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"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET. AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH."

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GREAT PEACE HAVE THEY THAT LOVE THY LAW; AND NOTHING SHALL OFFEND THEM.

A TIMELY MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

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What shall we do to be saved?

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Acts 2:38, 39.

How can your dear lost soul meet the conditions of this scripture by true repentance. Oh! Stop and humble yourself under the mighty hand of God. Pray the Publican's prayer by asking God to be merciful to you, a sinner. St. Luke 18:13.

If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9. Now believing this with all your heart, bury yourself (the old man of sin) with Jesus in water baptism. Col. 2:12.

Let us rise and walk in the newness of life (Rom. 6:4), and tarry for the Comforter, the Holy Spirit of promise, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, which is the Spirit of Truth, all one and the same spirit. Yes dear reader, somewhere in your heart there must be the desire to know the truth about the true and living God. Now here He is, able to guide you into all truth, you believe it, don't you? God's word says so. St. John 16:13. Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away. St. Matt. 24:35.

Now don't you want this Spirit of Truth, which was not for the Apostles only but for you, for Jesus said He would be with us for ever (St. John 14:6), to the end of the world Matt. 28:30. And it is for as many as the Lord our God shall call. Acts 2:39. And so we hear His Spirit calling you. Rev. 22:17. Yes, He is calling, great, small, rich and poor, free and

bond, doctors, lawyers, farmers, bankers, bootleggers, gamblers and lukewarm church members. Rev. 3:14-19. Every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Rev. 14:6. And then shall the end come. St. Matt. 24:14. Now dear reader, let the Spirit of God teach you and show you in God's word and give you faith to believe and to know what is really for who soever will. God promised Abraham that He would give His Spirit to the Gentiles through faith in Jesus Christ. Gal. 3:14. Notice, the scriptures call it the Spirit of Promise which is also called the Promise of My Father which the apostles received, and how? by tarrying (St. Luke 24:49), and continually praising God. St. Luke 24:53. Being in one place and one accord. Acts 2:1.

Here is wisdom for you if you have the faith (for it is received by faith in Christ) to tarry and ask, it shall be given you for if our earthly parents know how to give good gifts to their children how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. St. Luke 11:9-13.

Have you ever asked God for His Holy Spirit? Awake and do so with all your heart, for this is that Spirit of truth spoken of by the prophet Joel, by the Apostle Peter, Paul and others.

It is not for me only but for every Gentile who will believe, and Jew also. Now if the Spirit of God dwell in you, you are His temple, as God hath said, "I will dwell in them and walk in them and they shall be my people and I shall be their God." 2 Cor. 6:16; 1 Cor. 3:16, 17. Behold such wonderful promises from the Living God himself to we who believe.

Knowing this, that His promises are yea, and Amen to everyone that believes. Shall you on account of unbelief continue to walk and wander in darkness, refusing to receive the Spirit of Truth by faith, the full measure of which also the scriptures call the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:44, 46), or the outpouring of the Spirit?

The latter rain which is falling in the earth today James 5:7, 8. Have you received your portion of

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Does The Lord Heal The Sick Today?

CHAPTER 2

Concluded

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The day of miracles past? Not when literally thousands of us have seen miracles of healing performed before our very eyes—not as a result of the power of mind over matter—not by magic—not by false doctrines—but simply by conforming to the simple conditions laid down so plainly in the Word of God, and standing thru the prayer of FAITH, upon the PROMISES of the Lord—which the Bible says SHALL (not perhaps) raise up the sick (James 5:15).

Nothing could be farther from the truth, or more unscriptural, than to carelessly assume the day of miracles is past. The Word of God denies the excuse for lack of faith. The experience of earnest, believing Christians denies it.

True, so-called miracles of healing are being performed by Christian Scientists, the Immanuelists, the Universalists, and such New Thought cults. These, however, are not performing according to the Word of God. They do not heal thru the prayer of faith to Almighty God. They do not heal thru the power of the atoning blood of Christ. They do not even accept that atoning blood, and therefore Jesus never knew them! They are the ones to whom Jesus will reply, when He comes again, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity. I NEVER knew YOU." Their work is in no sense true Christian healing, although that is the name they falsely give it.

No true Christian will permit the false practices—the "lying wonders"—of such apostate cults to shake his faith in the simple directions and promise for healing laid down in God's Word, nor to deprive him of the benefit of healing which is offered promised, urged upon him—GUARANTEED him by the Word of Almighty God!

The day of real genuine miracles is not past! Jesus Christ still lives! He still is the Great Physician. He still heals!

The benefit of healing is INCLUDED! Let's not starve our souls and bodies on mere crackers and cheese. Let's remember our "passage ticket" reads "HEALING INCLUDED."

An incident just occurred which sharply impressed upon me the realization that there is, today, another power in the world which has been little thought of, in connection with healing miracles, but to which this same prophecy applies.

Overlooking my home in Portland is a small mountain, just outside the city limits to the North-east, called Rocky-Butts. The Roman Catholic church has secured control of this mountain. On it they

are now beginning construction of a huge cathedral, or sanctuary to be called "The Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother." It is to be an INTERNATIONAL Sanctuary, dedicated to Mother Mary. It will be completed in 1933, when the Roman Catholics expect to hold a tremendous Centennial, celebrating the 700th anniversary of the Servite Fathers, who are sponsoring this mighty cathedral atop this mountain. The cathedral, or sanctuary, will be one of the largest church edifices in the world. The Pope, or a private emissary, will come from Rome.

