

The Mighty Power of God at Dallas, Texas

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My husband and myself are just leaving Dallas, Texas, after a most interesting time at the meetings which are being held here in this city at the large Tabernacle (recently built to take the place of the tent) on Grand and Fourth avenues. This Pentecostal Mission is in charge of Mr. F. Bosworth and Mr. Birdsall, but Mrs. Etter has been assisting them for about three months, and will remain until the first of the year, when she goes to San Antonio, Texas, for a series of meetings. Mrs. Etter is an old time friend of ours. When we first knew her she was in the midst of a very remarkable revival work on the Pacific Coast, where many thousands were saved, and many were healed. We were delighted to meet each other again, after the lapse of many years. She extended to us a most loving welcome, and gave us seats on the platform by her side.

We have already published reports of these Dallas meetings, which we knew were reliable, but it has been a joy to attend them for ourselves and to witness the mighty power of God convicting and converting sinners, healing sick bodies and baptizing saints with the Holy Ghost. It was only possible to remain for a few days, but in that length of time we saw much that we shall never forget. As we entered the Tabernacle on Saturday evening we saw a crowd of rejoicing ones at the front, and we learned later that a deaf and dumb man, about sixty

years of age, had just been instantly healed by the power of God, through Mrs. Etter's command of faith, as she bade the deaf and dumb demons to depart in Jesus' Name.

Another man who had been healed of deafness was pointed out to us, and as he was singing a hymn in unison with the others, with his eyes closed, it was evident how well he could hear. We saw one lady, who had been stone deaf, but after prayer was offered the ears, which had been dead, began to have life in them and she could hear loud sounds near her. Some people are healed at once, and others gradually, but Mrs. Etter feels that if they have been receptive, as she has prayed "the Prayer of Faith" for them, that they have only to hold on in faith and continue to praise God on the authority of His Word and the symptoms will surely pass away.

There really are so many healings day by day that only the more remarkable but ones attract much attention. Mrs. Etter's greatest concern is to have people "get right with God" in their souls, and then she tells them they will be healed. When they come to her with more desire for physical healing than for the spiritual healing she refuses to pray for the healing of their bodies until their souls come into right relations with God. This, undoubtedly, is one great reason for her success, and another reason is that she believes in working for the unifying of all

the members of the body of Christ, and, therefore, she does not preach mere theories, but holds up a living Christ, receiving all who are honest in their hearts and purposes toward Him, even if they do not yet see the truth just as she teaches it. She also avoids laying stress upon certain words or expressions with which the enemy is trying to cause divisions in the body of Christ. Therefore there is no contention or strife in these meetings, but love and unity. Dear Brother Bosworth and Brother Birdsall are of the same mind with Mrs. Etter in these things, and their precious Pentecostal work will go on even when Mrs. Etter goes elsewhere.

It is interesting to note that Mrs. Etter teaches healing in the Atonement (in the same way that we were taught by the Holy Spirit Himself many years ago). She also encourages all the saints to press on for more power from God to do the miraculous works, which Jesus said believers should do in His Name.

Mrs. Etter is one that speaks with no uncertain sound, and we have never seen any one else rebuke demons and disease with such Heaven sent authority and power. It brought a new wave of spiritual joy to our own heart to hear the way in which these "cruel demons" were ordered to depart. Perhaps it is needless to say here that when people get their eyes on the instrument that God uses, instead of upon Himself, they do not receive healing; while, on the other hand, those whose gaze of faith is upon the Savior alone often receive healing through the application in faith, of the anointed handkerchiefs or tracts sent out from these

meetings. Some periodicals have ridiculed these means of reaching the sick, but God is wonderfully using them just the same, and as He wrought "special miracles" by the hands of Paul (see Acts xix: 11, 12) He seems to be doing the same now through those who trust Him, for so many of God's children are sick everywhere that the need is most urgent, and the unbelief is so great that often in isolated places these suffering saints cannot get one near at hand to offer for them the "Prayer of Faith."

Mrs. Etter preaches the Gospel in great simplicity and power, backing up all her remarks by quotations from the Word of God. The altar services are very remarkable, as saints and sinners gather around in deep earnestness, seeking God for their individual needs. The power of God falls upon them, and it is wonderful to note the changes that come over the faces of the seeking ones, as the light dawns upon their souls. The power of God often prostrates them, and even little children are seen "under the power," apparently unconscious to all but God, and with their little faces shining like angels.

There seemed to be people present from many different States in the Union, but the attendance is not as great as it has been, owing to cold and rainy weather at this time of year. On Sunday nights, however, the large Tabernacle is crowded to its fullest capacity. The night we left there were three remarkable cases of healing, one of goiter, one of cancer and one of deafness. The lady with goiter was suffering very much with the choking or suffocating sensation occasioned by it. Mrs. Etter commanded the enemy to depart in Jesus' Name, and soon we

saw her turning her head freely from side to side, while the swelling seemed mostly, if not entirely, gone. The pain and swelling of the man's cancer were also taken away in a few minutes. It is stated by Pastor Bosworth that since Mrs. Etter came to assist him, about three hundred and fifty have received the Pentecostal baptism, with the sign of speaking with "new tongues."

There is usually a great solemnity in the meetings, and the faces of the people are very earnest. With the exception of the altar service, where many are often praising or praying at once, the meetings are conducted very quietly. All tendency to wildfire or fanaticism is entirely discountenanced.

Perhaps the explanation for the solemnity of these meetings is that there is continual teaching about the soon coming of the Lord for His Bride, and exhortations to get ready. One dear brother, Rev. H. C. Mears, who has preached the Gospel for over forty years, came to fight the work, but became convinced that it was of God; he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the sign of tongues, and afterwards God gave him the most wonderful visions of Heaven, and of what the Lord is preparing for His people, and also visions of the coming of the Lord. It was most inspiring to listen to the revelations of the coming of the Lord, which have been vouchsafed to this dear brother. His spirit is so loving, and gentle, that he reminded us of what the Lord Jesus said about Nathaniel, "Behold an Israelite, indeed, in whom is no guile."

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