

Lester Sumrall My Relationship with Smith Wigglesworth – including account of Smith's 1939 Prophecy

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...to tell you my relationship with with
Smith Wigglesworth the the famous
apostle of faith from Bradford England
my relationship began with him when I
was years old and not with my meeting
him but hearing of him I was in San
Francisco preaching and to start my trip
around the world they said if you met
Smith Wigglesworth then England I said
no not yet
they said he was here and and they they
told me a number of the things that
happened but I'll only tell you one they
right there in the same church where I
was preaching the great Glad Tidings
Tabernacle that at that time seated more
than , people says he was here
speaking and on the Sunday afternoon he
had a healing service and and that that
they brought the people from hospitals
and wheelchairs and all kinds of
situations for Smith Wigglesworth to
pray for them and from one of the local
hospitals the doctor brought a very
severe cancer case that they didn't want

to bring him because he was so near
death the doctor accompanied him and set
by his little little portable hospital
bed on the platform and here came Smith
Wigglesworth who was just a little bit
gruff down the line praying for the
people and the way he would ask you what
was wrong with you he'd say who to now
in his part of England that was a
similar way to their speaking whoops
look mean what ails you of what what is
wrong with you and so he got to this
patient that was laying out on a bed
there and had on one of the little
hospital gowns you know that has no
buttons and buttons up in the back there
was a doctor sitting there with his uh
stuff the cups in his ears and listening
to the man's heart beating and and and
letting everybody know that he was the
man was very near death and so when
Smith's because he said what's up the
doctor replied and said he is dying of
cancer
Wigglesworth said where is it and they
the doctor said in his stomach and
and Smith Wigglesworth the possibly the
most unusual person I've ever met in my
life he wound up his hand and hit him
for the cancer was in the stomach
punched him so hard until the man died
just like just his hands fell off the

bed and the doctor screamed he's dead
he's dead
and the equipment said you killed him
you killed him
the family will sue you you killed him
Mr. Wigglesworth wasn't upset one bit he
said he's filled and that's the way he
was saying you were healed
he says he's filled he didn't you know
he didn't pronounce HS he said he's
filled and he didn't stop you know he
just went on down the line praying about
minutes later down the line here came
the man walking he'd gotten up off that
bed he had moved the doctor to one side
and he was walking and that that funny
little hospital dress you know that
comes along here like this and is open
in the back and and here he was falling
Smith Wigglesworth with his hands and
his up in the air praising God he said I
have no pain I feel wonderful inside I
have energy that I had not had for I
don't know how long and he was following
him and as Smith Wigglesworth is so
unusual he didn't turn around and say
well thank God oh praise God everybody
looked at it the him it was such a usual
thing he said well just thank God for it
and he just went on praying for people
now that was the first time I'd heard of

Smith Wigglesworth

and inside of me I said say someday I
want to meet him I got on a boat there
in San Francisco and went out to New
Zealand and into Australia and I hadn't
been in Australia but just two or three
days until the the pastor in Sydney said
give him as Smith Wigglesworth and I
said no but I'm hearing some things
about him he said he was here in this
city we had the town hall the biggest
auditorium in the city and here he was
preaching away thousands were getting
saved many were getting healed we were
having a great time
and but said he did so many unusual
things I said
such as what well he said on Sunday I
took him out to the finest Hotel
restaurant in the city in those days the
finest of the restaurants were located
in hotels and he said there in this
dining room with two or three hundred
people or more they were all eating
their Sunday dinner all dressed very
prim and proper the Smith Wigglesworth
came in with a pastor and he himself was
a very dignified looking man he looked
over at the people and and Connie shook
his head a little bit to them like this
and then before they could bring the
food he he took his glass and and took

his pencil in and knocked on it well you know a glass of water how it sounds he got the attention of the whole dining room and he spoke up with a loud voice and said I have observed since being here that you have not prayed over your food says that's the way hogs eat they don't pray over their food so I will pray for you and the pastor said he was the younger man he said my face was as red as blood and said I just sit there humiliated you know and here this man stood up with a loud voice he asked God to bless and to love all these people to sanctify the food to their bodies and to give them strength from the food that they might serve God then he said ladies and gentleman thank you and sit down he said the thing that amazed me was he led to families to Christ before we left the dining room well I said well in San Francisco he hit people who made him die but they came back to life again and now and now here he he he calls a whole dining room to order and prays over everybody's food at the same time and then wins two families to Christ I said very interesting man he said well I'd like to tell you something more than that and he said now you won't ever forget this here this auditorium

