

## Understanding The Place of Miracles (part I)

*“You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.”* (Psalm 77 verse 14, New International Version).

This is the key Bible verse for our **“Come and See”** devotional today.

Before His crucifixion and eventual ascension to heaven, Jesus Christ prayed for the safe keeping of the disciples whom He was leaving behind. He prayed for everyone who would later believe in Him: *“I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one.”* (John 17:15, New King James Version). This suggests that human effort has its limitations. Many people often believe, wrongly, that the days of miracles are long gone but we often forget that the God who works miracles does not grow weary or change: He reigns forevermore.

According to our key Bible verse for today, miracles are performed by the Most High God for the benefit of His people. However, only certain people qualify and these include the needy, helpless, rejected, forsaken, disappointed and oppressed. This limitation is confirmed by the statement of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Bible: ***“Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick”*** (Luke 5:31, New King James Version). One may conclude that if our own situation does not fall into any of these categories, then we do not yet need a miracle. On the contrary, it is very probable that we can address some of our problems using our own resources such as our understanding, strength and power. Our mental abilities should be sufficient to deal with every day or customary challenges such as varying weather conditions.

A miracle is a sign of God’s mercy, yet it is one of the most ignored provisions of God. Every miracle performed by Jesus Christ was preceded by the unfailing mercy and compassion which often triggers the hand of God. For example, when Jesus Christ was preaching at Galilee, a leper came to Him for cleansing: *“then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’”* (Mark 1 verse 41, New King James Version).

As we noted above, miracles do still happen. They are not for the benefit of angels in heaven but for earthly residents like ourselves. God can intervene to alter your seemingly impossible situation and put the devil to shame in your life. With faith in our heart, we can all expect our own miracle if only we call upon the Miracle Working God. Thus, the book of Mathew 7 verse 7 says *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you”* .

Let us pray: *“Father, intervene in my situation with your miraculous power,”* in Jesus’ Mighty Name, Amen.

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