God Heals!

Exodus 15:26, "...for I am the LORD that healeth thee."

When we heard these fine songs — Brother Branham speaking to a congregation in Phoenix — I said to Brother Outlaw, "I'm glad they're being taped, because I like to study that. I like to hear those songs and play the tape, hear the songs when you can set down."

There's nothing like music. You know, **God heals by music.** Did you know that? God heals by music.

God heals by love. See? God heals by medicine. God heals by prayer. God has many ways of healing. Depends on what type that you need.

Sometimes a little love, stretched out, will just cure an old sore, an old place that's been a grudge or something. It'll heal it right over, **just a little love**, a little care.

Sometime when you feel all down, and, as we call it, down in the dumps, see, just put on one of those tapes, that music or a record, and go to playing it. The first thing you know, you're patting your foot, or your hand, and it's all over then. You're right up and ready to go again. [1]

Now God heals in many ways (*I Peter 2:24-25*). A doctor asked me, not long ago, said, "What's your opinion of medicine, Brother Branham?"

I said, "Well, God is the only One that can heal, sir." I said, "The Bible doesn't lie, and the Bible said, 'I am the Lord, heals all your diseases.'" (Psalm 103:1-3). And I said, "The Bible can't lie. God heals by medicine. God heals by love. God heals by understanding. God heals by care. God heals by prayer. God heals by miracles. The whole thing, God heals. That's all, all there is to it, He is the healer."

We haven't got a medicine that can create, and create a cell in your hand, to heal; create in your body, to heal. We can move a tooth, we can cut out appendix, or take out a gall bladder, **but who healed? God.** No medicine will build tissue, only God. Life builds tissue. God is the only healer, and we were talking on that. [2]

And I hope that each of you gets that, especially you people that's to be prayed for, that's so uncomfortable with maybe troubles that doctors cannot touch.

And we believe that doctors help people. I believe that God heals by medicine. God heals by surgery. God heals by understanding. God heals by

love. Just a little love goes a long way. Let somebody be all upset, and just show them you care for them. See? God heals by love. God heals by prayer. God heals by miracles. God heals by His Word (*Psalm 107:20*). God heals! Whatever source it is, God heals by it. It's God that heals, for He said, "I'm the Lord that healeth all thy diseases." So all of it should work together, and man in different ministries should work together for that. See? Now, but they don't do it, because sometimes they're forbidden to take certain stands upon God's Word, because their certain denominations don't permit them to do that. But that doesn't stop the Truth, just the same, God goes on healing just the same. [3]

"We seen a Man Who could call a dead man from the grave, Who could do all these wonderful miracles, and see Him hang on the cross with great spittle all over His face, where the soldiers jerked out His beard, and spit in His face. And seen Him with His back beat to a pulp where thirty and nine stripes..." (*Isaiah 53:4-5*). They couldn't put forty. **And did you know there's thirty and nine major diseases in the world today.** Thirty and nine stripes across His back with a cat-of-nine-tails, leather sockets in it with lumps of lead, beating till His ribs showed through, "all My bones stare at Me," He said in the Psalms 22:11-19. [4]

When we see God heal a man... Here a few days ago in our church, they brought a little girl in there on a stretcher. And they'd called me in the night-time on the road and said, "The girl cannot live," the cancer was so bad. About seventeen years old... "She can't even get there. She's going to die before she gets there." It was a pitiful case, a lovely little child of seventeen years old.

To prove something to my church, I never touched the child at all. I walked in. Laying on a stretcher... 'Course there were other sick people, but I was concerned about the child, to catch her spirit when I spoke to her. And she seemed like a very fine little girl. I see no reason why that child should fill a premature grave; and that has to be the devil trying to take her life. So I never touched the child at all, went right to the pulpit with the Word, and stayed right with the Word. And the Word healed her so instantly until she got up and walked away, is all right now, living like anybody else: can't find a trace of it anywhere. Never even touched her.

