

Gratitude as an Act of Power

Witness 2

A few months ago I had a dream, but the only thing I took from it was this line: **Gratitude is an act of power.**

I've been thinking about it ever since, knowing it was true, but something that I, and I am sure many others reading this, are struggling with right now. Why? These are dark times. Jesus asked, in [Luke 18:8](#),

"However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

It's a good question, and I am not claiming I am always 100% full of faith and gratitude, and as always, I write for me just as much as I write for others.

The holidays are a dark time for me, mostly because of my past and my relationships with family. In many ways, they are a reminder of my isolation from the world. Though, on the outside, I have many acquaintances, hobbies, and things that keep me busy, on the inside, there is a sense of loneliness that can arise. I want to be clear here, I have MUCH to be grateful for, and that is exactly why I am writing this.

The first thing my mind wanted to do when I woke up was feel sad about the things I don't have on Thanksgiving, like my mom or loads of friends. However, were those really my thoughts, or were these implanted by some other, dark force as soon as I woke up?

Instead of allowing those thoughts to stay, I went to pray and told God about them immediately. We don't have much to offer God, but offering gratitude as a "sacrifice" is an act of power. Psalm [50:23](#) says,

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!

In other words, our praise and thanksgiving are considered a sacrifice to God, glorifying Him. In return, He offers us His salvation.

Think of it this way - there are not many things we can give God, but He gives us so much. We can fast, we can pray, and we can be thankful, and though those things may sound simple, they are powerful, bringing us closer to Him in every way, and one day, enabling us to see His majestic throne.



Of course, saying all of this is easy, but is it easy to do? We will come back to having gratitude during the end times, in the last section of this post. Next, I wanted to share a true miracle that happened to me and how I am still in awe and forever grateful to God.

A Miracle in My Life

I can see why many are hesitant to share miracles. Everyone is a skeptic these days, but I want to declare here that I have no reason to lie, and I would have nothing to gain as a result of lying about this.

Since I was a teen, I have had a slight curvature of my spine. It was never enough to get operated on, but over time, it contributed to severe back pain in my life. I never had much money for a chiropractor, and I tried other methods to resolve my back pain, such as exercising, stretching, avoiding certain activities, wearing a brace, etc. Doctors told me it was pretty much something I would just have to deal with for the rest of my life. I have missed out on many things I love to do because of the pain, and it has made my work much harder. I have avoided participating in activities because of this pain. I have had to lay down at work on my breaks and let my back rest because of this pain. Whenever someone invites me to lunch, I have to decline, because I know I need to rest my back instead. There are many more examples of this, but the point is, this pain has been debilitating. This pain has been consistent, severe, and daily for at least the past ten years of my life. Witness 1 can vouch for this!

Obviously, there have been temporary fixes like hot baths, massages, and rest, but even a long car ride would be painful at times.

Over the years, I never really thought to ask God about it, not sincerely anyway. It wasn't so much that I didn't have faith in God about healing me; rather, I didn't understand how to ask Him or how He healed.

The past few weeks, I have been fasting tremendously and working through some spiritual warfare prayers. I was feeling the joy of the holy spirit, and I stumbled upon a book entitled "[Heaven: 33 Stories from a Real Place](#)."

In the age of Scientism (see our *Scientism: The One World Religion You've Been Waiting For* writing) in our modern world, many who proclaim to be Christians do not seek God for their health with total faith. In the back of their mind, there is always something making them doubt. Jesus reminds us constantly about the [power of faith](#), but most of us struggle with it from day to day. Furthermore, for many, Heaven sounds like a comforting thought, but immersed in the world it is hard to comprehend or even believe at times.

As I was reading the book about Heaven, I felt overjoyed. It was a great reminder for what is to come, and I came across a story about a "body parts warehouse" in Heaven. Many would scoff, but I liked the idea. I sincerely thought, "Maybe they have a new spine for me."

That night, I didn't let any doubt linger in my mind in any way shape or form. I have never asked God for something like this, but this was my sincere prayer:

Dear God,

I am sending this prayer to you and the angels in the body parts warehouse in Heaven. I am asking for a new spine or back, so that I no longer have pain. My back is inhibiting me from being a true, full servant of God, and it is draining all my energy. If my back is healed, I will be able to do so much more for your Kingdom. I will be able to help write the Scientism post, and I will be ready for the end times. How will I survive through the end times if my back is like this? I don't know how. Please, God, help me. I love you and thank you for all you do for me. In Jesus's name, amen.

While I may not have the wording 100% there, it was very similar. I went to bed, and I want to be clear here, I didn't think about it further. When we pray, when doubt comes in, we HAVE to cast it out immediately, or pray again until it is gone. Doubt is one of the biggest tools of Satan, and it is what comes in the way often from [miracles of faith](#).

It is important to mention, I was also fasting daily, repenting for sin, and trying to show God my faith in every way possible. In other words, sometimes people ask for a miracle and are entrenched in sin, and they are wondering why it isn't happening. I'll come back to this thought in a moment.

So, the next day after work I went home, and I noticed that I had no back pain. Coincidence, maybe? I didn't think much of it, but I did note it.

