

Understanding Miracles & Providence



Miracles today? Most people would probably not give this a second thought. Absolutely, they would assume that there are miracles today. In fact, to deny miracles today, is to limit

God's power and ability and no one wants to do that. This study will take a look at the balance between miracles and providence. Many are shocked to learn that the age of miracles has ceased. God does not do miracles today! This understanding puts one at odds with many religious books, prayer cloths, and the thinking of most today.

When we say the age of Miracles has ended:

- It does not mean God is _____ at work today
- It does not mean that God cannot, but rather He _____ not to do a miracle today
- It does not mean that prayer no longer _____
- It does not mean that people are no longer _____ by God

A. God has ended or stop using things in the Past

1. No longer uses the T _____
2. No longer uses the _____ of the covenant
3. No longer speaks _____ to man
4. No longer needs _____ on the earth
5. No longer needs _____ sacrifices
6. No longer needs the _____ observed



Can God still talk through a burning bush?
YES!
Will He?
_____!

Laws of Nature

Laws of Medical Science

Laws of Physics

1. Miracles _____ these laws. A miracle is doing the impossible.
2. Providence works _____ these laws. Providence is _____ by these laws.

Can God heal today?

- Miraculously: NO
- Providentially: YES
- Through medicine: 1 Tim 5:23
- Through prayer: James 5:14-15

B. Three Conclusions that Help Us Understand That the Age of Miracles Has Ended

1. The purpose of miracles has been fulfilled: There is no _____ for miracles today
- Mk 16:20; Heb 2:4; Acts 2:22

2. The means to get miracles is no longer available: There is no way to ___ miracles today

- not every Christian could do miracles (1 Cor 12:28-30)

- The power was given to the apostles (Mt 10:1)

The apostles had to lay their hands upon others in order for them to do a miracle (Acts 8:18; 19:6)

- There are no living apostles on the earth today

This power, authority and gift of miracles was not:

Self-perpetuating

Purchased

Something that non-apostles could give to others

3. God declared that miracles would end: There is a _____ way (2 Pet 1:16-19)

- 1 Cor 13:8-12 (tongues, knowledge and prophecy were teaching tools)

- contextually, the 'perfect' is the complete _____ of God's word

- the emphasis shifts to the written word of God (Eph 3:3-5; Gal 1:8-9; 2 Thes 2:15; Jude 3)