

Gifts of the Holy Spirit 4

The Working of Miracles

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This study will cover the Power Gift called the Working of Miracles.

The Working of Miracles is a Supernatural power that comes from the God of the Bible producing signs, wonders and miracles.

This Gift was more in demonstration in the Old Testament than in the New Testament. But don't let that throw you. It still operates today and yes, I have seen it in manifestation.

Let's go back to the definition. I told you this Gift produces signs, wonders and miracles. This is accomplished as God suspends or overrides the laws of nature. Once the laws of nature are adjusted to suit His needs, God moves according to the laws of the Spirit realm through a human vessel. This is when the Supernatural occurs.

Notice that this Gift is not called the "Gift of Miracles." It is called the Working of Miracles. This is because God actually uses a human being or an Angel to "work" the miracle. The Gift of Faith is when God moves FOR a human being. With the Gifts of Healings, God moves THROUGH a human being or through an Angel. However, with the Working of Miracles, God actually allows the human vessel or an Angel TO ACTUALLY WORK THE MIRACLE utilizing His borrowed power for the moment.

Let's look briefly at the Working of Miracles being performed through a human vessel.

"[Elisha] took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over." (2Kings 2:13-14)

Here God actually allowed Elisha to perform this miraculous feat. The laws of nature were suspended as Elisha called upon the Lord. Elisha hit the waters with his cloak and the waters supernaturally jumped back and away to either side of him. Elisha walked across on the river bottom. This was no tiny brook, mind you. This was the mighty River Jordan.

The Old and New Testaments are filled with the Working of Miracles. I have a friend who has now traveled on to Heaven. His name is Roscoe Ronald Coyne. You can find his testimony on the Internet. Ronald had his eye surgically removed as a 7-

year-old boy. A short while later a tent Evangelist prayed for him during a crusade. The Evangelist did not know that Ronald's eye was missing. Ronald once told me that the Evangelist thought she was praying for "a chest cold or something." As a result of that woman releasing her faith through prayer, God suspended the laws of nature and Ronald actually began to see through his empty eye socket.

Over the course of his remaining 43 years on Earth, Ronald traveled millions of miles demonstrating this startling miracle to millions of individuals. Untold millions turned to Christ as a result. Ronald demonstrated this miracle in my Church pulpit on two occasions. I personally blocked his existing eye with a handkerchief folded six or eight times. I held it in place with a half roll of adhesive tape. I did a really good job, too. Like you, I wanted to know that he could not see through his existing eye.

He proceeded to read anything and everything brought to him by nearly everyone in those services – all through an empty eye socket. His plastic eyeball was sitting on my pulpit. Ronald once told me by telephone that he could see through that empty eye socket 24 and 7. This was both with and without the plastic eyeball. Almighty God was allowing him to see supernaturally with his "spirit" eye.

You may have seen Ronald on one of his multiple television appearances with Oprah Winfrey, Phil Donahue, Geraldo Rivera, Sally Jesse Raphael and other popular television talk show hosts. They clamored for his appearances. He once told me that he told them all, "I'll come on your program but you must allow me the privilege of telling people that Jesus Christ has done this for me. Otherwise, I will not come." They always agreed to allow him to freely speak of Jesus Christ.

This precious Gift called the Working of Miracles is about to be demonstrated in the Earth unlike any other time in all of human history. When it is, the multitudes will come running to Christ for salvation.

Satan's power is mighty. But our God's power is Almighty.