[Speaker 1]: Let’s stand.

[Musical Introduction]

[Speaker 2] Let’s remain standing and I’ll ask brother Bob Wright to lead in prayer. Let us pray. Our dear heavenly father were just glad that we can be in your house tonight and come to worship you. It’s been a wonderful week here at Cannon Beach. We’ve just been fed spiritually in all ways, through the music, through the word, all those things. now just help us to have our hearts and our minds and our whole beings open to the word as our brother Feinberg breaks up the word into small pieces that we’ll be able to take in and then prepare our hearts and prepare for the hearts of those that don’t know the lord Jesus that they may be just open to this word and to the holy spirit. Now we just ask this blessing in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

[Charles Feinberg]: That’s the submitic [sp?] cup and that’s the non submitic [sp?] cup. Thank you my namesake. We have 3 Charles’s around here now. Charles the first, second, and the third. I don’t want to be Charles the first. You remember Charles the first of England was beheaded. The history Profs said it wasn’t much of a head but it meant a lot to him. This week in the evenings we are on studies in the word of god on the great theme of the Holy Spirit. Person and work of the Holy Spirit. Truth and error concerning the Holy Spirit. And in the morning were in studies in the book of Nehemiah. We have 2 more studies in that marvelous book and we invite you to come if you can possibly make it. We know many have duties and the like and cannot. And as our brother Charles has indicated 15 minutes after the conclusion of this service we shall
be going up to the green lounge as heather indicated yesterday I believe in order that we may give you something of our testimony. Sometimes we entitle it from Mount Sinai to mount Calvary or to the rabbis to Christ. Now this evening we want to treat the subject do we seek healing through the spirit? Last night do we seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I believe we showed through the word of god that that is a strange error because that’s something we got. That was our portion the moment we trusted Christ as savior we are baptized into the body of Christ. Now this evening, do we seek healing through the Holy Spirit? Now there’s nobody that I have met in my years and experience and life who wants to be sick. Who wants to suffer pain. And that’s because sickness was not in gods original creation. Sickness is definitely a result of the sin of Adam and eve. No question about it. And the fall of Adam and eve had along with it as an end tail. A consequence. Sickness. It’s a part of man’s fallen condition. now that doesn’t mean that you look around you and as in the church in Corinth you say now some are weak and some are sickly and some have died because they have not been careful about the proprieties concerning the lords supper. Discerning, judging properly the lords supper. You can’t make those judgements. Don’t do that. Don’t say so and so has been sick so long. I wonder if something wrong with her spiritually. That’s unkind, it’s untrue, and it’s unnecessary. I’ve known my wife for 48 years. Here’s a personal testimony. We’ve been married 45. And all 48 years that I’ve known her, she has been ill. Now she didn’t ask for it and I didn’t either. She’s had over 20 operations on her mouth. She’s written up in medical and dental history. She’s had operation, one of them was a dual one, took 8 hours. Now my dear friends she is not sick because she’s un spiritual or improperly related to the Holy Spirit? I’ve often said, I can’t give you a verse of scripture on it. I think its somewhere between Malachi and Matthew. But I’ve often said that if I get within a mile of her in heaven I’ll feel happy. Of course we'll be right together, so
don’t take that too seriously. But she is far from unspiritual. It’s not because she hasn’t faith in
Christ. Oh no. She was driven out of her home twice. Once by the Bolsheviks as a little girl in
Russia and the second time by her own people in Chicago when she trusted Christ as a teenage
girl. Beloved, sickness is a part of man’s fallen condition. And beloved whether we like it or not
it’s going to continue as long as fallen man lives on earth. Now why should the Holy Spirit, may
I ask, be related to healing any more than god the father is? Or god the son? In fact when our lord
Jesus Christ was on earth, he did the healing. Why do we have to say that we must seek healing
through the spirit. Well they turned our attention to exodus the 15th chapter and notice the
context. If you take a text out of its context as has been many times said correctly, it’s a pretext.
