



One Man's Perspective

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In my writing studio, on the second floor of my Florida house, I have an electric typewriter. If I were to come in one morning and flip the switch and not hear the familiar whirr, I would immediately look to see if my machine were plugged in. I wouldn't sit in my chair in front of the key board and wail, "Oh, electricity, please come into my typewriter and make it work."

Nor would I bow my head in pious prayer and plead, "God in the name of Jesus, fill my typewriter with power".

No, I would simply plug the cord into the socket which is the outlet for power, which in turn is connected to the source of power, and wait for the machine to begin to hum. Then I would go to work typing out one of these profound columns.

The entire universe is filled with the healing power of God. But in order to be healed, one has to come in contact with that power— he has to be touched by that power. Simply sitting around staring at the socket is not sufficient. To get the power from the source to the need, you have to be plugged in: God is the source of the power. Jesus Christ, God's Son, is the outlet of that power. And the Holy Spirit is the conductor which carries the power to the need.

God has made a world that is run by laws — His laws. There are laws of nature, gravity, physics, chemistry, sound and light. But there is another law — the law of love and grace—which supersedes all other laws. And when God invokes this law, that is, when He intervenes in the affairs of men personally, we call it a miracle. But to God such healings are just as "natural" as an apple falling downward when it drops from a tree.

Dr Alexis Carrel, physician and scientist, declares that he has seen skin cancer disappear at the command of faith. But that is not breaking the laws of nature. It is the super-imposition of a higher law.

A couple of years ago I accidentally shoved the point of a screwdriver through my hand. With blood squirting everywhere, I sat down on the kitchen floor, grabbed the wound with my other hand, and began praying quietly in the Spirit, using the prayer language which had been given me a short time before. In less than five minutes the wound had healed. Miracle? Surely. But when viewed from God's side, it was merely the result of one of his children who had been willing to plug himself into the source of power.

There are millions of Christians who have died of disease whom God longed to heal. Occasionally God will reach out and heal us even though we do not ask for it. But by and large God works (and we see His perfect example in the healing, miracle ministry of Jesus) by waiting for His children to put themselves in a healing posture. He has provided, in the person of His Holy Spirit, the healing agent. All we have to do is reach out and be touched by Him. Or, in some occasions, have someone who is filled with Him touch us for Him. But in all cases, Jesus is the healer and the Holy Spirit is the conductor who brings the power to us.

Plug yourself in, my friend. Let the power flow through you — and be healed.