

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN BIBLE MIRACLES AND THE SO CALL MIRACLES OF TODAY?

WHAT ARE BIBLE MIRACLES?

Examples of Bible miracles.

1. The only way that we are going to find out for sure is let the Bible tell us. We read in John 2:1-11, In the beginning of Jesus' ministry(verse 11 says) this is a miracle, and it was performed by Jesus, at a marriage, in Cana of Galilee. The miracle was changing water into wine.
2. We read in John 4:54 about the second miracle that was recorded in the Bible. It was performed by Jesus. The miracle was the healing of a nobleman's son, who was sick, and at the point of death. Jesus healed the young man.
3. We read in John 5:1-9 where a man had been crippled for thirty eight years, and Jesus healed him, by saying, Rise , take up thy bed and walk.
4. We read in John 6:1-15, Where Jesus took five barley loaves and two small fishes and fed over five thousand people. When they were all filled , they gathered up 12 baskets full of fragments.
5. Also in John 6:16-21, we find Jesus walking on the water ,coming to his disciples.
6. We read in John 9:1-41, where Jesus healed a man , who had been blind from birth.
7. We read in John 11:1-46, Jesus raises Lazarus, after he had been dead four days.
8. We read in John 21:6-11. where Jesus told his disciples where to cast their net , and they did so, they caught so may fish that they were unable to pull the net in.
9. In Matt.8:14-15 Where Jesus heals Peters mother –in-law of a high fever by just touching her.
10. In Matt.8:2 -4, we read where Jesus heals a leper by putting forth his hand and touching him.
11. We read in Matt.9:2-8 , Where Jesus heals a man sick of the palsy, by saying, Arise, take up your bed and walk.
12. In Matt.12:9-14,we read where Jesus heals a man who had a withered hand, by saying to him , stretch forth thy hand.
13. We read in Matt.12:22, Jesus heals a man who was possessed with a devil, was blind and deaf, and he healed him instantly.
14. In Matt.8:23-27, We read where Jesus rebukes the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.
15. We read in Matt.21:20-22, where Jesus causes a fig tree to wither away.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THESE ARE EXAMPLES OF BIBLE MIRACLES.

Something that everyone who saw these miracles, knew beyond any shadow of doubt that these were miracles I have given these example so we will know what a miracle is. Matt.10:1 ,We read where Jesus called unto Him his twelve disciples and gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease, all these are miracles.

Now let us notice the Bible miracles that was performed by Jesus ' Apostles and see if the miracles that they performed were like the ones that Jesus performed.

1. In Acts 3:2 we read where a certain man was lame from his mothers womb, was carried daily to the gate of the temple, to ask alms of the people who entered the temple. In verse 6 , Peter said unto him, silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I unto thee. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth rise up and walk, and he leaping up , stood, walking leaping and praising God. Please notice, the complete and instant healing of this man. he did not even have to learn to walk. Men today who call themselves faith healers, cannot heal people like this, yet they go about proclaiming they are great miracle healers. They wont even try to perform the Bible examples of miracles.

QUESTION: Why wont they ? Because the days of Bible miracles have ceased. Bible miracles, is a miraculous spiritual power given from God, with no limitations.

2. Now in Acts 5:1-11, where we read about a man called Ananias and his wife Sapphira, they had lied to Peter about a sum of money that they had brought and laid it at the apostles feet. Peter said unto them you have lied unto men and unto God and they both fell down and died.

3. In Acts 9:33-34, It says a certain man named Aeneas, he had palsy and had not walked in 8 years. and Peter said unto him, Jesus Christ maketh the whole. Arise and make thy bed. And He arose immediately.

4. Now start reading again at verse 36 and read through verse 43. Here we have a lady named Dorcas, she became sick and died . They sent for Apostle Peter, when he arrived he took her by the hand and raised her up, then he presented her alive.

Remember now what we are doing in studying these Bible miracles. We want every one, to know what the Bible meaning of the word miracle is. Notice in these verses all are external, where people could see that it was real.