It is a pretext. Exodus 15:26. What do we read here? Here we read if thou will diligently hearken
to the voice of the lord thy god will do that which is right in his sight, will give ear to his
commandments and keep all his statutes. I will put none of these diseases upon thee. Which
ones? The ones that were poured out on the Egyptians and the 10 plagues which I brought upon
the Egyptians. For I am the lord that health thee. [Inaudible]. I am the lord that heals you. You’re
not going to have those diseases of the Egyptians. Now that’s in a context. That’s in a proper
setting. And I'll show you the difficulty that comes in when you take somethings that don’t
belong to you. I can’t mention his name. I’m dealing not with personalities, but with principles
with doctrines with teaching of the scripture and I trust in love. There was a dear man, you know
his name that soon one of the finest writers of Christian literature. His wife suddenly became ill.
He had her hospitalized, not too far from San Francisco. And as she was hospitalized week in
and week out, month in and month out. I don’t remember what it was cancer or the like. In
reading the word, he latched on to this passage exodus 15:26. He says the lord heals. I am going
to look to the lord and practically command and demand the lord to heal her. Took that passage
out of its context. Well beloved, the lord didn’t heal her. She died. And he was later on in Los Angeles speaking at a certain school. Not our school but one nearby. An orthodox school. And the students in that school, this is fact not fiction, had to lay hold of him just before he jumped out of one of the upper windows to dash himself to the pavement. Life wasn’t worthwhile anymore. But he had misapplied scripture. Now let’s look at these features. Those who say that they are healers, and by the way I had some experience with him. Notice their workings even before I was saved. I noticed them come to town, I noticed how they set up their tents. My grandmother on my father’s side was losing her sight from cataracts and as orthodox in Judaism as she was, she had that last glimmer of hope. If you go and have faith you will be healed. And I saw one man when I went to Hebrew school every day after the university I’d see him sitting on a certain corner with his cup and all. I saw him in the meeting. And suddenly he was supposed to see. But two days later I saw him at the same corner still blind. Now there is this about it beloved that healers do take advantage of psychological phenomenon. I’ve never heard of a case where a man who had lost a leg as our dear brother dale has, at nam in Vietnam. I’ve never heard of a case where they grew back a leg. Why shouldn’t they? The lord did that malchus. The ear was made whole. I’m not saying the lord can’t do it, he can do anything. He made the whole body. They do take advantage of psychological phenomenon. This is the whole story. Many ills are in the realm of the mental and spiritual. And if you don’t think spiritual disarray can lay hold on one’s body you haven’t been to enough doctors. Estimates vary from 40 percent to 80 percent for illnesses that are not organically related at all, they’ree unconnected with any organ of the body. Heard of a dear fellow in the ministry, in the teaching ministry recently. Dr. diagnosed him with a spastic colon. Well, that comes from stress they say. It comes from mental anguish. Well when that anguish is given over to the lord, and the thing is made right, trust him for all that’s to come,
that will clear up. It certainly will. There are a lot of diseases that are unconnected with any organ of the body. And so some healers take advantage of psychological phenomenon. They talk them into this that or the other. Have you noticed, and I’ve made a very careful study of it for years, healers choose their subjects. They call for somebody in the audience blind in one eye. Or deaf in one ear. Not so our lord Jesus. Turn with me to Matthew 9:35. Notice how different. Matthew 9:35, no question our lord healed. Oh yes, but look how he did it. Matthew 9:35. That was part of what the expected messiah to do when he came. Give healing. The blind, sight to the blind. And use of the limbs to the lame. Verse 35 of Matthew 9. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages. He didn’t say this one yes and that one no. all of them. Teaching in their synagogues. Three things he did when he went in their villages. Teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness. I tell you that’s inclusive. And every disease among the people. And you can read mark 16:16-18 and there you will find also every type of disease. Luke 4:40, every kind. What about the wide range of cures here. I’ve been in a meeting before I was saved and at a certain time in the service he said now the spirits come upon this, happened to be a dear lady, sister so and so, she’s with the lord now. She was well known in those days. And then they would carry on their healing service in this big tent, city of Pittsburgh. And then there were still a lot of folk in the isles and all. That’s all, that’s all. The usher said. That’s all. The spirit has left. Beloved. That is not biblical. Here’s a wide range of cures. Now, let’s be fair to the truth as well as fair to the healers. Healers do practice deception. There was one who practiced his art so widely and published his work in Los Angeles area once. He’s not there now. And folk were out in the medical doctor’s office, a urologist’s office and saw his wife in the waiting room waiting to be tended to. Why did he take care of her. I think if I were to do any curing Id cure my wife first. She’s closest to home. Unquestionably it’s

Doctor Alexi’s carrel one of the most prominent physicians in our country accepts lords miracles as a type of quote unquote white magic. Deception. Deception. Now this doesn’t happen among all missionaries. I am very very partial to missionaries. In fact I’m on 12 mission boards, I was the president of an orphanage mission in Iran for a number of years. It was incorporated in our home and had begun right after World War 1. But a missionary, this is a true account. A missionary once fell into the hands of cannibals. That’s not cannon balls, but cannibals. Those are folk that have very strange eating habits. Well this missionary fell into their hands. The missionary saw the eye of the chief. He said you’re going to eat me I presume? The chief grunted. He said don’t do it, you won’t like me. And the fellow kept getting closer and closer this missionary took out a knife, sliced a piece of the calf of his leg and handed it to him. Try this and see for yourself. This chief took one bite and choked. He said the missionary worked on that island for 50 years. He had a cork leg. That’s a true account. Hoorah for the missionary he got 50 years in. I think it would be worth it to have a cork leg for that. But one healer claimed he was able to anticipate diseases that his subject is about to have. You show me one of those in the gospels and I’ll start reading my bible all over again. He said he could anticipate diseases that a certain subject was about to have. One night on a platform, he stopped his healing abruptly and turned to one of the supporting ministers seated on the platform. He said to him have you ever had cancer? the man was so startled, he said why no. well he said do you realize that the holy spirit has just told me that you have a new cancer growing in your stomach right now. Isn’t it glorious that god brought me here tonight just in time to save your life. And with that the healer placed his hands on the ministers abdomen and healed, quote unquote, healed him on the spot.
That is as odd as a 9 dollar bill. Which if you want it cashed you can get three threes. Did you ever notice this, in all kindliness I say it. Healers die of diseases also. There was a lady from my own hometown of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. She shall not be named. Went up and down, there was a book written on her. Oh my she was one of the most popular ones in all of southern California. Almost stomping ground. But she’s not here anymore. A lot of good men that began healing denominations, where are they? Where are they? They must have died of some disease. Even the best intention of them, even the best meaning among them dies at some time. There is a final illness from which they are not cured. Or they'd be with us yet. I wish some of them were. Oh one lady was furious with me [inaudible] once when I named a certain dear man of god. Began a wonderful missionary organization. He believed in healing. As in the atonement. Well if you want to get technical, everything we have is in the atonement. When I drink this glass of water, the only reason I can do it and tolerate it is because of what Christ did. The only reason I can stand up here and speak is because of what Christ did. What you’ve enjoyed today doesn’t belong to you by right. It’s by grace. Everything is in the atonement in that sense. But if you say in the atonement the same way that he says believe on the lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. If anybody in the history of the world ever believed and wasn’t saved, we have no gospel. Now don’t tell me that healing is on the same basis. Healing is not in the atonement. That the minute you ask god as a believer and have enough faith. How much? What quantity? What size? No. now this is the whole serious part of it friends, healers misinterpret scripture, and that’s always, I say always dangerous. It’s lethal. It’s lethal. This is not only our guidebook, this is our life. This is our breath. This is our deed to heaven. This is our guarantee that we are going to be in the presence of god forever through trust in Christ. Now, look at Isaiah 53. Oh they love this verse. Isaiah 53:5, in that great chapter, the chief chapter on the suffering servant. There are four
