

Faith Healers & Pandemics

By Steve Higginbotham

While a student at Freed-Hardeman College in 1983, I took my “wife-to-be” on a date to an Oral Roberts “healing service” in Jackson, TN (she still razzes me about our exciting dates). At the conclusion of this “healing service,” Oral Roberts told everyone present that God had completely healed every single person in the assembly, “from the top of our heads to the bottom of our feet.” As the meeting came to an end, and people were exiting, I told my wife-to-be to take note of how many people were still wearing their glasses. Seems that no one in the assembly was healed of that malady.

Fast forward 20 years. The year was 2003 when Richard Roberts, son of Oral Roberts, was scheduled to hold a “healing-meeting” for more than 2000 followers at the Elmer S. McVety Centre in Toronto, Canada. However, Roberts canceled the event due to a travel advisory for Toronto because of the number of SARS cases reported there. Does it not seem to you that if Roberts had the power he claims to have, rather than canceling the event, that's exactly where he needed to be?

Fast forward nearly another 20 years and we are in the midst of the COVID pandemic. However, Kenneth Copeland, another alleged “faith-healer,” stated that as a prophet of God, he commanded COVID to leave the USA and that it would harm no one else. That statement was made three months ago and more than 100,000 people have died from COVID since this “prophet” banished it from the United States.

Are you seeing a pattern? Friends, if a silver-lining can be found in this terrible pandemic, it might be to trust more in God, and less in men who claim to be his representatives and to spend more time in God’s word, and less time listening to the words of men (1 Timothy 4:1-2)

- Steve Higginbotham preaches for the Karns Church of Christ in Knoxville, TN. From Bulletin Gold

IS IT EVER RIGHT?

Is it ever right to take a social drink? A better way to ask the question and get the

answer is this: Is it ever right to do what you know will lead you in the wrong direction? Is it ever right to do what can lead someone else in the wrong direction?"

Proverbs 20:1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

-James Boyd, A Burning Fire

MY LORD WILL TAKE CARE OF ME

As I travel on thru life
O'er the mountain tops of strife
Often the pathway I cannot see;
But I've nothing now to fear
Help divine is always near
I have a friend to take care of me.

Oft so lonely here I cry
Sorrows dark keep passing by
Comfort and strength from me often flee
Many loved ones now are gone
But another leads me on
I have my Lord to take care of me.

If alone I'd go astray
But my Savior knows the way
Over the road to eternity
If I do His blest command
In the hollow of His hand
Jesus my Lord will take care of me.

There will come for me a day
When from life I sail away
Into the dark on an unknown sea
But His love is with me still
If I do His blessed will
I know the Lord will take care of me.

Harry Presley (Deceased)

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Sick & Shut-in

Bennett, Norma
Brashear, Logan
Bunch, Margaret
Cunningham, Jerry
England, Marita
Evans, Carla
Evans, Steve
Hall, Donna
Horn, Bobby
Moore, Jean
Mouse, Tyler
Nunez, Bob
Prichard, Barbara
Prichard, Bobby
Sturgeon, Wayne
Sullins, Ray

Evangelism

Cliff Lyons, Ilya Muzychenko and Markov Roman, Russia
Ricky Gootam, India
House to House/Heart to Heart
Braggschurchofchrist.com
In Search of The Lord's Way- Tulsa, OK, on
KQCW TV 19 - Sun 7:30 am

Attendance

[Average attendance for 2019 - 43]
November Average - 30
Attendance last Sunday - 30

Scripture Reading – Prov. 1:4-6

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