5. Now turn to Acts 13:6-12. Here we read where Elymas tried to stand in the way and keep Apostle Paul from

teaching a person. Paul struck him blind.

6. In Acts 14:8-11, we find a man here who was crippled from birth, and Paul said with a loud voice, stand upright on thy feet, and he leaped and walked.(Here is something to think about),It looks to me like, that these so called faith healers would feel like God is holding out on them, wouldn't you think so.

7. Acts 20:9-12, We read where Paul was preaching one night and a man went to sleep and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. Paul fell on him and embraced him and brought him back to life. Every one there knew that this was a miracle.

We could continue on giving Bible examples of miracles, but if these which we have just read, do not give you the meaning of a Bible miracle, it would not convince someone if we read more.

NOW NOTICE; Everyone of these Bible miracles that were performed by the Apostles were external miracles.

There is no doubt in any one's mind what had taken place. They were all completely healed of their ailments.

These miracles were of such a nature that it was impossible, to deceive those who were watching.

It is not so with the so called faith healers today.

Here is a question each of us will have to answer in our hearts. Does those today, who claim to be faith healers, do they ever heal people who were in the same condition of those who we have just read about in the Bible? Why don't they? They boldly proclaim that they possess the power to heal. Then why do they choose someone who has internal ailments? Then while they are praying for them, they push them down and have somebody to catch them, so they wont get hurt from the fall. The faith healer will hold up the persons hands and proclaim that they are healed. Those who are standing by and watching cannot tell whether the person is healed or not. The reason they can't is because the problem that the person had was on the inside. Can't we see, that there is as much difference in Bible miracles, and men's professing of miracles, as there is from day and night. I want us to think about what a disgrace this is, to the power of God. If God has no more power then these men manifest in their faith healing, how could we ever trust God with having enough power to raise up our dead bodies from the grave and give us a home with Him in heaven.

We who understand the Power of God, knows that He has the Power to perform every word that comes out of his mouth.

In Acts 5:15-16, the people brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least, the shadow of Peter passing by might over shadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them who were vexed with unclean spirits, and they were healed everyone of them.

This is another great example of Bible miracles, everyone was healed, regardless of what was wrong with them.

QUESTION: HOW DOES MENS PROFESSION OF MIRACLES TODAY COMPARE TO BIBLE MIRACLES?

There is no comparison. Today the people who profess to be faith healers, they announce a month ahead of time, that a healing service will be on certain nights, and encourages everyone to come and see the great power being manifested through this man. You can turn on your TV and watch, or you can go to their service. Here is what you will see. To perform their miracles, they will use people who say that they have a real bad headache, or they have high blood pressure .Some say they have a lump in some part of their body that you will not be able to see, or they will have people come up, who say that they have sugar diabetes. Others may have heart problems and on and on we could go with the internal ailments. When all is said and done, and when the healing service is over, no one knows for sure whether anyone was healed or not. Wouldn't you agree with me, that this kind of a service is really

belittling the power of God. We need to place ourselves in heaven, in God's place and look down on this kind of a service where your power was really being made a laughing stock. How would you, be made to feel. Wouldn't we be very upset and would make you sick in your stomach.

WE MUST STUDY AND HARMONIZE SCRIPTURE, SO THAT WE CAN DO BIBLE THINGS IN BIBLE WAYS. Then we will be pleasing unto God. AMEN?

Question: Do you know what these faith healers use as their scapegoat when they fail to get a positive response from those who they laid their hands on? They say, well you just don't have enough faith to be healed. This is what you can call, laying the guilt on someone else.

Remember the examples, that we read about the Apostle's miracles. Not one time, did they mention, the amount of faith that some one had. They healed them all.

Question: Do you know why these faith healers today cannot raise the dead, and they cannot bring sight to the blind they cannot heal those that are born cripple. They cannot unloose the tongue of those who are unable to speak. They cannot open the ears of someone who was born deaf. The reason that no man can perform Bible miracles today is it is a miraculous spiritual gift, that was given only to the Apostles and to those who the Apostles laid their hands upon.

