# There Is Balm In Gilead

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2 Kings 1:3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, [Is it] not because [there is] not a God in Israel, [that] ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?

2 Kings 1:4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

Jeremiah 8:22 [Is there] no balm in Gilead; [is there] no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

1. The Sickest Body Is The Body Of The Lord Jesus Christ –Divine Love Is The Healer

59-0612 - All The Days Of Our Life 61 .....This is a sick world, isn't it? But you know what's the sickest body on earth? I say this with reverence, not to be sacrilegious. God forgive me if I say wrong.

The Body of Jesus Christ, it needs healing. And it can only be healed by brotherly love. That's the sickest Body I know of, all broke to pieces and tore up. God, I pray for the healing of that Body.

And you're the members of that Body. So, God heal you physically and spiritually, make you what you should be.

Now, you touch His garment tonight.

And He will be God out there just as

He's God here.

## 57-0610 - Faith Once Delivered To The Saints

6 Tonight, being that we just kindly getting used and acquainted, I thought we just have the...Maybe, if the Lord leads the—

- that type of prayer line or the regular or whatever it is.
- But that's not the main thing we're here for. We're here to try to get every sinner saved that's in Indianapolis or around about if we can.

I think too much stress has been put on Divine healing. I think the sickest body I know of is the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. It's needing healing. And it takes conventions like this where men of different denominations set together as brothers. That's what does the healing. The great ransomed Church of God should be one heart and one accord. God will live in it.

## 2. God Has Provided a Prescription?

64-0719E - Going Beyond The Camp 165 Lord, the pool is ready for the first move after repentance, then being baptized, and a promise to receive the Holy Ghost. In this last days, a calling back to the original Faith, the original prescription!

We see too many people away from Christ, dying under these other man-made prescriptions. They may be ever so good in their denomination, but, Lord, I—I want Your prescription. You are our Doctor.

There is a Doctor. There is balm in Gilead. There is a Physician here, tonight, to heal every sin-sick soul, to heal every physical being. Great Doctor of all times, great Creator of the heavens and earth, come now, will You, among us, and speak to us. In the Name of Jesus Christ.

166 While each one prays in their heart, "Lord Jesus, help me now!" And if you've never been baptized, and you're convinced...I haven't preached on baptism. But you're convinced that you should be baptized in Christian baptism, the only way that any Christian...

#### 62-0122 - Confirmation Of The

#### Commission

16 Now, last night I announced that tonight we would pray for the sick up here. And if God willing, we'll maybe tomorrow night or the next night, one, pray for the sick again.

So I trust that it'll be fine, that the Lord will heal everybody is sick here tonight.

17 And I tell you, my precious friend, above all things I trust that the sin-sick will be healed tonight. See? If the Lord does heal you of your sickness, you'll probably, if you live any time, you'll get sick again. See?

But Eternal Life is what we're seeking so, that's right, for that's—that's the real cure. And I trust if there is someone here who is not a believer in Christ, will become a believer tonight.

18 And if you're here and haven't been born again, or received the Holy Spirit, been filled with the Holy Ghost, I trust that this will be the night that that'll happen.

19 If you're a backslider, I hope that the Lord Jesus will do something so real tonight, to you here, and warm—warm your heart in such a way, you just return back to His fellowship again, 'cause He's waiting, with outstretched arms, wait.

### Story of Ahazzia

64 Ahaziah was—was the son of Ahab, had been brought up in the kind of a home that—that was a—a lukewarm home. It wasn't altogether Christian. His mother was a heathen. And his father had married out of fellowship, married a woman that was not a believer.

65 And that always makes a bad home for any kid to be raised in, that when unbelief and faith tries to mix together.

66 And, now, if the father would have been a real strong man in his faith, the child might have had a better opportunity, but he—he didn't. He didn't have. He knew that there was God. He knew that there was a Jehovah. And then he...his mother's gods, and so forth. He was all confused. Then after the death of his father, this boy in this condition, kind of a mixed up, one way and another.

67 And if that ain't a picture of the lands today! One in the family is this a way, and one another, and one going this way and one going that way.

No wonder we are producing so much juvenile delinquency, and all other kinds of stuff, under the name of Christianity. It's because there is no unity. There is no real call out, and stand for God.

