

**Teacher:** John Burton

**Teaching Title:** A Culture of Healing

- I. Sickness is Demonic
  - a. Story of my mom embracing sickness as intercession.
    - i. We can intercede in sickness, but not from sickness.
  - b. From Shelly on Facebook:
    - i. I have multiple diseases. I understand that part of living in a fallen world is dealing with sickness! The constant pain I live in draws me closer to the Lord and makes me desire my glorified body even more! Oh to be with my Savior! What a glorious day that will be!
    - ii. The Holy Nope responded:
      1. Rather than decreeing, declaring and commanding, this is the biblical response to suffering.
      2. Wrong!
  - c. Someone said: It may seem impossible, but sickness is intended to be a blessing; it can be a door to spiritual success.
    - i. Wrong!
  - d. Satan causes sickness except in extreme situations:
    - i. If God affirmed sickness we'd thank God for the sickness in prayer lines.
      1. We'd pray for more sickness. An overflow of sickness.
    - ii. *"So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head."* (Job 2:7, ESV)
    - iii. Jesus healed all the sick.
    - iv. *"you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."* (Acts 10:37–38, ESV)
    - v. *"And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons."* (Mark 1:34, ESV)
- II. Healing
  - a. **Dr. T. J. McCrossan** – "When unbelief kept Christ from healing the sick on earth, it will surely do so today."
    - i. **Mark 16:17-18 (ESV)** <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."
    - ii. **Martin Luther** – "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness."
    - iii. [Romans 10:17](#) says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
    - iv. You see, you can't believe beyond actual knowledge of God's Word. Therefore, in order for me to believe more of God's Word and receive the desired result, I had to *know* more of God's Word. It's that simple, but that's where a lot of people miss it when it comes to praying the prayer of faith. They try to believe God beyond actual knowledge of His Word and their prayer life is ineffective.  
~Kenneth Hagin

- b. The greatest enemy to a culture of healing is a culture of confusion regarding God's desire to heal.
    - i. I refuse to embrace a theology that gives license to the devil to win sometimes.
    - ii. **Isaiah 54:17 (ESV)** <sup>17</sup> no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall confute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication from me, declares the LORD."
    - iii. It's time we move into the Kingdom reality of overwhelming victory and life!
      - 1. **Shoemaker, Samuel M.** – "Eternal life does not begin with death; it begins with faith."
    - iv. **We are carrying God!** We have ridiculous power and opportunity to change the world!
    - v. **Bill Johnson:** In the old covenant, when a leper touched a man, that man became unclean. In the new covenant, when a man touches a leper the leper becomes clean.
      - 1. **5 ½ times more than Jesus forgave sins, he healed the sick.**
      - 2. 11 times more than he cast out demons, he healed the sick.
      - 3. Jesus was advancing the Kingdom, he was bringing heaven to earth... and this is our mandate as well.
      - 4. We are to live in the spirit, which will result in walking in the spirit... and healing virtue goes with us!
      - 5. We are called to do more than Jesus did!
    - vi. *"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."* (Mark 11:24, ESV)
      - 1. We have to believe FIRST and then it will be ours.
  - c. **John G. Lake:** Divine healing, what is it? It is healing by the spirit of God, exercised through the spirit of man. Jesus, the Master Healer, not only healed Himself, but empowered His 12 disciples to perform the same ministry. Later He empowered "seventy others also." making in all 82 men who practiced the ministry of healing during His earth life. After the resurrection of Jesus, just before His ascension, a great new commission was given to His disciples. He sent them to preach to all men everywhere, commanding them to "preach the gospel to every creature," and declaring concerning those believers who were to become disciples through their ministry that, "These signs shall follow them that believe: In My name shall they (the believer) cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."
- III. GOD MADE A COVENANT OF HEALING WITH THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.
- a. A Covenant is an indissoluble agreement, and can never be annulled.
    - i. **Exodus 15:25-26 (ESV)** <sup>25</sup> And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, <sup>26</sup> saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I

will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.”

