

God of Miracles

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¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. **Psalm 77:14 NIV**

Through divine actions, the God of wonders reveals His character, His purposes, and His power on earth.

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

- A miracle is an unusual manifestation of God's power in which He intervenes in human affairs.
- Miracles display God's power, inspire wonder, and act as signs that prove who God is or substantiate His message to the world.

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

¹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

² "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" ³ "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him." ⁴ We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. ⁵ But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world." **John 9:1-5 NLT**

- People are more than the sum of their mistakes.
- Each person is created in the image of God!
- Each person is someone for whom Christ died.
- Everybody deserves to be treated with dignity.

⁶ Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. ⁷ He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! **John 9:6-7 NLT**

- Steps of faith.
- Maybe it's to reveal to us the level of our faith.
- Jesus would often use the natural to display the supernatural.

⁸ His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said he was, and others said, "No, he just looks like him!" But the beggar kept saying, "Yes, I am the same one!" ¹⁰ They asked, "Who healed you? What happened?" ¹¹ He told them, "The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.' So I went and washed, and now I can see!" ¹² "Where is he now?" they asked. "I don't know," he replied. ¹³ Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, ¹⁴ because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. ¹⁵ The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, "He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!" ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath." Others said, "But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?" So there was a deep division of opinion among them. ¹⁷ Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, "What's your opinion about this man who healed you?" The man replied, "I think he must be a prophet." ¹⁸ The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. ¹⁹ They asked them, "Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?" ²⁰ His parents replied, "We know this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we don't know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. ²³ That's why they said, "He is old enough. Ask him." ²⁴ So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, "God should get the glory for this, because we know this man Jesus is a sinner." ²⁵ "I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!" ²⁶ "But what did he do?" they asked. "How did he heal you?" ²⁷ "Look!" the man exclaimed. "I told you once. Didn't you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" ²⁸ Then they cursed him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses!" ²⁹ We know God spoke to Moses, but we don't even know where this man comes from." ³⁰ "Why, that's very strange!" the man replied. "He healed my eyes, and yet you don't know where he comes from?" ³¹ We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will. ³² Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he couldn't have done it." ³⁴ "You were born a total sinner!" they answered. "Are you trying to teach us?" And they threw him out of the synagogue. **John 9:8-34 NLT**

- Some are blind to the truth and don't want to hear truth.
- Repetition makes a fact seem more true, regardless of whether it is or not. "Repeat a lie often enough and it becomes the truth", is a law of propaganda.
- The blind man could see that Jesus was from God because Jesus displayed God's power through a miracle.

Next Steps for Me Today...Know The Truth!