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FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,

I welcome you to this new month and present to you September 2023 edition of Watchman's Trumpet. The theme of this month's edition is "Bethesda (John 5:1-14)".

John chapter five described Christ's healing of an impotent man and consequent controversial discussion that He had with the Jews about the timing of the healing.

In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate (Nehemiah 3:1), there was a public swimming pool accessed directly by five covered doorways. In these doorways lay many sick people waiting for the bubbling of the water. Some of them were blind, some crippled and others paralyzed. They lost sensations and function in various parts of their bodies.

The swimming pool when it bubbles exhibits supernatural ability to heal any disease especially the disease of whoever was the first to step into the water after it was stirred up. The stirring was intermittent and believed to be done by an angel of the Lord. The pool was named "Bethesda", which means "House of mercy". In the account of this man's experience and interaction with Christ, we have hope for a needy world, help for the helpless, reward for obedience of

faith and the possibility of living a life of freedom from sin.

Jesus is humanity's true "Bethesda" Zechariah 13:1. Through His name healing is granted at no cost, on many occasions, healing of ailments thought to be incurable. He has granted the use of His name in prayers to solve any and all problems John 16: 23-29. He is the fountain opened to the house of David for cleansing from sin and uncleanness, and removal of their consequences such as sicknesses, curse and death.

The name of Jesus is God's provision to accomplish what that bubbling pool did at that time. The name of Jesus used in prayer can cure any sickness. It is my sincere prayer as you read this edition of Watchman's Trumpet that as you pray in the name of Jesus from now on, great things will happen in your life in Jesus name. Welcome!

HOPE FOR A NEEDY WORLD

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Among the sick that lay by Bethesda pool was a certain man whom Jesus came to visit and cure. His paralytic condition had lingered for thirty eight years. Jesus knew this. On getting to him, Jesus asked him whether he was willing to get well. The man, not knowing who Jesus was explained the difficulty he had and the trouble he was in. He complained that he had no one willing to assist him to get into the pool. Whenever it bubbles, before he could get into the water, someone else steps in ahead of him. Jesus commanded authoritatively that he should get up, pick up his bed or sleeping pad and walk. Instantly, God's power fell on the man, he regained strength, picked up his bed and walked away.

This healing took place on a Sabbath day. There are many lessons to learn from this encounter. To properly understand these lessons shall consider three subtopics:

1. Hurting world's need for Bethesda
2. God appointed humanity's Bethesda
3. Receiving mercy from the merciful Lord

1. Hurting world's need for Bethesda

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." **Mathew 5:5**

"Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." **Luke 6:36**

The name "Bethesda" associated with this public swimming pool is very significant. Its meaning "House of mercy" is significant. First, the miracles granted here by God at no cost will be a great relieve to those who had incurable diseases as well as those who cannot afford the cost of treatment. It should inspire God's people who are custodians of God's interest on earth and members of His family to set up such a house or place on earth. There are people in the world who for different reasons are unable to access medical treatment or had ailments that had no cure. It should be possible to have an "angel" (messenger from God; a believer or minister) by God's grace and with the resources He provides equip, set up or empower a Bethesda in the world to provide relieve for the suffering and hurting at little or no cost and help them recover fully like this paralytic or maximize the use of their physical and intellectual abilities to the glory of God.

It should be possible by God's help for God's people to provide a place where people may drink water, eat food, get a change of clothing, enjoy a night's sleep or even be schooled to cure them of the disease of ignorance and inability to read the scriptures at little or no cost in the name of the Lord and for His glory.

The church should be a "Bethesda" in the world where men can find and experience God's compassion in form of healing for the sick, deliverance for the captives and oppressed and wholesome restoration of virtues and values. The church should reflect God's nature of love and mercy through providing help to helpless and hope or encouragement to the hopeless.

2. God appointed humanity's Bethesda

"In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness" **Zechariah 13:1**

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" **Acts 10:38**

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be incurable. He has granted the use of His name in prayers to solve any and all problems **John 16: 23-29**. He is the fountain opened to the house of David for cleansing from sin and uncleanness, and removal of their consequences such as sicknesses, curse and death. The name of Jesus is God's provision to accomplish what that bubbling pool did at that time.

