

Chapter 1 : Author Lauren Cox - Miracles, Signs, & Wonders

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You will receive ability take the able-power, capability - after the holy spirit will have come on you - and you will be my witnesses. Witnesses of the resurrected Christ Jesus - not of themselves, nor of what they did previously, nor of the local denomination, nor of the latest craze, nor of anything else! Witnesses are people who bear witness, attesting to the information and knowledge that they have regarding a certain-thing, and they can therefore confirm it giving information bringing it to light on the strength of the authority that they have. They were to be his witnesses among the people: Paul continues teaching concerning spiritual-things and he explains that In verse 10 Paul includes: In-workings of ability refer to powerfully active works being done within, the effects of energizing able-power, energies of capability. The spirit makes these in-workings of ability known and available to the holy-person Christian. How will emphatically we escape flee out from a rightly-due compensation payment if we are Fear came-to-pass on every soul. Every holy-person became this way. They had fright, being afraid at the consequences of the performance of any wrong behavior, and so they manifested the awe and respect that is rightfully due and ought to be shown towards the Lord Jesus Christ and towards God his Father. A lot of both What did they do having heard what they said? Or did they get the largest weapon they could find and go with the intention of badly injuring or killing the council members? Like-mindedly passionately of the same mind they raised their voices together towards God in prayer to Him for His help in this situation. They prayed to God, and in verse 29 they included: More multitudes of both grown men and women believing having faith, trusting in or regarding the Lord Jesus Christ were added to the apostles and the other people who had previously believed and then received holy spirit-life. What wonderful deliverance these people received in the spirit category and in the physical category! In verse 5, Stephen is described as a man being filled-up in the everyday living of his life with belief faith, trust relative to God and of holy spirit receiving information from his holy spirit. Stephen had previously believed what the apostles taught and so he received the gift of holy spirit at that time, and now he was living it - he believed the fullness of belief that God and the Lord Jesus Christ continued to give to him via his holy spirit. While Stephen was carrying-out the function of service that had been assigned to him, having the full-contents of grace and able-power capability from God and the Lord Jesus Christ via his holy spirit-life he was doing great wonders supernatural occurrences and signs designated standards or signals showing authenticity among the people. They were jointly seeking and inquiring in a hostile manner into what Stephen was saying and doing so as to catch him or trip him up in his words. But they were not strong to stand-against they did not have the physical strength with all their mental intelligence to withstand, to resist the wisdom and the spirit by-which he uttered-forth. Philip was one of the seven men chosen in Acts chapter 6 to help in the ministry, but because of all the persecution, he had to leave Jerusalem and he went down into the city of Samaria. There Philip proclaimed the Christ the Anointed-one, the Messiah. A big throng of people turned their minds, thoughts and attention passionately of the same mind on what Philip was speaking Philip was fully aware that he had holy spirit-life within him. Even though the persecution had caused him to move away from Jerusalem , this did not affect the able-power of his holy spirit to help and communicate to Philip what God and the Lord Jesus Christ wanted him to do and say in his new location. These unclean spirits were caused to go out from the people even though the devil-spirits would shout-out via those people. Also, those people who now believed what Philip taught received the gift of holy spirit and so any devil-spirit which was in any of these people had to get-out. As well as that, a lot of the people living in Samaria at that time were paralyzed and lame and Philip attended to them in the appropriate manner. He treated them therapeutically, took care of them as necessary, which was as his holy spirit communicated to him. What was the result of Philip heralding-forth regarding the Christ, and his performing signs in this city? There became much joy rejoicing in that city - a lot of joy! Even Simon himself, the man who had been practicing magic, also believed what Philip was evangelizing concerning the kingdom God and the name of Jesus Christ! He became a son of God just like Philip. Then he

