

## *The Gift of Miracles*

*A miracle is a supernatural intervention into the ordinary course of nature. It is a supernatural act in the natural realm.*

*We should never try to explain a miracle, because there is no explanation other than God at work. If we can find a natural cause for what would seem to be a miracle, then it is NOT a miracle.*

*There are a number of types of miracles mentioned in the Bible, both in the Old Testament and the New, however, miracles were never done just for exhibition. They were used to:*

- 1. Deliver God's people (spiritually & physically)*
- 2. Provide for those in need*
- 3. Confirm the Word*
- 4. Point people back to an awesome God*

*Jesus did not perform a miracle for Satan's benefit when He was tried in the wilderness. Some of the miracles in the Old Testament are:*

- 1. The 10 plagues of Egypt to deliver God's people & defame the gods of Egypt.*
- 2. Manna from heaven and water from a rock*
- 3. The widow's oil that never failed*
- 4. Crossing the Red Sea and the Jordan River*
- 5. The destruction of the walls of Jericho*
- 6. No rain for 3 ½ years*
- 7. The sun standing still*
- 8. The Israelites clothing that didn't wear out*

*We should keep in mind, when we say study the miracles of the Bible, that Jesus said, "The works that I do, shall ye also do" John 14:2. In other words, they are examples for us to follow. They are miracles for the church to perform today.*

### *1. Providing for those in need.*

*Matthew 17:27 NLT However, we don't want to offend them, so go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a large silver coin. Take it and pay the tax for both of us. Also read John 2:1 - 11 about the wedding feast in Cana and John 6: 1 - 14 in the feeding of the five thousand.*

## 2. Overruling nature

*Matthew 14:22 - 29 where Jesus and Peter walk on water. Also, in Matthew 8:23 - 27 Where Jesus calms the storm.*

## 3. Raising the dead

*Acts 20: 9 - 12 NLT As Paul spoke on and on, a young man named Eutychus, sitting on the windowsill, became very drowsy. Finally, he fell sound asleep and dropped three stories to his death below. > > >*

*Paul went down, bent over his body, and took him into his arms. Don't worry he said, he's alive. Then they all went back upstairs, shared in the Lord's Supper, and ate together. Paul continued talking to them until dawn, and then he left. Meanwhile, the young man was taken home unhurt, and everyone was greatly relieved.*

*Also read Luke 7:11 - 16 The boy raised from the dead in the funeral precession. Luke 8:49 - 56 The daughter of the leader of the synagogue raised from the dead. John 11:41 - 44 The story of Lazarus - and acts 9:39 - 42 The raising of Dorcas, the maker of coats and clothes.*

## 4. A sign and confirmation of the Word

*Mark 16:19 - 20 NLT When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, He was taken up into heaven, and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and "the Lord worked through them" confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.*

*Also read Matthew 21: 19 - 21, Matthew 11:21 - 23, and Acts 13: 10 - 12*

*God wants to perform miracles through His church today. He wants to confirm His word.*

*Matthew 24:14 NLT And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations (all peoples) will hear it, and then the end will come.*

*John 5:36 NLT But I have a greater witness than John - My teachings and miracles. The Father gave Me these works to accomplish, and that proves that He sent Me. Also see verse 20*

*Acts 4:33 NLT The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all.*

*Every miracle that God does will build His cause. He will be glorified, and His church will be helped. And Satan? And the coming of the lawless one, the Antichrist is through the activity and working of Satan and will be attended by great power and all sorts of pretended miracles and signs and delusive marvels, all of them lying wonders. II Thessalonians 2:9 Amp.*

*Matthew 24:23 - 24 NLT then if anyone tells you look, here is the Messiah, or there He is, don't believe it, for false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones. See, I have warned you. Also see II Thessalonians 2: 1 -12. Events prior to the Lord's Second Coming.*

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*Why don't we see miracles in America, like there are in other parts of the world where Jesus is being preached, and people getting saved and healed? Disbelief and distraction! In what? In the reality that we serve a living God. A God that wants the best for His children. Distraction leads to destruction. There is too much vying for our attention - taking away our focus away from God!*

*What the church needs is another Jesus movement that will bring thousands, if not millions to the Lord.*

*NOTE: In writing these teaching lessons, I use three Bibles. They are referenced by: NKJ - the New King James NLT - The New Living Translation and Amp. The Amplified Bible.*

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