

Cataract Removal—God’s Style— Week 4

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“I am the Lord that healeth thee” (Exodus 15:26).

This promise of healing was made to God’s people just after God had brought them through the Red Sea. So, can God’s people today still claim this promise? Well, my mother did!

When Mother came to live with me, she was in her late 70s. Her eyesight was failing, not only because of age but also because of Alzheimer’s disease. However, when I took her to the ophthalmologist to find out if stronger glasses would help her to see better, the doctor discovered that a cataract was growing in her left eye. He told her there was nothing they could do because the cataract had to ripen before they could remove it. So, for the present, she would just have to endure cloudy vision.

Little did that doctor know that he would never be the one to remove that cataract. Mother began praying about her eyesight. She talked to God as though He were right there in her room, in person. She said, “Now, God, You are the one who said, ‘I am the Lord that healeth thee.’ You know I have never used my eyes to view ungodly things; I have always tried to view things that are pure and holy and to read the Bible. I’m expecting You to remove this cataract that is hindering me from reading Your Word.” With that, Mother did not worry about the cataract anymore.

She still had difficulty reading, and most of the time I read to her. Her faith never wavered, because she knew the God she served would answer her request. Mother often quoted her favorite promise: “If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it” (John 14:14). And, then she waited . . . and waited . . . patiently before the Lord.

One afternoon as she was sitting in her lift-chair trying to read her Bible, it seemed to her that her left eye was itching, so she started rubbing it. As she did, something rolled out of her eye into her hand and into her lap—it was the cataract! She yelled for me to come see what God had done for her! Sure enough, there was the cataract in her hand. All she said was, “See, I told you God could do it!” When God does surgery, it doesn’t hurt, and it is always complete!