was being strong with Philip persevering, attending constantly to him. Simon was viewing with attention contemplating in his mind both Simon knew how he had done his magical sorceries in the past but he did not yet understand how Philip was able to do all he did. Shortly after Saul also known as Paul became a holy-person Christian, the people who heard him were awestruck and totally-puzzled, both the holy-people and those who did not believe what God had given them to believe. When Paul and Barnabas arrived in Iconium, they did the same thing as they usually did on entering a particular place - they went together into the synagogue of the Judeans. These people believed had faith-in, trusted what Paul and Barnabas taught them. Who are the brothers? Therefore what did Paul and Barnabas do? Indeed they spent a sufficient amount of time enough chronological time speaking freely and openly based upon the Lord God Who was attesting to His own Word concerning His grace His bestowing of unmerited favor. God bore this witness by giving They were embracing both moral and physical badness in their speaking-of or pertaining-to the way, referring in a derogatory manner about the way of God and the Lord Jesus Christ that Paul was teaching before the multitude in the sight or presence of the fullness of people. Then, after Paul actively stood away from those people, he separated the learning disciples. There, from day-to-day and throughout each day, Paul was throughly speaking the word of the Lord conversing, discussing thoroughly, having dialogue with them concerning the word of the Lord. This was truly a learning environment! And internally connected and related to what is written in verse This does not mean that Paul had to put his hands on top of everybody; it means that these abilities were done by God via Paul; they worked together! God did not exclude Paul nor did Paul exclude God! How kind of God to do this with Paul and for the people! I will not dare venture to speak anything of the things Even if I am nothing considered to be not one thing of significance from the worldly viewpoint in the physical category “ indeed the signs of the apostle the signals or standards of designation and authentication pertaining-to and proceeding-from the apostle, who is the Lord Jesus Christ were rendered-to-work among you caused to be effected among you within patient-endurance enduring, bearing-up, staying upright relative to God and the things of God under obstacles ” the signs of the apostle included signs specific to each situation and wonders supernatural occurrences Paul had already manifested the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, the apostle, among them. Paul expresses his gratitude: Paul writes to the Philippian holy-people: But I rejoiced with a large measure within the Lord his sphere of action because at some past time previously you bloomed-up as plants which remain alive bloom with flowers from time to time, you blossomed again, flourished afresh in an upward manner to have thoughts in your mind in my interests, on which to think on my behalf also you were continually thinking, not only on one occasion, but you were without the specific time-period you lacked the opportune occasion or season required to carry-through on this thinking. Then Paul quickly points out: I am not laying this out here with the objective-cause being that it is in accordance with a lack that I have some particular want, deficiency, anything that falls-short or is behind on my part ” in truth I learned to be self-sufficient holding all adequacy within myself being satisfied with enough and being strong to ward-off anything contrary during or among the situations or circumstances I am presently experiencing. Paul explains definitely and clearly: Who was enabling Paul? The Lord Jesus Christ. This able-power strengthened Paul to carry-on doing the physical tasks he faced during his apostleship. During my first defense when I was speaking my speech of defense the first time in connection with this imprisonment, speaking words trying to get away from that difficult situation before the tribunal “ not one person arrived to me nobody came to be beside me, none became with me, but on the contrary, all-people left me behind remaining in the state way, place that I was in at that time ” may it not be calculated to them my prayerful wish and desire regarding those people is that it would not be reckoned, imputed, counted to them by the Lord Jesus Christ when he will do the judging.

Chapter 2 : 17 Bible verses about Signs And Wonders Of The Gospel

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The divine attestation was given by miracles and by "gifts" literally, distributions, as in the margin; see 1Corinthians The words here used are illustrated especially by 2Corinthians But yet "greater works" John The last words, "according to His will," bring us back to the first words of the section Hebrews 1: Pulpit Commentary Verse 4. The idea is that the hearers of "the Lord" testified, and God attested their testimony by the signs that accompanied their ministry. The passage is instructive as expressing the grounds of acceptance of the gospel. Its truth was already "confirmed" to believers by the testimony of unimpeachable witnesses to that which, so attested, carried with it its own evidence. But the signs attending the apostolic ministry were granted for further attestation. Thus "signs and wonders," the craving for which as a condition of belief was so condemned by our Lord, have their true evidential value assigned them. They did not furnish the original basis of belief, which rested on Christ himself, his Person. They came in only as suitable accompaniments of a Divine dispensation, and as additional confirmations. The apologists of the last generation were given to rest the evidence of Christianity too exclusively on miracles. The tendency of the present age is to dwell rather on its internal evidence, and, so far as it can be done, to explain away the miracles. They are not to be explained away, having been, as has been said, fitting accompaniments and confirmations of such a dispensation as the gospel was. But to us, as well as to those early believers, they are not the first or main ground of our belief. To us, as re them, Christ and his gospel, testified to as they are by "them that heard," are their own sufficient evidence. Indeed, the cogency of the "signs" in the way of evidence is less now than formerly, since they too have now passed into the category of things that rest on testimony. The evidential counterpart to them in our case is the continued attestation which God gives to the gospel in its living power on the souls of men, and its results in the world before our eyes. It is thus that our faith is strengthened in "the salvation at first spoken through the Lord, and confirmed to us by them that heard. The phrase, with that which follows, according to his own will, is peculiarly Pauline, and confirms the conclusion that the writer, though not necessarily St. Paul himself, was at any rate one of the circle influenced by his teaching. Matthew Henry Commentary 2: Our minds and memories are like a leaky vessel, they do not, without much care, retain what is poured into them. This proceeds from the corruption of our nature, temptations, worldly cares, and pleasures. Sinning against the gospel is neglect of this great salvation; it is a contempt of the saving grace of God in Christ, making light of it, not caring for it, not regarding either the worth of gospel grace, or the want of it, and our undone state without it. Here is an appeal to the consciences of sinners. Even partial neglects will not escape rebukes; they often bring darkness on the souls they do not finally ruin. The setting forth the gospel was continued and confirmed by those who heard Christ, by the evangelists and apostles, who were witnesses of what Jesus Christ began both to do and to teach; and by the gifts of the Holy Ghost, qualified for the work to which they were called. It was the will of God that we should have sure ground for our faith, and a strong foundation for our hope in receiving the gospel. Let us mind this one thing needful, and attend to the Holy Scriptures, written by those who heard the words of our gracious Lord, and were inspired by his Spirit; then we shall be blessed with the good part that cannot be taken away.