68 Now we find that, this fellow falling heir to his father's throne. One day, up in the top of his balcony somewhere, walking around, he—he fell through the—the lattice. Might have been over intoxicated and fell through the lattice, down probably on the bottom floor,

struck a bench or something, and broke a few ribs or bruised him up. And the sickness must have started an infection somewhere, or the bruise, and caused him to have fever. And he was pretty sick.

69 Course, them days, they didn't have the remedies that they have now. Perhaps the doctors came and done what they could for the fellow, but they didn't have the sufficiency.

Then he knowed his only thing that he could do would be to go to a higher power than what the doctors could produce in their terminology of medicine. And he thought he would go then; and he sent to his mother.

70 What a lesson that ought to be to mothers! A kid will usually listen to his mama.

## 3. Our Healing Is The Work Of God's Sovereign Grace-take His Provided Way

## 61-0827 - The Message Of Grace 130 Sovereign grace is from a sovereign One. Sovereign grace from a sovereign One. Sovereign, what can it do? Sovereign can do whatever it wants to. Listen to this now. Sovereign grace can only be given by One that's Sovereign.

And God is Sovereign, so He can give sovereign grace. Therefore being Sovereign, grace don't have to ask anybody, it don't have to. It does what it wants to. Isn't that wonderful? It don't have to ask, "Can I do this? Or, shall I do this? Can I? Must I? Will I?"

Doesn't do it. It does it itself. Grace is Sovereign, therefore He can save the vilest, He can save the worst, He can save the impurest, He can save the immoralest, He can heal the sickest. Hallelujah!

131 He can save a wretch like me. And He did. What is it? Grace! William Branham, a drunkard's son. That don't make any difference, the grace of God saved me!

132 "Me, I'm a woman's daughter that was no good." Don't make any difference, the grace of God saved you. It's Sovereign, has to ask nobody nothing. Amen! I'm so glad of that. Hallelujah!

133 Can take the vilest sinner and make him white as snow, don't have to ask anybody about it. Oh, It can do it because It's Sovereign. Listen, quickly now.

134 That was proved at the cross, when there was the vilest thief, he deserved to die. God had never come across his mind. He never thought nothing of It. There on the cross when, through those bloody lips, in between the groans there came a sound, "Lord, be merciful to me!"

135 And there came another One back through Blood, tears, agony, grace took a hold and said, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." Grace did that. How could that thief help himself?

No more than Adam could help hisself, no more than Eve could help herself, no more than you can help yourself, no more than I can help myself, with no more we could jerk ourselves up the Milky White Way with our boot straps. We couldn't do it.

But the grace of God can do something about it, and it does it! The grace of God, the sovereignty of the grace of God, come to that dying thief, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." Oh, think of it! That's wonderful.

## 2 Kings 5:1-27

1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

<sup>2</sup> And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

<sup>3</sup> And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

<sup>4</sup> And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

<sup>6</sup> And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

<sup>7</sup> And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

<sup>8</sup> And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

<sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

<sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

<sup>11</sup> But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

<sup>16</sup> But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

<sup>17</sup> And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.

<sup>19</sup> And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

<sup>20</sup> But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well?

<sup>22</sup> And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

<sup>23</sup> And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him.

<sup>24</sup> And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

<sup>25</sup> But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.

<sup>26</sup> And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

<sup>27</sup> The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

## 53-0327 - Israel And The Church #3 147 Like old Naaman, when Naaman went down to get his...Elisha told him to go down, duck seven times, or dip seven times. Oh, my, how that hurt his prestige! "Uh," said, "isn't the water up there just as good?" "Isn't my church just as good?""No, God said down here."

148 "Well, now, Brother Branham, if we go over and we believe this and believe that, we'll have a nice church and treat everybody nice, and I'll pay a little money in one." No, sir. Except a man be born again, he'll in no wise enter the Kingdom!

149 So, I can see him walking out there, by pulling his feet out of mud, like a tomcat in molasses, you know, walk out there. "Oh, I guess I'll have to do it," ducked down.

It'll hurt his prestige. Come back up, still had his leprosy. The prophet said "seven" times. But after he had done seven times, his skin come to him clean again.