The name of Jesus used in prayer can cure any sickness. **John 4:14** speaks of another bubbling pool, that of the Holy Spirit, the rivers of living waters within the saved and sanctified believer. It is a kind of bubbling that propels men in the direction of everlasting life.



The interaction between the impotent man and Jesus was also interesting and contains several lessons. Jesus knew that the man was helpless and hopeless. As He later pointed out, He knew that the man was a sinner. Even after the healing, it was clear that the man did not know Jesus until Jesus met him later in the Temple. The greatness of the Lord's mercy therefore shined forth through the man's healing; indeed, the man found mercy in the house of mercy from the most merciful.

3. Receiving mercy from the merciful Lord

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." **Mathew 11:28**

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" **Mathew 7:7**

The mercy of the Lord is still flowing like a river to many today who desires His help and come to Him **Mathew 11:28-30**. The Lord's question on whether the man was willing to get well was meant to stir up a desire in him to pray. No matter how terrible our situation is, no matter how long our problem has been with us, it may even have come as consequence of our flaws, faults or sins. Provided we can still pray and we do, we are on our way to deliverance. The Lord expects those who are hurting in any way and for any reason to communicate to Him the same in prayer as evidence of their faith in Him. He expects them to pray and communicate their desire to be free.



ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parable said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



Prayer Points - For September 2023

1. Thank God for the power in the name of Jesus to save, heal and deliver.
2. Pray that God’ power will come upon you and relieve you of all aches, pains sicknesses and diseases right now
3. Pray that God will equip and empower you to be a source of relief and blessings to those who hurt
4. Pray that our churches will continue to reflect God’s nature of love and mercy in provision of help to the helpless and hope and encouragement to the hopeless
5. Pray for grace to obey God at all times and in all things
6. Pray for grace to live in total freedom from sin
7. Pray for increasing faith to get the best from God and in your relationship with Christ
8. Thank God for all that He has enabled and empowered you to do in life and ministry
“ *men ought always to pray, and not to faint;*’ **Luke 18:1**

May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!

Watchman Prayer Hour holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office in 78/80 Nepa (IBEDC) Building, Opposite U.I. Second Gate, Ibadan . Oyo - State Follow us on any of our Social media platforms and send your inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

HELP FOR THE HELPLESS

“When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.”

John 5:6-7

“Do you want to become well” Jesus will ask anyone sick or experiencing pain, affliction or troubles in any way the same question today. There are two reasons why such line of questioning becomes important before ministering to the sick. First, many consider their predicament as opportunity to be pitied or even honoured. Charity to those who are physically challenged is a big business in the world today. Some who enjoy begging and living on other people’s expenses, who are lazy and do not want to work may consider physical challenge as a virtue or blessing because they feel it exempts them from earning a living by their own sweats and entitled them to handouts from the public.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Bearing others’ burdens
2. Focusing on the Lord
3. Power in Christ’s word

1. Bearing others’ burdens

“We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.” **Romans 15:1**

“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” **Galatians 6:2**

The impotent man in His response to Christ’s question described his helpless and hopeless state.



He could not move himself to the place where he could get cured and there was no one to help him. No man would dare give this man help that is as simple as a push or pull into the pool. Where are his family members, neighbours and friends? What happens to those who had been earlier healed in the pool? Success has many friends and families but failure is an orphan.

2. Focusing on the Lord

“Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.” **Psalm 22:11**

“... he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.” **Psalm 72:12**

When asked whether he wanted get well, the impotent man, rather than answer promptly, directly and in the affirmative began to tell stories; stories that Jesus already knew. He began to describe his problem and predicament. His answer focuses on himself, on his difficulty rather than on Christ and on the solution he desired. It is important for the aching and hurting to know that the day we encounter Christ is a new day and presents knew and great possibilities which we should not squander by pre-occupation with past disappointments especially from men.

