OBEISANCE

I KINGS 19:18

Seven thousand Israelites who have not bowed their knee to Baal! One must consider what percentage of all of the House of Israel this figure represented. If Israel was 70,000, this would be 10%. If 700,000---1%. Probably the latter figure is right, or it may have been an even smaller percentage. The percentage is surprisingly small! Apparently God does not require a large percentage of believers. Like the United States Marine Corps---He only needs a few good men.

One remembers that Abraham bargained with God concerning the patriarch's attempted preservation of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:23-33). God agreed to not bring destruction upon the cities if ten righteous were to be found in Sodom. Seven thousand were not enough to save Israel at the time of Elijah.

How many righteous people does God require to preserve America? How many righteous physicians does God require to preserve the best qualities of American Medicine? How many true believers does God require to preserve the Protestant or Catholic Church as a viable entity?

Often in this day the believing physician may feel much like Elijah who twice in I Kings 19 calls out to God saying, "I, I only, am left". Ours is a practice and a way of life which has all but totally excluded the consideration of God. Where God is at all considered it is in the content of church or synagogue but rarely, if ever, in the hospital and especially in the operating room. As in the school class-room God is left out and considered irrelevant in practice if not in thought. Prayer is not said. God and Jesus are to be worshipped and considered within the church structure itself and not beyond it. This would seem to be the dictum of today's physician perhaps not said but in actuality, practiced. In today's world the Christian often feels very much alone.

When Jesus spoke to the young lawyer who had asked "What commandment is greatest in the Law?" He replied "You must love the Lord your God with your whole heart, your whole soul and your whole mind --that is the first--the great commandment." And a second is like it "You shall love your neighbor as you do yourself". (Matt. 22:37) He also asked, "what think ye of Christ"? (Matt. 22:42).

This day, let us ask ourselves, do we love God with our whole heart, with our whole soul and with our entire intellect? Do we love our neighbor as we love ourselves? What do we think of the Messiah--Jesus Christ? Is Jesus at all relevant to our lives? Is He considered? Particularly--is He considered to be relevant beyond the doors of the church structure? Is our obeisance to Him or to the world system?

"It may be that God is truly not needed"--our scientific minds may say. "Why is He needed when we can transplant livers, kidneys, and heart; install a mechanical heart, do ultra radical surgery, utilize all kinds of chemotherapy and radiation for cancer, when we have new antibiotics, great hospitals, fantastic disease devices"? It would seem that God is only a consideration when we fail. At that time the decimated patient and his family can call upon minister, priest or rabbi. A last resort. For last rites---for consolation to family and commitment of the dead to earth.

Where are we actually---in life today? In this modern and amazing America are we truly happy and at peace with ourselves? Where are we in Medicine? In abortion alone---this great healing culture of ours is destroying over a million human lives each year. President Reagan recently said "we have taken the further step of requiring that each and every recipient of federal funds who provide health care services to infants must pass and keep posted in a conspicuous place a notice stating that "discriminatory failure to feed and care for handicapped infants in this facility is prohibited by federal law". 

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The reason for this statement and action is simply that a society which rejects God and godliness loses respect for human life. The true meaning of the greatness of our society and our medicine is not so much the great achievement of giving a Barney Clark a few days of life with a mechanical heart---but how well we take care of the newborn with Down's Syndrome, or the comatose 95 year old in the local nursing home. The great achievements of modern medicine are eclipsed by our astonishing failures. Can one Barney Clark negate a million abortions or 100 infanticides? Dr. Leo Alexander recently warned that "the labeling of people as unfit to live is the important part of moral degradation that led the medical profession in Germany to participate in the mass extermination in the Nazi concentration camps". The AMA and the American Academy of Pediatrics have opposed the enforcement of the rules put forth by the government and spoken of by President Reagan.