150 Brother, I'm telling you, some people say, "I don't believe that I have to get up to the altar, and boohoo and cry around, snot around like the rest of them do." Stay back there then. "I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few. I've started through with Jesus. Lord, take me through!"

151 This old Gospel has held me, brother, when I was standing there before witch doctors. It's held me when maniacs run to the platform, said, "I'll slay him this night." It stood by me in the hours of temptation, when the airplanes has dropped down, and the pilots white in their face.

That old Gospel stood by me when the doctor said, "He's got three minutes to live." It stood by me then, It's good now. Hallelujah! I still love It. Can't get enough of It. That's right.

4. Adam Forfeited Perfect Health When He Took A Bite From The Tree Of Knowledge

## 61-0411 - But It Wasn't So From The Beginning

32 There was a tree in the garden of Eden called the Tree of Life. There was one called the tree of knowledge.

When man left the Tree of Life where he was eating to live forever, the first bite he took from the tree of knowledge he separated himself from God and brought death to his soul. That's right. And every since then, every time he bites off of that tree of knowledge, he destroys himself.

He bit off gun powder, kills his brother, his comrade. He bit off automobile, science. What does he do? Killed more than all the wars put together. He's got hisself a hydrogen bomb now. Wonder what he's going to do with that?

33 See, man destroys himself by knowledge, and he will never by education or knowledge ever find his way back to God. And that tree, he dies by that tree. We've tried to educate people into it.

We've tried to denominate people into it. You cannot do it. It's got to be God's first original plan: by the Blood we come back to God. That's God's path and His...

He laid down that foundation in the garden of Eden, and it's never been changed and never will. Only through the shed Blood will God recognize reconciliation of the sinner, is through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ now.

5. Only By Return To The Tree Of Life Do We Return To Our Complete Healing And Total Deliverance

58-0326 - United Under One Head 10 And it is very striking to see how that man wants to be one. The reason that he wants to be one is because that God designed him for that purpose. God designed man, made him up to be one, to work together, to cooperate together.

That's the makeup of man. That's the way God made him. But man always wants to have his idea about it. He wants to project something that God never intended him to do. He wants to figure his own ways out. He wants to make his own plans.

He won't accept the plan that God made for him, because it's his fallen nature. God told him in the garden of Eden that the very minute that he even touched that tree that trouble was in the road.

But man taken from that tree, and he become a scientific worker. And the very first bite that he took, he separated himself from his Saviour, or his Creator. And so is it tonight that man still lives by that tree.

And there's no way in the world for a man to be saved by that tree. And why do we put so much emphasis on scientific research, how to save ourselves, to make a bomb that's better than Russia's, to make a plane that can fly faster. Trying to save ourselves.

11 Knowledge will never save you. It takes you farther away from God all the time. There's only one way of salvation. That's back to the Tree of Life. Knowledge even isn't—even isn't in the picture. It's back to the Tree of Life.

There was two trees; one was knowledge; the other was Life. As long as the man eat from this tree he lived. When he bit from that tree he died.But you see, it's his nature to try to do something to save hisself. There's not one thing that you can do to save yourself.

## 56-0311A - The True And False Vines 20 A very beautiful type of today: when the church is hungry, God wants His children fed with the Bread of Life, not with some theory, but with the Bread of Life. Who or what is this Bread of Life?

Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life that came from God out of heaven." Said, "Your father's eat manna in the wilderness," Hebrew—or John 6: they "eat manna in the wilderness and they're every one dead.

But I am the Bread of Life that come from God out of heaven. If any man eats this Bread, he shall never die." Or in other words, "I'm the Tree of Life from the garden of Eden." And if they eat of the tree of death, they died. If they eat of the Tree of Life, they live.

The Holy Spirit guarded the Tree of Life until the Atonement was made, and now the Holy Spirit is running the people to the Tree of Life. Adam and Eve was trying to get to the Tree of Life. Now their children are trying to stay away from the Tree of Life.

The Holy Spirit was guarding it; now-now It's bringing them to It, and they refuse to hear the Holy Spirit's voice, because the same adversary that caused them to sin in the beginning is keeping them away from the Tree of Life. And Jesus Christ is the Tree of Life.