The world would be a very lonely place for some when people around them live selfish and self-centred lives. If people do not find help anywhere else, they should find among Christians where the standard rule set by God is that those who are strong should bear infirmities of the weak and not please themselves **Romans 15:1**. **Galatians 6:2**.

3. Power in Christ’s word

“Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk; and immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath” **John 5:8-9**

“And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.” **Luke 4:32**

The man’s description was that of a poor state. He is poorest of the poor who could not help himself get out of a hole or trouble and have no one to help him. Life just continued as if he never existed. He is on ground zero of life. That was where Jesus found him. Notwithstanding his complaints, grudges and self-pity narrative, Jesus commanded him authoritatively to get up, pick up his bed and walk. Instantly, he was cured, picked up his bed and left. There are two or three sides to Jesus’ commanded to the man. First was the fact that the words of Christ comes with power and grace for performance. Jesus gives us power to do whatever He commanded provided we exhibit a strong desire and inclination to obey and takes steps in that direction. Secondly, it is a test of this man’s faith and obedience. Telling a man that is impotent to rise up and walk is a strange command. Specifically for this man; he was asked to do what he had never done for 38 years.

There are circumstances in our relationship with God when our healing, deliverance, breakthrough miracles and answers to prayers for particular blessings come as a commandment or instructional test. It is our obedience to the Lord at such times that will unlock the door of our miracles. Refusing to obey God may leave our situation unchanged. We never can realize how awesome God’s power is until we attempt the seemingly impossible at His command.

OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

“Jesus saith unto him, ‘Rise, take up thy bed, and walk’. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath.” John 5:8-9

This paralytic man’s obedience or decision to obey contradicts Jewish tradition and social norm at that time because it was Sabbath day. But the man did what he had to do not minding its contradiction of church tradition or societal norm of the day. He obeyed the Lord’s commandment or instructions not minding whether men who see him do so will praise him, blame him, mock him or persecute him. This is the kind of obedience that attracts great blessings into the life of God’s people. We need to watch against unedifying church tradition that may make us unknowingly disobey God and hinder our blessings.

We shall consider three subtopics

1. Distraction by religious traditions
2. Simplicity of the Christian faith
3. Priority and blessings of obedience

1. Distraction by religious traditions

“The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, it is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.” John 5:10-11

It is for our own good that we walk in obedience to God. It is for our own good that we seek to understand the exact meaning and interpretation of God’s word without addition or subtraction. Such understanding will keep us in the centre of the will of God and ensure that we are blessed for doing so.



We must be wary of ministers or congregation who prolongs our pains and wounds by making the word of God to say what it does not clearly say. The law on Sabbath was given before the match around Jericho. Yet God in given instruction on strategy to bring the wall down included a Sabbath match. If the people did not obey, they would have missed the privilege of possessing their possession. Jesus Himself contrary to the teaching and tradition of the day taught that works of mercy, healing and deliverance could be done on Sabbath day without it constituting a breach Mark 3:1-5, Mathew 12:1-13.

2. Simplicity of the Christian faith

“And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Acts 16:30-31

One thing that sets Christianity apart from other religion is the simplicity of the conditions that is set for acceptance with God and into His kingdom. Eternal life and privileges of the kingdom is offered to those who repent from their sins, accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour and continuously abide in Him, All these can be appropriated through prayer; anyone could do this. Even after Calvary, Jewish converts think that simply accepting Christ and confessing faith in Him after repentance was insufficient for salvation. They wanted converted Gentiles to add the keeping of the Law of Moses to their practice of religion and faith. No amount of work in the church or in the kingdom can save us. Our salvation is already

purchased for us by Christ’s death on the cross of Calvary. All we are asked to do is to come see, believe and receive. Acceptable works are consequences of salvation 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, Ephesians 8:8-10 not the reason for it Titus 2:14. Zeal for good works is believers’ grateful response to Christ for His gift of salvation which we have received and are enjoying. While it is the test and proof of it, it is not what saved us. It is Jesus who saves. We should therefore be careful not to allow people to impose on us burdens that will worsen our state and attract to us condemnation rather than commendation. By the deeds of the Law shall no man be justified Romans 3:20. Justification is by faith.

