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The above quote appeared in an AP news release, in the Fort Worth Star Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas, date of Sept. 11, 1950. The event occurred in Amarillo, Texas, as Oral Roberts conducted his “Healing Waters Revival”

The text of the report:

“A revival tent collapsed in a hail and rain storm here Sunday night, injuring at least 50 persons. At a late hour there were no reports of any dead or seriously injured among the nearly 7,000 people in the audience of the Oral Roberts faith-healing service.”

“Witnesses said a gust of wind got under the tent during a heavy rain and hail storm, lifted the \$22,000.00 tent and aluminum poles and then dropped them on the crowd. More than half of the congregation was buried in the shattered canvas.”

“Most of those treated at local hospitals suffered cuts, bruises, and a few of the injured had broken bones. All available ambulances, doctors, and nurses were rushed to the scene.”

Mr. Roberts, the great “healer”, who claims to have gotten God to “heal” thousands, was not able to work even little miracles. The wind didn’t obey his voice! He couldn’t even heal the broken arms and cracked ribs! He couldn’t even heal a broken finger. Why, he couldn’t even heal a little cut on the hand, even just a little miracle.

Why were the injured rushed to the hospitals? Why were the injured treated in local hospitals? Why were “all available ambulances, doctors, and nurses” rushed to the “Healing Waters” folded tent? Mr. Roberts was performing before his audience of some 7,000 people, claiming that “great miracles and healings” were being performed. This would have been a great opportune time to really prove himself. He could have made many “believers” by just performing even a little miracle. But, my friends, this was the real thing; no fake about the broken limbs and crushed ribs. That medium sized Texas storm put him out of the “healing” business right on the spot. He pulled out of Amarillo, Texas, and left the doctors and nurses to “heal” the injured in the hospitals.

In the 1970's in Seattle Washington, a woman my wife knew told us that she had been very sick and that she was going to the Oral Roberts Hospital to get healed. When she came back home, she told us the hospital had done some tests to determine what her ailment was. She was told that what she had wasn't serious. They had performed a healing service on her and told her she was now cured and sent her back home. Her sickness became worse, so she went to see a doctor who told her that she had terminal cancer. She explained, "How can that be, I was healed at the Oral Roberts Hospital." The doctor requested her medical records from the hospital and was denied. He got a court order and forced the hospital to send the required records. Upon receipt of the records the doctor found out why they did not want to send them; hand written on the report by the Oral Roberts doctor was "Do NOT tell the patient that she has terminal cancer; send her home and tell her she has been healed". She was devastated! She did not have the energy to take the hospital to court; she died a few days later.

Many have been deceived by this fake healer and others like him who have made millions of dollars on this "service".







