

MIRACLE

Dictionary definition: wonder, phenomenon, marvel, sensation, vision

Miracle 4159 Hebrew mowpheth, mo-faith, or mopheth mo-faith; from 3302 in the sense of conspicuousness; a miracle; by implic. A token or omen – miracle, sign, wonder (-ed, at).

Miracle owth oth 226

Prob from 225 (in the sense of appearing); a signal (lit. or fig.) as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, etc. mark, miracle, (en-) sign, token.

Miracle pala paw-law 6381; a prim root; prop. Perh. To separate i.e. distinguish (lit or fig) by implic. To b (cause, make) great, difficult, wonderful:- accomplish (arise ... too, be too) hard, hidden, things too high, (be, do, do a , shew) marvellous (-ly, -els, things, work), miracles, perform, separate, make singlarl (be, great, make) wonderful (-ers, -ly, things, works,), wondrous (things, works, -ly).

Miracle - nine in the NT

“No one who does a miracle (1411) in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us.” Mark 9:39

Others (4592)

“When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle.” Luke 23:8

“This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.” John 4:54

“After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” John 6:14

“Many people because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him.” John 12:18

“Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle.” Acts 4:16b

“For the man who was miraculously healed was over 40 years old.” Acts 4:22

Miracle(s) plural more frequent but still not a huge amount – **4 times in NT/23 times in OT**

MIRACLE IS DYNAMITE POWER!

1411 dunamis – from 1410 force (lit or fig) spec. **miraculous power** (usually by implic.) **a miracle itself**, ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y deed), worker of miracles, power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Miracle 4592 semeion (say-mee-on) an indication, esp. cerem of supernatural - miracle, sign, wonder, token.

JESUS CORRELATES MIRACLES AND MERCY MINISTRY (LINK MT 25)

Jesus said, "No one who does a miracle (**1411**) in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. I tell you the truth anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward." Mark 9:39-41

POWER IN AND OF ITSELF IS NOT EVIDENCE OF GOD ORIGIN – THE POWER MUST BE COUPLED TO COMPASSION AND THE LOVE OF GOD

HOW DO WE TEST IF A MIRACLE IS GENUINELY FROM THE LORD?

"For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect – if that were possible. See, I have told you ahead of time." Mt 24:24

"The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. " 2 Thessalonians 2:9

- **Love is the barometer! Love is the motivator!** *"Anyone who gives you even a cup of water in my name ..."*
- **Lawlessness and righteousness are polar ends of an opposite spectrum of evil and holiness**
- When Paul speaks of the gifts, he sums them up in eagerly desiring the greater gift of LOVE

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS WAS ACCREDITED BY MIRACLES - MIRACLES ARE DONE AMONGST THE PEOPLE

*"Men of Israel, listen to this: **Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.**"* Acts 2:22

- God testified to the message of salvation by revealing miracles through the Lord Jesus Christ
- Miracles are to be done amongst the people - they are witnessed and they are testified to.

Miracles - 1411 ; wonders - 5059; signs 4591

Miracle 1411 dunamis

Wonder 5059 ferano a prodigy or omen - wonder

Sign 4591 - semaino say-may-nee-oh to indicate, signify

MIRACLE ANOINTING IS A GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"To another the working of miracles." 1 Corinthians 12:10

WHEN GOD'S GOVERNMENTAL ORDER IS INSTITUTED, MIRACLES WILL FLOW

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others,

those with gifts of administration and those speaking in different kinds of tongues."
1 Corinthians 12:27-28

- Every believer has a place of belonging and serving in the body of Christ
- God's authority and power flow when believers operate in mutual honour and submission to each other
- When the apostolic, prophetic foundations are in place, coupled with Godly teaching then the miracle anointing functions effectively in a region or nation

NOT ALL ARE DESIGNATED AS MIRACLE WORKERS, BUT THE MIRACLE ANOINTING IS TO BE A BLESSING TO ALL

"Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have the gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts." 1 Corinthians 12:29

- **The greater gift is LOVE** (1 Corinthians 13)

GOD TESTIFIES TO SALVATION MESSAGE WITH SIGNS, WONDERS AND MIRACLES

"This salvation, which was confirmed to us by those who heard him, God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will." Hebrews 2:4

MIRACLES AND FAITH

*"Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or **because you believe what you heard.**" Galatians 3:5*

- Paul writes to the Galatians asking them who had bewitched them that having begun in the Spirit they would somehow end in the flesh - i.e. carnal mindset and fleshly works.
- He instructs them that they must remain child-like in their faith using the example of miracles. He teaches them that miracles are not released because of the law but through child-like faith in God.