In a nation which has prevented Bible reading and prayer in its schools it is not surprising that we are seeing a multitude of problems ensuing from the neglect of our promulgation of Godliness. Consider for a moment the drug problem in youth in every town and village of the United States. Immorality, homosexuality, sexual promiscuity have resulted from the failure of our society to continue to be Christian as it was for its first 300 years. When we sow the wind we shall reap the whirlwind (Hosea 8:7). We are instructed by St. Paul in Galatians 6:7,8--"Do not be deceived: God will not allow Himself to be mocked. For whatever a man sows, that is what he will reap. For he who sows to his flesh will from his flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap life eternal."

We have read in I Kings 19 that in the time of Elijah there were 7,000 who had not bowed their knee to Baal. Just so in our day there is a great multitude of Christians in the United States and Canada who have not compromised with evil. This is true also in medicine. A growing number of doctors in our land are standing for righteousness and Godliness. The number increases every day. This is also true in every other field of endeavor. The Charismatic movement is a thrilling example of this truth.

Additionally, Medicine in the Hospice movement and in the consideration of Holistic healing has begun to show forth the fact that doctors as well as their patients are seeking more God oriented methods of patient care. Even though Hospice has not been Christ emphasizing or healing oriented it does represent a major departure from the traditional medical methods as ordinarily practiced and accepted in most institutions. It is a step toward deeper understanding of the patient and his relationship toward God and family. Holistic medicine likewise represents a major departure on the part of patients and physicians alike from traditional medical practice. Oriented as it often is toward psychic healing and meditation philosophies, nevertheless it does tell us that patients are not satisfied. They are also looking in new directions for help when they are sick and hopeless. Will the Christian doctor and nurse be willing to take a stand toward Christ oriented Medicine? Will our obeisance be to the present-system--or to Hospice--or to Holistic Medicine? Or will it be to Jesus--and His healing power? The latter group is not very large. Please, Lord God--let it be sufficient to preserve our land--our churches--our hospitals--our families--for You and the healing work that You would have us do. We who love You, Lord, would only do obeisance to you and you alone. (Matt. 27:29, Romans 14:11, Eph. 3:14, Phil. 3:10).

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THE MIKE HARRIS MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED

For those physicians and members of CMF and the Order of St. Luke who receive this newsletter, we are most gratified here at Christian Medical Foundation for the great generosity of Jan Harris in establishing The Mike Harris Memorial Fund. This fund will be utilized for the ongoing work of the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian healing through physicians---particularly through the unique ministry of Christian Medical Foundation. The Board of Directors want to assure Jan of our utmost gratitude to her for her generosity and for the wonderful generosity of both Mike and Jan towards CMF in years past. Those of you who read this, may feel prompted to make a gift to the Mike Harris Memorial Fund. All of us who love Mike and Jan Harris, feel that we need to do something to perpetuate the wonderful memory of this beloved brother physician, who always has meant and continues to mean more than words can tell to all of us.

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As President of Christian Medical Foundation International, Inc., and speaking for its Board of Directors and The Advisory Board I want to most sincerely thank all of those dedicated and generous people who so often had sacrificed personally to contribute to the ongoing cause of CMF internationally. With the national economy in the kind of state it has been in, both in the United States and Canada, donations have fallen off not only to our work, but to all Christian works. Thus it is amazing that we have been able to keep up with our expenses to a fairly good degree. Unfortunately, we seem to fall behind in the monthly giving by about four to five thousand dollars per month. This has been the case since the first of the year. In the month of February we actually had more income than expenses, but this was quite unusual. The majority of physician giving is done by those physicians who are members of The Advisory Board. Most other physicians have not caught the burden for CMF and consequently only a very few have helped in any regular way. We encourage all physicians who get this letter to consider giving to Christian Medical Foundation on a monthly basis, if only to send a donation of ten to twenty dollars. This would be tremendously helpful. If all the physicians who receive this letter would give a small donation monthly, it would defray the running expense of CMF. Others---nurses, ministers and concerned laity in their giving have been most generous and have really been the way in which Christian Medical Foundation has been allowed to proceed. Mailing and printing costs have constantly escalated and all other expenditures at the Foundation have increased in recent times, just as you know has occurred in your own life and experience. If everyone who receives this newsletter would do a little bit to help Christian Medical Foundation, your tax deductible gift would do much to defray the cost we have coming our way virtually every day.