21 The woman Eve was the tree of death. We all taste of her, being born in this world. And as sure as we're borned of a woman, we've got to die. And as sure as we're borned of the Man, Jesus Christ, we live forever. Yes. If you eat that, you're sure to die. If you eat this, you're sure to live.

6 By The Word Of Elijah-Healing Of The Daughter Of God's People Has Been Restored-I Will Restore The Bride Tree

## 61-0413 - Why?

55 What's the matter that we change our papers from Methodist, to Baptist, to Presbyterian, and all other different denominations and things running around? Why do we do these things?

Why do we go...Why do we stay home on Wednesday night to watch We Love Sucy, or some of them plays and television programs and things like that? Is it because there is no God in Pentecost? Is it because there's no joy in the house of the Lord?

Is it because there's no prophet there? Is there because these things are not so? "Is there is no physician there, is there no balm in Gilead?" Balm is healing. "Then why is the daughter of My people still sick?" Asks why. Why do we do these things? Why do we act like the world?

Why does our women still dress like the world? Why do our pastors let deacons come in with two or three different wives and serving on the deacon boards? Why do we have...go just like the world, and begin to act like the world, and talk like the world, and—and...Why are we doing it? Is it because...?

57 .....If you believe the Holy Ghost is right, stay there, not for ten minutes, until He comes. Don't take no substitute. Stay there till the real thing's there, when you've passed from death to Life.

And brother the birds will sing different, everybody, all the ones you hated, you'll love, and everything will be different when you do. Why do we substitute something instead of it? God's going to say, "Why?" Then we're going to have to answer.

## 62-0422 - The Restoration Of The Bride Tree

503 Or, would you rather we just close? Would you rather we—rather we just go early? [Congregation says, "No."—Ed.] 504 Listen real close now. Look. There was four.

Four death messengers killed that Tree. That right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] What was it? Palmerworm, locust, cankerworm, caterpiller. Is that right? ["Amen."]

Four messengers of Roman devils, dogmas, killed that Tree. One took Its fruit; one took Its bark...or took Its leaves; one took Its bark; one took the Life. Is that right? ["Amen."] Four messengers of dogmas killed the Tree, all but the roots.

505 And if four messengers of death killed the Tree, four messengers of Life restores the Tree. Do you get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Amen. For God said, "I will restore It." He's going to restore It. How? By four death messengers, killed It, then four Life messengers will restore It.

What was the first? Martin Luther, justification. What was the second? John Wesley, by sanctification. What was the third? Pentecost, with the restoration of the gifts, the Holy Ghost, baptism of the Holy Ghost. What was the fourth? The Word. What? The Word. There were four great prophets.

506 One of them, Martin Luther, he begin to shine a Light. There was a little Light, just a very small strength, of justification. Along come Wesley, stronger, sanctification.

507 After Wesley, come the stronger than him, Pentecostal, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, in another great prophet. See?

508 But in the last days, of Malachi 4, Elijah is to come with the very Word. "The Word of the Lord came to the prophet." In the evening Lights, is to come forth, to restore and bring back. What? "Turn the hearts of the children back to the Faith of God." Fourth Light! 509 Four killers took It. Four messengers destroyed It. Four messengers of death took It away, in dogmas. Four messengers of righteousness restore Her back again.

## 62-0422 - The Restoration Of The Bride Tree

222 Then this little fellow died out, and he become a locust. That was the next stage, was a locust. Now, what does a locust do?

A locust eats the leaves. That's right. A locust takes onto the leaves. What the palmerworm left, he left the leaves; he eat all the fruit off the Tree.

Then what took in? The locust come to eat, eat what the palmerworm left. Now, what did he do? What did this palmerworm do? Destroyed the leaves. What's the leaves for? Destroying Divine fellowship. That's right.

223 "Now, he's—he's—he's Presbyterian. We won't have nothing to do with him. He's Nazarene. He's Pentecostal. He's this, that, or the other. We won't have nothing to do with him, because he don't belong to our group.

Have a meeting here, for healing of the sick? Huh! Our church don't even believe in it." See? There you do. He, what'd that little ol' locust do? He cut all the fellowship off, that's right, took all the fellowship.

