

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE VOICE OF HEALING

An Editorial:

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Rev. William Branham was invited to address The Voice of Healing Convention in Chicago on Friday evening, December 11. He was announced, and people were gathered to hear him. Rev. Branham arrived on time for his address.

When he arrived he was met with an ultimatum and denied the privilege of addressing the Convention. With whom does the responsibility for the decision to this injustice to Rev. Branham rest?

The Voice of Healing Convention was held in Chicago, December 8 through 11.

Many of us had greatly anticipated this Convention. Personally, I helped the Convention to secure the auditorium. We, the Philadelphia Church, closed a very successful campaign so that we in no wise should compete with our brethren whom we always have esteemed very highly. We announced the Convention in our services, as well as on the radio and in the *Herald of Faith*.

Our main reason for taking so much interest was that we believed the message of the Convention would be a great boost to all the full gospel churches in Chicago. Such help would indeed be welcome.

In many ways the Convention was good. Many fine messages were brought forth, and I believe some lasting results were won for the Kingdom of God.

There is, however, one point on which The Voice of Healing owes Chicago and all the visiting friends an honest explanation.

Rev. William Branham had previously been invited to address the Convention on Friday evening, December 11. This was announced from the first meeting of the Convention, as well as in the newspapers. The auditorium was filled on Friday evening. It was the last service of the Convention. Many had come from great distances to listen to this man of God, Rev. William Branham.

Little explanation was given why Rev. Branham did not appear.

At the close of the service it was said by the leader of the meeting that Bro. Branham's brother was very sick and apparently this was the reason why Brother Branham did not appear to speak. People were made to believe that this was the reason.

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The truth of the matter is as follows:

Rev. William Branham had been invited to address the Convention. To be able to do so Rev. Branham had to close a successful meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida, ahead of schedule and travel by car practically day and night to be able to reach Chicago for his appointment.

Rev. Branham arrived early for the service and was met by some of The Voice of Healing men in the vestibule, taken into another room in the back of the auditorium and given an ultimatum. He did not bow to the ultimatum, as he wanted to preserve his God-given freedom, and continue as a voice of God instead of being an echo of other men. He was told that he would not be permitted to speak to the Convention. He was asked to leave, which he did.

Our questions to The Voice of Healing are:

1. Who is responsible for the decision to do this great injustice to the great man and beloved servant of God, Rev. William Branham?

A. Did The Voice of Healing men make that decision?

B. Did it come from the local brethren in Chicago?

C. Or is there an outside influence that governs the policy of The Voice of Healing? If so, who is it?

An honest answer to this question will free those not involved, and make true Christian fellowship between brethren of like precious faith easier. It will also show who is endeavoring so hard to nullify Rev. Branham's influence.

2. The other question is:

A. With whom rests the responsibility for the misrepresentation before 2,500 people gathered to listen to Rev. Branham Friday evening. They were told that his brother was very sick and led to believe that that was the reason he did not speak?

(Rev. Branham has a brother who has been sick for two years. There is no special change in his condition and this did not hinder Rev. Branham at all.)

B. Where was that misrepresentation originated?

C. The brother who told the Convention this story must of necessity know where he himself got the information.

D. Why did the leader of the meeting ask after the service if Rev. Branham was present instead of asking for him before the service? Did the leader of the meeting know about the decision to stop Rev. Branham at any price? In that respect why not tell the people the truth instead of misrepresenting? I just wonder if Matthew 21:26 may have anything to do with it.

If these questions can be answered without being wrapped in religious politics, we will gladly close the subject. The truth was misrepresented to 2500 people, and The Voice of Healing owes us an answer.

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