Let us go to the Bible again and see if this is a true statement. In Mark 16:15-20, we read, and Jesus said unto his apostles, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature he that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up deadly serpents and if they drink any thing deadly, it shall not hurt them. they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

Now take a closer look at verses 17,18, because most people believe that these verses are talking about everyone who becomes a Christian.

First let us notice verse 11, it says that Jesus was talking to His eleven Apostles. At this time no one had been selected to take Judas' place. Notice what these people, that these verses call them, has power to do.

1. They can cast out devils. 2. They can speak with new tongues. 3 They can take up serpents. 4. they can drink anything deadly and it will not hurt them. 5. They shall lay hands upon the sick and they shall recover. 6. Verse 20 says they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following.

Let us apply this to the Christians and see if it will fit them. If this is talking about every Christian, then they will be able to cast out devils, speak in new tongues, they can hold serpents, they can drink deadly poison and it will not hurt them, they shall heal every sick person that they lay their hands on, and they would go forth and preach every where, with great signs following.

Now let us be honest with our selves, every Christian will not carry about deadly snakes and they will not drink deadly poison. On and on we could go. So who is Jesus talking about in these scriptures, to all Christians or to the Apostles? Did the Apostles have power to cast out devils? Acts 5:16. Did they speak with new tongues? Yes, Acts 2:4, were they ever bitten by a deadly serpent and live? Yes Acts 28:3-6. Did they lay their hands upon the sick and they recovered? Yes Acts 9:41. Did the Apostles go forth preaching the gospel, with signs following? Yes, Acts 2:1-47, Acts 5:12. This leaves absolutely no doubt who they mentioned in Mark 16:15-20 is talking about the Apostles. Maybe you need more proof. Well let us read Acts 5:12 and by the hands of the Apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people. Acts 2:43, and fear came upon every soul and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles. Acts 4:33 and with great power gave the Apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Acts 19:11 and God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul.

I would like to say some thing here for us to think about. It is very plain here in these verses that who ever they are, can do all of the things, listed in these verses.

Why do the so called faith healers claim that they can cast out devils and talk in new tongues, lay their hands on the sick, but you never hear them say that they can carry around deadly snakes and drink deadly poison and not die. something to think about isn't it? It could make us wonder, if they are being honest with us and also with themselves.

I would like to share a few verses with you, that I believe will get our attention on just how serious it is to teach something that we cannot find in the word of God. For example, in Gal. 1:8,9, Paul says the same thing in two consecutive verses, so we will be sure to hear it. He says, 'If an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you, than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. We are warned through out the New Testament, by Jesus and the Apostles, to beware of false teachers, false prophets, imposter, deceitful workers.

Please read 1 Tim. 4:1-4; 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 4:1; Rev. 16:13; Col. 2:8; Rom. 3:13, 2 Cor. 11:13; Eph. 5:6; Rom. 16:18 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 John 3:7; Gal. 6:7; 2 John 1:7; James 1:26. Now let us read together 2 Cor. 11:13-15, For such are false Apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the Apostles of Christ. And no marvel, for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing, if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end, shall be according to their works. These verses should be enough to motivate us to study God's Word. If we don't care enough about where our soul spends eternity, to spend our Christian lives studying God's Word at every opportunity, then Jesus says in Matt. 15:14, that the blind will lead the blind and both will fall into the ditch together. That is exactly what will happen to each of us. If we refuse to study God's word and find out for ourselves what is TRUTH.

Our only purpose in sharing with you these gospel truths is that your soul may be saved. We do not receive any money for writing these lessons. We do not want you to take what we have said in this lesson as the truth, until you make a study of all these verses yourself and then if you are convinced that it is true, start practicing it

Let us now read Matt. 7:21-23, Jesus says, not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father. Many shall say unto me in that day LORD, LORD, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name, have done many

wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity.
Do you know any one that fits this description?

Let us read 2 Thess,2:10-12, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish, because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause, God shall send them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie. That they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

QUESTION: Does this sound real serious to us? Do we think that it would be a good idea to study and study, God's word so we do not fall into the same situation as these did?