3. Priority and blessings of obedience

“The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.” John 5:10-11

“But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.” Jeremiah 7:23

The central lesson from Christ’s command to the impotent man and his obedience is that obedience to the Lord should take precedence over observance of church tradition so we do not miss our blessings. We must frown at any church tradition that pitched us against obedience to the Lord because such tradition might make us miss our blessings; in this case, the blessings of salvation and deliverance.

Finally, taking up his bed in obedience to the Lord was a testimony to the world that he had been healed. It honoured God, proclaimed Christ’s power and publishes the Gospel. The Lord expects those healed and blessed by Him to testify of His power to the world as an evidence of their gratitude and means of inviting others to the kingdom.

GO, AND SIN NO MORE

“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.” **John 5:14**

After the healing, the Jews who saw this man carrying his bed queried him why he should do so on Sabbath day. He in turn told them that he received the command from the person who cured him. When they asked him who the person was, he told them that he did not know because as soon as the healing happened Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. Jesus later found him at the Temple and told him to stop sinning so that something worse will not happen to him. The man then went and told the Jews that it was Jesus who made Him well, this was followed by a controversial discussion over Sabbath between the Jews and Jesus; and His persecution by them.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Instructions in righteousness
2. The wages of sinful living
3. Indictment for selfishness and freedom from vainglory

1. Instructions in righteousness

“Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine



iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.” **Daniel 4:27**

“For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.” **1 Peter 3:10-11**

Finding the man in the Temple and giving him instructions in righteousness completes Christ’s ministration to him. It makes a case for follow-up of visitors to the church and new converts. All those who come to church and become converted must be taught to keep away from sin and live holy.

It is also instructive that the man after his cure was found in the Temple. It illustrates the need for worship and thanksgiving to God by those whom the Lord delivered from difficulties and problems. After healing, we are to dedicate our renewed strength and health to the service of God. It is the only way that our miracle can be permanent.

The man’s miracle was a miracle of mercy, wrought by Christ to someone who did not know Him and had no relationship with Him. It is a miracle on credit. It is presumed that such person after enjoying the Lord’s goodness should see the need for repentance and subsequent faithful service to God with his newly found health and prosperity. If he did not or goes back to live in sin, he is a debtor and his affliction might return in a worst form.

1. The wages of sinful living

“And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.” **Mathew 9:2**

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” **Romans 6:23**

Judging from how the Lord told him to go and sin no more, his affliction was obviously the result of sin and punishment for sin. It established a close connection between sinning and sicknesses. First, sinning separates men from God and denies them of His presence, power and protection.

The devil may take advantage of this lack of coverage to afflict them with sickness. Secondly, there are demons that make men sick. Sin attracts such demons and their activities towards those who live in sin. Thirdly, God’s laws and Christ’s commandment of love for others promotes healthy living and habits which keeps diseases away from us.



“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” **Isaiah 53:4, 5**

There is a sense in which God allows a man's sins to bring upon him first level punishment e.g drinking and smoking habits as causation in incidences of low immunity and chronic diseases especially cancer.

Finally, obedience to God and freedom from sin ensures harmony between man and his internal-external environment. Living in sin and in conflict with God's word not only frustrates and worsens relationship with others which harms a man's mental and social states. It creates disequilibrium between the man's mind and body which sometimes results in ill-health.

3. Indictment for selfishness and freedom from vainglory

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." **Galatians 6:2**

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need." **Acts 2:44-45**



Two actions of Christ is worthy of note in connection with the healing of the impotent man. First, He was the only one that Christ healed among the multitude of sick individuals that lay beside the pool of Bethesda. It was obvious that without direct divine intervention, the kind that Jesus brought to this man, even though so near to the place of cure, he may never have been cured because of his inability to move.



One wonders whether the Lord's choice to cure only this man and leave the rest could have been an indictment of their self-centeredness. The presence of God manifests and His power flows more freely when brethren in spite of their individual differences and challenges live lives that are motivated by selflessness, love and unity Acts1:14, 2:1-4, 44-47.

