"He Can And Will Do It Again!"

Has God ever performed an outright miracle in your life. Notwithstanding that salvation is an outright miracle, most of us can list at least one if not multiple miracles that our Heavenly Father has performed in our lives. Something I have noticed is that many people acknowledge that God has performed miracles in their lives but they seem uncertain if he will do it again. Unfortunately I cannot exclude myself from this group—I've done it also.

So let us just settle this issue right now-no more delays. Is it God's will to save, to heal, and/or to deliver every time we ask? Yes! How can I say this with such certainty? Well Jesus said "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." [a] You may also notice in the gospels that Jesus was never hindered from healing people because he just did not want to heal them, he was only hindered by people's unbelief. 57 And they took offense at Him [they were repelled and hindered from acknowledging His authority, and caused to stumble]. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor except in

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his own country and in his own house. ⁵⁸And He did

not do many works of power there, because of their unbelief (their lack of Notes: faith in the divine mission of Jesus). [b] He was willing, they [a] Luke iust did not believe. The Word 19:10 KJV does NOT say that Jesus was mad at them so he would not 13:57-58 perform miracles, the only reason given for the lack of miracles was their unbelief 11:10 NIV

(their lack of faith).

[b] Matt.

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[c] Luke

So, I ask you again, is it God's will to save, to heal, and to deliver every time we ask? Yes! Jesus said. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. [c] That does not sound like someone who desires to hold back any amount of miracles. Now there may some issues on our, the asker's, end that may hinder miracles from happening, but that is a topic for another teaching.

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"What's Next?" (Teaching Sketch)

John 9:1-11 (NIV)

One of the quick methods of determining a person's mental state is to ask if they know where they are and what the date is. This is often done by emergency medical people delivering medical care after a person has been in an automobile accident.



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Time And Place

Think about it! It is important to know where you are and the point in time where you are. We all function within this very important framework. It would, in fact, be quite impossible to do almost anything but perhaps sleep without being aware of time and place.

It is also important to know the truth of the Word of God as to where we are oriented. to the time in which we live and to the place we hold within God's time.

The Healing Of The Blind

When Jesus and his disciples encountered the blind man in our scripture the disciples were stuck in the wrong time.

They were a part of what God was doing, but were stuck in the law and condemnation. They saw the man's blindness as a result of some punishment for some terrible sin (missing of the mark) by

someone. Jesus was with them to establish grace, but they were in the wrong time, in the right place. The disciples were perpetuating what they understood, rather than what was happening next.

God's Desire To Bless

It was God's desire to bless and demonstrate a kind and loving God through his son Jesus. Jesus tells the disciples in John 9:4:

> ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

Jesus was oriented to the time of what was happening. He knew what was to be done next. We will come back to this later.

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Jesus was also oriented to the

Scripture: John 9:1-11 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

¹As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of

Notes:

Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked. "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

¹⁰"How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded.

¹¹He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

Just so vou'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- Informal sharing of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- Words of Prophecy or Knowledge if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- The Pastoral Message
- **Praver Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- The Blessing

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place where they were, which he demonstrated with what he said in John 9:5.

Jesus spoke of being in the world. He was as we are, for that time in this world. He knew his purpose and not only his purpose, but what to do to fulfill his purpose. Jesus knew what to do next.

Jesus Took Action

Jesus took the necessary action to perform a blessing on the man blind to the world around him in a physical sense, as the disciples were blind in an understanding

Instruction To The Blind

When Jesus made mud with his spittle he then told the blind man what to do next. Knowing what to do next is very important. Just as important as what to do next, is the doing of it. It is of little use to know time and place without knowing what to do and when to do it.

The doing, for the blind man's part, was received from Jesus as recorded in John 9:7. It is important here to notice the name of the pool means "sent" and that is exactly what Jesus did in sending the man to the pool to take part in

his own ability to see.

Now notice what the man did once he was able to see. The next thing he did was to come home seeing. He returned home to show, demonstrate, and testify as to what had happened to his eyes.

Time, Place, Next

Earlier I said, "Jesus was oriented to the time of what was happening. He knew what was to be done next." He also knew the place.

You see it is very important to be oriented to time and place, but if you do not know what to do next you are still uncertain, confused, and disoriented as to the future.

Injured people, where first aid is concerned, only need to know time and place to pass the first evaluation of their condition. Life, however, requires that we know what is the best thing to do next. The knowing of what needs done next is a key element in completing our course. This knowledge comes through the Holy Spirit communicating with us giving words of knowledge and discernment. We must be sensitive to the Spirit to know what to do next!