Over the following days, I noticed the back pain was gone, even after working late and taking on some difficult activities. I even asked Witness 1 to look at my spine, and he said he saw no curve there anymore. Now, he is no doctor, but he knows all about my pain and has seen my curve.

So, the following days at work, I really tested my back. I didn't wear a back brace. I wore heels, and I took on physical labor I normally avoided due to the frequent pain. It hasn't hurt since, and it has been several weeks.

Witness 1 told me to hold off posting as a miracle, but I think it has been enough time (as of compiling these .PDFs, months have passed and it is still healed). For anyone with pain reading this, you know your body. I know mine. My posture is different. It feels like my spine has literally been straightened. I will, of course, update if anything changes, but I have 100% faith that God has granted me a miracle.

Thoughts on Miracles

After this event occurred, I thought about the question, "Why did God give me this miracle? Did I even deserve it?" In all honesty, I don't think any of us are deserving of God's gifts, which is why we need to be so full of gratitude at all times. My search for answers led me to a YouTube channel, with comments discussing miracles.

Honestly, they were the most negative comments on miracles I have ever seen in my life:

"Yeah, if miracles were real, why hasn't God cured my eyes?"

"Miracles are a lie!"

"Miracles don't happen anymore!"

Apparently, many "Christians" hold the view that miracles no longer happen, which is called [Cessationism](#). I seriously believe God partly granted me this miracle because He wanted me to write about it and prove that miracles do happen. I asked God if that is okay to write this reasoning here, and He said, "Yes."

He also wanted me to write this for someone out there. I'm not sure who - maybe many of you.

Anyway, I want to go back to those comments. They were super depressing, but mostly, they were not grateful. Let's go back to the thesis of this post: Gratitude is an act of power.

For some, miracles are hard to read about because their suffering causes anger. For anyone reading who is greatly suffering, there is no doubt there is anger, frustration, and fear surrounding you at times, and it is difficult to feel gratitude when you are suffering.

So, how then, do we become grateful even in our suffering?



Well, here is how I think we can have gratitude even in our suffering:

1.) Understand why we suffer: [There are many reasons why we suffer as Christians](#), but one that stands out is how the testing of our faith produces perseverance and creates divine maturity in us. Witness 1 and I have written further on suffering and the problem of evil, but for now, the point is that suffering sharpens us, teaches us, strengthens us, and helps us understand Jesus Christ Himself. **It emancipates us from a non-Libertarian God who forcefully prevents us from suffering.** If we do not have suffering, we do not have free will in this life.

2.) Practice: You know those people who tell you to wake up and write a list of things you're grateful for? You should do that. We cannot have gratitude if we never even try to practice it. The best way to practice gratitude is to pray, but obviously, there are other ways, like making lists, serving others, and doing random acts of kindness. Gratitude is not just a thought, it is an action, and this is how faith works too. Remember, we are known to others and God [by our fruits](#).

3.) Pray without ceasing: Tell God everything! He knows everything in your heart, even things you do not know. If you are angry, frustrated, or upset, tell Him. But then, ask Him to show you how to still be grateful, even with all of this suffering. God will show you. Sometimes, we simply forget that we must ask God for things. How did Jesus have gratitude when he was suffering? Ask God to show you!

Now, I want to be clear here - I do not 100% know the mysteries of God and how He chooses miracles and such. Remember, there are many verses about [long-suffering](#), and even in my case, my back was hurting and inhibiting me for over a decade. For some, it is their entire lives, with much worse pain than mine.

If we have 100% faith in God, though, we have to have faith in how He answers our prayers and His perfect timing. So, let's go back to a few things that happened when I was granted this miracle:

1.) I was suffering a long time. Anyone with pain knows that even a day feels like a long time. Maybe God wanted to teach me about suffering and empathize with those who are in physical pain. Now I have greater empathy for anyone experiencing physical pain, which I wouldn't have understood before.

2.) When I finally did ask God to heal me, I heavily focused on repentance, fasting, and deep time in prayer. I find it strange that almost no churches today talk about the power of fasting and miracles. Many churches, in fact, encourage great gluttony. Fasting is DIFFICULT, and I will write some upcoming posts on it. For those who want to start fasting but do not know how, just start by offering a meal to God. Say a prayer like, "God, I am going to skip my lunch today for you, and I am doing this as an act of gratitude. I also am praying about _____." That is how I started combining fasting and prayer. I also HIGHLY recommend reading this book about [how to fast for a miracle](#).

3.) Repent. I think it is obvious that if you are entrenched in some sin, God cannot work through you. Why? [God and sin cannot dwell together](#). Now, there is no one without sin reading this, but we must be making a concerted effort to remove sin in our lives, and when we fail, [repent immediately](#).

4.) I was practicing prayers of gratitude at the time, as well as working on prayers against spiritual warfare. Remember, there is a spiritual realm of evil beings that are [constantly fighting Christians](#). They can interfere with our prayers and miracles from God if we do not understand how to fight them.