See, the Word went forth, and **she believed the Word**, and **the Word is God's life and God's power.** And the Word is what does it. **The Word heals the sick** (*Mark* 7:24-30; *Matt.* 8:5-13). [5]

The other night, was so amazed. A little woman came up to the platform, that big three hundred thousand dollar place there, and she had a little make-

up stuff on her face. She stood there and she started trembling. I said, "You're Lutheran," by the Holy Spirit. She said, "Yes, sir." And I said, "You're here to be prayed for. And the reason you're walking the way you are, both knees have been broken." I said, "That was caused by a car accident in a car that you were driving in four years ago." She said, "That's true." I said, "Your doctor's a little short fellow, bald-headed and wears glasses." Said, "That's right." And I said, "He's doctoring, because that in the knees the bone has become tubercular, and even the flesh is rottening around the bone." She said, "That is right."

And she said, "Is there a hope for me?" I said, "That depends on your approach to the Lord Jesus."

She said, "Can you help me?" I said, "No, Ma'am. No one can help you now, but you have to help yourself to God's provided blessings for you." And she said, "I now believe with all my heart." I said, "The Lord healed you, sister; it's THUS SAITH THE LORD, you're healed."

She said, "Mr. Branham, I haven't been able to kneel," she said, "for four years," while weeping, standing there rubbing her hands. And a great audience of people weeping, watching her, Lutherans, Presbyterians. And I said, "Why don't you go down to the altar and kneel down." She said, "Let me kneel right here, right where I'm healed." She never moved from her steps, **but she knew she was healed. Something took place.** See? She knew it; there wasn't any guessing about it (*Heb. 11:1-2*).

I said, "Kneel down." And for the first time in four years, with both knees broke and all calloused over, made over the bones together. That woman, like a young woman, knelt on her knees with the tears streaming from her cheeks, raised up her hands to God, why just raised right up from there just as easy, like a little girl, and tipped off the platform. What was it? God had to make a way for that. Now, He sent doctors, that's right. And doctors are fine. And they done all they could do, **but God had made a way.** That's it. See? After the doctor had failed in his way, God's way is so much higher than our way (*Isaiah 55:8-9*). What a wonderful thing! [6]

Here sets Brother Sidney Jackson, Sister Jackson from South Africa. He could stand up here and take that subject and really tell you some things about it down there. Why sure, **people come to idols and are healed. See, because why?**

Just like Dr. Aegery gave me that bawling out that time, of me saying that the devil cannot heal. And said, "A man that stands before as many people as you do, and such poor theology," said, "saying that the devil can't heal." Said, "We got a woman right in our neighborhood carries an apron around her, and goes there; and the people come around her and is supposed to drop money in this apron; then she'll rub them and then take hair out of her head and blood

out of their veins and put it on a hair and throw it behind her; and she's constrained to look back around, the disease comes back to people." And said, "Thirty percent of them get well. And then you say the devil can't heal?"

And I thought, "Oh, my." I wrote him back, and I said, "Dear sir": I said, "It's a strange thing to me that a dean of a Lutheran college would base his theology upon an experience instead of the Word of God." See? "The Word of God says that Satan cannot cast out Satan (Matt. 12:22-30). That settles it; Jesus said so." I said, "you might wonder how these people are healed through that, that witch, is because the people themselves think they are approaching God through that witch. And healing is based upon faith, not upon how righteous you are, how good you are, how much you keep the commandments, or whatever it is; it's based solemnly upon faith. All things are possible to them that believe. It's not based upon how good you are. I've seen prostitutes come to the platform and be instantly healed and a sainted woman cross the platform and miss it. Sure, it's based upon faith; if thou canst believe, not upon righteousness."

Look down here in France where they go to that shrine of that woman, go in there in wheelchairs and come out walking, upon nothing but purely a superstition, if anything, **spiritualism**, **to worship a dead person.** See? And yet they're healed, **because they think they're approaching God.** Now, not degrading Catholic people, I'm degrading Catholic system, just like I am Protestant system, all these things.

Now, ministers, I know this is going to tear in, but I'm answering questions; and I want you to understand that I was just telling you the truth from my heart; Christ before me the best of my knowledge. See? It's all systems, and those systems have wound people up like... People go join the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostals, Catholic; and they think they're approaching God when they're just going through a system. God honors it sometimes and takes their diseases away from them through idols. Well, right in the Hottentots of Africa they get healing with idols and so forth, but they think they're approaching God. [7]

I just wonder about those people. I found them in healing services. I've seen people come to the platform, totally blind. And come and after being prayed for and be healed and read the Bible, walk down there and praising God. And meet them in six months and be just as blind as they were in the first place.

