

WHEN GOD DOES MIRACLES AND DO THEY HAPPEN TODAY?

"Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

~ John 20:29

1. Do You Believe in Miracles?

- a. The ultimate faith question in a Disney culture (do you believe in magic, fairy tales)
- b. They say, not everything can be explained; so, science battles the god of the gaps
- c. Bible answer: Miracles are wonders done by a supernatural power.
- d. The Bible is the witness of God and his miraculous power.
- e. God does them, devils do them, people do them, but when... do they happen now?

2. God Manifested in Visible Miracles

- a. Miracles are used to manifest God's glory – Psalm 77:14, John 2:11, John 3:2
- b. The first and greatest miracle in your Bible is in Genesis 1:1, Hebrews 11:1-3
- c. Israel was created by miracles – Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel were barren
- d. God showed himself with miracles to Moses, Pharaoh, and Israel - Deu 11:1-7
- e. Jesus did miracles to prove himself as the Son of God – John 6:14, 7:31, 11:47
- f. His resurrection was the greatest miracle of his earthly ministry – John 2:18-22
- g. With miracles, they still did not believe: John 10:24-26, 12:37, Acts 4:16
- h. Why did he do them? For his purpose, not our pleasure – Deu 6:20-25, John 6:26

3. Discerning Miracles

- a. Devils do miracles as well – Job 2:7, Rev 13:14, 16:14, 2 Thess 2:9-10
- b. The Pharisees could not discern, why not? - Matt 12:22-29, Matt 12:38-41
- c. How do we know which miracles are of God, and which are not?
- d. The scripture is the judge of what we see, feel, hear – 2 Pet 1:19, 1 Cor 14:32
- e. A: He tells us. God does miracles according to his will – John 5:19-20, 5:30
- f. God's will is always clearly revealed: His will for Israel – a kingdom on the earth
- g. They preached the kingdom at hand, and proved it – Isa 35:4-6, Luke 7:18-23

4. Miracles in the Church

- a. God's will for the church is different, the miracles to the church were different
- b. Miracles were done by Paul and the early church – 1 Cor 12:10, 12:28-29, why?
 - i. A sign that God was working among Gentiles – Acts 15:12, Acts 19:11
 - ii. Edification of the church – Eph 4:11-12 also 1 Cor 12:7
 - iii. To identify and inspire scripture – 1 Cor 14:37
- c. The Bible is a miracle given to the church – 2 Tim 3:16, Gal 3:5
- d. We learn that faith comes by hearing... not by seeing – Heb 11:1, Rom 10:17
- e. His will for the church - preach the gospel, study, walk by faith – Col 2:6, 10
- f. We walk by faith, not sight, to manifest the power of Christ – 2 Cor 5:7, 2 Cor 12:9
- g. The power of God in us is a miracle – Col 1:27, Eph 1:19-20, Rom 6:5, Phil 3:10,21
- h. It doesn't take a miracle to be thankful, or do right – 1 Thess 5:18, 1 Thess 4:3-4
- i. It is a miracle that sinners can be saved by his grace not by works – Titus 3:3-7
- j. God did miracles, he will do miracles, until then we wait in hope - Rom 8:24-25