In the near future there are several projects that are most urgent. The most important of these is the computerization of Christian Medical Foundation, allowing not only word processing, but address filing, the addressing of our newsletters and financial accounting. Were we to have this potential we could be much more efficient in the getting out of newsletters and in every other aspect of our work here at the Foundation. We have been looking at the Gestetner computer and have found this equipment will cost in the realm of $26,000. It could very well be that one or several people who receive this newsletter would be so inspired to give the computer as a gift. How wonderful this would be!

Also we are in the process of building a wall along the east side of our property here at the new center. Through the donations of a number of the Medical Auxiliary group, monies have come in to allow the beginning of the construction of the wall. To construct the wall along the entire east side of the property will cost approximately $25,000 to $30,000. Twenty-five people giving a $1,000 gift would defray this cost. Would you prayer about this? Insofar as The Bethesda Medical Conference Center is concerned, we have the plans and the location with the land paid for. We have the stained glass windows purchased and in storage.

Yes, I would like to help Christian Medical Foundation proclaim the new Spiritual Medicine.

Please find enclosed my donation for:

_____ $10.00  _____ $50.00  _____ $1000.00

_____ $25.00  _____ $100.00  _____ Other

I would like this donation to contribute towards:

_____ computer  _____ east wall

Bethesda project  _____ general expenses

"For with God Nothing Shall Be Impossible"—Luke 1:37
MONTHLY HAPPENINGS NOTICE

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DAILY PRAYERS AT 1 PM IN THE CMF CHAPEL. EVERYONE WELCOME!

MAY 1983

EVERY TUESDAY--10 AM, Ladies' Bible Study, Kay speaks at 10:30 AM. Dr. Reed at 1 PM, healing service at 2 PM.

MAY 20--Dr. Reed, Stuart Chapter FGBMFI-Stuart, FL-6:30 PM dinner mtg., at Self-Service Motor Inn. Contact: Larry Holder, M.D., 999 MacArthur Blvd., Stuart, FL 33494. Ph:305/225-0493

MAY 28--Daytona CMF Station Meeting. First Presbyterian Church, 620 S. Grandview Ave., Daytona Beach, FL. 7:30 PM.

JUNE-1983

EVERY TUESDAY--Same as above.


JUNE 15-18--Dr. Reed & Kay, 1st Jackson Purchase Regional Convention-FGBMFI, Executive Inn Riverfront, 1 Executive Blvd. Paducah, KY. Contact: Mr. Joe Harry Metzger, Convention Chairman, P.O. Box 2829, Paducah, KY 42001. Ph: 502/443-2602

JUNE 16-17--Dr. Reed & Kay, Meetings with Doctors and Spouses, Paducah, KY. Contact: Dr. Charles Hagoncamp, 3541 Savoy Circle, Paducah, KY 42001. Phone: 502/442-2221.

JUNE 25--Daytona CMF Station Meeting. First Presbyterian Church, 620 S. Grandview Ave., Daytona Beach, FL. 7:30 PM.

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Dr. and Mrs. Reed are most pleased to announce the birth of their ninth grand-daughter Laura Kathryn Reed born to Rob and Cheryl of Bay City, Michigan. Laura Kathryn weighed 6 lbs 1 oz at birth and has red hair. She is doing well as are her proud parents.

LETTER WRITTEN TO DR. REED BY A MINISTER

I have read with much interest Dr. Reed's booklet "12 Steps to Health and Happiness". His writing has given me a clear understanding of the relationship between patients and physicians, especially Christian physicians. About two months ago I started a Christian Fellowship among Indonesian immigrants in California. Every Sunday about 60 people came for worship and Bible studies. On the matter of "divine healing" many are somewhat confused by watching TV. The message they hear give them the presumption that going to physicians is contrary to the Word of God and promises. I feel that Dr. Reed's booklet will give them more understanding in building up their faith.
CHRISTIAN PHYSICIANS WANTED

WANTED

Board Cert. FAMILY PRACTITIONER needed to complete 5 doctor practice group in Penn. Dutch area. Start 7/1/83. Send curriculum vitae.