suffering servant songs. They’re the highest thing of the book of Isaiah. I’m now on a 3 or 4, I don’t know how many years work on Isaiah. I shall be putting it out lord willing moody press wants to put it out in two volumes. Can’t do it in one. I began it in 1978 in Jerusalem. 5 libraries there. But look at Isaiah 53:5, but he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement, that’s the punishment, for our peace. Punishment someone had to suffer that we might have peace was upon him. And with his stripes we are healed. Did you notice that? We are healed. Now, they say there it is. With his stripes we are healed. By what he did on the cross we are saved. The stripes that he underwent and he endured we are healed. There is healing by his stripes. Now, it’s interesting I never cease to marvel at how people take a verse and latch on to what they want. Did you notice how that verse not only talks about healing but it talks about peace. Peace. Now if the healing, follow me, if the healing is physical, then why isn’t the peace physical. That means as a believer, you and I should never have to live in a time on this earth where peace, physical peace is gone. And how many wars, World War 1, World War 2, Vietnam, Korea. People are often asking me when is world war 3? And what does the scripture say. The bible doesn’t talk about world war 3, it never talked about World War 1 or World War 2. How did anybody know after World War 1 that there were going to be a second one. Or 15 more. Somebody asked Einstein once what kind of weapons will there be in world war 3? He said I don’t know but he said I do know that in the final one, they’re going to have horses and bows and arrows. Read Ezekiel 30:39. Beloved, if the healing there is physical, it’s a spiritual healing. Yes, well somebody said how are you going to get around Matthew? We don’t want to get around Matthew. God forbid. Matthew 8:14-17. I have not spend a lifetime studying the word of god to get around any passage. If I don’t know an interpretation of it at all I’ll say so. Matthew 8:14-17 and when Jesus was coming to peters house, he saw his wife’s mother. By the
way there was the first pope who had a wife and a mother in law. And when Jesus was coming to peters house he saw his wife’s mother lying in sick of a fever. And he touched her hand and the fever left her. Think of that. He didn’t have to do this, he didn’t have to get the atmosphere ready, he didn’t have to get the psychological mood as they say ready. The fever left her. Oh what blessed power. And she rose and ministered. This shows how well she was. She wasn’t just in the process of convalescence, she had her strength back. When the evening was come they brought unto him many that were possessed with demons and he cast out the spirits with his word and healed all, look at the universality of it. The comprehensiveness. Healed all that were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying he himself took our infirmities and bore our sickness. You say you really got to be good to talk yourself out of that. Here he’s talking about sickness and it’s that he might be fulfill what Isaiah said. Beloved, you can’t take the bible which comes from an infinite mind and just on the run, make a quick decision. Did you notice this about some people, whenever you hand them a hot poker they always take it at the hot end. Have you ever noticed that? Get out of that habit, [inaudible] burn your hands. Never lay hold of a poker at the hot end. Or at least wait until it cools off. This passage beloved cannot mean our lord Jesus bore our physical sicknesses. How do you know? He never was sick. Aren’t we talking about physical sicknesses? Alright. Did he bear our, anybody. There isn’t a word in any of the gospels that he was ever sick. He could take away the effects sicknesses in effect of sin. And he was able to cope with the cause. This was in fulfillment of messianic prophecy to confirm his rightful claim. He was 100% honest. He couldn’t remove one single twinge of pain without in due season at Calvary bearing the sin that caused the pain. Didn’t you ever stop to think why did the lord Jesus go down into the waters of baptism? He had no sin. John said no lord, no no no no. everybody else in the world but not you.