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It is one thing for non-believers to be drawn by signs and wonders. That is their purpose. However, it is another thing when believers go chasing after the latest sign or wonder. In Marks gospel chapter 16 it says, Mark They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed. Could it be that we are wanting to be part of a miracle service rather than to do what it takes to be the conduit of miracle power? Have we segregated our Christian life to such a point that we only expect God to show up at a church service or event? The Purpose of Signs and Wonders Signs and wonders have a specific purpose in the advancement of the kingdom of God. Those who have believed already know that God is good and that He has an unfailing love for us. Those that do not think so have not experienced this great truth. The purpose of these miraculous works is the supernatural physical expression of the goodness and unfailing love to those unbelievers. Take a look at this passage in the book of Acts Acts 5: Notice that the first thing the passage says is that the apostles were doing signs and wonders among the people. Now at first glance, we might assume that they were doing these signs and wonders among the believers. However, in verse 13 it clearly states that the believers that were associated with them did not dare to join them. So who were the people that they were doing these miraculous things among? It is among non-believers. The miracles were causing non-believers to come to faith in Jesus. Notice it is the people away from the church that is coming and seeing the miraculous. Crowds came from the suburbs of Jerusalem so they could get a miracle. It is evident that signs and wonders are to follow those that believe, and not that believers chased after them. Many people try to teach that there is a specific formula or ritual that you need to follow to be blessed with the gift of miracles. Unfortunately, this teaching on the miraculous is not true. There is only one way to have the power of God in your life. It is by spending time with Jesus and Jesus and you becoming so intimate that you walk as He walked. Notice what it says in Acts chapter 4. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. Notice the three things that the men noticed in this passage. They realized that Peter and John had been with Jesus. That realization is the key to having signs and wonders in your life. To the level that you spend time with Jesus is the level you will walk in miraculous power. There is a reason for this. If miracle-working power were given without the time spent with Jesus, then that power would be abused. It is the time spent with Jesus that matures and strengthens a person so that they will yield this power responsibly. Jesus wants to use you with signs and wonders. Will you answer the call to spend time with Him and just Him? Will you spend the time it takes to have these signs and wonders in your life?

Chapter 4 : Signs and Wonders – Bastion Books

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How can we tell the difference? July 18, by Kevin Kleint 8 Comments I firmly believe in a supernatural God who works in the physical realm, performing signs and wonders through those who follow Him. Several people I have known including my own wife have had people lay hands on them and experienced healing. God miraculously intervened in my life by saving me. Not just saving me from the pit, but actually reaching down and pulling me out of circumstances where my life was at risk. He has provided for me supernaturally and delivered me from countless attacks by my enemies or The Enemy. I have also experienced the healing power of God first hand, but instead of being on the receiving end of the miracle, I had the privilege of being the vessel He used to heal someone else. This wonderful experience happened when I traveled with Todd Bentley to Uganda. I actually got to lay my hands on a blind person and watch as God opened his eyes. God will also perform miracles through whomever He chooses – even the disobedient and unfaithful; even outright, evil deceivers. I know that is hard to fathom for most, but it is still true. Supernatural Signs and Wonders Follow the Believer The Word of God states very clearly that miracles, signs and wonders will follow those who follow the Master. In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. After the Messiah rose from the dead, we can see that His words came true. You can also see this truth in Acts 8: All of these verses testify to the reality of the supernatural in the lives of the believers. There should be no doubt about this; the Bible proves it time and time again. Signs and Wonders are a Major Sign of Deception in the Last Days Nonetheless, the same God who wrote all these verses supporting supernatural interaction in the life of the believer also said that miracles, signs and wonders would be a sign of deception in the Last Days! Also see Matthew So on one side of the coin, we have miracles, signs and wonders following the believer, and on the other side of the coin, we have false prophets using miracles, signs and wonders to deceive. How can we discern whether or not these miracles come from the Father? Is it God or satan? This chapter is going to cover a solid answer based on Scripture. The scriptural evidence in this chapter, however, is indisputable. When a Sign or a Wonder is Irrelevant Strangely enough, while the following indisputable points can be found in Scripture, they are rarely considered. God gave us a litmus test for discerning false prophets in the book of Deuteronomy, that is still valid today. This test takes the supernatural phenomena that we are discussing into consideration. In essence, this scripture is saying that you are to ignore the alleged prophet or dreamer if their message causes you to stray from the commandments of God, even if signs and wonders occur. These signs and wonders are to have no bearing whatsoever on your discernment. As a result, people will travel thousands of miles just to experience or at least view these signs. This verse specifies that, if any supernatural phenomenon occurs, it is a test from God. God Himself is allowing these other-worldly events to occur. It is even possible that God Himself is performing those deeds through the said prophet. In saying this, I am not omitting the possibility that demonic signs and wonders can occur. Obviously, they were not servants of the Most High, they served the demonic gods of Egypt and were drawing their power from them Exodus 7: The prophets of baal attempted to invoke the power of their god, even to the point of shedding blood, but they were unsuccessful 1 Kings But there is no reason to believe that they were not successful before that event. It would seem that the deciding factor was whether or not they were part of Israel. This prophet performs signs and wonders, but then steers people away from His commandments. This type of testing is still happening today in abundance! People who are familiar our leaders, fathers, mothers, and children live and grow up among us, attending our churches, worshiping in our congregations and proclaiming the name of Jesus. At some point, these people experience miracles, divine encounters and other unexplained phenomena. And because the sheeple in our congregations long for the supernatural, the miraculous, or anything outside of this reality, they quickly flock to those who have experienced these signs and wonders, eagerly listening to the wonderful tales of miracles, dreams and heavenly visitations. Regardless

