

By Olive M. Kellner

I WAS REARED at an old fashioned family altar where my father read the Scriptures aloud, and consecutively. Then Pappa, Mamma, and little Olive prayed. My life also was molded under the godly influence of my grandparents.

#### CONVERTED AT 14

At the age of 14 years, I was saved in a special surprise meeting when they filled the church at the delight of the pastor. I was indeed made a new creature in Christ Jesus and the hand of the Lord was laid upon me.

Later I learned about the truths of Pentecost and my heart, was made hungry. The Lord poured out His Spirit upon me too, and how thrilled I was to have an experience like the early church at Pentecost. It was during this time that John Kellner, the Assembly of God preacher, came into my life and we were married and labored together for the Lord in pastoral work almost 33 years. The Lord gave to Bro. Kellner a healing ministry, and many wonderful answers to prayer took place during those years.

#### HEALED BY GOD'S POWER

For several years I suffered with an affliction which troubled me greatly. One Sunday evening after preaching, then returning home and retiring for the night, I was awakened with the worst attack I ever had. I struggled for deliverance, and claimed the promises, but my soul was tossed like Galilee of old. It was way after midnight and every one was sleeping when, suddenly, I was conscious. Some One was in my room (though I saw Him not) for a voice spoke to me saying, "I am the Lord that healeth thee; *thine health shall spring forth speedily.*"

Immediately, I knew "I am the Lord that healeth thee" was taken from the law in Exodus 15:26 and "Thine health shall spring forth speedily" was taken from the prophets in Isaiah 58:8. I also knew that, in both instances, the conditions were extremely high—keeping the law in one—Exodus 15:26:

*"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."*

and the practical side of religion just as high in the other, Isaiah 58:7, 8—

*"Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"*

*"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily."*

So I started to turn the search light on my own life, when the voice spoke again. "Jesus Christ fulfilled the law of the prophets; therefore, those promises are thine." I stopped looking at myself! Jesus had met the conditions for me, for who could keep the law? All mankind had broken it, but Jesus came and kept and fulfilled the law. Therefore, its promises

## The "Power of Attorney"

in the Great Commission

was given to ME!—

Matthew 28:19, 20 —

*"Go Ye therefore . . . and, lo, I AM WITH YOU  
always . . . !"*

[This is the story of Evangelist Olive M. Kellner]

were mine! Then the voice sang those words, "I am the Lord that healeth thee: *thine health shall spring forth speedily,*" over and over in a chorus to me. My soul became as calm as Galilee when Jesus spoke "Peace, be still."

#### THE VOICE OF HEALING CHANGED MY LIFE

In the fall of 1948, a copy of THE VOICE OF HEALING was handed us and our hearts were thrilled with its account of God's mighty movings and of the healing revivals that were in progress. As a result, we attended one of those great meetings in January and February of 1949, where we saw in action what we had been reading about in THE VOICE OF HEALING. We felt like we were transported back to the days of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and were in the meetings that Jesus conducted when the throngs gathered about Him to hear the Word of God and He healed the sick.

At this time, Bro. Kellner was suffering with severe pains in his back so that he was unable to dress or undress his feet, which I had to do for him night and morning. When the evangelist prayed for him, the warm healing power of the life of Jesus streamed through his body and he was instantly delivered! Praise the Lord, it has never returned! Since that time we have never been the same. Wherever we went, we talked about what God was doing, and took our stand for this great visitation from the Lord.

#### FULLY REALIZED—FOR THE FIRST TIME—CHRIST PAID THE PRICE FOR MY HEALING

In the last of February, 1950, I suffered a heart attack which took me down physically, but the Lord renewed to me a truth which He had made real, when He healed me of the nervous breakdown years ago. I had been prayed for a number of times, but continually grew worse. However, this particular time, when Bro. Kellner prayed for me the illumination of Exodus 13:13 thrilled my soul. I was enabled to grasp the truth and I was healed.

The Lord let me visualize an Israelite who wanted to save the life of his donkey. He sought out a lamb which was perfect, not sick, blind, or lame, but without blemish. He then took the lamb and donkey to the tabernacle. The Lord let me see that the priest did not examine the donkey but closely examined the lamb.