- b. DAVID REJOICED IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS COVENANT.
  - i. "Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who HEALETH ALL THY DISEASES." Psalm 103:1-3.
- c. Salvation, deliverance and healing are linked.
  - i. We are called to heal the sick as a primary focus of our lives!!!
  - ii. Imagine healing being one of the main things we do every day of our lives!!
- d. The faith to get saved is the same faith you need to be healed!
  - i. John G. Lake: God is willing, just as willing to heal as He is to save. Healing is part of salvation. It is not separate from salvation. Healing was purchased by the blood of Jesus.
- e. Jesus came to do two things: forgive all of our sins and heal all our diseases.
  - i. This is why sickness and sin often are linked directly together.
  - ii. Unforgiveness, fear, sexual sin, offense, pride, etc. result in sickness. Sickness can be an indicator of a partially surrendered heart.
  - iii. **James 5:15** *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*
  - iv. John G. Lake: Healing was the evidence of God's forgiveness, heaven's testimony that their sins were remembered no more.
- f. The GREATEST soul-winning ministries are also healing ministries!
  - i. *If you really want to win souls, get involved in healing the sick!*
  - ii. The lost are provoked as they witness healing!
    - 1. **Acts 3:6-10 (ESV)** <sup>6</sup>But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" <sup>7</sup>And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup>And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup>And all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup>and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.
- g. JESUS BESTOWED THE POWER TO HEAL UPON HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES.
  - i. "Then He called His twelve disciples together, and GAVE THEM POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER ALL DEVILS and to CURE DISEASES. And he sent them to preach the Kingdom of God, and to HEAL THE SICK...and they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and HEALING EVERYWHERE." Luke 9:1-3,6.
- h. Healing EVERYWHERE!!!!
  - i. HE LIKEWISE BESTOWED POWER UPON THE SEVENTY.
    - 1. "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His place into every city and place whither He

Himself would come...HEAL THE SICK that are therein, and say unto them, the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." Luke 10:1,9.

- ii. AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION HE EXTENDED THE POWER TO ALL WHO BELIEVE.
  1. "He said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. And THESE SIGHS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE; in My name they shall 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." Mark 16:15-18.
  2. Matt 9:20-22 (NIV) <sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.
    - a. Check that out. She didn't wrestle with thought that God might want her to remain sick. No way!!!!!! She said, "I will be healed!"
    - b. That confidence is what healed her, not doubt filled prayer, not striving!!!!
- i. Healing is not mostly a result of prayer or of striving, it's a result of simple confidence, simple faith, refusal to fear or doubt.
  - i. Revelation whether through a prophetic word or through the bible will lead to healing when embraced in confidence.
  - ii. **Kenneth E. Hagin Sr.** – "Faith begins where the will of God is known."
- j. **John G. Lake**- GOD ALWAYS WAS THE HEALER. He is the healer still, and will ever remain the Healer. Healing is for YOU. Jesus healed, "all that came to Him." He never turned any one away. He never said, "It is not God's will to heal you," or that it was better for the individual to remain sick, or that they were being perfected in character through the sickness. He healed them ALL. Thereby demonstrating FOREVER God's unchangeable will concerning sickness.
  - i. 1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world- our faith.
- k. The big turnaround in Branson is going to be switching from those born of God being overcome by the world to overcoming the world!
  - i. **Mark Victor Hansen** - "Your belief determines your action and your action determines your results, but first you have to believe."
  - ii. **George Mueller** –The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.
  - iii. John G. Lake testimony: Written at Sandpoint, Idaho, for the glory of God, Feb. 11, 1918: In my thirty and fourth year I was sick with pneumonia. I became emaciated and weak; my flesh consumed exceedingly with fever. I was nigh unto death. I had sought physicians, but in vain. Exhausted in resources during

the conflict, one evening two physicians declared to my three sobbing brothers and the nurse, "He can not live until morning." Some time in the night the light went out. Mortifications set in all over my back. Neighbors were sent for to sit up with the corpse; but while death crept over me and seized my body, Christ came and stood by my bed. I shall never forget that presentment. Truly, it was the "King of Kings," "Lord of Lords," the "Son of God." He pointed to the earth with His left hand; I turned to see where He pointed, and I saw an empty grave, deep and dark. Looking back into the face of my Savior His eyes were as a flame of fire piercing into mine. At this my eyes opened and I saw Him walk out. But His touch had healed me; I was every whit whole.

