

THE ELEMENT OF FAITH THAT MOVES THE HAND OF GOD

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Joh 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

Joh 20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

Joh 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Heb 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MIRACLES IN THE BIBLE

1. **The Miracle of Supply**: The Widow Woman – 1 Kings 17:12 – 14
 - a. **Need**: Not food because of the famine
 - b. **Miracle**: God's provision

1Ki 17:14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

(The Drought of Fishes; Luke 5:11)

(Feeding of the Five Thousand (Matt. 14:15-21))

2. **The Miracle of Healing for the Body:** Woman with the Issue of Blood

Mar 5:25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

Mar 5:26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

Mar 5:27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

Mar 5:28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

Mar 5:29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.

3. **The Miracle of Deliverance:**

a. **Jesus is the mighty MD** (Mighty Deliverer). He breaks every fetter and sets His children free. “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” (John 8:36).

b. **Jesus can break** (smash, fracture, rupture, shatter) every habit and everything that hinders your walk with God.

Luk 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

c. **The Woman with an infirmity eighteen years:**

Luk 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*.

Luk 13:12 And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

Luk 13:13 And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

1. Only God can straighten you life out, you might have gone to every government program in the book. And it has not been able

to set you free. We have a God that can perform a miracle in your life

1. **All Men are given a measure of Faith:**

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, **according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

a. **Faith as a grain of mustard seed:**

Luk 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Luk 17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

2. **How does Faith Come?**

Rom 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Mat 20:30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* Son of David.

3. **God Rewards Faith and those that diligently seek Him.**

Heb 11:6 **But without faith *it is impossible to please him:*** for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

4. **Now Faith:**

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb 11:2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Heb 11:3 Through faith we understand that the **worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**

- a. **Some may say, I can not believe in anything that I do not see.** I ask you the question, do you believe in electricity, wind, gravity?

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

1. **A Miracle is simply working with God on a higher level than that of the natural laws.** God and His power can suspend all natural laws and reverse anything because His is the creator.
2. **Therefore a miracle is a supernatural event which may be seen and observed by man, but is beyond the understanding of man.**

Mar 4:38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

Mar 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Mar 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Mar 4:41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

GOD IS A GOD OF MIRACLES

1. **God is supernatural in origin:**

“In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth. Gen. 1:1.” It is impossible to believe that He is the creator of all things, and yet not believe in His miracle power is for us today.

2. **The Greatest Miracles are:**

- a. The Creation of the World

- b. The Redemption of man
 - c. All other miracles are the benefits of our faith in His power and his Word, to heal and to deliver etc.
3. **Faith is the element that moves the hand of God in the performance of the miraculous.** Unbelief can hinder God in the performance of miracles. Jesus was unable to perform many miracles in His hometown of Nazareth because of their unbelief (Matt. 13:58).
4. **The purpose of Miracles was without exception performed to minister to the needs of man.** By His mighty miracles, God showed His infinite love to man, His mercy and His compassion.

JESUS IS THE FOUNTAIN HEAD OF ALL AUTHORITY

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Mat 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

ALL POWER IS IN JESUS?

1. Jesus has power over all diseases - Luke 4:38-41
2. Jesus has power over Death - John 11
3. Jesus Has Power over Nature – John 2

4. Jesus has power over the tempest – Matthew 8:23-27
5. Jesus has power over demons – Luke 4:35, 36, 41
6. Jesus has power over all things – Hebrews 2:8

Heb 2:8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

ARE MIRACLES FOR US TODAY?

1. **We serve a God that is the same Yesterday, and today and forever.**
(Hebrews 13:8).

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Isa 43:13 Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

Isa 43:14 Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel;

Dan 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*.

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.