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When the lamb was found perfect, he slew it and offered it up and the donkey went free. Then the Lord let me know it wasn't what I had done or had not done, but what Jesus had done for me. He said to me, "You are the donkey; Jesus is the lamb." Was there any spot in Him? Any blemish? Any sin? No! He was accepted at Calvary and I went free. Through this impartation of truth, I was set free. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32). When the Lord renewed this to me in 1950, these words rang in my soul over and over again:

"I am the donkey,  
Thou art the Lamb;  
That's why I come,  
Just as I am.  
Not in righteousness of mine,  
Only in that which is Thine;  
Imputed through faith in Thy blood.  
Thou precious Christ; Thou Son of God,  
Thou hast brought salvation for my soul,  
And healing for my body, to make me whole;  
Through faith in Thy precious blood to atone  
For me, before God's heavenly throne.  
To Thee be the glory—to Thee alone."

Then about the middle of March, I suffered another attack. At this time the Lord laid me on a preacher's heart who came and prayed for me. The glory of the Lord came down and I made a fresh consecration and began to improve. We went to another great healing meeting and, when the evangelist prayed for me, my heart quieted down and I went home and slept like a baby. From this time on I began to recover rapidly so that within a few days I helped drive home across the continent.

#### CHRIST COMMISSIONED ME TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

The Lord then began dealing with me about this ministry of deliverance. I was alone in our room, reading and meditating on the great commission as recorded in Matthew 28 and Mark 16. The presence of the Lord drew near and the Holy Ghost illuminated and personalized the great commission to me, making me to know that the "power of attorney" in the great commission was given to me, to carry on the business Jesus began and

to act for Him, in His name, and in His person! I was awe stricken, and hardly dared to breathe. Bro. Kellner came in, and I asked him to sit by me while I told him what the Lord had made real to me. Almost breathlessly I gasped "If this is so, then my hands are as though they were the hands of Jesus," and pausing, I continued, hardly daring to express it, "And if my hands are as though they were the hands of Jesus, what will happen when I lay them on the sick?" This revolutionized my life and ministry—when I knew my status and place of authority before heaven. I entered into a new place of power I had not known!

I began preaching this truth and acting upon it. Results began following my ministry, such as I never experienced before. One lady came for prayer who was filled with adhesions from so many operations. She had been to the hospital again and was opened up but the doctors were not able to do anything for her. As we laid our hands on her and prayed, she cried out, "That's it Lord!" As the warm healing power of our Christ flowed through her. She felt the adhesions break under our hands, one after another.

#### A NEW PHASE OF MY MINISTRY

Then a new phase of this ministry of deliverance began to be manifested in my life, as I felt the power of God in my body—in the place where the sick one was afflicted. One day we went to pray for a man sick in bed suffering pain in

his left leg. If he touched his toes to the floor it was excruciating agony. After every one present was through praying, I felt the power of God flow through my left leg as though I was connected to a live wire and, with it, an impulse to lay my hands on this man again and rebuke the pain and affliction. I obeyed and this manifestation which I had left. It came back again but I refused to yield. Immediately I was conscious I had grieved the Lord. Quickly I asked forgiveness and promised the Lord if it returned I would obey. Like lightning, it returned, and again I placed my hands on him and prayed. He said, "Oh! I feel better!" He asked his wife to show us the large dark spot on his knee which, no doubt, was the source of his trouble, and lo it was gone! In a couple of days he was out and doing his work again.

#### ADDED MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD'S POWER

This manifestation of feeling the power of God in my body in this manner continued for some time. Then I began experiencing still added manifestations, feeling the pains and even the growths of the afflicted. I was sitting on the platform, when suddenly I was seized with pain and began claiming my own deliverance when the Lord spoke to me, "That's not your pain, but some one's pain in the congregation." Quickly I jumped to my feet and asked who was

suffering pain in her right side. Immediately two women came running to the altar, with tears streaming down their faces. Their pains vanished while prayer was being offered for them. This has continued; but at first I did not understand until the scripture, "Christ is touched with the feeling of our infirmities" was made plain to me. Then I knew it was the Christ within that was being touched with the feeling of the infirmities of the people in the congregation.