of the spiritual maturity of, or the message preached by, the individual professing these experiences, what usually follows is typical “widespread notoriety, conference speaking engagements and the ever-so-necessary killer web site. But it is God testing us! Will we follow His commands? Or will we be sidetracked by the charismatic celebrity and sideshow phenomena? Keep in mind Matthew Instead of blindly accepting this analysis, we should use our God-given logic and apply it. How many people exist on the earth today that claim to be Jesus, the Son of God? Aside from a few nut-jobs “not many. In the grand scheme of things, the deceived were actually very few in number. How many people are alive today who claim Jesus is the Messiah, but are deceiving multitudes, partially because of the signs and wonders that are being performed? They are too numerous to count. This is not rocket science, folks. The Messiah forewarned us that the false prophets would rise within our own ranks and proclaim that Yeshua is the Son of God, doing miraculous signs and wonders, and MANY will be deceived. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. Miracles, Lawlessness and Love Matthew And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. In these Last Days, we do not want to be among those who allow our love to grow cold. Friends, I want to exhort you “look at your life! Have you allowed your love to grow cold? What is the definition of love, according to Scripture? For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. It is impossible to separate the love of God from obeying His commandments, but that is exactly what the mainstream church has attempted to do. All of this love-talk is directly tied in with false prophets, miracles, signs and wonders. A false prophet will preach a deceptive message, emphasizing a false love spawned by the god of this age. This deceptive message will devalue holiness, righteousness and the commandments of God, to the point where the listener will be convinced that they might as well throw two-thirds of their Bible away. This deceptive message lulls you into spiritual dormancy with attractive, soothing words. But the end result is lawlessness and a cold, cold heart. When the churchgoer reaches this point, they have a false sense of salvation, and the supernatural signs and wonders will just reinforce their belief. They are absolutely convinced that these signs and wonders come from the Father, and they just might! To the deceived, signs and wonders are the deciding factor in their analysis of a prophet, but our Messiah showed us the REAL deciding factor in Matthew 7. Speaking of false prophets and many others, Jesus said: Jesus did not deny the validity of their claims. They actually performed signs and wonders, cast out demons and did many other miracles “all in the name of Jesus! It even determines their eternal destination. And if you think this applies ONLY to false prophets, dear reader, think again. Ask yourself “Am I staying true to the commandments of God, or am I sidetracked by the show? Summing Up the Main Points I understand that this a lot of information regarding miracles, healing, signs and wonders. What are the take-aways from this commentary? The miraculous is to be a part of the life of the believer, and yet it is used by the enemy and by God as a part of the deception of the Last Days. The miraculous may happen, but it is not what we should pursue. HE will decide if and when to manifest His power through miracles, signs and wonders. It IS possible for God to heal someone in a meeting where His name is being glorified, regardless of who the prophet may be. Also, I feel it very important to remind you of something that I discussed earlier in this series. Since miracles, signs and wonders can be a gray area for many, it is wise to determine whether or not a prophet is true or false by observing whether any of the other scriptural witnesses are present. Do they perform miracles, signs and wonders and have a huge following? Do they perform miracles, signs and wonders and mimic the Holy Spirit? If you can see 2 or 3 or more distinguishing marks discussed in this book which were taken right out of the Word of God, then know that this person is indeed a false prophet. I want to give some practical advice that, I believe, is firmly backed up by Scripture. We know that the miraculous is to be a part of the life of the believer, and yet it is used by the enemy and God, as well “2 Thessalonians 2: God does not heal or perform signs and wonders in the name of another god, nor does He use the occult to accomplish His purposes. Because it glorifies the name of a false god, and not His name. If God can use an ass or a rock Luke Third, just because someone may have gotten healed at these revival meetings does not mean that you should attend. In fact, if you know the so-called revivalist is a false prophet, I would highly advise you NOT to go. God, in His mercy, can and does meet people in their ignorance and

honors their faith by healing them.

