

THE HEALING of KING GEORGE VI

When describing the visitation of the angel who brought his healing commission in 1946, William Branham was told he would pray for kings and potentates. The following is an example of the fulfilment those words.

George VI became King on 11 December 1936, after the abdication of his brother, Edward VIII. He was a conscientious, dedicated and highly religious King.

He reigned throughout WW2, boosting national morale by refusing to leave London for safer accommodation. At the time of the Dunkirk evacuation, he called for a National Day of Prayer.

The King's Ill Health

After the war, the King's health deteriorated. The Second World War took its toll, and being a heavy smoker didn't help.

While the medical records of King George have not been made public (and probably never will), there were reports that during his 1947 trip to South Africa he looked sickly and slurred his words (although he stuttered as a young man). The slurring was attributed to his heavy drinking.

In 1948, news first emerged of the King's artery trouble. Because of pain in his right leg and foot, his public appearances were severely reduced. His doctors found his arteries were hardened beyond his years. It was announced that he had a painful form of arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) called Buerger's Disease, which restricts the flow of blood to the feet and legs and can lead to the limb loss. Certain nerves to his legs were severed to free him of some pain in standing.

Buerger's Disease has been reported by people with MS.

William Branham's Testimony of the King's Prayer Request & Healing

Through his Private Secretary, King George heard of the remarkable healing ministry of William Branham. The Secretary was a friend of Walt Amen, a businessman in Fort Wayne, Indiana, who had been suffering from MS and bedridden for 10 years. During a meeting at the Fort Wayne Gospel Tabernacle, Brother Branham had a vision about the businessman and he was made perfectly whole.

When relating how he came to pray for the King, Bro Branham stated several times that he was contacted by the King because he also was afflicted with MS.

King George of England, and a man by the name of . . . I forget, of Fort Wayne, you remember the meeting in Fort Wayne Gospel Tabernacle, was a businessman of the city. He had multiple sclerosis and been a bed patient, ten years, and a vision come over the man and he was made perfectly whole. Walt Amen was his name. Walked up, And he was a friend to the King's Private Secretary. And, through there, King George of England sent word to me - I have his statements, and have his letters of his seals... - to come pray for him with multiple sclerosis. (Testimony, West Palm Beach, Florida, 29 November 1953)

And it was through this healing of this man out of the wheelchair, that I was called to pray for King George of England, which he was a friend to his Private Secretary that sent for, pray for him.... And he could only, I believe, stand up so long at a time, or something. I don't remember. I've got it in writing at home with his seal on it. (Law, Chicago, 15 January 1955)

Bro Branham recounted the telegram he received from the King,

"Brother Branham, I understand through my secretary that one of his friends was healed of multiple sclerosis. I desire of you to come pray for me, that our Lord Jesus will heal me." (At Thy Word, Los Angeles, 6 May 1951)

He replied that he was unable to come to pray personally at that time, but would pray from America. A second telegram then arrived, again requesting Bro Branham to come and pray.

I couldn't go up that time, so I just wired back and told the King that I would pray for him here; that God would hear here just the same as He would over there. And so then another telegram come through, and wanted me to come on over immediately. (Testimony, West Palm Beach, Florida, 29 November 1953)

The timing was perfect. Bro Branham was due to fly to Finland for meetings. En route the Branham party stopped over in London in early April 1950.

(On arriving at the airport, Bro Branham was unexpectedly summoned over the intercom to pray for a Florence Nightingale Shirlaw of South Africa, a relative of the famous 19th C English nurse. She was dying with cancer, under 4 stone in weight. She had earlier asked him to come to Africa to pray for her, but on hearing of his stopover in England, she flew there unannounced in a last ditch attempt to see him. It proved impossible to pray at the airport, but after meeting the King, Bro Branham went and prayed for her also. Though very close to death, she was restored to full health and strength.)

Bro Branham went to Buckingham Palace and prayed for the King, a fulfilment of what the Angel messenger told him in 1946, that he would pray for kings and potentates.

The Result

The result was immediate.

In Bro Branham's own words,

when I went to England, over there, to see him, and the Lord healed him. He was - couldn't even stand up over five minutes at a time, and he... I believe the second day he played eighteen holes of golf, and never was bothered with it no more until the very day he died. (Testimony, West Palm Beach, Florida, 29 November 1953)

when I went there and prayed for King George when he had multiple sclerosis and he was healed instantly, the next day he played eighteen holes of golf; and he couldn't even set up for just a few minutes at a time. (Why? Bloomington. Illinois, 13 April 1961)

The King's condition improved so much he began to make public appearances again for the first time in months.

From 19 November 1948 to 1 May 1950, there are no public appearances of King George on the [Getty Images](#) site. Most records of his 1950 public appearances began in May, very soon after Bro Branham's April prayer. From May 1950, he was seen publicly again, until contracting lung cancer in 1951. The May and June 1950 photos, for example, include:

- 2 May 1950 Touring various construction sites for a "Festival of Britain" exhibit.

- 3 May 1950 Opening the Festival of Britain from the steps of St Paul's.
- 23 May, 1950 Attending the Chelsea Flower Show in London.
- 6 June 1950 Attending the first showing of the film 'Odette' in London.
- 8 June 1950 Attending the Trooping of the Colour ceremony.
- 14-15 June 1950 Attending Ascot Race track; opening and attending Gold Cup Day.

(In 1951, King George had a further personal experience of the remarkable healing ministry of Bro Branham. On 2 May, in a prayer line in Los Angeles, Bro Branham saw a vision of the healing of a former US Congressman, William Upshaw. Though he had not walked for over 60 years, from that time on he left his wheelchair and retained the full use of his legs for the rest of his life. He travelled extensively testifying of his healing. He also published a written account sent, among others, to Winston Churchill (a personal friend) and to King George.)

Subsequent Illness & Decease

On 16 September 1951, an exploratory operation revealed cancer on one of the King's lungs. One week later an operation was performed to remove the malignant tumour from the left bronchial tube of his lung.

Although after the operation the King slowly began to regain strength, he never fully recovered. More royal duties were delegated to his daughter Elizabeth, the heir presumptive.

On the morning of 6 February 1952, the King was found dead in bed at Sandringham House in Norfolk. He had died quietly in his sleep from a coronary thrombosis, a blocking of blood flow to the heart as a result of a blood clot in an artery.

This is how Bro Branham described it,

They found a little tumour here on his lung, decided to cut it open. And air got to it somehow, I don't know, and caused a blood clot to go to his brain, and killed him instantly. So, very fine man. (Testimony, West Palm Beach, Florida, 29 November 1953)

He was 56.

To sum up

- Hearing from his Private Secretary of the healing of a friend of multiple sclerosis resulted in King George personally inviting William Branham to pray for himself.
- Bro Branham met and prayed for the King in London in April, 1950.
- After prayer, the King recommenced public appearances, which had all but ceased for many months, confirming an improvement in his health.
- The King continued to smoke heavily, resulting in the loss of one of his lungs and contributing to his untimely death.
- Knowing of her father's healing after prayer by Bro Branham must have left a deep impression on his successor, Queen Elizabeth II.

Postscript

Although I have no further details, I have been told of a UK believer who was a handmaid to the late Queen Mother, the wife of King George. When she asked the Queen Mother if a Rev Branham from USA did indeed come to pray for the King, she replied in the affirmative. This believer is bound by confidentiality for life, and so is not allowed to publicly share or publish this testimony.