#### I DESIRE TO BE "NOTHING" FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

One night I saw myself in a dream kneeling and praying with my head buried in my hands. I listened to the words of that prayer and they were, "Lord, Oh to be nothing, absolutely nothing that thou mightest use me." That's what I am, "Nothing." I feel I am the least of those chosen for this glorious ministry of deliverance, but I am so grateful to the Lord for letting me share in this great revival in the earth today.

Bro. Kellner and I can truthfully say we have experienced the greatest joy, glory and thrills, in these last few years of ministry. Jesus is closer and more real than ever before, as we have seen more miracles, signs, and wonders in answer to prayer than in all the previous years, for which we give God all the glory and all the praise, for He alone is worthy.

## A Report on EVANGELIST F. F. BOSWORTH, in Durban, South Africa

By William Laggar

Durban, South Africa  
DEARLY BELOVED of the Lord:  
"Peace!

"I am doing my humble best to report to you the great and wonderful Ministry of Evangelist F. F. Bosworth, in the Durban area of South Africa during the early and middle part of this year. I could not attend his great meetings in the Cape Town area and other places before his coming to Durban, but I had the pleasure of being present in nearly every meeting here in Durban; therefore I speak from my own personal knowledge of what I heard and saw.

"It would fill a book to record the wonderful things in detail, for they are far too numerous to mention. Suffice to say that, every known disease and physical infirmity yielded to the mighty touch of the Divine power of the Word and the Name of Jesus. Many were healed instantly, others before they left the meeting, and others as they reached their homes. I have never seen so many cases of cancer in any meeting before as I saw in the Durban Campaign, and most of them were healed! Night after night there were as many as 30 to 40 new cancer victims who were prayed for in the mass prayer, and the shout of victory came from many immediately. Likewise, among the throng which came forward nightly for healing, there were TB victims by the dozen; also the deaf, many of whom were born deaf and dumb. Oh, it was wonderful! The power of God was present to heal in every service from

the very first to the last. At the close of some services, after the benediction, God began to work overtime healing the hardest cases including deaf mutes who had witnessed the healing of others.

"I could tell you pathetic stories of some poor African or Hindu, helpless but full of faith, just asking for a touch of Brother Bosworth's hand, and they were not disappointed. One old Zulu, gray beard, totally blind, was led by a young boy to me asking me to guide him to the Umfeedisi—teacher—for a touch of his hand. I led him forward and as soon as he felt the touch, he saw my hand, and then asked if he could sing, which he did as only a Zulu can sing. Yes only Zulus sing; others make noises! Brother Bosworth will never forget the singing Zulus! And I think that very song will bring him back to Africa.

"The greatest victories over sin and sickness took place among the non-Europeans; especially the Zulus. Great blessing was shed on the Europeans too, with signs following. The campaign started in the great Sports Stadium at Hoy Park in Durban near the Ocean Beach. Then a few weeks later the meeting was moved to a native village in the suburbs of Durban; and so great was the result in salvation and healing that a second visit was made with equal results. The next move was to the Hindu locality adjoining Durban. This, too, gave witness to great things: most astounding miracles took place; the blind saw, the deaf

heard, cancers melted away, TB was healed, the lame walked, and all praised God.

"Then two other Zulu centers were visited with wonderful results. And calls came from the south coast of Natal over 100 miles away—Port Shepstone, Margate and beyond. Three campaigns were held there where Divine Healing had never been preached before. And now believers are forming gatherings for mutual help and for progress. I had the pleasure of initiating the first meeting in Port Shepstone through my friends, the Scandinavians. Bless the Lord O, my soul!

"This ministry by Brother Bosworth is too big for a limited testimony in a letter. The following will help you to appreciate the greatness of it when I tell you of some of the responses to the invitations to come to Christ for salvation and healing. So great were the crowds that moved forward in a single service, that they would fill an ordinary church. No such sights have I seen before anywhere!

"And, when the Zulus left the grand stand and came forward, they came singing their heart-melting songs: 'Our Home Over There,' Ikaaya laapa yaa! Kumbulo Ikaaya Laapa yaa! and 'Come to Jesus Just Now,' Naango Jesu-Naango Jesu Manche! Thousands were saved and healed in these campaigns! Glory to God! May the Lord bless your heart with great joy in reading these facts."

Humbly yours,  
William Laggar.