Chapter 5 : Signs and Wonders by Alex Adena

This book meets the need of the hour. Signs, Wonders, and Miracles is not a calloused attack upon the Charismatic movement but a sound scriptural study of the doctrines and practices which are confusing so many of God's people. In a clear and concise manner Brother James expounds every Bible passage.

Ekstrand Belief in miracles lies at the heart of the Christian faith. Without the miracle of the resurrection, Christianity would have long since passed from the scene. Unlike the modern world, the ancient world was not suspicious of miracles. By definition, a miracle is an action that runs counter to the commonly observed processes of nature. In the Old Testament they are viewed as a direct intervention of God in human affairs. Without the miracle of the resurrection the early Church would not have come into being. So if there are two or three opinions on what Scripture says, someone is obviously misinterpreting Scripture – one of them may be right, but all of them cannot be right. As human beings we all have a tendency to subscribe to that body of knowledge that agrees with our innate bias without doing our homework and insuring the highest degree of integrity possible. The three main questions with which the theologian occupies himself when dealing with a particular passage are these: And these three questions must be answered in that order. It should be comforting to know that thousands of theologians have contributed to the incredible text that we now have in our hands today. History records that the miraculous, supernatural gifts that were so prevalent in the early church ceased when all the apostles died. The Scriptures, under the illumination of the Holy Spirit, is all that is needed cf. Again, more on this later. Kuhlman had a powerful ministry here in the US until she passed away in from open-heart surgery at the age of It should also be pointed out that in spite of the fact that she lived a highly luxurious lifestyle, she was also a very generous person; the Kathryn Kuhlman Foundation she started contributed significant sums of money to several ministries and charities here in the US, as well as a number of mission projects around the world. In Great Britain alone there are over 4, belonging to the National Federation of Spiritual Healers, through which thousands have claimed to be remarkably healed. Yet many divine healers claim the atonement of Christ includes not only all of our sins but all of our illnesses in this life as well; yet such a position fails to coincide with what Scripture teaches. You do the math. When Jesus came into this world, He was born into a Jewish family in the Jewish city of Beth-lehem, and was raised in the Jewish city of Nazareth. Sadly, there are many in the Church today who completely ignore the Old Testament – they treat it as if it no longer has any significant application to the believing community. Being as the missionary work of Paul to the Gentile world did not take place until some twelve years after the ascension of Jesus into heaven – the early church up until that point was essentially JEWISH, and consisted of about 20, Jewish believers; many of whom had been scattered and dispersed throughout Judea and Samaria the diaspora – Acts 8: It was only after that that some men began speaking about Christ to the Greeks in the city of Antioch Acts In the first chapter of Acts, just prior to His ascension into heaven Acts 1: And then in Acts chapter eight, we read about the conversion of a number of Gentiles in Samaria Acts 8: It was only after the resurrection that Jesus commanded His disciples to take the Good News of salvation to the rest of the world Mt So at this time, the disciples were not to proclaim the kingdom message of salvation to non-Jewish people – that day would come, but not until Jesus completed His ministry among the Jewish people. As the gospel message proceeded outward in accord with the commission that was given to them Acts 1: In Acts chapter ten, the Lord actually had to deal with Peter himself regarding this issue Acts Jesus is now Lord of ALL! The Lord needed to confirm His message through Peter and the Apostles, that they might authenticate this truth; after all, they were the apostolic leaders Jewish of the Church. Hence, in Acts chapter ten Acts Think about it – how else would the Jews have ever really known that the Gentiles had now been indwelt by the Holy Spirit? And when Paul laid hands upon them, the Holy Spirit emphatic! The apostles were men commissioned for a unique role in a particular time period for the Church; they never preached signs and wonders to attract the multitudes, nor did they ever announce a signs and wonders meeting or a healing crusade, and they never allowed signs and wonders to be amplified above their message. The miracles performed by the apostles merely attested to the validity of their apostleship, thus substantiating the truth of their message about Christ.

