



Miracles of Jesus (Continued from Part II)

- The first miracle Jesus did was at a marriage in Cana of Galilee where He turned water into wine (**John 2**). Normally it takes a long time and a process for water to turn into wine. It first falls on the ground, gets to the roots and into the wine and develops in the grapes. Then the grapes have to be crushed. Our wonderful Lord altered the ordinary course of nature to meet the need.
- Jesus told the servants to fill the water pots with water. They obeyed without questioning. Normally this water was used to wash the feet of guests, and hence this was not the thing to do at this particular time, because all the guests had already washed their feet. But they immediately obeyed without questioning.
- The secret to success in operating in the working of miracles is simple obedience to the Lord, doing what the Lord has spoken without questioning.
- By the working of miracles, Jesus raised the widow's son from the dead, feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fish.
- In (**Matthew 14: 27-29**) We see Jesus and Peter walking on the water. If we are going to operate in the working of miracles, we must OVERCOME THE FEAR OF FAILURE, and the fear of looking foolish. We must step out of the comfort zone of our traditional boat. Peter first eagerly desired to walk in the supernatural gift when he asked Jesus, *"Command me to come to you on the water."* Peter received the word of wisdom and the gift of faith when he heard the voice of Jesus saying, *"Come!"* Peter immediately obeyed, stepped out of his boat and began to operate in the working of miracles, as he walked on the water with Jesus. It is equally important at this time not to look at the storms and problems and impossibilities. Any fear and doubt must be dealt with by repentance, and keeping your eyes on Jesus, His word and promises.

- Temple Tax (**Matthew 17: 24-27**)

Jesus knew by the word of knowledge that the Pharisees had asked Peter about Jesus paying His temple tax. Then by the word of wisdom and gift of faith He told Peter to go and catch a fish and in its mouth is the money for the temple tax for Peter and Him.

- Great catch of Fish (**Luke 5: 4 – 7**)

- The gift of working of miracles is for all believers today. Peter had fished all night and caught nothing. Many have like Peter tried to operate on their own knowledge.
- We must say, as Peter said, "Nevertheless at your word". We must take time to hear Him speak, and quick to obey.

- The promise is for us today.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." (**John 14: 12**)

Gifts of Healings

The Gift of healings is the supernatural impartation of God's healing power to the sick.

They are described as gifts (plural) of healings (plural) because of, firstly the other gifts of the Holy Spirit are actively involved. Secondly some have a special gift to heal cancer, some diabetes, some bone imperfections, some blindness and deafness, some may have many or all

of these individual gifts of healings. Thirdly there are also many ways to impart or minister healing to the sick. The person receiving the healing is the recipient of the gifts of healings, we are the vessels who simply deliver these gifts to the needy.

Healing through discerning of Spirits

- Not every sickness is the cause of demons, but often demon spirits of infirmity are the root cause of the person's sickness or disease. Most of these spirits are identified by their diseases or function. E.g. Spirit of cancer or spirit of arthritis. Some are identified as an unclean spirit, or a deaf and dumb spirit in the case of the epileptic boy.
- When a person has a disease that medical science calls incurable or cannot be detected through tests, this is surely caused by a demon spirit. Through the gift of discerning of spirits, God will "put His finger" on the root cause of the sickness. *"But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the Kingdom of God has come upon you."* (**Luke 11: 20**)

The finger of God here is the discerning of spirits, which our Lord Jesus operated to cast out demons. Through this gift demons can be cast out and the disease will be healed.

- Woman with a spirit of infirmity. (**Luke 13: 11 – 13, 16**)
This woman was bent down, Jesus discerned the spirit behind this through the discerning of spirits and cast out the spirit of infirmity and she was healed immediately.
- Jesus healing a mute (dumb) person - *"as they went out, behold they brought to Him a man, mute and demon possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke."* (**Matt 9: 32-33a**)

Healing through the word of Knowledge

- Often when ministering in the gifts of healing, God may reveal a specific disease He wants to heal, or the name of the person with the disease, or the organ or place that was affected. It may come by an IMPRESSION or VISION of the part of the body that is diseased. It may also come as a feeling of discomfort in the part of the body of the person ministering.

