

What About Miracles?

In the Bible, a *miracle* is a work “of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means” (W.E. Vine). Miracles caused natural laws to be suspended while a supernatural force (God) took over. Miracles didn’t just happen; God performed them through human agency for a specific purpose.

Jesus performed miracles “*for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified*” (Jn 11:4). His miracles proved “*that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name*” (Jn 20:30). When He raised Lazarus from the dead, even Jesus’ enemies didn’t question His power (Jn 11:47). The alleged miracle workers of today cannot make that claim.

Miracles played a supporting role when the gospel was preached. After Jesus commissioned the apostles, “*they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs*” (Mark 16:20). The writer of Hebrews attests to that fact, “*God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will*” (Heb 2:4). God intended those miracles to prove that the apostles were His messengers, and that we ought to put our faith only in what was revealed to them.

The apostle Paul foresaw that miracles would “*fail*”, “*cease*” and “*vanish away*”; the miraculous age ended when “*that which is perfect has come*” (1 Cor 13:8-10). The New Testament contains “*the perfect law of liberty*” (Jas 1:25). All Scripture can make you “*complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work*” (2 Tim 3:16-17). A supposed modern-day miracle can add nothing to a faith made “complete” by God’s word.

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