

KINGDOM LAWS

THE LAW OF MIRACLES (EXCEPT)



To reach into the spiritual and cause it to become physical is called a miracle. There is a God given "Law of Miracles." It governs the question of God's willingness to disrupt His natural order in order to accomplish His purpose on planet earth. When God does disrupt that natural order, the result is a miracle, a contravention of the natural laws through which He usually works moment by moment. He overrides the way in which things normally operate.

Since God is almighty, He is perfectly able at any time to change the way things are done. He can heal a body instantly, He can still a storm, and He can move a mountain. Those are all miracles.

Even then, however, He works within principles and they frame the Law of Miracles. That means we need to understand the law and act on it, for Jesus introduced a new order of normality at the Day of Pentecost. With the power of the Holy Spirit, miracles were to be the normal. He expected His followers to do even greater things than He did. After all, during His incarnation He rebuked them for failing to do miracles like walking on water and casting out demons. And He praised an outsider, A Roman centurion, who perceived Christ's spiritual authority and discerned the relationship between the spiritual and the natural. "Just say the word and my servant will be healed," the centurion said.

Jesus marveled at the Roman's understanding....."I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel," He said. That is what today's believer must discover.

THE UMBRELLA OF FAITH

"Have faith in God," Jesus said. We must believe that God exists, trust Him, expect Him to enter into communion with us, to show us His divine will and purpose. Remembering that faith is the title deed to the reservoir of power residing in the Holy Spirit. It is all ours, if we know the **RULES OF MIRACLES**.

First, we are to take our eyes off the circumstances and the impossibilities and to look to God and the possibilities.

We have an excellent example from the Scriptures to illustrate this point. Remember Joshua and Caleb. Representing the twelve tribes of Israel, they and ten others were sent as spies to determine if God's people should enter into the promise land. They stayed forty days and returned with reports of a marvelous land filled with milk and honey, but there were also giants living in the fortified cities.

"They are too strong for us," ten of the spies said.

But Caleb and Joshua, who were to figure prominently in Israel's future, were enthusiastic and eager to move ahead. "It doesn't matter how many giants there are. The Lord is with us." They looked at God and not the circumstances; they reflected the attitude God wants to see in us today. Yet the ten others prevailed, exploiting the fears of the Israelites. They succumbed to their crisis, ignoring the principles of the miraculous, and failed to take what was theirs. The records show us, only Joshua and Caleb were allowed to enter into the promise land. The only two who took their eyes off the circumstances and the impossibilities and focus on God and the possibilities?

Second, we are not to doubt in our hearts.

We have seen in previous lessons that spirit controls matter, the lesser authority yields to the greater authority and that the mind and voice are the instruments by which the will of the spirit is transmitted to the physical.

For miracles to happen through us, God's Will must first be transmitted by the Holy Spirit to our spirit. Then, Jesus declared, we must not doubt in our hearts. The

inmost center of our being, which the Bible calls the "heart" or the "spirit" must be focused on the objective at all times. We must be like Abraham, who against all hope believed God would grant him a son by his 90-year-old wife Sarah. *"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."* (Romans 4:20, 21)

In fact, the persuasion in our spirit must be so strong that it seems to us the desired result has already taken place. As Jesus put it, "believe that you have received: and you will have what you say."

Jesus further tells us to command the mountain to move. Scripture points to the fact that Jesus stilled a storm by speaking to it, raised three dead people by speaking to them, cleansed a leper by speaking to him, and healed a Roman officer's servant by speaking the Word from a remote location.

So we see that miracles begin with certainty that God is present and that He has a purpose. Then, we His people, translate that purpose into the physical world by invoking His unlimited power. We do it with our mouths, speaking the Word of the Lord to the mountain, to the disease, to the storm, to the demons, and to the finances. We do not pray further, unless the situation specifically calls for prayer, like in the area of generational curses or historical strongholds. Please don't misunderstand me, prayer is extremely important, and we are never to neglect it. In fact Jesus gave us example after example, of going off by Himself to pray, often for hours. And the Scripture writers are relentless

in their admonitions to pray. Paul went so far as to tell us to pray without ceasing.

But once God's will is disclosed, then it is time to shift to speaking.

On the Day of Pentecost when the power of the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, an evidence of their anointing was their speaking in tongues. Their voices were empowered by the Holy Spirit, a miracle that continues to be experienced by us today through what is known as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. From there, the disciples entered into ministry more miraculous than any they had known. They had been clothed with power from on high.

