

DOES GOD STILL DO MIRACLES LIKE HE DID IN THE BIBLE?

There are many TYPES of Miracles in the Bible:

- Celestial events
- Instantaneous healings
- God takes control over nature
- Animals acting/speaking

Definition of Miracle= an event that defies common expectations of behavior and subsequently is attributed to a superhuman agent; an occurrence that demonstrates God's involvement in the course of human affairs.

Acts 2:43 (NIV) *Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.*

Acts 5:12 (NIV) *The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people.*

2 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV) *I persevered in demonstrating among you the marks of a true apostle, including signs, wonders and miracles.*

What is the Purpose of Miracles?

1). The Purpose of Miracles is to Authenticate God's Message.

- Moses (Exodus 4:1-9)
- Elijah (1 Kings 18:36-39)
- Jesus (John 10:37)

Matthew 14:33 (NIV) *Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."*

Acts 15:12 (NIV) *The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them*

2). To teach what the Kingdom of God was like.

Matthew 11:5 (NIV) *The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.*

“There were fewer miracles in the Bible than you probably think, and more miracles today than you probably know.” -John Piper

Psalm 77:11 (NIV) *I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.*

Followers of Jesus actually SUFFERED.

- They got sick, persecuted
- Thrown in prison, killed.
- Beaten, tortured, beheaded.
- Confused, frustrated, hurt, and disappointed.
- Arguments, theological disputes, conflicts

Luke 16:31 (NIV) *He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’*

Matthew 27:40 (NIV) *You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!”* ⁴¹ *In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.* ⁴² *“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.*

Jesus had a BIGGER PURPOSE in mind, than just doing miracles.

We can trust God whether we understand it or not. Whether He does a miracle or not. We can still believe in Jesus. We can trust in His sovereignty.

****A mature faith is NOT** one that is conditional. Based on miracles. Based on our conditions or understanding.