5.) All of that fasting and prayer made me full of faith, and I believe my faith was sufficient for God's answers.

Now, I'm not saying that all these factors will always lead to a miracle. I am not saying that even if you do all these things, you will necessarily obtain a miracle. There is no perfect formula for a miracle, and for anybody reading, I believe the first step is to pray and ask God what He wants you to do. He will guide you.

If, however, as Christians we have an attitude of "Well, I've been praying for ten years and God never answers me! So, I give up." then you let Satan win. Do not forget the story of the [persistent widow](#). Never give up.

Gratitude in the End Times

If we are not grateful now, how will we be grateful when things get even worse? If we do not seek refuge in God now, how will we handle things to come? This is just the beginning of turmoil, so how will we have trust in God if we don't start practicing gratitude now?

I was actually inspired to write this post after reading a prophetic message this morning. I am going to share it with readers because I think it sums up the message we need to hear. [You can find the full text of it here](#), but I am pasting the most relevant part below:

Children the hour is upon you where you will learn the new meaning of gratitude. Very few among you express gratitude except once a year. Some of you do thank me for your food but what about all the other things tangible and intangible things I give you? Seldom does anyone thank me when they put on their shoes or clothes each day or even when they make a purchase. No instead they whip out a credit card and don't for a minute think about the job I've granted them. Nor do they thank me for the car that gets them to their job. No, the only time I hear anything about their car is when something doesn't work as it should.

Few thank me that their children are walking in my Spirit.

Few thank me for the shelter that they have, particularly when so many here and abroad that do not have a roof over their head.

How will you cope when all the things that are a part of your everyday life is suddenly missing? Will you thank me for your life, or will you complain that those wonderful gifts I bestowed upon you are suddenly gone? I expect most will cry out in sorrow or rage because the tangible things that people take for granted are suddenly no longer.

I AM the God of all things. I give and I allow things to be taken away. How will you respond when all you have is the clothing you wear?

Will you still serve me? Many will turn away; I already know this, and I can accept it because the faith they had was marginal and depending only on getting more blessings.

What will happen when you are unable or unauthorized to use your bank account?

What will happen when there is no more job?

What happens when your home is taken away?

Some of you live as if the same ol' same ol' will continue.

I AM the God that changeth not but that doesn't mean that your circumstances won't change. No, the winds of evil are blowing and soon your world will be so topsy turvy that the only thing you can count on is me. But will you come to me?

Will you trust me? Will you still sing my praises in the bad times? Will you trust me to be your provider then? Many will not because they never sought to comprehend that there is absolutely nothing that doesn't flow from my hand. Thus, when things go south, they rely on their flesh to turn things around and many will embrace the mark to continue to enjoy the benefits of employment, shelter and food.

Those of you who trust in your own flesh will for the most part walk away from me and my promises forever because they will think it is too hard to rely upon me. It grieves me deeply to know how little faith some among you have.

Now is the time to seek me!

Now is the time to draw near to me so that you can learn of my ways and trust in my strength alone.

I love you my beloved children and I want only the best for you yet so many of you don't truly believe this. I gave you my son because you are precious to me but still you stray! Oh, ye of little faith! Come, come to me in this hour for soon time to turn to me will be no more for so many. I want the best for you and I will make a way when there seems to be no way because I AM a miracle working God! You are my beloved.

Come, now, in this hour. Search me in my word for understanding. My apostles lived by faith, and they had all they needed. They were not wealthy, as man counts wealth, but they had food and shelter and My Holy Spirit to guide and direct them. Follow their example and trust me for your needs and wants.

I AM your loving Father.

END PART 1

I thought that this was all and after I ate my dinner, while I showered the Holy Spirit gave me this –

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Daughter tell them! Tell them they are not ready! They have not prepared their spirit, and few have prepared materially.

Tell them they must meet me in the secret place. Where we will be alone, where I can speak to their heart of what they need and how to rely solely on me for sustenance.

Only those who know how to seek me while I can be found will be ready for what lies ahead. It is a disaster like they have never imagined. They have seen disasters in the movies, but they have no idea what real disaster is. It won't be where they sit in their houses and collect checks.

No, this will be unimaginable disasters one after another! It is beyond their wildest nightmares; it will be everywhere they look, and it will be unresolvable. It will look like there is no hope – and for those who don't know me, there will be no hope. For those who rejected me there will only be pain and sorrow and more unfathomable sorrow as one betrays another to put a bite in their mouth.

No, it will be incredible. They think the movies they watch will get them through the struggles, but I say these people know nothing about the spirit world and how evil can manifest and many will have heart failure from fear!

I don't know how to make it clearer.

YOU NEED ME!

World, wake up and shake off your slumber. You can't hide from this. You will hope that it was all a nightmare, but you will not be able to escape even in your dreams!

Come to me for your life and your eternity now while there are a few moments left. The clock strikes midnight soon.

END PART 2

Remember, we have so much to grateful for, and we need to start spiritually preparing for what is to come! GRATITUDE IS AN ACT OF POWER THAT BRINGS GOD IN YOUR PRESENCE!

May God Bless anyone reading,