What examples do we have in the Bible, where people performed miraculous spiritual gifts, besides Jesus, the Apostles and those to whom the Apostles laid their hands on, in order for them to receive one of the nine miraculous spiritual gifts? The answer is none.

QUESTION: Do we have any scriptures that prove this? Yes, let us read, Acts 8:18 and when Simon saw that through the laying on of the Apostles hands that the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money so that he could lay his hands on people to impart this gift, Notice Peter's answer, thy money perish with thee, you have no part or lot in this matter. In other words Peter is saying to Simon, that God has not given this power to no one but the 12 Apostles. But some will say, that Peter here is talking about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. That is not true, because in Rom.8:11 and many more verses say that, All who obey Jesus receives the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Samaritans that it is talking about here, have just obeyed the teachings of God. Acts 8:12, says so. So we know that they had already received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit,

If there should be some wondering, how could Phillip perform miracles. Acts 8:6, says he did and we know that he was not one of the 12 Apostles, turn to Acts6:5 and we can read where the Apostles laid their hands on him and then he received this POWER from the Holy Spirit. How do we know that the Holy Spirit imparted this gift to Phillip. We read it in 1 Cor.12:11. Please read and study all of these scriptures for yourself. Don't take my word on anything without checking it out with the Bible.

I would like to ask one more question. What was the purpose of Bible miracles. We can find the answer in Mark 16:20. And the Apostles went every where preaching the gospel and the Lord, working with them, and confirming their words with signs following. Miracles had a special purpose in the beginning of the church, and that was to prove, that what these Apostles taught, was coming straight from God. During these times there were many false teachers in the world. Please read Acts 5:34-39. We also can read in Acts 8:9-11, where a man named Simon was practicing sorcery and was deceiving the people into thinking, that he was a man with great power from God.(We still have men today who are still deceiving the people into thinking that they are special men from God, with great power.) But notice what happens when Phillip comes down and preaches Jesus Christ to them. Pay attention to what Phillip does to confirm that his preaching is from God. Read verse 6. the people gave heed, to the things that Phillip preached, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. Verse 7 lists some of the miracles that he did. Please pay close attention to the kind of miracles that he performed. They were all external miracles, where everyone seeing, knew beyond any shadow for doubt, that they were witnessing miracles from God. So we can see there is a great difference in Bible miracles and the so called miracles of men today. The real miracles that comes from God are external miracles and the one that comes from men are all internal, which produces doubt.

Now let us remember that the New Testament had not been written yet. All that the people had to study was the Old Testament. It wasn't long after Jesus and the Apostles died, until the works of Jesus and the Apostles were made into book form, known unto men as the New covenant from God.

So after the New Testament was completed, there was not future need of miracles to confirm the words of the Apostles, that their words were from God. So the purpose of Bible miracles were to produce faith in the hearts of people that the words of the Apostles were truth. God did not choose, to continue using miracles to produce faith. He chose, to write in a book the works of Jesus and His apostles and use that instead of miracles to produce faith.

We can read in Rom. 10:17, So that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

QUESTION. So when did Bible miracles cease? When the Apostles died and those that the Apostles laid their hand upon. We read in 1 Cor. 13:8-10, It was when that which is perfect is come. There was only two perfect things in the world, one was Jesus, the other is the word of God. We all know that Jesus has already come to this world and died for our sins and then, went back to heaven. That leaves only the word of God. We read in James 1:25, where the word of God is called the perfect law of liberty. So we no longer need bible miracles to produce faith in people's hearts. The Perfect Law of Liberty has taken their place, and if this doesn't produce faith in our hearts Heb.11:6, says, with out faith it is impossible to please God.

Your soul is by far the most important thing that you possess, so please study the Bible daily, so you will know what is truth and then obey its teachings and we will meet in heaven when this life is over.

Read all of these scriptures that are given in this lesson and meditate upon them. Share them with your family and friends.

Remember God loves you, and we love you.

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