IV. God sometimes makes people sick.

V.

- a. [Exodus 4:6](#), "The LORD furthermore said to him, 'Now put your hand into your bosom.' So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow."
- b. [Exodus 4:11](#), "And the Lord said to him, 'Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *him* dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?'"
- c. [Numbers 12: 9-10](#), "So the anger of the LORD burned against them and He departed. 10 But when the cloud had withdrawn from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. As Aaron turned toward Miriam, behold, she was leprous."
- d. *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world."* (1 Corinthians 11:27–32, ESV)
- e. Plagues of Egypt, boils
- f. Nebuhadnezzar: *"Let his mind be changed from a man's, and let a beast's mind be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him."* (Daniel 4:16, ESV)
- g. *"The Lord will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken me. The Lord will make the pestilence stick to you until he has consumed you off the land that you are entering to take possession of it. The Lord will strike you with wasting disease and with fever, inflammation and fiery heat, and with drought and with blight and with mildew. They shall pursue you until you perish."* (Deuteronomy 28:20–22, ESV)
- h. *"The Lord will strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with tumors and scabs and itch, of which you cannot be healed. The Lord will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of mind,"* (Deuteronomy 28:27–28, ESV)
- i. This is most always for punishment or a consequence of rebellion against him.

## VI. Barriers to healing

### a. Unbelief

- i. *“And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.””* (Mark 5:34, ESV)
- ii. *“And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.”* (Mark 6:5–6, ESV)
  1. Jesus’ response to the lack of faith? Teaching.

### b. Not knowing Scripture

- i. *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”* (Hosea 4:6, ESV)
- ii. Surrendering to sickness due to false teaching

### c. Sin

- i. All sickness is a result of sin’s effect, so there is a very specific connection.
- ii. When the world is made new, there will be no sin and no sickness.
  1. All sickness is due to sin’s curse.
  2. Some is a direct result of our sin.
- iii. David: *“O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?”* (Psalm 6:1–3, ESV)
- iv. *“They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.”* (John 5:12–15, ESV)

### d. Fear

- i. Kills faith

### e. Unforgiveness

- i. *“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”* (Mark 11:24–25, ESV)
- ii. Refusing to fully bless those who hurt us can result in chronic sickness.

### f. Demonization

- i. Spirit of infirmity
- ii. *“And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. When Jesus saw*

*her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God." (Luke 13:11–13, ESV)*

1. Neverthirsty.org:

- a. The Greek phrase *astheneia pneuma* in Luke 13:11 is translated as "spirit of infirmity" in the KJV. The second word, *pneuma*, means "spirit." But the key to understanding the phrase is the Greek word *astheneia*, which the KJV translates as "infirmity." *Astheneia* occurs 24 times in the New Testament. Of these twenty-four times, the word has been translated as "weakness," "illness," and "ailments." The word generally refers to a lack of strength, the opposite of power, or weakness. This word has a wide range of meaning. As a result, other Bible versions translate *astheneia* as "crippled" or "disabling." That is, the word refers to sickness, illness or disease in general.
- iii. *"As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel.""* (Matthew 9:32–33, ESV)
- iv. *"And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly."* (Matthew 17:14–18, ESV)
- g. Demonic attacks
  - i. Job
  - ii. Curses
- h. Open doors
  - i. Even the slightest crack in a door can compromise us.
- i. Failure to pray
  - i. Psalm 91
  - ii. Plead the blood
  - iii. "The prayer of faith will save the sick man ... " (James 5:15)
- j. Timing
  - i. *"As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"* Jesus

*answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him." (John 9:1–3, ESV)*

