

JESUS ONLY

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Dear friends, I feel very much as Brother Ryder said that he did this morning, but I promised the Lord, some time ago, I would be willing to be led of His Spirit, in His own way, and that is sometimes very different from my way. Several years ago, I surrendered all to Him, and told Him that He might lead me in His own path, and I would labor just in His own way; and He began by giving me some exceedingly sharp tests. If I had known that I was going to talk to you this afternoon, I might have been better prepared, but I am here to say any little thing He may give me.

This passage of Scripture comes to my mind, "My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him." It seemed to me that if we could only come here to these meetings, holding out our hands to Him as little children, expecting them to be filled with whatever things we ask, the Lord would certainly not turn us away. We, sometimes, expect, and the Lord does not give us the things we seek. He certainly would, if we asked in the Spirit. But I don't wonder that we are refused, when we pray merely the prayers of our own hearts. I think there are often prayers offered that are not answered because we are seeking something that we would like to have, and it is a mere selfish wish. We are not asking in the Holy Ghost; when we do, we have

the assistance born of the Spirit within us, that we have the things we ask of Him.

So, we are not to come today with the expectation of receiving, unless we come in the Spirit of Christ. Does it not say in one of the Gospels, "What man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? How much more will your Father, which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask Him?" So, what we seek, if we come asking in His Spirit, He will give us. If we come seeking physical healing, He will not give us something else in its place. David had confidence toward God. He says (Psalms 63:5), "My soul wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him." Again, he says, "Delight thyself, also, in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Psalms 37:4.) Let us see to it that these desires are single to the glory of our Lord, and that we are seeking to be used in such a way that He may be exalted. "My soul wait thou only upon God." Let God's Spirit come in and do His own choosing and using.

And so we come in prayer to wait upon Him. We must look away from every human being; we must not rely on any person, but just pray God to pull the props from under us, and let us rest in Him, that we may wait only upon God. Sometimes people stumble over the simplest things. Just a touch of oil on the

forehead, in the name of the Lord, or the laying on of hands in His name, and a few simple words of prayer, these are the things we are told to do for those who are sick. Yet, some people stumble over these little means, and are looking to man instead of to the Lord. It is not the oil, it is not the laying on of hands that heals; it is the Lord.

You all know about the meaning of the oil. It is a symbol of the Holy Ghost, and how much there is all through the Bible of the significance of oil. Read your Bible, and you will find it is not by accident that that is put in there. It is just the symbol of the blessed anointing of the Holy Ghost, that He may fall upon you and abide with you forever; that He may take you for His service as never before, so that wherever you go, men may see in your countenance the light of the Holy Ghost. As we shall kneel here today, let us look right up to God, pleading His precious Atonement, for all our hopes are based upon that. Don't look to any earthly being here today, because, if you do, you will not receive the blessing.

You will need to be reminded that your faith has nothing to do with symptoms or feelings. After I was raised up from my utterly helpless situation, and I could not see ahead, but I had only a little strength to go out in the work of the Lord, as I had longed to do, and I met a man, who said to me, "I see just where your trouble is; you are waiting for some manifestation, and you must not be looking for some future healing; you want to reckon that it is done now, and when anybody asks you, you want to say the Lord has healed you." I did not

know what he meant, at all, but, like a little child, I thought, this is a very holy man, and it must be true; but I cannot see at all how I can say it is done, when I have so many poor feelings. I paced around in my room, thinking it over one long night, and was worse in the morning; then, when this brother talked with me, and prayed with me, I could not see it, until I was going along the street, thinking, "What is his authority for telling me to say I am every whit whole?" And, as I walked along, these blessed words flashed through my mind, and in all of these years ever since, this has been my one stronghold, and I have gone back to it again and again, when tempted with bodily weakness and suffering; "Therefore, I say unto you, whatsoever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

I suppose I had read these words many times before, but I never saw the full meaning until that day, when I saw that God expected me to believe that I received when I asked. Then I said, "I certainly can say that I have it just on the authority of God's word." Now I see the authority that the brother had, and I must not say that. I trust that the Lord will heal me; that is not the way that the Lord tells us to pray. Let us come in the right way, and we may expect an answer. "Believe that ye receive and ye shall have." In the new version it is "Believe that ye have received and ye shall have," which makes it still stronger. His manifestation will follow.