Israel began with signs Rom 4: Why else would anyone have believed in Him? Think about it for a moment: Hopefully, you would insist on more evidence. Well that was the case in the early church; there were numerous voices making all kinds of heretical claims, and it was absolutely critical that these voices be disproved. Outside of these three eras miracles are extremely rare and hardly found; furthermore, even when miracles did occur, they were only done by a very few people – Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Jesus, and the Apostles – so miracles are hardly normative. Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know. After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will. Woe to you Bethsaida! Woe to you Capernaum! The masses only followed Him for the temporary benefits they received through His miracles. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him! God provided manna every day for Israel, but she simply tired of His miracle of provision! the children of Israel kept on exhibiting unbelief in spite of the persuasive signs and wonders God had done before their eyes. The question is this, Have we learned from their mistakes? Many Christians are asking the same question today. Why were there so many supernatural interventions at the beginning of the apostolic era, and a near absence of them at its close? Not until Acts chapter 10 did a Gentile respond to the Gospel, and then only one man and his family. Why is this so? It is because of poor preaching that many in the church today are frustrated with their spiritual experience. Jesus said to His own countrymen: The Bible warns us to beware of anyone who professes to practice these signs cf. Who do you think Jesus is referring to? Authentic Christian ministry no longer needs wonders and miracles to prove it is of God – it simply needs to proclaim the message of Scripture because there are no new revelations! The writer of Hebrews attests: This perfectly accords with what Paul reasons in his first letter to the Corinthians Furthermore, though some advocates believe tongues are proper in private devotional use, no such use exists in the New Testament. The phenomenon that occurred on the Day of Pentecost nearly 2, years ago, when the Holy Spirit enabled the apostles to speak in the dialects of the diverse speaking audience who heard them Acts 2: On the other hand, the phenomenon in Corinth appears to be a mixed bag – the immature Corinthian Christians had come from paganism with its standard emphasis on frenzied worship and ecstatic utterances; it should be noted, healings and ecstatic utterances are common in many religions today. In First Corinthians 14, the apostle seeks to move them to the legitimate gift of tongues given by the Holy Spirit 1 Cor When Paul listed the various gifts cf. For a description of the gift of tongues read 1 Corinthians Because of his straightforwardness, integrity, and earnest position on Christian mores, Chrysostom has enjoyed greater esteem than any of the other Church fathers. Tongues are a sign specifically to the unbelieving Jewish community cf. He begins by quoting a passage from the book of Isaiah: The gift that we see today is never used in the same way in which it was used in Acts chapter two 2: This is not a matter of being unduly harsh! this is a matter of advocating that one substantiate any such claims as the apostles themselves demand. Such action is not at all heretical – that is precisely what happened in the early church. Should some individual or some particular church be unwilling to subject themselves to these kinds of tests, then the integrity of their claim obviously comes into question. I am reminded of the words of Solomon to his sons: Back to the subject matter of tongues: The entire world would be mesmerized! We could invite news commentators and reporters from all over the world to attest to the genuineness of these healings, in much the same way as happened 2, years ago. God can call a person forth from the grave after he is but dust! Every believer ought to be anxious to demonstrate the integrity of their claims, rather than hide behind some potential false pretense. As the apostle Paul exhorts: When we simply use one verse to arrive at a theological position, it is extremely easy to make an incorrect assumption. The Holy Spirit did not come to glorify Himself or make Himself the center of attention as He is in some churches – when the Holy Spirit becomes our focus in life rather than Christ, we have a problem. Christ is the object of our worship! Christ is the One who chose us! Christ is the One through whom we received grace and truth Jn 1: Christ is our inspiration for living a life of holiness! Christ is the One we serve! Christ is the living Word! Christ is the Creator of all things! Christ is the One who died on the cross for us! Christ is the One with whom we have fellowship! Christ is the One who continually intercedes on our

behalf! Christ is the One of whom we testify! Christ is the bread of life spiritual manna for us! Christ is the One who quenches our spiritual thirst! Christ is the light of our life! Christ is our Shepherd! It is the word of Christ in which we are to abide!

Chapter 6 : Signs, Wonders, & Miracles» ¿

a Lighthouse Series booklet. When Jesus walked the earth, He performed miracles. The early Christians also performed miracles and spoke in tongues. Some believers claim that these events still happen, and are manifestations of Holy Spirit power.

