**Miracles Past, Present and Future**

**Introduction**

As America is being made ‘great again’ with those soon to be announced so-called miracles; as the media continues to corrupt good manners with so-called miracles; as churches promote so-called and God-blessed miracles based on their pastor with the gifts of healing; as holiday movies, books, etc. continue to promote so-called miracles… and quite possibly you may even experience some sort of ‘miracle’ yourself… just what is the truth about miracles, anyway.

Who wouldn’t want a miracle to fix their health, straighten out their financial disaster, rescue their personal / family shipwreck! But should we be ‘up’ our prayer life? Should we read our bible more than ever before? Can we make a ‘deal’ with God and let our hearts pick the door that God’s miracle is behind? Is there someone with the gift of healing looking for someone to heal?

Well, here ya go…

we must look to a King James Bible for the truth about miracles.

I know – I know… few people really want to hear from a King James Bible – or even from someone who is a King James person! I can hear their comments already: “*Well, Paul did miracles, so see… even us “Paul people’ can believe in miracles!” “Jesus did miracles when He was with His apostles and if we want to promote the Great Commission, miracles are part of it!” Why wouldn’t Jesus want to do miracles even after He died – He rose again, so why not continue ‘where He left off?”*

I remember when I was doing the ‘booth’ at the country fair in the state of Washington – and I always had to be on the lookout for someone coming up and wanting to tell me about the miracle in their life. Talk about treading on thin ice, but my responses were never light enough – I fell through the ice every time! *(Ya know, those who had miracles in their lives were ‘always’ women. Hmmmmm)*

So, let’s look at how the King James Bible is still the final authority in all matters of faith and practice, even when dealing with so-called miracles!

This is too simple, actually. Let’s just look at the verses that have the word ‘miracle’ in them. The ‘observatorial’ conclusion is a simple one to draw!

**The ‘Study’**

From Moses to Jesus, to Peter to Philip to Paul, miracles had a purpose and that was to show that the man was approved of God! There are number of verses in the OT that state that but for this study, a few verses will do fine.

**Acts 2:22 - *Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:***

**Acts 6:8 - *And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.***

**Acts 8:6 - *And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.***

**Acts 8:13 - *Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles1 and signs which were done.***

But wait...

They say, “*See, even Paul did miracles?* Hmmmm – “*How can that be?”* you ask. They say to me, “*Doesn’t that blow your whole conclusion about following Paul only?”*

**Acts 15:12 - *Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.***

**Acts 19:11 - *And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:***

Then they love going to the following verses:

**I Corinthians 12:10 - *To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:***

**I Corinthians 12:28 - *And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities6 of tongues.***

**I Corinthians 12:29 - *Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?***

**Galatians 3:5 - *He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?***

Does this create a problem? It looks like they are right – but they are not!

Well, I believe the answer / explanation to be simple.

First of all, it is Paul talking in **Galatians 3:5** – and he is challenging the Galatians who have gone back to the ‘law’ and making issue of it… Paul is asking them if what they received (as a miracle) was because of the law or the hearing of faith – and the guy who is ministering to them is obviously doing miracles – which could be Paul – or any of his ‘fellow workers’, etc.

As I state many times, we must be able to rightly divide to know when Paul is talking to Jews and whether he is talking to people then – or to us today.

The answer to that question is: He is talking to us after WHEN that which is perfect is come – **I Corinthians 13:10**. Until then, he is making direct reference to his day – THEN! Not NOW!

In fact, even in I **Corinthians 13:12**, he says ‘***but then***’ making reference to ‘after’ when ***that which is perfect is come!***

To understand about that part of rightly dividing will totally help understanding why Paul did and taught what he did in Corinthians – including miracles, gifts and tongues, etc. yet he also talks about ‘gifts’, etc. in Romans. Gifts in Corinthians was for ‘before’ that which is perfect is come and gifts in Romans is for after when ‘that which is perfect is come.’ Miracles would also be under the same explanation!

So now, back to the subject of miracles!

**Hebrews 2:3,4 *- How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?***

We see that ‘***ministering spirits***’ is being referred to ‘***at the first***’ – and then confirmed by others later. It continues on in **verse 4**. However you can’t forget, but **Hebrews** is a book written to the Jews then who were about to experience the tribulation and Paul was giving them a chance to get it all right (**Acts 9:20**) – but since Christ went on to the Gentiles because the Jews continued to reject the risen Christ, this stuff we are reading was set aside / so it is aimed at the folks in the tribulation – and still not written to us today who are in the dispensation of the grace of God.

We have a KJB today – we have the words of the Lords in a book (getting more and more rare, though – as we near the time of the tribulation, of course!).

So, we see there must be miracles, etc. during the tribulation again. However, many of the miracles during the tribulation will also be done by Satan – and the test of those spirits as to whether they are from God or from Satan is described in **I John 4:1-3**.

As we near the time of tribulation, we will see (and are seeing) an increase of all those activities that will be taking place in the tribulation, as described in **Matthew**, for example… including an upping of the number of so-called miracles. God will stick to His dispensational design – so He won’t be doing miracles in this dispensation. Certainly, the devil will use his miracle power today to deceive / prepare folks for his miracle ministry during the tribulation, as we see described in the following verses.

The following verses are a “*fore-sight*” today to what “*hind-sight*” will be then!

**Revelation 13:14 *- And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.***

**Revelation 16:14 *- For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.***

**Revelation 19:20 *- And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.***

**So, are there any miracles from God today?**

**Sure – the King James Bible!**

But that’s all for now… until the Tribulation!

And believe me, that is enough for today!