down town was
all packed and jammed full of people and
his daughter that was with him as his
travelling companion and to take care of
it was stone death and he couldn't get
her healed she was deaf and those days
the batteries for those things were
about that long and about that deep and
weighed several pounds you know they
didn't have this sophisticated ones like
they do to death today and so Alice
after the preliminaries went to sit on
the front seat and for a few moments she
did not plug her her her ear sounds in
her earphones and so she couldn't hear
what her father was saying she was just
looking at him and and he up there on
the platform wore those little nose
glasses that hooked onto a chain and he
had to pull them out from his coat and
so he got up before that vast group of
people and said men and women my my
Texas huh my-my Texas huh he couldn't
get the chain out and he couldn't get
the little nose glasses on so he could
read and so he said my Texas huh Alice
my Texas huh Alice and he said thousands
of people began to laugh roar with
laughter because he was a faith preacher
that couldn't read and his daughter was
his assistant and she couldn't hear and
they were laughing at Smith Wigglesworth

finally the daughter put on the ear
phones and she heard her her father
saying Alice so she went back to the
platform released his glasses and put
them on and when he put him on and
looked at the people he was a very
forceful man one of the Australians up
and said hey where it goes worth if
you've got so much faith why is that
you're blind can't see it
what why is it your your daughter here
is deaf and quick can't hear and he
thought he had you know
and I know the old man he would be
years old at that time thought they had
him stymied but he wouldn't even answer
people he looked at him and said tell me
why Elijah was bald-headed and I'll
answer you and the people burst and the
thunderous laughter again to think that
in a half a second time he could come up
with something of that nature and he he
went alone he went along preaching as
you know I had my eyes looked at just a
few days ago and I still have beautiful
eyesight it at my age and all I have
here are magnifying glasses just like I
have wrinkles in the face my eyes also
have age related to them in that eye
that I wear glasses
just for magnifying and it was really

interesting I was past and somebody's
shrunk the telephone book and I went
down to the local optometrist and I said
sir the telephone book is not like it
was you know I could read it perfectly
and now it's blurred says somebody's
shrunk it no he said how old are you and
I told him I was or three no he says
when you get that old you're at the
exact age when you need some kind of
reading glasses to enlarge the print and
so I've been using them from that time
until this time but in in that service
God did mighty miracles for Smith
Wigglesworth and when I was told the
story I said you know one day I'll meet
him one day I'll meet him the gentleman
that I was traveling with us dr. Howard
Carter of London England who had a Bible
College they were the president of a
Bible College that sent people all over
the world of minister it was a kind of a
world a Bible Training Institute and he
would tell me other things about this
Smith Wigglesworth until finally I wanted
to meet him more than anybody else that
there was an eagerness inside of me to
hear and see Smith Wigglesworth when we
arrived in England after we'd been
together all through Australia and all
through the Orient and all through
Europe we came across Siberian Russia

went through Europe we finally got to
England and we got there the week before
the National Conference and dr. Howard
Carter was the convener of the
conference he was the chairman of the
conference so he asked me to speak in
the evening because I'm an evangelist
yes yes Smith Wigglesworth to speak in
the afternoon as he was a teacher and
and so I was teamed up for him the first
week I was in England I was teamed up
with a man I wanted to meet and and he
wasn't easy you know he was like a
statesman even in church just like this
listening intently to whoever was there
speaking and so forth and so on I
arrived in the late afternoon so he
heard me first so I preached that night
and gave the altar call being a
convention that weren't many they can't
say because most of people were
preachers and so forth but I gave an
evangelistic sermon gave the altar call
when I was through and turned around on
the platform there was Smith
Wigglesworth looking at me he put his
hand on my shoulder and said son you
need to come see me well I'd been you
know called into the principal's office
when I was in school and I knew what it
meant to face the principal and work on