- k. Trusting in medicine first
    - i. *"In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet, and his disease became severe. Yet even in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but sought help from physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, dying in the forty-first year of his reign." (2 Chronicles 16:12–13, ESV)*
  - l. Deeper personal issues must be resolved first.
    - i. Bitterness, anger, trauma, curses, unresolved grief, etc.
  - m. Lack of persistence
    - i. Even Jesus sometimes needed to pray more than once.
    - ii. "Then he laid his hands on the man's eyes again and he saw clearly" (Mark 8:25)
    - iii. "Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them?" (Luke 18:7)
    - iv. Woman with the issue of blood
  - n. Lack of healing ministry in the church
    - i. My healing with Brian Simmons
    - ii. He said the gift of faith activated in him.
    - iii. *"For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills." (1 Corinthians 12:8–11, ESV)*
- VII. Faith Healers
- a. We are all called to be faith healers.
    - i. Some do have a greater gift of faith.
    - ii. Some do have a greater gift of healing.
    - iii. Some have a greater gift of miracles.
      - 1. *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills." (1 Corinthians 12:7–11, ESV)*

# REVIVAL

- iv. Further, elders in the church have a specific role in healing.
  - 1. *“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”* (James 5:14–15, ESV)
- v. However, all of us have been called to heal the sick.
  - 1. *“And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.”* (Matthew 10:1, ESV)
  - 2. *“Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.”* (Matthew 10:8, ESV)
  - 3. *“And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”* (Mark 16:17–18, ESV)
- vi. Be ready to heal the sick.
  - 1. Get equipped.
  - 2. Revival will demand healers.
- b. There was a great healing movement throughout the 1900’s.
  - i. It’s been largely lost today.
  - ii. Since then we’ve seen the Jesus movement, the Charismatic movement, the prayer movement, the prophetic movement, the deliverance movement and the affirmation of present day apostles.
  - iii. The next move of God will see all of this wrapped up into one mighty movement.
  - iv. Bill Hamon said: “A ‘Day of the Saints’ is coming in which God is calling every believer to participate. This will be the greatest time in history for those who hunger to fulfill God’s will for their lives, especially those who are 100 percent committed to glorify Christ, overcome all things, reap the great harvest and see God’s kingdom come and His will be done on Earth as it is in heaven.”
  - v. Dutch Sheets: “Power is about to be multiplied, and the dead are going to be raised, and limbs are going to grow, and cancers are going to disappear, and disease of every nature—all natures, every kind of disease—is going to go and bow before Jesus. Signs, wonders and miracles are about to multiply. Families are going to be healed and come to the cross. Kings, presidents are going to visit healing rooms. Mourning imams are going to carry babies into healing rooms and say, ‘If your God is really God, raise my baby from the dead.’”

c. Oral Roberts

i. At a young age he rejected his parent's hyper-religiosity.

1. Shortly after he collapsed with tuberculosis, often a death sentence in those days.
2. He went home to die and laid in bed for several months.
3. Dennis Pollock: As it seemed more and more evident that Oral would surely die, his father became increasingly concerned about the state of his soul. He knew his son had not been born again and he could not face the prospect of young Oral passing out of this life without Christ. Finally, out of desperation, he went into the room of his dying son and told him he was going to pray and continue to pray until Oral would give his heart to Jesus. How long it took, Oral never said, but his father prayed on and on, calling on the Lord to save his rebellious son. At one point Oral looked over at his father and was moved by the tears rolling down his cheeks. Then something supernatural happened. As he continued looking at his dad, it seemed that his father's features faded and somehow he was seeing Jesus' face praying for him. A surge of the love and power of God flooded Oral's mind and body and he found himself wanting Jesus desperately. He believed on Jesus and surrendered his heart to the Savior there and then and became a new creature in Christ.
4. Saved but not healed, Oral was carried by his brother to a healing meeting.
5. All went quiet in the car and he heard God's voice: God spoke to him and told him, "Son, I am going to heal you, and you are to take My healing power to your generation. You are to build Me a university, and build it on My authority and the Holy Spirit."
6. Hearing of Oral's condition, the evangelist put his hands on the young man's head and shouted, "Thou foul, tormenting disease of tuberculosis, come out of this boy in the name of Jesus of Nazareth!" The healing took place instantly. Immediately Oral could breathe freely and deeply, without coughing and spitting up blood. In fact Oral was so thoroughly healed that he would live for 74 more years – a pretty hefty extension of life. On top of his healing from tuberculosis, his stuttering and stammering came to an abrupt halt. The young man was being equipped for a lifetime of ministry.
7. Over his lifetime, Oral Roberts laid hands on and prayed for an estimated 1.5 million people.