This raises the question: Miracles are things which appear to violate the natural order. We modern people think of miracles as the suspension of the natural order, but Jesus meant them to be the restoration of the natural order. Signs point beyond themselves to a greater meaning, concept, or purpose. For example, in the Old Testament: Signs point to the start and finish of a day Genesis 1: God upholds the universe by the word of his power Hebrews 1: Therefore, he is constantly providing for us all that we need through secondary means, that is, through creation. He feeds us, but through the grocer, for example. Miracles, on the other hand, are when God directly and supernaturally intervenes in a way that seems to go against the natural order. For example, the Scriptures treat manna falling from heaven Exodus 19 and putting food on the table through hard work Genesis 3: Why does God perform miracles? Here, God is literally making all things new in Christ. We also see this pattern in Acts. The message is clear: To serve as a foretaste The miracles performed by the Spirit though Jesus and the Apostles were true and faithful samples of the coming Kingdom. What will the New Creation be like? Does God still perform miracles today? Depending on our background Christian or otherwise , we will all have different levels of comfort surrounding this issue. Does he perform miracles in the same way today? While he still performs the same type of miracles, the means by which he performs those miracles is different. This is where we should be nuanced. For example, in Acts 3: Jesus and the Apostles could command signs and wonders, now, we pray and ask God to do signs and wonders. These type miracles were performed, in large part, to authenticate the message that the Apostles were speaking and writing. Paul was the last Apostle 1 Corinthians Should we be praying for miracles like they did in Acts 4: Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus. God has not stopped working miracles and he is a good father who gives good gifts to his children Matthew 7: Part of our faithfulness to God is to cry out to him in prayer in the way the Psalmists and Prophets did: However, we have to consider our context in redemptive history when praying for these miracles; the frequency with which God was performing miracles in the first century is different than the frequency with which he performs these signs and wonders today, as there no longer are Apostles. The Holy Spirit still works miracles, but less often than when Peter and Paul walked the earth. Sometimes Jesus heals people on the basis of their faith Mark 5: Ethan ended up passing away. He more than anyone of us understood that if God healed him of his cancer now, that was only a temporary healing; he would certainly die later on anyway. Permanent healing only happens at the Second Coming of Jesus. Even Jesus, whom we claim to follow, was not healed from his wounds until after he died. Jesus is critical of the Pharisees and of Herod when they demand signs Mark 8: How they voice their concern here shows us that healthy doctrine is of more eternal importance to God than a healthy body. Many in Acts see signs and wonders and remain unconverted, showing that the obstacle to conversion is a hard heart, not lack of proof Acts 4: Mature faith rejoices in what signs it perceives, but does not depend on them. Rather than being located within a particular Messianic or Apostolic authority in the flesh, they are now accomplished by the Holy Spirit through prayer as God wills or even spontaneously as God wills. John Stott summarized this well: Instead, we will be entirely open to the God who works both through nature and through miracle. And when a healing miracle is claimed, we will expect it to resemble those in the Gospels and the Acts and so to be the instantaneous and complete cure of an organic condition, without the use of medical or surgical means, inviting investigation and persuading even unbelievers.

Chapter 7 : BIBLE VERSES ABOUT SIGNS AND WONDERS

Read the supernatural miracles and see for yourself what secrets lie within. Start using God's Word as your new weapon of warfare against the devil and experience your own signs, wonders and miracles.

Jun 25, Jestine Myers rated it liked it I really enjoyed this book. I really enjoyed reading this, because the characters all think they know her motivations yet she is more complicated than they give her credit for. I felt th I really enjoyed this book. I felt this story touched on reality and grace in complicated situations. That made it, for me, difficult to follow or to really care about the main character, Annie. Nov 28, Dauphne rated it liked it Cute Aug 22, LAWonder10 rated it really liked it What an honest, wonderful book concerning how sometimes good intentions can begin right but end up very false and dishonest. It is also a very controversial novella. Reverend Grace discovered special gifts in his very young daughter - gifts he could commercialize on. But before he was able to exploit them, they seemed to disappear. Nevertheless, he decided to build his ministry on this premise anyway. His daughter, Annie, trusted her daddy and submitted to his wishes. Her brother, Benjamin, refus What an honest, wonderful book concerning how sometimes good intentions can begin right but end up very false and dishonest. Her brother, Benjamin, refused to be a part of the deception and left to live with a friend and go to public schools. As Annie grew into adulthood, she became Miss Annie and continued to minister with her father. Now, her father was dead and a year later, Annie was a mess Drinking and finding frequent new bed partners. She hated the farce her dad had created, yet, what else could she do for a living? She had home-schooled and had no other vocation. Just like everything else in life, challenges arose and life took a definite turn I do, personally, believe in miracles. Miracles happen every day but as a progressing society, we do not realize miracles as they "stare us in the face". Ask any elderly person if air travel, space travel, medical machines, laser technology, etc. Ask most medical professionals if the functions of the body and organs are miracles. In this story, people who are suppose to represent God, misuse that power and authority. Monetary accumulation and popularity become their primary goal. Trickery and deceit are used to accomplish their goals. Others trust in them is of no value. I believe in healing. We do not have the capacity to see the "big" eternal picture. This is a story of love, devotion, deceit, cunning, sin, loyalty, trust, betrayal, redemption, restitution, and repentance. There is much one can learn from this story. Fortunately, there are sincere religious leaders as well as insincere ones. It is up to the individual to seek out truth for themselves. I feel this novella could have had a stronger, smoother beginning but was still very well written. With my review, I offer this book a strong Four Stars rating. A copy was provided, generously, by the author for an honest review of which I have given. It is a Christian novel that in my opinion non-Christians could read and also enjoy, as it deals with a faith healer who is believed to be fraudulent. The story was entertaining and although I liked the ending it was a bit abrupt, I thought. Yes, I I read this in one sitting. While I would not characterize them all the same way. I have a lot of respect for Billy Graham and to my knowledge he has never claimed to heal anyone. This novel will remind you of all of those people and gives a behind-the-scenes look at faith-healers and whether they are what they claim to be. Now, some things that you may consider spoilers: As a Christian, I have a specific set of beliefs. My faith is not just in faith itself but has content. Annie, although she changes her ways and evidences a change of heart, at no point has a "come to Jesus" moment where she verbalizes or even thinks that she is now following God. I felt I could take her new attitude and actions as merely a human response to righting wrongs, or as a spiritual response to a spiritual rebirth, but I was not really told as a reader which it was. If this is meant to be a novel that spreads a gospel message, it then fails in explaining the gospel and how one receives it at all. I was a little sceptical and nervous as my sister previously stated we grew up in the south and seeing these Spiritual healers, Evangelist Grandfather and no not all of my family supported this. I tend to veer from this sort of thing as they are not always portrayed in a very kind light. I in no way defend them I was just raised by my family to.

