

Phone A Friend

Does God Still Perform Miracles?

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(Acts 2:17-21) "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below... And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

God of Miracles

(James 5:13-16) Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

✓ God still performs miracles.

(Hebrews 13:8) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

(2 Timothy 4:18) The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

✓ God is most concerned about my soul.

(Luke 10:20) "However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

✓ God's ultimate purpose for me is to grow in faith.

(Hebrews 11:6) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

The Process of Faith

(James 5:17-18) Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

(1 Kings 17:1) Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

1. Faith begins with a Word from God.

(Romans 10:17 NKJV) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

(John 6:63) "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life."

(1 Kings 18:43-44) "Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. Seven times Elijah said, "Go back." The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'"

2. Faith continues regardless of what I see.

(Hebrews 10:35-38 NLT) So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. And my righteous ones will live by faith."

(1 Kings 18:45-46) Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. The power of the LORD came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

3. Faith starts small, but if continued, has huge results.

(Zechariah 4:10 NLT) "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin..."

(Matthew 17:20 NIV) "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

There is purpose in the process.