THE MAJOR HINDRANCE

Having faith, seeing, refusing to doubt and speaking are all critically important parts of the Law of Miracles. But Jesus made another point in the episode with the fig tree. Many people wish He hadn't.

“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.” (Mark 11:25)

With those few words, He set forth the major hindrance to the working of miracles in the physical world-the lack of forgiveness. Men and women, Christians and non-Christians, carry grudges. Any power of God within them is eaten up by resentment. Is there any wonder that we see so little of the miraculous intervention of God in the affairs of believers today?

We noted earlier that our initial view of God and our entrance into kingdom blessings depend on being born again and allowing the Lord to remove the cloud of sin between us and God. That unobstructed view must continue if we are to evidence the miraculous. Being born again merely sets the process in motion; we must then walk step by step in a state of forgiveness. John the apostle said it this way: *“... if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son (continuously) cleanses of from all sin.” (1 John 1:7)*

He went on to say that the one who hates his brother, who is not in a state of forgiveness with him, walks in the darkness and doesn't know where he's going. Thus walking in the light equates to living in proper relationships, which also means that we can be cleansed of our sins. The blood of Jesus does not cleanse in the dark or in a state of unforgiveness. Without forgiveness, our view of God and His kingdom is clouded. We see very limited to no miracles.

In this matter, the Lord does not appear to be speaking of the loss of eternal salvation, for we have learned that this comes by grace through faith, not works. He is not saying a grudge will prevent you from ultimately going to heaven; He can be expected to deal with that at the proper time. Rather, He is declaring that if we want to experience the miraculous now, it is imperative that we live in a condition of forgiveness. Unforgiveness is not a characteristic acceptable in the kingdom of God. It contradicts the doctrine of forgiveness itself. We will cover the entire forgiveness doctrine in a later lesson.

If all the law and all the prophets hinge on loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbors as

ourselves, then unforgiveness can shatter everything. It reveals, among other things, the horrible sin of pride. For only the humble can forgive-those who surrender anger, feelings and reputation to the Will of God.

NO SMALL MATTER

We must see that these concerns are for our own good. Resentment, for example, eats into a person like cancer. Indeed, it often causes sickness, both spiritual and physical, that can be debilitating and defy medical treatment. That is why the Lord dealt with the issue so many times.

One well-know dialogue occurred with Peter right after a bit of instruction on unity: *“Then Peter came and said to Him, ‘Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.’” (Matthews 18:21, 22)*

Increasing the impact of the lesson, the Lord went on to tell a parable about a nobleman’s slave who was forgiven a debt of \$10 million dollars after coming close to being sold along with his family on the slave market to recover the money. The man turned around and seized another slave who owed him \$100 dollars and had him thrown into prison for non payment. Here is how Jesus concluded the parable:

“Then summoning him (the first man), his lord said to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you entreated me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?’ And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed

him. So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you do not forgive his brother from your heart.” (Matthew 18:32-35)

It is no small matter and I regret that the church through the years has not dealt more forcefully with it. As members of the kingdom, totally indebted to our loving heavenly Father, we must maintain an attitude and an atmosphere that promote harmony with our brothers. If we refuse to do that, we do receive the blessings from our Father and we block the flow of the miraculous power.

Our principle weapon in the crises we face in the world is love and love operates only in a state of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Pettiness must go, as well as, jealousy, pride, lack of concern for others and neglect of the poor and needy.

MIRACLES ARE AVAILABLE

If we would live in the kingdom of God today, by grace through faith, we would see far more miracles. We need only to look to Paul's instructions to the Corinthian church to discover the miracle experiences that were considered normal in that day.

He spoke of them as "manifestations" that unblocked the presence of the Holy Spirit and brought forth the supernatural.

"For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another

prophecy, and another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues." I Corinthian 12:8-10.

These are the supernatural evidences of God's favor and grace. They are among the effects of the blowing of the Spiritual wind in our lives. When the wind blows, tree leaves move. When the Spirit blows other things move as well. God wants each of us to reach into the spiritual world and allow him to perform miracles through us in the physical world. He will do it without limits of time, distance and circumstances. He waits for us to practice the principles he has set forth in the Scriptures. Let's put the "Rules of Miracles into practice today.