a problem and that's what it sounded
like that he needed to see me to correct
me and I said yes sir when can I come he
said any time he says I live in Bradford
here's my address and my telephone
number and says you can come I said how
often can I come he said you can come as
often as you want to at these days I'm
at home now I lived in England for two
years and within a week after that I was
on my way to Bradford now anywhere you
preached you know in the British Isles
he had to go through Bradford anyway it
was in the Midlands right in the centre
and so it was very convenient to buy a
ticket to Bradford and then to buy a
ticket to Easter Western North or
wherever I wanted to go it was so easy
to do that and and so I went to see him
I found his house and and and I hit the
doorbell you know door or lock it
knocker they didn't have electric door
Bell is one those ancient things that
you take a piece of metal hit it against
a piece of metal you
uh knockers and so I knocked on that
thing and then stood up and waited for
him now if you had seen me then you
would have laughed because by this time
with the British people I look like them
and then I talked like them somewhat and
I had on a bowler hat if you don't know

what a bowler head is it's a Charlie
Chaplin hat and and I had on I had on a
black jacket and and striped trousers
and Anna Anna blue dark blue top coat
they came just above my knees and I had
an umbrella on one arm and I had a
newspaper under the other arm and my
briefcase in my hand my Bible case so
there I stood you know and Smith opened
the door and glared at me
he didn't say good morning he didn't say
how do you do he said what's under your
arm that means what is under your arm I
this the side was umbrella on my arm and
the other side was the morning newspaper
under my arm I said the morning
newspaper sir he said throw it away
throw it away you can't come in here you
can't come in here and and I suggested
so I took it and stuck it in the bushes
and stood back up to see if there's
something else you know and and he
looked me over he said come in so I came
in he took my coat we went into his
living room which was the first room
over to the right and and I had he had a
cold fire on and it was very cosy and
rather than asking me where I came from
where I was going he said I was just
reading and he read a half an hour from
the Bible and then he said let's pray he

knelt down prayed for another half hour
but he lay hands on me he prayed and
said god bless him god bless him I was
really glad when he got through you know
and he said I want to read you some more
so he read the Bible for another half
hour
and then he said let's pray again and so
he got down him and we prayed again and
I said Lord what did I get into here
what did I get into you know and and so
about that time is a beautiful daughter
Alice that we were telling you about she
had prepared a beautiful luncheon and so
she called us to lunch Yorkshire pudding
and roast beef and and that beautiful
gravy that they put on it there it was
something and and and peas that you pick
up on the back of your fork rather than
the front and and so we had a delicious
lunch and when you get through he just
put his napkin on the table and said to
come back again and walked away his
daughter explained that he had gone to
get some rest and so I thought that was
a signal to leave and so I asked for my
coat in I left before I'd walked a block
I said you know I got something there I
I'm different i I got something I
received a blessing I received an
anointing something good happened to me
in that place I said I'll come back

again and so about ten days later I went
back oh yes I had on my little
little dark blue raincoat and I had my
umbrella and my bowler hat but I didn't
have any newspaper he when he saw a
newspaper he said I don't permit those
lines into my house he says on my house
there's only truth and that's full of
lies leave it outside and so I just
obeyed and did what he told me to do
and I went ten days later and then I
went again two weeks later
then I went again two weeks later I
continued to go to his house I continued
listened to him read the word and
listened to him pray and hear him
telling them mighty miracles the mighty
miracles that God had done for him
around the world and my faith began to
mount up to mount up you know strong my
faith began to mount up and in the
presence of this man we became good
friends when he had a convention
he would ask me to speak to be a speaker
in his personal convention and over
in the city of Preston and I I accepted
it I was very delighted for that we
would meet in other comforts and then I
would go and see him now in all the two
years that we were having this
fellowship I never I never met another

visitor at his house and not not one
time so they weren't standing in a long
line to get Smith Wigglesworth faith and
there might be those that are admired
him today but I didn't see you there
when when I was there and and so uh they
weren't seeking after Smith Wigglesworth
at that time but I was an American and a
young man and I wanted what this older
man had he intrigued me he his bluntness
intrigued me and his depth of sweetness
you might say it was like a well of
water springing up and it was so
delicious until I would come and drink
again and again and again and so we had
some very precious times of fellowship
with with Smith Wigglesworth

