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*For Spencer W. Kimball*

He spoke of a greater miracle  
than healing  
than angelic visitations  
than speaking in tongues,

A miracle that  
beautifies  
and warms  
and lifts,

a second kind of healing  
a second kind of seeing,

A miracle that brings  
the blessing of peace  
from the turbulent storms of hate  
of enmity  
of distrust  
of sin,  
the fruit of righteousness  
which cannot be bought  
cannot be traded  
cannot be bartered  
but which the poorest  
as well as the richest  
may have in abundance—

A miracle of cleansing  
A miracle of purification  
The miracle of forgiveness.

—Sally T. Taylor

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