

Meetings in California, Etc

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Smith Wigglesworth shares powerful testimonies of healing and the work of the Holy Spirit during his meetings in California.

Scripture: Mark 16:17

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Description

Smith Wigglesworth shares his experiences from his ministry in California, where he witnessed over 1,500 healings and numerous baptisms in the Holy Spirit. He emphasizes the power of faith and the fulfillment of Jesus' promises as described in Mark 16:17-18, showcasing miraculous healings and deliverances from demonic oppression. Wigglesworth recounts specific testimonies of healing, including a woman healed of cancer and a man freed from addiction, illustrating the transformative power of God's Spirit. The overwhelming response from the crowds highlights a deep hunger for the Word of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. He expresses his commitment to continue his ministry despite the demands on his time.

Transcript

My most precious Bro. Boddy, Your request to me, to send some reports for your valuable paper from time to time, has never slipped my memory. I now have a dear English brother accompanying me on this trip. He, owing to reading a copy of Confidence, as led to visit Bro. Mead in Los Angeles. He had just come from Mexico, and was in need of spiritual help. I was staying at Bro. Mead's at the time, and, being fresh from England, we soon became closely associated. This led to his baptism, and now he is most anxious to please God in any way, and is now writing this letter from me to you for your paper Confidence.

I must have seen not less than 1,500 people healed and great numbers baptized into the Holy Spirit since I came into this country. My ministry, as in England, grows very rapidly, and the great cry is, "Do not leave us!" I have heard this cry at every place, only California's cry has been louder than that in other places I have visited. I am now going to describe one or two things which may be helpful and useful for your paper, for they prove that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is given in accordance with Mark 16:17-18: "And these signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

The Baptism in the Holy Ghost was also clearly revealed to our minds, the gifts being in evidence, according to the 12th, 13th, and 14th chapters of the First Epistle to the Corinthians. At all points, at all places, including Oakland and Los Angeles, the buildings were thickly packed with people eager to hear the Word of God, and one feels now, as never before, that as the Spirit rests upon us, they press to hear the Word of God, as is mentioned in Luke 5:1. God help me! It was common to see, at the end of the meetings, crowds waiting for the ministry of the health in Christ, and, as in the days of the Acts of the Apostles, as one laid hands on the needy, marvelous changes were instantly wrought.

For instance, at Victoria Hall there came a woman pressed down with cancer of the breast. She was anointed with oil, according to God's Word. I laid hands on the cancer, cast out the demon, and the cancer which had up to then been bleeding dried up. She received a deep impression through the Spirit that the work was done, and closely watched the healing process together with a lady friend. The cancer began to move from its seat, and in five days dropped out entirely into the protecting bandage.

They were much interested and full of joy, and looking into the cavity from whence the tumor had come, they saw to their amazement and surprise that not one drop of blood had been shed at the separation of the cancer. The cavity was sufficiently large to receive a small cup and they noticed that the sides were of a beautiful reddish hue. During the next two days, and whilst they were watching closely they saw the cavity fill up with flesh and a skin formed over it, so that at last there was only a slight scar.

At two meetings this lady, filled with enthusiasm, held in her hand a glass vessel containing the cancer, and declared how great things God had done unto her. This is not the only cure I could describe on the cancer line. I will give you others in a further letter. Here is a point well worth the notice of the readers of your valuable paper. At Oakland a fine-looking young man, a slave to alcohol and nicotine, came along with his wife to see if I could heal him. They stated his case, and I said, "Yes.

I can heal you in Jesus's Name." I told him to put out his tongue, and I cursed the demon power of alcohol and also cast out the demon power of nicotine. The man knew that he was free. He afterwards became an earnest seeker and within 24 hours was baptized with the Holy Spirit, thus clearly confirming Mark 16:17: "In My Name they shall cast out devils." A preacher, suffering many days from the kick of a horse, walking with great pain and in much distress, made a special call at the hotel in which I was staying, and being led by the Spirit, according to God's Word, I laid hands on the bruised ankle.

A fire broke out with burning and healing power, and from that moment he could walk easily and without pain. A boy came to a meeting on crutches, suffering from a broken ankle. Prayer was made and hands laid upon him, and I got him to walk across the platform. He declared that he had no pain, that it had all gone, and carried off his crutches under his arm. At the Los Angeles meetings all descriptions of sickness, lameness, deafness, tumors, cancers, and brokenness of spirit, etc., were healed.

Truly one could say the vision which Jesus gave was fulfilled: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." I notice that in your paper you say that I hoped to be home by Christmas. Beyond measure I have been pressed out for duties of preaching and for Conventions, so that I cannot be home by that time. If, however, the seas are free and danger removed, I would strike for home after visiting Rochester January Convention, in order to have my own Convention at Easter in Bradford.

Thus I hope to wire you so as to allow time for making it known. I will send a fuller report the next time I write. God bless you and all the saints in England, especially your dear wife. Yours in His name and service, SMITH WIGGLESWORTH.

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