224 What is fellowship? What does the leaves do? Makes it cool, where the birds fly in under the leaves, "huh-huh," cool off. There's your tree again. "And he shall be like a Tree that's planted." See? All right.

Where people can come and set down under the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, cool off a little bit. You're all flusterated, and don't know what's happened; and whether you die, whether you're saved or not. And you don't know whether this church is right, or that is right.

Just come down under the Tree that's got some leaves on It. Set down there. Let the Winds from Heaven go to blowing, like a rushing mighty Wind, through the leaves, you know, on. Begins to...And you begin to cool off a little bit.

225 Say, "Oh, I'm going down and tell that bunch of holy-rollers what I think."

226 Just set down a while and you'll cool off. That's right. You can't do it in yours. Cause, what's the matter? The locust has done eat it all off, sure, eat all the leaves off of it. Now, that's, just might as well set out there in the sun. So, you, there ain't—there ain't no cooling there. All right. Now, so there's...

7: The Daughter Of God's People (The Bride At The End Time) Receives Healing By The Quickening Power

## 62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed 354 The second Son, a spoken Seed-Word of God, was given a bride, like Adam. But before He could marry her, she had fallen, also.

For she was put to a free moral agency, like Adam's wife was, to believe God's Word and live, or doubt It and die. And she did.

355 Then from a little group of the true Seed of the Word, God will present Christ a beloved Bride, a Virgin, a Virgin of His Word. And through them, and by them, will be fulfilled all that has been promised for His Word in the Virgin who knows no man-made creeds or dogmas.

356 The Word of promise in Himself, like It was in Mary, God Himself made manifest. He will act Himself, by His Own Word of promise, so to fulfill all that has been written of Him, as He did when He came from the virgin womb.

Type of the Spirit womb now, so will the Virgin now, accepting His Word, "Be it unto me as Thou has said."
Though it was said by an Angel, while it yet was the written Word, Isaiah 9:6.

357 They will love Him, love His, and will have His potentials, for He is their Head. And they are His subjects, subject to His Head. Headship of Christ was His.

## <u>59-0707 - Balm In Gilead</u>

27 When God gave this Toxin test...You know, there was a time when we didn't have any toxin for smallpox. Many people died. But now we've got toxin for smallpox.

We got smallpox, and for diphtheria, and many diseases, even now for polio we got toxins. And there was a time when the toxin wasn't very good, or not too good for the soul, but now it's perfect. Under the old toxin of the law, it was a—a law that animals died to reconcile us to God.

It can never do away with sin; it only covered sin. But now the Bible said the worshipper once purged has no more conscience of sin. Or the right translation would be, no more desire to sin when he's took the Toxin.

28 This Toxin was tried out, not by a guinea pig. This Toxin of Eternal life wasn't tried out by a guinea pig. God never chose a guinea—guinea pig; He chose His only beloved Son to prove this Toxin to the human race.

"And when he was baptized, he went straightway out of the water, and behold, the heavens opened. And John bare record seeing the Spirit of God like a Dove descending, and a Voice said, 'This is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm well pleased.'

"He walked in life like we walk. He was tempted with the same temptation where we was tempted with, without sin, proving that the Toxin would work, not on a guinea pig, not on an animal,

but upon the Son of God, a Man. And when He come to death, the Toxin proved to be right. It made Him pray for His enemies. And then on Easter morning, God proved the Toxin was right, when He raised Him up from the dead.

Jesus rose on Easter morning to show that this Toxin, the Balm of Eternal Life, raises up the dead at the last days, at the coming of the Lord. No more guessing in It, It's proven. It works for all. The very One Who has the Toxin said, "Whosoever will, let him come."

29 It's not because there's not any Balm; it's because people refuse to take it. They go to church and set starchy. They join the church and put their names on the book. But when it comes to being borned again and receiving the Holy Ghost, they turn their back and laugh at It.

That's the reason they can't believe in Divine healing. That's the reason they..."How can you get blood from a turnip?" said my old southern mammy.

There's no blood in a turnip. You cannot believe, until you're borned of the Spirit of God.Nicodemus asked, "How can a man do this?" Jesus said, "Except a man be borned again, he cannot understand the Kingdom of God." Got to be born first.