

Miracles Today

Introduction – What are Miracles?

A miracle is a temporary GLIMPSE of God's Kingdom INTERRUPTING the normal course of our fallen world to AWAKEN our attention and DEMAND our response.

1. Miracles are INVASIONS of God's Kingdom into our fallen world

Matthew 12:23–24 (ESV) — And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.”

Matthew 12:25–26 (ESV) — Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

Matthew 12:28 (ESV) — But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

2. Miracles are INTRUSIONS of God's Kingdom to awaken our attention and demand our response

Matthew 6:9–10 (ESV) — Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

➤ AMAZEMENT

Mark 2:10–12 (ESV) — But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

➤ ANNOYANCE

➤ AGITATION

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➤ ANGER

3. Miracles are INVITATIONS by God's Kingdom to experience His love and worship His Name

Matthew 15:30–31 (ESV) — And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

4. Miracles are INSPIRATIONS of God's Kingdom to share with every generation

Psalm 145:4 (NLT) — 4 Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.

Psalm 145:10–12 (NLT) — All of your works will thank you, LORD, and your faithful followers will praise you. They will speak of the glory of your kingdom; they will give examples of your power. They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign.

In this passage, again we see, “power” and “mighty deeds”...

These again are the word translated “MIRACLES” in the New Testament...

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