Suffer it now to fulfill all righteous what did he do? Where did the lord meet them when they were all there not trying to get a great self-image as they say and all. no no no. they were all penitent. Confessing. The lord says that’s where I want to meet mankind. Right where they expressed their need. Because I know in a coming day I’m going to take every one of their confessed sins on myself at Calvary. That’s why he meets him there. Well you say yes but isn’t there something in the epistles, oh there sure is. James this is supposed to be witness, star witness, number 1. Alright let’s turn to it. If you’re afraid of a passage, then stay away from the whole, stay away from the whole book. Know better than that. Take the whole book and read all the passages. James 5:13-16. Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any marry? Let him sing song. Is any sick among you? That means physically sick. Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him. Notice, that’s not these healing meetings. Let him call for the elders of the church for them pray over him, and many students of the word. Careful somebody here said she remembers Dr. AC gaebelein and commenting on James he was certainly right he says this anointing him with oil in the name of the lord, that was representative of means. You and I have no right to rule god out of the natural any more than unbelievers have a right to rule him out of the supernatural. We have a god who is sovereign in both supernatural as well as natural. Whoever put healing value in any medicine. Somebody asked a preacher once or maybe a medical man ask a preacher do you think there’s really anything to materia medica? Well he says I know the Materia is of god, the medica is of man. Anointing him with oil in the name of the lord. Don’t rule god out of either one. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Means heal the sick. and the lord shall raise him up, and if he hath committed sins, here’s evidently a man here’s a man who’s been laid low because of sin, just as in the Corinthian church and don’t tell me sin can’t do it. It killed Ananias and sapphire. And if he hath committed sins they shall be
forgiven him. Now, healers claim healing on faith. We’ll deal with this passage a little more fully in just a little while. We should before we take this passage let our mind go over the accounts in the gospels in acts. Some folk say well if you weren’t healed you didn’t have enough faith. You should have more faith. Now isn’t it an interesting and mystifying thing that when you read the accounts in the gospels and acts, maybe this hasn’t occurred to you. Do you know who they were that were healed? The unsaved. Look it over, see if that isn’t true. The saved were not healed. Paul, the longest day he lived, he had a thorn in the flesh. I think it was his bad sight. Blinded on the road to Damascus. I’m not dogmatic about it, but I know he had eye trouble because the high priest was right in front up there in acts and he says, oh you whitened sepulchers you stand in judgement on me according to the law and cause me to be smitten contrary to the law. They said do you talk to the high priest that way? He said oh my my my I’m sorry I didn’t realize he was the high priest. Scripture says thou shall not speak ill of the leaders of thy people, the chief of thy people. Now how could Paul an educator instructed one who sat at the feet of gamaliel doubtless his star pupil, how could he misunderstand and mistake a high priest who had a distinctive garb. Don’t you see his eyes were bad. In Galatians he says with see with what large hand. I think he had trouble with his eyes. I don’t know that he wore bifocals or tifocals. I only have trifocals I don’t have quadrifocals they haven’t invented them yet. But I only wear glasses for effect on, just for effect, effect on the printed page. Paul, Paul then was not healed. Timothy wasn’t healed. He had a sort of a squeamish stomach. Take a little wine for your stomach sake. Now a lot of people are taking a lot of that, and they don’t even have a stomach sake. So you better be sure that it’s diagnosed correctly. And we have other means now. trophimus in 2 timothy 4:20, I left trophimus at Miletus sick. Why in the world didn’t you heal him? You were able to bring from the dead uticus that fellow who was seated in the window and you preached so long Paul that he