Christian NUTRITIONIST to do nutrition counseling with team of physicians.

OB/GYN looking for front office help, should be potential office mgr.

Christian PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT desires to work for Christian Physician Available 7/83.

USFMG German trained OB/GYN needs residency any place, any dept.

PLEASE CONTACT

Business Mgr. Eastbrook Family Health Center, 29 Eastbrook Road, Ronks, PA 17572

The Reverend David L. Watkins, Trinity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 654, Morgantown, WV 26505

Mrs. Gerry Popp, 4600 N. Habana Suite 32, Tampa, FL 33614

Neal Reishus, 4618 McKinney Apt. #4, Houston, TX 77023

W. G. Dempsey, M.D. Phone: 813/754-2527

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NOTICE: ALL PHYSICIANS AND THEIR SPOUSES

The Eleventh International Conference on Logo-Psychosomatic Medicine will be held October 5-9, 1983. MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

CASSETTE TAPES AVAILABLE: "What is Christian Medical Foundation and the Spiritual Dimension" by William Standish Reed, M.D. and Kathryn Reed, order tape #4-16-83 (PM+). The Christian Practice of Medicine, William Standish Reed, M.D., order tape #4-16-83 (AM). For each tape ordered send a check for $3.50 + $1.00 for postage and handling.

HEALING THE WHOLE MAN--MIND, BODY, SPIRIT, By William Standish Reed, M.D. Published by Fleming Revell Power Books, the book is available through CMF and your local book store. You may contact CMF if you wish to obtain a copy. Please send $3.95 a copy + postage and handling of $2.00 (U.S.) or $4.95 + $2.00 (Canada).

THE BELL

A bell is no bell 'til you ring it
A song is no song 'til you sing it
And love in your heart
Wasn't put there to stay
Cause love isn't love,
Till you give it away.

Elizabeth B. Carson

REPRINT INFORMATION: Articles taken from Christian Medical Foundation newsletter may be reprinted as long as appropriate credit is given. Thank You!
Also much of the "ground work" is already in place. If anyone who receives this newsletter would be interested in helping us build The Bethesda Center--as a memorial to your family or perhaps a loved one who has gone on to be with the Lord, please drop Dr. Reed a note or give us a call here at the office of CMF. It is my personal feeling that there are those people who receive this newsletter that could personally build The Bethesda Christian Medical Conference Center--a place where a new Spiritual Medicine could be proclaimed and taught to doctors, nurses and lay people. We would be most pleased to work in cooperation with the International Order of St. Luke in this regard if this should strike a chord in the heart of someone who is also an O.S.L. member.

Finally, the seven acres of land on the west side of our little lake continues to be available and could be purchased if we had the necessary funds. If God has blessed you financially would you consider the possibility of helping Christian Medical Foundation acquire this additional land where quarters could be constructed for those who visit this area, allowing all of our meetings in Florida and conceivably in the southeast to be held right here where we could quarter all of those who attend. What a wonderful concept this is!

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity to Christian Medical Foundation and for your prayerful consideration of the above matters.

--William Standish Reed, M.D.

CHRISTIAN PHYSICIANS WANTED (Continued)

WANTED

Opening available for a nutritionally minded PHYSICIAN, M.D., D.O., etc. for possible assoc. position.

Spirit filled ANESTHESIOLOGIST wanted to work with a group of Christian Ophthalmologists.

Christian FAMILY PHYSICIAN to take over established practice in Philadelphia. Salary is guaranteed and negotiable.

Christian SURGEON'S ASSISTANT desires to work for Christian Surgeon, will be graduating this fall.

CMF MAILING LIST: CORRECTIONS OR REMOVALS DESIRED? If your address needs correction or removal, please indicate this next to the address printed below-cut it off and return to us. Thank You!

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