Calvary's fountain and places him upon the altar of consecration.
- It is a death blow to indifferece and sets thousands to the unaccustomed task of reading

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the Bible to see whether these things are so.

- It packs the church that has been previously only occasionally filled by some gigantic entertainment or special effort, and it gives you the opportunity to pour the blessed gospel into open, receptive hearts.
- It is God's answer to Christian Science, and as such, it will help you win back members you have lost when they return to the only church

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they could find that expressed any interest in the physical welfare of the people.

- It will benefit the blind in that, when healed, they can read the Bible; the deaf in that they can hear the preached Word; the lame knees, in that they can again kneel in prayer to the Lord Jesus. It will stimulate your own faith insomuch that you can see and feel the hand of the Lord working with you, confirming the Word with signs following.

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- May It Not Be That Much of Our Sickness Is Sent from the Hand of the Lord to Make Us Better Christians or to Keep Us from Wandering Away? This is an old and often advanced theory, but it is without foundation in the Word of God. The thought of our tender, sympathizing Jesus planting within His children cruel cancers to burn and gnaw and eat their way into the very heart of the sufferer, or paralysis to the limbs of little children so that

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they can run and play no more, or blindness to the eyes of the father so he can no more earn his daily bread, or venereal diseases to children so that they will be made imbecile and crippled, is hideous and not to be thought of.

- This is not the work of our Lord but of the archfiend Satan, whose work Jesus came to destroy.
- If, as you say, the Lord sends diseases, creates

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suffering bodies and sorrowing homes, to make us better Christians, why not get some vials of germs – diphtheria, TB, infantile paralysis, and the like – from the laboratories and scatter them over the congregation to make us all more patient and Christlike? If a little is good, would not more be better?

- Is It Then Sin to Be Sick? No. Some of the godliest men and women you know are saints of the Most High and will be soon be over on

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the glory side. And there are some for whom, for some reason, deliverance does not seem to come; and as we have already said, divine healing is not a law but a blessed privilege for those who can press through and touch the Master's garment.

- Do You Hold the Theory That We Can Live Forever in This Mortal Body? No. Not at all. But there is protection for the saints of God.