fell over and he was taken up as dead and he, and he raised him. Some folk want to preach a long time they say well Paul preached a long time and a fellow, yes but he was able to raise them from the dead and you and I can’t do that so we better quit before midnight. Oh yes. Way before midnight. And Epaphroditus Philippians 2, he said that godly man who has a wonderful care for you, he was sick nigh unto death because he didn’t look after his own physical condition. He was so concerned about the gospel getting into your hearts and lives in a marvelous way. Now how much faith, how much faith did the corpse of Lazarus have to be raised from the dead. Did you ever think of that? If it takes faith, how much faith did Lazarus’ corpse have? Some people are somewhat jealous of Lazarus, I’m not. He died twice. How much faith did the corpse of Dorcas, that dear seamstress. How much did she have when, when peter raised her from the dead? It’s in acts. Well, my friends we do have a right to investigate. Matthew 24:24 it says when the age comes to an end as soon as the age begins to fade out this age, you have to be careful. They’re going to be many who say they are prophets. They are false prophets. They claim to be teachers, they are false teachers. 1 john 4:1 says try, prove every spirit. Don’t take everything at first blush. There’s supernatural healings, did you realize, apart from gods working all together. You can be in the will of god and not be healed. People don’t even know god and sometimes they’re healed, that’s the grace of god. Causes the rain to fall upon the just and the unjust and the sun to shine on them as well. Here’s an actual case, he was in Africa. There was a river fisherman. He developed one of those fearful African tropical ulcers in his leg. He was treated in the missionary hospital. Good place. Profile access, sanitation, antisepsis, the whole thing. It was all there. He was treated there by the most scientific methods and that ulcer wouldn’t heal. You know what that fisherman did? He went to the witch doctor in his village. That witch doctor killed a chicken. Spoke an incantation. Pretended to draw out of the sore bullets of a witch gun which had made
the wound. And within a short time, that man was healed. The ulcer healed. The missionary kept
those so called bullets a souvenir that there’s more to healing than science. Can you call healing
like that, can you, you’re calling that divine? Just because it was real? You can’t always explain.
You say doctor can you give me a written contract that when you take that appendix out, that
appendectomy, or those tonsils in a tonsillectomy, or even a bunionectomy, that it will be alright.
No. I’ve seen folk have bunionectomies and poor things hobble all over the place. Yes. Now I
want to say this. That god can and does heal. He does. If you have ever been sick, I know we
all have. Whether you realize it or not in more ways than one. If you have ever been sick and
gotten over it, god was in it. Yes. I believe god is that sovereign. Hezekiah was sick Isaiah 38:21-
22 god said to Isaiah go and take a lump of figs and put it on Hezekiah and he'll be healed and he
was. He was. And he prayed god would give him a lengthening of life. Do you remember how
many years Hezekiah lived after that, 15 years. And Doctor McGee has one of his masterful
sermons when death should not have taken a holiday. Hezekiah lived 15 years, and when that
godless son of his Manasseh went to the throne he was 12. Get it? 3 years after he was that sick
and got 15 years reprieve as it were, he had a son. And that son was the worst son in either Judah
in the south or Israel in the north. He reigned 55 years and did every ungodly thing in the sight of
the lord. Near the end he did repent and god forgave him in his infinite goodness. 55 years. The
only one who reigned anywhere near as long in the south or in the north was Asiah [Sp?]. On
another son of David in the Davidic line. He reigned 52 years. But listen to this. Hezekiah was
healed. And it’s by the power of prayer. There is, mark this, there is healing, not in some healing
formulas, but in a certain type of prayer. Now we come to James. Did you notice here’s a man
who was ill and he calls, let him call for the elders of the church. Let them pray over him
anointing him with oil in the name of the lord. And the prayer of faith shall, this is the place
where they all make the mistake. I’m sorry. Verse 15. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the lord shall raise him up and if he hath committed sins they shall be forgiven him. Does that say you have to pray in faith? You have to be faithful in prayer? It does no such thing. Does it say and a prayer of faith shall save the sick? Please, if you say you believe in verbal plenary inspiration, act like it. The text is clear it doesn’t say a prayer of faith, it says the prayer of faith. It’s a specific prayer. And that prayer shall cure or heal the sick. In other words, here’s something ill. Elders come in, they pray for him. You say well we don’t believe in anointing. Okay, let them pray for him. if one among that group has laid on him by the spirit of god the prayer of faith, not a prayer of faith or praying in faith, that goes without saying. But the prayer of faith. What does that mean? God will tell that certain one, that man is going to get well. How do you know it’s the prayer of faith? Well if the man dies then you know you didn’t have the prayer of faith. This happened