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Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church Ministry of Biblical Study Classes February 5, 2025

“Defining Miracles: God’s Power Revealed”

11:00am - 11:45am

Definition of a Miracle:

- A divine act that supersedes natural law, demonstrating God’s power, purpose, and presence.

Purpose of Miracles in Scripture

Miracles are extraordinary works of God that reveal His power, love, and divine purpose. Throughout Scripture, miracles serve significant roles in God’s plan for humanity. Below is a deeper exploration of their purposes:

To Reveal God’s Glory

- **Key Verse: John 2:11**
 - “This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.”
- **Explanation:** Miracles often reveal God’s divine attributes, such as His omnipotence, sovereignty, and compassion. They showcase His glory, leaving no doubt about His authority over creation.
- **Application:** When we witness or reflect on miracles, our response should be worship, awe, and recognition of God’s greatness.

To Affirm Jesus as the Messiah

- **Key Verses: John 20:30-31**
 - “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples... but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.”
- **Explanation:** Jesus’ miracles validated His identity as the Messiah and fulfilled Old Testament prophecies (e.g., Isaiah 35:5-6). They served as evidence that He was sent by God to save humanity.
- **Example:** Healing the blind, raising the dead, and feeding the multitudes.
- **Application:** Miracles deepen our faith in Jesus’ role as Savior and help us share His identity with others.

To Build Faith in Believers

- **Key Verse: John 11:42**
 - "I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."
- **Explanation:** Miracles were used to strengthen the faith of the disciples and those witnessing them. For instance, when Jesus calmed the storm (Mark 4:35–41), it taught His followers to trust in His power.
- **Application:** Reflecting on past or present miracles can help believers grow in trust and confidence in God's ability to act in their lives.

To Meet Human Needs

- **Key Verses: Matthew 14:14-21 (Feeding the 5,000)**
 - "He had compassion on them and healed their sick."
- **Explanation:** God used miracles to show His care and compassion for humanity, meeting both physical and spiritual needs.
- **Example:** Healing the sick, raising the dead, and providing food or safety in desperate circumstances.
- **Application:** Miracles remind us that God cares about the details of our lives and desires to provide for us in every way.

To Demonstrate God's Authority Over Nature and Spiritual Realms

- **Key Verses: Mark 4:39 (Calming the storm), Luke 8:26-39 (Casting out demons)**
 - "Even the wind and the sea obey Him!"
- **Explanation:** Miracles demonstrate God's power over creation and the spiritual realm, emphasizing His sovereignty. They remind us that nothing is beyond His control.
- **Application:** Trust God's power to intervene in both natural and spiritual challenges.

To Confirm God's Word and His Messengers

- **Key Verse: Hebrews 2:3-4**
 - "...It was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders."
- **Explanation:** Miracles validated the authority of God's messengers, such as Moses, Elijah, and the apostles, and confirmed the truth of God's Word.

- **Example:** The parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14) affirmed Moses' leadership. The miracles performed by the apostles confirmed the gospel message (Acts 2:43).
- **Application:** Recognize that God uses miracles to establish trust in His Word and confirm His promises.

To Foreshadow the Coming Kingdom of God

- **Key Verses: Revelation 21:4; Luke 7:22**
 - "Go and tell John... the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised."
- **Explanation:** Miracles serve as glimpses of God's ultimate plan for restoration. They point to the future kingdom where sickness, death, and suffering will no longer exist.
- **Application:** Miracles give us hope in God's promise of eternal life and complete restoration.

To Defeat the Works of the Enemy

- **Key Verses: 1 John 3:8; Matthew 8:16**
 - "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."
- **Explanation:** Jesus' miracles often involved casting out demons or healing sickness caused by the enemy, showing His authority over evil.
- **Application:** We can have confidence in Jesus' power to protect, heal, and deliver us from spiritual attacks.

Key Takeaway for Believers Today

The same God who performed miracles in Scripture is still at work today. He desires to reveal His glory, strengthen our faith, and meet our needs. By seeking Him, we open our hearts to witness His power in our lives and the lives of others.

Key Points Summary:

- Miracles reveal God's power, strengthen faith, and glorify Him.
- Obedience and trust are crucial to experiencing the miraculous.

Homework Assignment:

- Read another miracle of Jesus (e.g., Mark 4:35–41) and reflect on how it shows God's power.
- Write down one area in your life where you are seeking a miracle and commit it to prayer.

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