d. John G. Lake

- i. Dr. Larry L. Yates: After two years in his marriage to Jennie Stevens, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis and heart disease. In a few years her condition would worsen when the doctors told him there was nothing more that could be done for her. With his home family still having ill members and now his wife, Lake began to wonder where God's power was. John had experienced God's healing power in his youth when he suffered from rheumatism. He came to Dowie's Healing Home in Chicago, where an older man laid hands on him and he was healed instantly. Over the years, Lake continued to take other family members to the Dowie Home to be healed.
  - ii. During Jennie's final hours out of hopelessness, Lake threw his Bible against the fireplace mantle and it opened to the book of Acts chapter 10. His eyes drifted to verse 38: " ...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." Lake realized through this verse that God was not responsible for Jennie's illness or any illness. He then knew that it was the devil that was the cause of her being sick and the devil was the one destroying his life.
  - iii. Notice that this is the same scripture that Alexander Dowie received in his hour of frustration. The revelation of this scripture is responsible for the launching of yet another great healing ministry. With this, John marched into the bedroom and boldly stated that his wife be healed, and she was. This became national news bringing many from across the way to visit their home to see God's miracle and to receive healing for themselves.
  - iv. In 1919 a plague that was so contagious wiped out a quarter of the population in Africa. Lake and his assistants were among the few to help with the dead. One doctor asked Lake what he was doing to protect himself since he never seemed to be afflicted with the illness. John Lake said, " Brother it is the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. I believe that just as long as I keep my soul in contact with the living God so that His Spirit is flowing into my soul and body, that no germ will ever attach itself to me, for the Spirit of God will kill it." He went on to say after showing the doctor what will happen when he puts germs on his hands, " you can fill my hand with them and I will keep it under the microscope, and instead of these germs remaining alive, they will die instantly." Great miracles were performed through Lake's ministry in Africa that still affect that country today.
- e. Kathryn Kuhlman
- i. Born in 1907 in Concordia, Missouri
    1. God took her through a lengthy wilderness to break off independence, self-reliance and a desire to do things her way.

- ii. She didn't consider herself to be a healing minister.
    - 1. She loved to preach about the Holy Spirit.
    - 2. When she did this, healings began to break out.
  - iii. The Las Vegas City Auditorium with its seating capacity of 8000 was filled and several thousand were left outside. Bus-loads of people came from Reno, Phoenix, Los Angeles and elsewhere. Chartered planes flew people in from Hawaii, Auckland, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Seattle and Denver.
  - iv. "When I made a full and complete surrender of everything to Jesus, the Holy Spirit took the empty vessel, and that's all that He asks." "When I yielded to Him, body, soul and spirit, when I gave him everything, all there was of me, I knew then, beloved what the scripture means: 'If an man will follow me, let him take his cross.'" The cross is symbol of dying to self.
  - v. Rob Chaffart: A 5-year-old boy who was crippled from birth walked by himself up to the platform. He was healed by the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - vi. There was a man had been using a pacemaker for the past eight months. When he returned home one day after hearing Miss Kuhlman preach, he found that the scar on his chest where the pacemaker was located was completely gone. When he went to his doctor he would learn that the pacemaker was completely gone! He was completely healed!
- f. A.A. Allen
- i. Born into a poor family with an alcoholic father and unfaithful mother
    - 1. He became an alcoholic and served a jail sentence for theft.
  - ii. After being baptized in the Holy Spirit he attended an Oral Roberts tent revival meeting.
    - 1. He started itinerant ministry.
      - a. Low finances and mediocre results took their toll and he left the itinerant ministry in 1947.
    - 2. He took a pastorate in an Assemblies of God church in Texas.
    - 3. He asked his church board to allow him to start a radio program, but they refused.
    - 4. He resigned and launched into revival meetings once again
  - iii. He said in Voice of Healing Magazine in 1950, "Although I do not claim to possess the gift of healing, hundreds are being miraculously healed in this meeting of every known disease. I do not claim to possess a single gift of the Spirit nor to have the power to impart any gift to others, yet in this meeting, as well as in other recent meetings, all the gifts of the Spirit are being received and exercised night after night. (The Voice of Healing May 1950).