on time not with regard to healing but I'll never forget the case of Doctor Torrey he was pastor of the Chicago avenue church later called Moody memorial church. And when he was there, he thought if we’re going to have power for god in the services on the Lord’s Day, what we ought to do is have a Saturday evening prayer meeting. So he began to go to the church Saturday evening. And some saw him and they said what are you doing pastor? He said well I’m praying for the services in the morrow. So he had others who wanted to come. They had a small group. And then when he saw that god was laying it on others hearts, he opened it. And that marvelous meetings in prayer, this is a true case. And then they noticed after a while that after that meeting he stayed on. They said Dr. Torrey what are you doing? He said well God is blessing so in the meeting, I just want to have a little more time with him. And they began staying for a second prayer meeting. And it was in that second prayer meeting, he never thought of it before, he never prayed that prayer before. God said to him, Torrey, or Ruben was
his first name told him, I want you to go around the world and preach the gospel. He said oh my just thinking that. No. and the assurance that that was gods will was that god made the way. and I’ve talked to people in the British isles, I’ve been there more than once, and many of them feel, we don’t like to compare but they feel that Torrey had even among the more educated ones especially more of a lasting effect in the British isles than anybody who had been there before or after. That’s a prayer. It means along with a prayer, you have the definite conviction. Now you can’t work that up. You can’t start a dynamo working. It is not a prayer of faith it is the prayer of faith. Not may, on occasion may, perhaps, could, or as they say in Texas might could. Oh that butchers the queens English. But the prayer of faith shall save. Shall save. Shall heal the sick. A missionary told this story, I say god can and does heal. Prayer for healing. We should. But healing is not in the atonement, it’s in prayer according to the will of god. We should pray for the sick. Of course. That is definitely in the will of god. A missionary told this account. It was in the Arab world. It was an Arab woman. Oh and it’s rough there. A lot like Judaism. An Arab woman had been won to Christ by Islam. Well that just means you signed your death warrant. Her family coaxed, they argued, they threatened to draw her from her new faith in vain. Then they concocted a simple deadly poison. And they put it into her food secretly. When shed eaten the meat that had the poison, she knew very quickly what had happened and began to get nauseated and ill. And she knew how deadly that poison was. She knew she was doomed to death. the poison was due to make her first very irritable then dull, then it would affect her mind more and more and then her body and then death would come. She was startled of course as human she was distressed. She didn’t know what to do. And so as she sat without planning to, to account, she began to repeat that blessed name. The great name of our lord Jesus. Not aloud, but to herself. She repeated with great intensity. Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. For 2 or 3 days she continued
and they couldn’t believe it. All the family was sitting around watching her. And they saw that no one had given her an emetic or something like that that caused her to expel the poison or counteract it. The poison gradually receded from her blood and her family watched her with strange unbelieving eyes. The poison had never failed before in the memory of any of them. Even the oldest. And when the missionary spoke to her she told him. She said I felt as though each time I said that blessed name, it was like a wave of life. And in between like a wave of death. But the death was becoming less and the life more. Yes. Till to their utter astonishment, and her great joy she was free. You see it was in the will of god. In the will of god. Yes. Now thank god there’s going to be a time when there’s going to be no illness. Oh you say in heaven. Oh no before that. There’s going to be no illness in the millennium. Mark it down. Isaiah 33 verse 24. Isaiah 33 verse 24 that’s when Christ rules on the earth. Oh there are going to be some that are not going to be faithful. Some are going to suffer immediately. There’s going to be redress of grievances. Oh yes. They’re going to be brought to book right away. Isaiah 33:24 says, and the inhabitants shall not say I am sick. The people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity. That is in the time of the reign of Christ. There’s going to be none in heaven revelation 21:4 no pain, no sorrow, no sickness. Revelation 22:2. Remember friend, god may have a purpose in your illness. Don’t miss it. Paul prayed 3 times oh lord how much more useful I would be and I would be so