The North side of this mountain is almost due perpendicular. In the stone of the side of this mountain has been cut out a huge grotto, in which are life-size statues supposed to be the Mother Mary sitting with the crucified body of Christ lying dead in her lap! It is an awesome and gruesome spectacle. In front of the statue is a platform, and a great open-air auditorium seating about 2,000 people. Visitors from all over the United States, passing thru Portland, are coming to see this amazing grotto. A priest is always on hand to act as guide and explain everything in utmost courtesy, and with speech carefully studied to quiet and put to rest as far as possible the prejudices and suspicions that lurk in the minds of Protestant visitors.

I have just paid a visit to this grotto, in company with a Church of God minister, Elder A. H. Stitt...

And it was a part of the lecture given us by this priest which I want especially to relate in connection with performing miracles of healing.

The Catholic church, according to this priest, is now beginning to practice healing! He told of amazing miracles which they have performed—one of them so amazing as to be incredulous, even as an act of God!

So today, the Roman Catholic Church is beginning to perform miracles! Surely that is according to prophecy.

But let us look to the methods. As this priest-guide explained it, the sufferer makes seven sacrifices—that is, gives up seven desired things or acts, and then makes a nine-day prayer, according of course, to Catholic rules governing prayer. Then, for a price, some special holy water is given the sick. The priest said that some priest, in the 13th century, struck a rock in a wilderness when several people were dying of thirst, and, as in the days of Moses, water gushed forth from this rock. And, strangely, the water has continued to pour forth from this rock even to this day. The healing water is the water taken from this ancient rock, and specially blessed by Catholic priests. The sufferer is given a very small bottle of it, as stated, for a price. After nine days of prayer, the water is touched to the lips according to a certain prescribed form, and then drank. This is supposed to perform the miracle of healing!

However, the girl behind the souvenir counter, where this water was being sold, evidently had not gotten together with the priest guide, regarding the story they were to tell, for, upon being questioned the young lady assured us that the water was merely local "Bull-Run" water, which is the name applied to Portland's famous city water supply.

But now let us see how this type of healing fits the description of the passage under discussion.

This healing is done under the name of Christian healing. The Catholics are, as surely as the Christian Scientists, pretending to perform miracles in His name!

How are they doing it? According to the instructions laid down by Jesus Christ? to lay hands on the sick, and anoint them with oil and the prayer of faith shall raise up the sick. Mark 16:15-18; James 5:15. No! Sacrifices, a nine days prayer, and then drinking water which they have for sale. Where can you find such a plan for divine healing laid down in God's Word? Were can you find God's Word authorizing such a procedure for healing? Where does God's Word promise that God will heal according to such a formula? No, the Catholics are not performing these healing miracles according to the Word of God—and therefore their healing is not of the Lord.

Has the Lord ever known them? They come by the Mother Mary, and the saints who still sleep in their cold graves! God's Word says that none come except through the Lord Jesus Christ.

So to the Christian Scientists, the Unity people, the Immanuel movement, and such New Thought cults, we must add the Roman Catholic power as obviously coming under the description of the text, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity; I NEVER knew you."

And thus it should be perfectly clear to any student of the Word of God that this text applies only to such people, cults, sects and powers—those which are false, counterfeit and antichrist. And at the same time let us not place ourselves in the position of those who have "a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof."

Roman Catholics already control a large part of our public institutions as the following will show:

Twenty thousand public schools have one half Roman Catholic teachers.

Six hundred public schools use Roman Catholic readers and teach the Roman Catholic catechism.

Sixty-two per cent of all the Federal offices of the United States, both elective and appointive, are now held by Roman Catholics.

Not less than ten of our largest cities in the United States have now seventy per cent Roman Catholic teachers in their public schools.

In all the cities and towns in the United States of more than 10,000 population, an average of ninety per cent of the Police force are Roman Catholics.

Roman Catholics are in the majority of the Councils of 15,000 towns and cities of the United States.

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Salvation From Sin

Sin shall not have dominion over you; for "ye are not under the law but under grace."

Because of sin the whole world lieth in darkness. Death, both spiritual and physical is the result of the fall. "By one man's disobedience many were made sinners." "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." How terrible are the consequences of sin! Satan is the defiler, and instigator of sin in all its forms. All who fall prey to his seductive influence, are polluted by him and thus brought under his power; are not only defiled, but are held in bondage, and are his servants. "He that committeth sin is the servant of sin." "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Eternal misery and woe—an eternity in hell will be the sinner's doom, unless released from its power eternal death, is the penalty, and must be paid by all who do not find a way of escape. Only one way of escape remains for those who have sinned, and all must seek this way or be forever lost. "All have sinned," consequently all must look to the same source for help. Christ is the only hope of man's salvation. "In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." "He is able to save them to the uttermost, that come to God by Him." He is the way the truth and the life.

"We have no other argument,

We have no other plea;

It is enough that Jesus died,

And that He died for me."

Our sufficiency is of God.

Salvation

is full, free and for all. His name was called Jesus, because He should "save His people from their sins." Not only are we to be saved from sin but kept from sinning.

"He breaks the power of cancelled sin;

He sets the prisoner free."

God gives such deliverance from sin that the devil has no power over us in this life to bring us into the bondage of sin again, though he has power to oppress us and beset us with the temptation on every hand, yet we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanseth us from all sin." "Sin shall not have dominion over you." The Spirit of life which