Now, Divine healing is just as strong as your faith is, and just as lasting as your faith is.

Rev. Nickels from Christian Businessmen was down the other day taking testimonies there in the city and taking pictures of people who had been healed by Divine healing anywhere, I mean cancers and dying cases, that had been healed for years and years and years, and were still holding out, fourteen, fifteen years ago, when they were prayed for, still healthy. And some of them on the dead list in Louisville on the cancer clinic over there, that they died fourteen, fifteen years ago, and here they are living, just as healthy as they can be.

It depends on where your faith stands. Your salvation is good as long as your confession is good. But when your confession drops, then your salvation's gone. For He is a High Priest setting at the right hand of God to make intercessions on your confession, that's what happens ($Heb.\ 4:14-16;\ Rom.\ 10:8-10$). [8]

Divine healing, and sanctification, and the powers of God is as long as your faith lasts in it. When your faith fails, then your experience is gone. It's based that way simply upon the finished works of Christ at Calvary. You're sanctified as long as your testimony's right, as long as you live a sanctified life, and believe that God sanctified you; you're sanctified, counting it all to His grace and His merits. And as long as you've accepted healing and believe your healing and go on believing it like that, you'll be healed as long as you believe it. And you start doubting it...

And you take a man setting here that's not a bit sick, and let him begin to get in his heart, believing he is sick, they'll pack him out of the building. **As your faith is, so be it unto you.** That's not Christian Science. I'm not meaning mind over matter. But you see, the thing of it is, **it's the atmosphere that you live in.** [9]

Isn't He wonderful? Now, think, we mean that; everything is surrendered. "I'm no more my own thinking. I'm not going to think like I'd think, Lord. I'm just going to think like You think. And You promised that I was healed (Isaiah 53:4-5); I think that. I surrender my thinking. I won't no more think about my sickness. I won't think about the disease I had. I ain't thinking about nothing but thinking what You said."

Now, right out in front of you stands a person just like you were a few minutes ago; you were sick down here, but there's a well person standing there. Jesus Christ is calling to that well person right beyond it. Now, you just, by faith, as you close your eyes, walk right into that well body, then just keep on walking, just keep on going. [10]

You see, it's your faith; it's never your feelings. It's never whether it's so; or if my hand isn't straight... That doesn't have one thing to do with it. It's my faith that does that. Right before us we see the image of a perfect healed person by faith. And then we just make step by step till you step right into that person, and just walk right on with it. There you are. That's

what does it. **Your faith, not your feelings;** your faith does it. But thanks and praise be to God. [11]

And I say, that if we obey God's provided way, leprosy will leave, sickness will leave, everything will leave, but we've got to come His way for this day. Now dipping in Jordan wouldn't do any good now; that was for Naaman. The law was for the Jews. Grace is by Christ. [12]

When God says anything, It has to take place. So when you meet God's qualifications, just remember, God will manifest Himself and take care of the rest of it; you just go ahead as a finished work. Oh, isn't that wonderful? Oh, my, think. Just tell God. God said, "You do this, and I'll do this." Well, if I go do this, He's got to do that.

Now, the devil says, "See, He delays." That doesn't make any difference. Daniel prayed one time, and it was twenty-one days before the Angel ever got to him (*Daniel 10:12-13*); but he wasn't discouraged; he knowed He'd come anyhow, so he just waited till He got there. That's right. **Oh, that's when you're getting faith.**

But we want a soul-healing service to heal the inside, because that is what's going to last. You get Eternal Life; Eternal Life does not vanish or grow old; it stays, remains the same (*John 5:24*). [13]

Let the Holy Spirit come upon any person that's truly got something down there! A healing comes from the inside. Let that healing come from the Spirit that's in you (II Cor. 4:7). [14]

And we pray that You'll make this so real to each of us today that our hearts will burn within us, our souls will be strengthened, **our bodies healed, our spirits healed, our souls made anew** (*II Cor. 5:17*), created after the fashion that God would have us. [15]

There's one thing I want to be honest with you about, my friend. The same way God heals is on the basis of service to Him. See? It's on the basis of service to Him. We must accept our healing on the basis of: we will serve Him after we are healed.