PERSECUTION AND REVIVAL BIRTH MIRACLE ATMOSPHERE FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH

*"Simon himself believed and was baptised. And he followed Philip everywhere, **astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.**" Acts 8:13*

- The miracles broke loose during the revival in Samaria, which Philip facilitated by his preaching.
- The revival had been fuelled by (Saul's) persecution of the church.
- Simon the Sorcerer wanted to "buy" the anointing but Apostle Peter later rebuked him.
- Philip had also received an apostolic grace impartation by the apostles laying hands on him. (Acts 6:5-7)

APOSTOLIC SUSTAINED, PERSEVERING PREACHING RELEASES THE MIRACLE ANOINTING

Paul preached in Ephesus and found some believers who had received the Gospel message but had not yet received the Holy Spirit. He prayed for them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied after he laid hands on them. There were about 12 men in all. Paul spoke for **3 months** in the synagogue arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. Eventually Paul had to leave after obstinate obstruction from Jews. Paul continued to speak **for 2 years** throughout Asia to both Jews and Greeks. He took the disciples with him and lectured daily in the hall of Tyrannus – **eventually God’s mighty power broke out in miracles!**

MIRACLE POWER WAS TRANSFERRABLE

GOD USED A FLAWED HUMAN BEING TO DO EXTRAORDINARY MIRACLES THROUGH

*"God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him **were taken to** the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them." Acts 19:11*

The miracle anointing was so strongly present that hankies anointed by Paul were a conduit for miracle healing and deliverance

TYPES OF MIRACLES

- HEALING OF PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS
- DELIVERANCE FROM DEMONIC OPPRESSION
- COMMAND OVER THE FORCES OF NATURE
- RAISING THE DEAD

JESUS' MIRACLES

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
HEALING OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISORDERS				
Leper	8:2-3	1:40-42	5:12-13	
Centurion's servant	8:5-13		7:1-10	
Peter's mum in law	8:14-15	1:30-31	4:38-39	
Two Gadarenes	8:28-34	5:1-15	8:27-35	
Paralysed man	9:2-7	2:3-12	5:18-25	
Woman haemorrhage	9:20-22	5:25-29	8:43-48	
Two blind men	9:27-31			
Man dumb & possessed	9:32-33			
Man withered hand	12:10-13	3:1-5	6:6-10	
Man blind, dumb, possessed	12:22			
Canaanite woman's daughter	15:21-28	7:24-30		
Boy with epilepsy	17:14-18	9:17-29	9:38-43	
Bartimaeus/other blind man	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
Deaf and dumb man		7:31-37		
Man possessed, synagogue		1:23-26	4:33-35	
Blind man at Bethsaida		8:22-26		
Woman bent double			13:11-13	
Man with dropsy			14:1-4	
Ten lepers			17:11-19	
Malchus' ear			22:50-51	
Official's son at Capernaum				4:46-54
Sick man, pool of Bethesda				5:1-9
Man born blind				9

COMMAND OVER THE FORCES OF NATURE

Calming of the storm	8:23-27	4:37-41	8:22-25	
Walking on the water	14:25	6:48-51		6:19-21
5000 people fed	14:15-21	6:35-44	9:12-17	6:5-13
4000 people fed	15:32-38	8:1-9		
Coin in fish mouth	17:24-27			
Fig tree withered	21:18-22	11:12-14, 20-26		
Catch of fish			5:1-11	
Water turned into wine				2:1-11
Another catch of fish				21:1-11

BRINGING THE DEAD BACK TO LIFE

Jairus' daughter	9:18-19 23-25	5:22-24 38-42	8:41-42 49-56	
Widow's son at Nain			7:11-15	
Lazarus				11:1-44

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