



Teach & Talk Study Guide

Session Two: The Working of Miracles

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Last session, we began our series on **“The Ministry of Miracles.”**

- We must uphold the proper “miracle mindset”: we do not seek miracles for miracles’ sake. Miracles minister, are not self-serving, and point people to God.
- A miracle is an amazing supernatural event that unmistakably points to God, revealing His glory and proving His authority.
- We, as the Apostolic Church, should believe in, and expect miracles today with the same nature and characteristics as the working of miracles in the ministry of Christ.

Introduction

In a general sense, all answers to prayer, all spiritual gifts, and all divine healings are miraculous.

Supernatural Gift of Miracles

1. The specific supernatural gift of “working of miracles” is a special gift different from others, including faith and healings. The “working of miracles” is one of nine supernatural gifts listed by Paul.

Gifts of the Spirit

Gifts of Revelation (Mind of Christ)	Gifts of Utterance (Voice of Christ)	Gifts of Power (Hands of Christ)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The word of wisdom• The word of knowledge• Discerning of spirits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prophecy• Tongues• Interpretation of tongues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faith• Miracles• Healing

I Corinthians 12:4, 7, 9-11 NKJV

- **Vs. 4:** “There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (God is the Source.)
- **Vs. 7:** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:
 - “manifestation of the Spirit”—a demonstration or display; verb; to reveal or show plainly”
 - Thus, you cannot define these gifts in terms of human abilities.
- **Vs. 9-10:** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to

another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”

- **Vs. 11:** “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”
 - Administration of the Gifts: given according to the will of God
 - There is great value in learning about the spiritual gifts and learning to yield to God’s Spirit so we are prepared for God to use us.
 - But God is the one who bestows and enables the gifts according to His sovereign purpose (vs. 11, Heb. 2:4).
- 2. The supernatural gifts should be normal, not abnormal; expected, not unexpected.
- 3. They do not operate continually, however. If they did, we would not think of them as supernatural.

The Working of Miracles

The working of miracles is the supernatural intervention of God that transcends the laws of nature in a situation and operates through or with a human vessel.

- “a specific operation of God”
- It is a gift “to” someone, it indicates an operation through, with, or by means of, a member of Christ’s body.
- God can do miracles **in** the lives of sinners, but the gift of the working of miracles denotes the action of God **through** His church.

Biblical Examples

The New Testament church received the working of miracles on numerous occasions.

- Acts 8:39-40; The Spirit transports Philip
- Acts 12:5-11; An angel delivers Peter from prison
- Acts 8:6-7; 19:11-12; Demons were expelled out of possessed people
- Acts 20:9-12; Eutychus was raised from the dead
- Acts 9:36-42; Dorcas was raised from the dead

- More than the healing of sickness or limitations, the preceding two instances (Eutychus, Dorcas) was a miracle of resurrection and restoration to natural life.
- Acts 9:36-42; Paul was protected from harm after a snake bite

Nature of miracles

- Some miracles are evident only to those who believe; other miracles defy all rational explanation (Acts 4 uses the word “notable miracles”)
- We should expect the working of miracles, but we must not think we can operate our entire lives by this gift. (e.g, Philip’s miracles)
- We should trust God to supply our needs, expecting answers to prayer and the working of miracles, but we should not neglect our daily responsibility.

Results of Miracles

- Meets genuine needs
- Spreads the gospel
- From the raising of Dorcas from the dead:
 - “And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.” Acts 9:42 NKJV

Present Day Examples

Elder McIntyre—raised from death in our Worship Center (his book description?)

- Example of father-in-law’s neighbor being awoken by an evil spirit
- As a boy I recall the account of Missionary Scism’s car being lifted over the top of the stopped car in front of her
- RWW example of the dead raised

Discussion Questions

1. What are different ways we can be used in the working of miracles? Should we pray to be used in this way? Why/Why not? Do we pray this? Why/Why not?
2. Discuss the working of miracles *in* and *through* people's lives. For example...
 - a. How do miracles affect the person *through* whom the miracle is working?
 - b. How do miracles affect the person *in* whom the miracle is demonstrated?
 - c. And so on.
3. How do miracles affect the kingdom as a whole? Why is it important to consider the kingdom when praying for miracles to happen?
4. How can we give God the glory when we witness or are used for the working of miracles? [immediate praise, continuous praise, share testimony, redirect others to thank God and not ourselves]
5. Discuss miracles of which you have heard of, been a part of, or received. How have you, your oikos, and others been impacted by these miracles?
6. Does anyone here have a need? Are there other means by which the need can be met (for example, hard work, better decisions, help from the body)?

Pray as necessary for the need and/or miracle for one another.