The Lord's visit to that pool side was unnoticed and His departure unannounced. Immediately after curing the man, the Lord slipped away

into the crowd such that the man whom He cured did not know who cured Him by name until later when Jesus found him in the Temple and warned him to stop sinning. We have a lesson here on the need to shun applause from multitude and avoid pride or vainglory, to allow God alone to receive praise for all that He enables and empowers us to do and accomplish in life and in ministry.



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William Marrion Branham was born April 6, 1909 in Kentucky near Burksville. His parents were extremely poor farmers. He grew up in abject poverty. His suffering was exacerbated by the fact that his father was an alcoholic. He had no religious training. As a child, he heard a voice instructing him to abstain from drinking and smoking because God has a mission for him as he matures.

He left home at age 19 and began working on an Arizona ranch. Then his brother became sick and passed away. In his grief and confusion, he began his search for God. In his search for answers to life's difficult questions he moved towards God and started attending the First Pentecostal Baptist Church in Jeffersonville. During this time he also fell seriously ill and believed that he was dying. While he was in the hospital he heard the "voice" call out to him again. Desperate to live, he told God that if HE spared his life, then he would preach the gospel.

He was quickly healed once he made this promise to God. He was on fire from that point on. For six months he cried out to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One day God's presence came upon him in a mighty way. He was 24 years old and he began holding tent meetings and saw many people converted.

With his ministry now rolling, he built an independent Baptist church in Jeffersonville, Indiana. He married and had two children. During this time he became interested in the Pentecostal message, which was still highly controversial at that time. He attended a Pentecostal convention, and was asked to join them as a traveling evangelist. He believed that this was God, but was talked out of it by friends who thought it too controversial. He turned them down. Everything seemed to go wrong for him from that point on. His church began to fail and his wife and daughter were killed in the Ohio River flood of 1937. He believed he was under judgement from God for not doing what he was called to do. Branham struggled over the next several years. He worked as a game warden, and a logger, and sometimes preached. He married his second wife Meda, and eventually had three more children. One day he went off to pray by himself to see if could find out God's heart for him.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

WILLIAM BRANHAM
1909 - 1965



He repented of his choice to not go with the Pentecostals. On May 7, 1946 he had a visitation from an angel of God. The angel said he was a seer prophet and would have two distinct signs in his life. The first was that he would be able to detect illness in people, and the second was that he would see sins in their life they needed to repent of. Branham started his healing ministry immediately after this visitation. He started in St. Louis and then went to Texas, Louisiana, Florida, California, and eventually all over the United States. These meetings kicked off the healing revival that began in 1947 and continued through the 1950s. He met Gordon Lindsay in 1947 who became one of his biggest promoters and helped publicize his works. Branham eventually took international trips to Canada, Mexico, Europe, Africa, Finland, Australia, and India.

His career began to falter in the late 1950s and he became more of a controversial figure. He had a vision of riding into the sunset in 1964 and believed that it was a sign that he was going to die soon. On December 18, 1965, while returning to Jeffersonville with members of his family from Tucson, Arizona, he was involved in a head-on collision with another vehicle. The accident seriously damaged him, and he passed away on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1965.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"... Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" John 5:14

SONG OF THE MONTH

HE HEALED THEM ALL

1. He healed them all – the blind, the lame, the palsied,
The sick in body and the weak in mind,
Whoever came, no matter how afflicted,
Were sure a sovereign remedy to find.
2. His word gave health, His touch restored the vigour,
To every weary pain-exhausted frame;
And all He asked before He gave the blessing
Was simple faith in Him from those who came.
3. And is our Lord, the kind, the good, the tender,
Less loving now than in those days of old?
Or is it that our faith is growing feeble,
And Christian energy is waxing cold?
4. Why do we not with equal expectation,
Now bring our sick ones to the Lord in prayer
Right through the throng of unbelieving scruples
Up to His very side and leave them there?
5. He never health refused in bygone ages,
Nor feared to take the "chastisement" away;
Then why not ask it now, instead of praying
For "patience" to endure from day to day?

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