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The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles. Romans in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

And these signs shall follow them that believe Jesus Christ spoke the above words to the 11 disciples apostles before He ascended to heaven. The 11 disciples became apostle; His chosen servants. Jesus Christ does not send His servants to preach His gospel without power. Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: Before He ascended, He told His disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they are powered. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: Because Jesus Christ is the gospel, and He did not preach powerless gospel when on earth, so His servants do not preach a powerless gospel. True Jesus Christ gospel is alive powerful not dead powerless because the kingdom of God is not in word but in power. Immediately before He ascended, Jesus Christ named signs which must follow the 11 disciples if they believed. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. The above signs must follow all true Jesus Christ servants. And the 11 disciples went preaching the gospel everywhere, signs following them. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost If you are preaching Jesus Christ gospel and you cannot see the above named signs by Jesus Christ following you, you are not preaching His gospel or He is not with you or you are not His servant. Power brings miracles signs and wonders. Without power, there are no signs and wonders. Without power there is no kingdom of heaven. These signs include Mk: See Jesus chooses His servants; you do not choose yourself The apostles were followed by signs and wonders. And fear came upon every soul: And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders done among the people Signs and wonders followed Paul and Barnabas Acts Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands. Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ Signs and wonders followed Stephen Acts 6: And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. Philip was followed by signs and wonders Acts 8: And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. The gospel is Jesus Christ. See what the gospel is Because Jesus Christ is the gospel, and He did not preach powerless gospel when on earth, so His servants do not preach a powerless gospel; miracles signs and wonders follow them. Purpose of signs and wonders following Jesus Christ servant Miracles signs and wonders; 1. Confirms that Jesus Christ is working with His servant Mk And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following 2. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following Can Jesus Christ confirm a gospel not His? It is Jesus Christ bearing witness to His gospel through His servant God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost Heb 2: Reveal the power of the gospel Signs and wonders reveal the power of the gospel; revealing the power of the gospel through His servant. The power of the gospel is the spirit of God; the Holy Spirit. Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God Without power, the word is useless; it cannot perform or do anything. The power must be seen through miracles signs and wonders. See the kingdom of heaven is not in word but in power 6. Jesus Christ confirms to humanity that that person is His chosen servant Signs and wonders reveal the presence of power, the presence of kingdom of heaven, and Jesus Christ uses this to confirm to humanity that that person is His servant. It is a must for true Jesus Christ servants to be followed by signs and wonders. If you are calling yourself a God

servant and you cannot see signs and wonders following you, ask yourself why? Are you truly a servant of Jesus Christ preaching His gospel or you have gone astray? If you open a building calling it a church and people come until it is full; that is not a sign that the heaven is with you. If you open a building calling it a church and people come giving you money becoming worldly rich, that is not a sign from heaven. Heavenly signs are, people speaking in tongues, the sick healed, the disabled rising up and walking etc. For many have gone to preach this gospel without being called and chosen by Jesus Christ Himself Mt 7: If you are following a person you claim to be Jesus Christ servant and you cannot see signs and wonders, ask yourself what are you following and where are you heading to? Jesus Christ gospel is powerful living doing the impossible to humanity. It is not dead. The way Jesus preached it with miracles signs and wonders so must it be preached. In the so-called churches with the so-called God servants, people read how miracles signs and wonders used to follow the gospel; history. There are no miracles, signs and wonders in many so-called churches today and we cannot see them following the so-called God servants. Majority of the gospel preached is not Jesus Christ gospel because Jesus is not confirming it neither are the servants His because we cannot see Jesus Christ working with them. See protestant heresies today: You brood of vipers! From your Bibles, can you not see that miracles signs and wonders which followed Jesus must follow every true Jesus Christ servant called and chosen by Jesus preaching His gospel? Can you not see that Jesus Christ gospel must be alive with power performing miracles signs and wonders not a gospel of mere enticing words? An evil generation indeed! Awaken Awaken Bride of Christ Jesus Christ gospel must be with power performing miracles signs and wonders; doing the impossible to humanity Because Jesus Christ is the gospel, and He did not preach powerless gospel when on earth, so His servants do not preach a powerless gospel. A true Jesus Christ servant preaching Jesus Christ gospel must be followed by miracles signs and wonders.

Chapter 9 : A False Prophets Relationship to Signs and Wonders

Paul writes, "The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles" (2 Cor); these miracles validated their leadership, thus qualifying them to "pen the words of Scripture" so that we might confidently come to know the revelation of God (2 Pet ; Lk).