When you come for anointing, having consecrated your soul to God and presented your

body as He commands you to do, then you have done your part; you have offered yourself a living sacrifice upon His altar, and then you are to believe that you receive Christ as all your strength; receive Him by faith, as your Healer, just as you received Him as the Savior from your sins. Because His word tells us, "Believe that ye have received and ye shall have." The verse before this, says, "Verily, I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain (this obstacle), be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith."

We believe this means that your expectations must be that you will get the very things that you ask for. He "shall not doubt in his heart" I think I never had such an illustration of what one little doubt will do, as I had last summer at Ocean Grove. It taught me a lesson, and now I know that if the devil can just manage to get in one little doubt, he has triumphed. If he can get in one, he will soon get in another, and another, and so we see why God should say, he "shall not doubt in his heart." All are tempted to doubt, but it does not say it is sin to be tempted to doubt, but he must not harbor doubt in his heart.

A man came to the Faith Home who was helpless in one limb, and a very great sufferer. Two or three different persons had come to him and said, "Why don't you go to Miss Mossman's meetings?" When the third one said it, he thought, "Surely the Lord is speaking to me." So they took

him along, and he was lifted in with great care. And when we laid our hands on him, and joined in prayer, the room seemed just filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit; it was truly wonderful. I felt led to say a few words to him with regard to believing that it was done. I said, "If you will only reckon it done, it shall be according to your faith, and you can rise from the chair." And he raised himself upon the chair, and said, "I do believe it is done."

When I went to my room and was surprised soon afterwards hearing praising and shouting. I was on the third floor, but I distinctly heard them say, "Glory to God!" and my heart stood still, and I trembled like a leaf, but I found my way down stairs. That man was walking about the room, without any support, with the light, elastic step of a little child; and he was clapping his hands and saying, "I am healed!" and his wife was going about the house praising God. We wept together, and kept praising the Lord; and he went about the room, again and again, with perfect ease, and I can certainly testify that he had the use of that limb as well as the other.

After a time, I went to my room, but slept very little. The moment I opened my eyes, the Spirit said to me, "The enemy is at work now," and I was very sure that man had let go of Christ. So I was not surprised when I went down stairs, and found him just as helpless as he was before. He was unable to put one foot upon the floor, as if he had never been prayed for, and his wife's countenance was not alight with happiness as it

was the night before. I found it was utterly impossible to get him to rise again, because he was tempted to doubt, because he was troubled with some pains coming in that limb. So the devil said to him, "There was not anything in this; you are not healed." You know about that kind of talk - so he reasoned, and listened to the voice of the 'tempter. He took a doubt into his heart and allowed it to rest there. It won't do to listen to human reasonings. I could not get him to exercise faith. I might just as well have tried to lift this building and walk off with it, as to get him to leave his bed. I said, "You did it last night, in the strength of the Lord, and you can and must do the same thing now," but it was impossible to get him to do it.

Many people were ready to say there was nothing in it, but we knew if that man had continued to exercise the faith he had in the beginning, he might have walked as he walked that night, with perfect ease, and with such a light step. I never, in all my experience, witnessed such an illustration of what one doubt will do in separating us from God. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall never pass away." You are going to be tempted, but do not let doubt into your hearts; just have faith. Do not say, "Perhaps He will do it," or, "I am not good enough to receive it." Shall we not come looking for an anointing of the Holy Ghost, looking away from everything except God, saying, "Thou only art God, and through the Atonement of Jesus Christ that has been made for me, I have the blessing."

Within the last summer, I have come to see more plainly how we have healing in the Atonement; how Christ, on the cross, provided for our health of body as well as of soul. These words came to me with new light and power, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." (Matthew 8:17.) I did not understand, at first, how this could be, but I said, "Now then, I am just going to believe, it because God said it." And, then, it says, "He was bruised for our iniquities; He carried our griefs and our sicknesses." How did He carry them? It was surely nothing that He carried around in His body. That would not have reached me, would not have availed for me. It is not what He bore in His body during His life, but He bore them on that precious cross. Just as he bore my sins, so did He bear my sicknesses, my sorrows, and my griefs.

I believed it, and immediately the Lord led me right out to proclaim it. Jesus said, "It is finished!" You don't need the physics, or powders, or plasters, or the other dreadful things to which the physicians are subjecting this beautiful body. Let us beware of these things, and take God for our doctor. You need not have sickness, for Christ bore it for you in His own body on the tree.

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