(Start of account of Smith's 1939 Prophetic Word – 19mins 37 secs on video)

Two things I'd like to to tell you about it one is
that I was in England when the war broke
out and in living there
I had preached all over the continent we
knew what was coming everybody knew what
was coming and I preached in Germany
with with with Hitler's Gestapo men in
every meeting that I spoke in and so
forth and so we were very conversant to
Europe it was the it was the the cockpit
of the world and about to explode and it
did explode and and I was there and
Hitler's armies were moving out and they

went through Belgium and through Holland
and into France and the British
government sent a special agent to my to
my room in London I was living at the
Bible School
and said we will be next and we will
have to send
out of the country this is now a war
zone and and you were a visitor here
you'll have to leave so I was told by
the British government then I would have
to leave England and so I had to go tell
some friends and one of them was Will
Smith Wigglesworth so I I went up to his
home again and now we were old friends
we had a lot to talk about
he had blessed me in so many ways he had
discussed the Word of God with me
and in so many wonderful sessions
together until I was always eager to get
there and he seemed eager for me to come
because at that time I would be or
and he would be maybe you see and
that that is a that is a difference it's
like an Abraham and an Isaac you see
it's like a poem and a Timothy and so I
broke the news to him I said brother
Wigglesworth I will not be seeing you now
I have to leave because of the war and
the government has told me they've given
me so many days to get out of the
country and and so I will be going back

to America and on to other countries to
preach the gospel and said the
fellowship the fellowship with you has
been very rare only a person like Howard
Carter or person like Donald G has has
blessed me equal to blessing that I've
received from you and I humbly thank the
Lord and thank you for giving me so much
of your time and and letting me hear you
talk to God and your prayers and here
you read the Living Word of God and and
how it comes alive within you I am so
grateful and I'm so thankful and now I
will have to leave he he stood up on his
feet and tears began to flow down his
face he looked like what you'd call you
know a Philadelphia lawyer or a Boston
banker between the two never a hair out
of shape so groom so perfectly and so
beautifully he was a very unusual person
and he stood up there like a general you
know and he says I want to bless you and
I said yes sir he had done that a lot of
time
and he laid his hand over on me and
pulled me close to him and I let my head
go in closer to him and and from his
eyes tears came and ran down his face
and dropped off onto my forehead and ran
down my face and he as he cried says Oh
God God look all of the faith that is

within my heart be in his heart and and
let the knowledge of God that resides in
me also reside in him and that all the
gifts of the Spirit that function in my
ministry let them function in his life I
just stood there weeping and he stood
there praying and and weeping holding me
in an embrace to him and I felt the holy
anointing of the Most High God as it as
it flowed from him into me now I have
been blessed by a number of great men
and I'm so thankful for it to go around
the world when I was so young and to
meet the great men of the whole world
and a hundred nations of the world you
know was a real honor and so I
appreciated it so much and as they
booked the embrace he said you will be
blessed and faith will reside within you
and you will do unusual things I at
resume it was a kind of a prophecy and
then he said I wish to tell you
something and I said yes always as I see
it his eyes were burning like Elijah's
eyes when he saw the chariot of the Most
High his face his face was so strong as
he was looking at me and saying I see it
and I said what do you see he said I see
revival coming to Planet Earth he says I
see revival coming to Planet Earth maybe
as never never before as never before
I see revival coming he says it would be

untold numbers and untold uncounted
multitudes that will be saved that no
man will say so many so many because
nobody will be able to count those that
will come to Jesus and and I I just
stood there and he was prophesying and
seeing a vision because he said I I see
it I see it
he said the Dead will be raised he said
the earth writing will be healed
he said cancer will be healed and and he
began to tell me of the mighty things
that no disease would be able to stand
before God's people and that it would be
a worldwide situation not local but it
would be a worldwide thrust of God's
power and thrust of God's anointing upon
mankind and I was listening so intently
to it then he he opened his eyes and
looked at me and he said I will not see
it but you shall see it and that was the
end of it you shall see it