Now, the Bible said, "Confess your faults one to another (*James 5:16*). Pray one for the other, that you might be healed." See? It's on the basis you'll serve God. Many of you here, perhaps, are in dying condition. And you must die if something doesn't take place. Then I want you in your heart...

Now, we might anoint you with oil (*James 5:14-15*); we might pray over you, your pastor, and I, pray a prayer of faith, do everything we can. **But it won't do no good until you yourself enter into fellowship with Christ.** See? You've got to come to that fellowship. [16]

And no matter in any kind of service, the Word should have preeminence. It should be first. And the healing of the soul is always first. Why, when a man is born again of the Spirit of God (*John 3:3-5*), he has immortal, Eternal Life, and shall never perish (*John 5:24*).

But when a man is healed of his body, it is just for a limited time. But salvation of the soul is forever. He becomes a new creature in Christ (*Gal. 6:14-15*), when he's healed of his soul. But Divine healing was included in the atonement, because the new atonement was much better than the old. And the old atonement had healing. And the Bible said that, "He was wounded for our transgressions; with his stripes we were healed." Past tense, we were healed (*Isaiah 53:4-5*). Oh, it's wonderful! [17]

We know we do not heal anyone, but we just pray for them. And I have never healed anyone yet, but I've certainly had some great answers to prayer, seeing the Lord heal the sick.

And not only to the healing of the body, but healing of the soul also, which is far more essential than healing the body. Now, it is possible that if you live long enough you'll get sick again. The Bible said, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19). So we have many afflictions promised, but a deliverance from them.

And so, Divine healing, the main thing is Divine healing of the soul. The Body of Christ, it needs healing worse than anything that I know of, is the Body of Christ. It's been so broken up by men's theology and denominational differences, until it's a sick Body. And I tell you, it needs healing, great healing. So I trust that the Lord will do a great thing towards the healing of His part of the Body that's here. [19]

Now, Lord, I pray You heal them, but for the greatest of all healings! If You heal their physical body from cancer, TB, pneumonia, something, they'll get sick again, no doubt, if they live very long, for their body is still under sin, the curse. But let them get the real Divine healing, the healing of the soul, which makes a new creature (II Cor. 5:17), passes from death unto Life, and then waiting in this old tabernacle for the redemption of the body (Rom. 8:22-23) after the soul has been redeemed. Grant it, Lord. [20]

When we come to the end of the road, we don't know just where and how we're going to be sick. We may be sick in our mind; there might be a fever that would really cook our very brain; and we might say anything or do anything at the end of the road. We don't know. But, you see, if we have already anchored in Christ, no matter what sickness takes us, or what condition we are when we go, it's already settled. We are sealed until the day of our redemption. Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of

God, whereby you are sealed until the day (not of your death, but) of your redemption." See, after death's done over, vou're still sealed. [21]

A doctor said, "Mr. Branham, I've read your books on healing. I certainly agree with you. I'm going to tell you, we have absolute cases here I can prove it by science... Let a person have a malignancy, or a tubercular, or an ulcer, or something that's real bad; we know it's going to kill him, and we'll tell him that. If he gets all tore up, flusterated, angry, upset, and going on, that patient will die right away. But usually if that patient is a Christian, he doesn't mind dving. It's one of the things we have to do, as dving is part of living, so he just goes ahead and takes it on: 'I'll live till my time's out.' Almost that attitude retires that case. He will linger on, and on, and on, before it kills him." [22]

But there is a greater sickness than physical sickness. And it's much more essential that we be well for this great event that's just fixing to take place... It's better to be ready. I would rather be a sick man ready with the Lord, than to be a well man not ready to go with the Lord. But however it be, God is so willing that we be both well and ready, soul and body (I Thess. 5:23-24). For He forgives all of our iniquities and heals all our diseases. He died for a compound purpose (Isaiah 53:4-5). [23]

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There's coming one with a Message that's straight on the Bible, and quick work will circle the earth. The seeds will go in newspapers, reading material, until every predestinated Seed of God has heard It. [Bro. Branham in "Conduct-Order-Doctrine", page 724]