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***“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.” Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)***

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## *Do Miracles Occur Every Day?*

*Leon Mauldin*

What does the Bible teach regarding miracles? Is it true, as some claim, that miracles are happening every day?

In reality, even during Bible times miracles did not occur “every day.” Miraculous activities for the most part were confined to certain periods of Biblical history. These included the miracles of the creation week. Then when Israel was in Egyptian bondage, God sent the 10 plagues, caused Israel to cross the Red Sea on dry land, fed them with manna, and on occasion, also miraculously gave them water. Later, the ministries of the prophets Elijah and Elisha were characterized by numerous miracles.

The next “cluster” of miracles was during the ministry of Christ, and finally, during the establishment and spread of the church (Acts). Obviously then, miracles were not “evenly distributed” over the centuries of Biblical history, but rather were used by God only at certain times, to meet unique needs, and to accomplish specific purposes.

Among the many miracles Jesus performed we read of His healing the man with an amputated ear by simply touch-

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ing him (Luke 22:50-51). Honestly, do you see that every day or any day? When there was a great tempest in the sea of Galilee, Jesus *“rebuked the waves and the sea and there was a great calm”* (Matthew 8:23-26). On another occasion, on that same sea, Jesus came unto His disciples walking on the water (Matthew 14:26). Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 men plus women and children with five loaves and two fish (Matthew 15:32-39). There are three recorded occasions where Jesus raised the dead. These include the only son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17), Jairus’ daughter (Matthew 9:18-26) and Lazarus (John 11).

These are but a few, a very few of the miracles Jesus did. The purpose of Jesus’ miracles is stated in John 20:30-31: *“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”* That purpose has been accomplished.

Further, Mark gives us insight into the purpose of the miraculous when he writes, *“And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs”* (Mark 16:20). Reference is made to the salvation which began to be spoken by the Lord, *“and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts or the Holy Spirit, according to His own will”* (Hebrews 2:3-4).

The purpose of the miraculous then was to reveal and to confirm the word of God. There was a time limitation on the miraculous. Gifts such as tongues, prophesy and knowledge (miraculous) would cease (1 Corinthians 13:8-10) with the completion of the revelation. God’s powers have not ceased. His presence and glory are evidenced all around us. We are abundantly blessed by Him (Acts 14:17; James 1:17). He hears and answers prayer (James 5:16). When the revelation of truth was completed, and had been fully confirmed, the miraculous ceased, having accomplished its purpose.

~via **Bible Study**, Hanceville, Alabama

## *Lessons From A Leper*

### *Zack Lee*

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Like Naaman, we cannot purchase our healing for sin. A price had to be paid to redeem us from our sins, *“not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot”* (1 Peter 1:18-19). We can never purchase our salvation. Only through the blood that was shed on the cross can we be healed.

#### **Naaman had a preconceived idea of how his healing would take place.**

Naaman said to himself, *“Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper”* (2 Kings 5:1). When Elisha sent a messenger out to tell Naaman to go and dip in the Jordan River seven times and he would be healed he became furious. He thought his own plan for healing was better than Elisha’s.

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*"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher;*

*"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."*  
(Ecclesiastes 1:2)

**Life in this world is "VAIN."** That does not mean it is unimportant; it only means that it is TEMPORARY. Whatever we accomplish

of a this-worldly nature, it will not last. Whatever work we do while we live, it will be forgotten after we're gone, if not before then. So our work is like sandcastles. It's not that we shouldn't build any; we just shouldn't be surprised when they wash away.

Sadly, we often try to attach more meaning and permanence to earthly things than they were ever meant to have. We lean more weight upon them than they can support. Take friendships, for example, or even marriage. When we expect from other people a joy that only God can provide, we impose an unfair burden on them and set ourselves up for disappointment. As Oswald Chambers said, "If we try to find lasting joy in any human relationship, it will end in vanity, something that passes like a morning cloud. The true joy of a man's life is in his relationship to God."

But we mention human relationships only as an example. The same principle holds true with regard to every other temporal treasure: these things were only meant to be enjoyed for a while, and even while we enjoy them, they were not meant to be our end-all and be-all. Unfortunately, many of us live as if that were the case. Succumbing to the powerful pull of what is "here" and what is "now," we put tremendous effort into goals that, even if we achieve them, will not turn out to be very tremendous. To borrow Shakespeare's phrase, we make "much ado about nothing."

What, then, is the point of this "vain" life? Solomon summed it up succinctly in Ecclesiastes 12:13: *"Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man"* (NKJV). *"Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about"* (Contemporary English Version). *"Stand in awe of God, obey his orders: that is everything, for every man"* (Moffatt). Any way you translate it, the point is basic: **Only in REVERENCE and OBEDIENCE to God can we accomplish anything.** Without that priority, "all is vanity."

*"To become like Christ is the only thing in the world worth caring for, the thing before which every ambition of man is folly and all lower achievements vain"* John Drummond

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Scripture</b>	Micah 7
<b>Reader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Prayer</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Ed Roberts
Fruit of the Vine	Dan Marton
Serve	Blake Headen
Serve	Earl Miller
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

## Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Scripture</b>	Nahum 1
<b>Reader</b>	Terry Smith
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.

## Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Song Leader</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Invitation</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dave Harless

# *News N Notes*

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

**Cary Lancaster** passed away Friday evening. Visitation will be at Reasner Funeral Home Monday from 10-1 PM when the funeral will occur.

### **Travelling:**

- Dave & Wilma Harless are in Florida

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Chris Shane
- Continue to keep Charissa Wallace in your prayers

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Nursing Home:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **At Home:**

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

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