Healing always comes because what God reveals, He heals.

- Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty eight years. When, Jesus saw him lying there, He said to him, *"Do you want to be made well"?* ... *immediately the man was made well, took up his bed and walked.* (**John 5: 5 – 6, 8 - 9**). Sometimes God would direct our attention to a certain person in the crowd. We may feel "a pull in our spirit" to that person.

Healing through the word of Wisdom

It is important to take time out to hear and see the Father's will and know when, where, who and how He wants us to minister to the need of the sick. Jesus said *"... the words that I speak to you, I do not speak on my own authority but the Father who dwells in Me does the work."* (**John 14: 10b**)

- Through the word of wisdom, Jesus ministered healing to people in many different ways. He laid hands on them, put his finger in their ears, spit and touched a person's tongue, put mud in a person's eye and asked him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. He sometimes healed the sick by only speaking, He cast out devils and healed them, He told the lame – *"Take up your bed and walk"* etc.
- Word of wisdom is the healing ministry of Paul.
 - Paul ministered healing and deliverance through the laying of hands, through handkerchiefs and aprons that belonged to Paul. He raised a young man from the dead by falling on top of

him and embracing him.

- Before Paul ministered to the Father of Publius, he prayed first (to receive a word of wisdom on how to minister healing to this man) and then laid hands on him and healed him (Acts 28: 8)
- We always need to pray, before we minister healing for direction or a word of wisdom from our Lord on how He wants us to minister His healing power in that particular situation.

Healing through the Gift of Faith

- Sometimes when faced with a need for a creative miracle for people who have a part or parts of their body missing, deformed or malfunctioning through birth defects, surgeries or accidents. When a higher level of faith is required than ours, God will supernaturally impart to us the Gift of faith, when we pray for direction, before we minister. Through the word of wisdom God may show us ministering in a particular way and the creative miracles happening. We need to immediately obey by do what we see in the spirit. It is only then the miracle will happen.
- Peter received the gift of Faith to bring healing to the lame man at the gate 'beautiful'. *"Then Peter said, 'silver and Gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise and walk'. And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So, he leaping up, stood up and walked and entered the temple with them, walking, leaping and praising God."* (Acts 3:6)

Healing through the working of Miracles

- *Then He (Jesus) said to the man who had the withered hand, 'step forward,' he said to the man, 'stretch out your hand,' and he stretched it out and his hand was restored as whole as the other."* (Mark 3: 3,5b)
- Jesus spits in a blind man's eyes and lays hands on him and heals him (Mark: 8 23 – 25)
- Jesus spat on the ground, made clay with His saliva and put it on the eyes of the blind man and said go and wash in the pool of Siloam and the blind man received his sight (John 9: 6 – 7)

Every believer can operate in the gift

The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit are not limited to the five fold ministry (Prophet, teacher, pastor, apostle, evangelist) but to every believer. The Holy Spirit distributes them to the body of Christ as He wills (1 Cor 12: 11 – 12 / Mark 16: 17 – 18 / 1 Pet 4: 10)

The more Excellent Way (1 Cor 12: 31)

The more excellent way is given in the next chapter **1 Cor 13**, which is walking in love (AGAPE – God's love). When we walk in God's love and compassion, the gifts in operation will be excellent and glorious to see. Ask the Lord to impart His love into your heart by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Confess 1 Corinthians 13, until you receive it.

How to receive the Gifts

- Pray and earnestly desire these nine gifts (1 Cor 12: 31)
- Laying on of hands (Romans 1: 11)

Seek those who are already gifted with these gifts and request them to lay hands on you, imparting the gifts.

My Prayer for you

Dear Gracious Heavenly Father,

I pray that you will grant out of Your divine compassion and love, all the

gifts of Your precious Holy Spirit to all my friends and relatives, who are my precious partners and all who read this teaching, distributing the gifts according to Your will. May they effectively minister in your love and compassion to each other in their communities, work places, Churches and where ever You lead them Father.

In the name of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Amen.

From Family.