- iv. His stage presence and theatrical approach endeared him to the economically deprived working class and also to black communities. Ever the showman he made religion enjoyable and church-going fun.
- v. But, above all, it was the power of God which attracted the huge audiences over the years. Thousands were converted in the midst of dramatic public healings and deliverances from evil spirits. Nothing was 'done in a corner' but all was employed to support the message that Jesus was alive and interested in the needs of ordinary people.
- vi. He was arrested for drunk driving during a revival meeting, resigned from the AG and set out in independent ministry.
  - 1. It was a massive success.
- vii. At the time of his death his ministry was publishing well over 60 million pieces of literature a year.
- viii. He died of acute liver failure from alcoholism.
  - 1. His blood alcohol content was .36.
- g. Jack Coe
  - i. Jack's father was a gambler and alcoholic.
    - 1. His mother left Jack and his older brother at an orphanage.
    - 2. Jack's brother was hit and killed by a car when trying to run away from the orphanage.
  - ii. Jack almost died of alcoholism at the age of 17.
  - iii. Later he was taken by ambulance to a hospital and cried out to God. He was instantly healed.
  - iv. He began drinking again and was having heart issues.
    - 1. God told him, "This is your last chance, I've called you several times, and I'm calling you for the last time."
  - v. After resisting initially, he was baptized in the Holy Spirit and could say no English words for three days.
  - vi. After a time in the Army, and growing in a local church, he started his own church.
  - vii. Jack began to pray for an understanding of divine healing. He studied and sought the Lord until one night he had a dream. His sister was lying in a hospital dying, given up for lost, when suddenly a bright light entered the room and she was instantly healed. She jumped up shouting and praising God. The next day, Jack found out that his dream was true. His sister had suffered double pneumonia and was given up to die. He went immediately to go visit her in the hospital and heard of the series of events that had transpired exactly matching his dream. This experience was a turning point for him.

- viii. However, in 1944, when Juanita was expecting their first child, Jack Coe became gravely ill himself. He suffered from tropical malaria and lost ninety-five pounds. He was now twenty-six years old and nothing but skin and bones. His fevers were high and recurring, and his spleen and liver had become painfully swollen. Jack was in agony and prayed that God would let him die. After crying out to God and repenting of all that God showed him, he told the Lord he was ready to go. It was then God said he didn't have to, his heart was now right, and he was miraculously healed. He would never suffer another attack of malaria.
- ix. He had a tent larger than Oral Robert's and larger than Ringling Brothers big top, yet still turned away thousands every night.
- x. In 1952, Coe went on the radio. His broadcasts eventually grew to one hundred different stations per week. It was around this time that creative miracles-the miraculous recreation of missing body parts-began taking place in his meetings. Sadly, during the same year, the Assemblies of God felt Coe was too radical and independent, and expelled him from their circles. This caused Coe to envision establishing his own independent churches he would call Revival Centers to be duplicated throughout the country.
- xi. By 1956, however, he was physically worn out. Doctors reported that he had the body of a ninety-five year old man even though he was only thirty-eight. It is believed that the Lord had told Coe about his early death a year earlier causing him to work that much more relentlessly to spread the Gospel.
- xii. Coe was diagnosed with Polio late in 1956 and was admitted to the hospital where he was unconscious most of the time. On a few occasions, he was able to speak to his wife to make his desires known, and relay that the Lord had said he was ready to take Jack home. Early in 1957, Jack went home to be with the Lord.
- xiii. There is a story that says Coe had been warned of his impending death, due to some health habits, personal habits, and his rigorous schedule. The story says that the Lord had spoken several times to one minister in particular. This prophetic man of the time is said to have heard the warning of the Lord for Jack Coe. And it is said that he obeyed God and went to Coe.
- xiv. Coe was told to judge himself in three areas: (1) his love of the brethren; (2) his weight problem; and (3) the love of money. The prophet reportedly told Coe that if he would not judge himself in these areas, he would die early. And Coe did die early. He was only thirty-eight years old when he died.