

*A vital question is answered
in our Book-of-the-month,
"Divine Deliverance"*

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"WHAT IS FAITH?"

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1)

LITERALLY hundreds of men and women from night to night and day to day, through the channels of mail, telephone and personal contact, continue to ask the vital questions: "How can I get healed? How can I be saved? How can I be free from the habits and the sins that bind me? How can I find the peace that you preach about from night to night?" Multitudes are in the valley of decision. Multitudes are searching for the light of a better day. There are hundreds under the sound of my voice tonight that need help along the line of knowing how to receive from Almighty God, and that is what I want to help you with at this time. I want to teach you how to receive from God. **THERE IS A WAY THAT YOU CAN HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT, THAT IS PLEASING IN THE SIGHT OF GOD.** God has promised His children that if they live good and obedient they shall eat the good of the land. He promised again that He wouldn't withhold anything good from them that walk uprightly. Isn't that right?

God Has Promised Us All Things

All things are in Him, and everything that is good and perfect and noble and sweet and virtuous belongs to the people of God in this day. Thousands, yea millions are living beneath their privileges in Christ tonight. If only they knew how to reach God and approach Him, how much sweeter their Christian experiences could be. How much more beneficial they could be to their fellowman, and how much brighter rays of sunshine would radiate from Christian lives to bring conviction upon the sinner and cause him to yearn for the kind of experience enjoyed by the child of God.

You Do Not Have to Live in the Gloom

You do not have to live in the night. You do not have to live in a world of fear and doubt and misunderstanding. Jesus Christ has provided a way whereby you can have the sweet, good things that God has given to the Human Family. He has provided a way of happiness and joy, but there is only one way by which we may obtain these blessings, and that is by **THE AVENUE OF FAITH.** You must lay aside everything else. If you receive anything from God, it must come through the avenue of faith. There is no other way. Blessings from God do not come through the realm of the five senses, but through the sense of Faith. Do not forget that. You do not receive from God because you are good. You do not receive from God because you have been a church member for a long time. Neither do you bargain with God. Some people come to these meetings and say, "If God will heal my little child, I will live right." Others say, "If I see someone else healed of the same disease that I have, I'll go up and let the minister pray for me." **THAT IS NOT FAITH, my friend.** Oh, that displeases God when we cling to that attitude. God is pleased when we believe Him and stand on His Word alone.

Faith

You say, "What is Faith, anyway?" The Bible says that **FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN.** I



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want you to know tonight that when **YOUR HEALING BECOMES VISIBLE, IT IS NO LONGER FAITH.** When your salvation comes to the place where you **KNOW** that you are saved, it is no longer Faith, it is knowledge. You believe before you are converted. You **BELIEVE** before you **RECEIVE** the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Faith Without Works Is Dead

You do not get anything until you **BELIEVE.** You just search for yourself and see. God knows there isn't a preacher in the land that believes in **FEELING** any more than I do. Right now I feel just about like David felt that day when he danced and shouted so at seeing the Ark coming up the road. His wife despised him in her heart and God cursed her in a manner to prevent her bringing forth children. That is exactly the condition that exists today. Much of the church has become **FROSTED OVER, PETRIFIED, PUTRIFIED, APOSTACISED, WORLDLY, COLD,** and has denied the power of God, **DENIED THE VIRGIN BIRTH, DENIED THE DIVINITY OF OUR LORD, TURNED AWAY FROM THE POWER OF GOD AND ACCEPTED A FORM OF GODLINESS AND DENIED THE POWER THEREOF—AND THEY NO LONGER BRING FORTH CHILDREN INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

Faith Is Like A Title Deed

It is the thing that you desire that you cannot see. Praise His name forevermore. Faith is like the deed to your house. You do not have to see your house to know that you have a house. You see a deed. It is not necessary that you see your bank account to know that you have got money. You have a check book. You can be in Germany or in any state in America and walk up to your kinfolk and friends and say, "You may be poor but your old bud here is rich." They look at you and say, "You are?" You reach down in your pocket and pull out a little check book, telling them that you own an

estate, and produce from your brief case abstracts, deeds, etc., to prove your statement. Just a few sheets of paper, but on those little pieces of paper there is a description of thousands of dollars worth of land and real estate, and it is listed in your name, with no mortgage on it. It is a **clear title deed** and **NO ONE, according to the law of the land, can take it from you.** It is yours, wherever you go. **Whether or not you SEE it or SMELL it or TASTE it or FEEL it, it is yours, because you have the title deed to it.**

The Sixth Sense

The sixth sense is the sense of Faith. It is our title deed to the things that God has given to us. Our Saviour made us a will one time. He left us His will and Testament. The testament is of no value until the death of the testator. One day our Testator died and He left us a will. In that will and Testament is the salvation of every man and woman under the sound of my voice tonight, and in that will and Testament is contained the healing for every sick man here tonight. Some people ask the question, "Brother Jackson, is healing for every body?" Yes, **HEALING IS FOR EVERYBODY THAT WILL BELIEVE IN ALMIGHTY GOD.**

Some say, "I think that it is the will of God for me to be sick; well, if you think that it is the will of the Lord for you to be sick, quite rubbing yourself. Let the medicine alone! Don't ask anybody to have sympathy for you. Don't call the preacher to pray for you because you would not want to do anything to hinder the will of God. It is the will of God that all men be **FREE.**"

A God of Love

The way you approach God is exactly the way in which you approach anyone that you have confidence in, on a straightforward business basis. God has laid down in His book certain laws. God said, "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved." He also said that if we confess with our mouth and believe with our heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God . . . we shall be saved. Confess and believe and that brings salvation. It makes no difference how you feel. I'll tell you, that if there is anything that makes me tired, is for someone to get down to get saved, and after having worked and prayed with them for quite a while, they look up drying their tears, and upon your inquiry of how they feel, they halfheartedly confess that they do not feel much different. This is a repeated happening over and over in the churches across the land and it is a disgrace in the eyes of Almighty God. We should have more confidence in God than that. God give us courage! You say you don't feel any different. Did God say anything about your having certain feelings when you got saved?

God Honors Faith

This is a thought worth more than gold, if you can open your hearts to receive it tonight. **ANYTHING** that you believe God for, you have. I don't care whether you see it or not. You have it. Isn't that wonderful? If I believe I am saved . . . **I AM SAVED.** If I believe that I am healed . . . **I AM HEALED.** If I believe for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, I receive it, if I ask God for it and believe. I have it. **REMEMBER THAT!**