



Power From on High

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The awe and wondering today is a changed life.

Acts 3:10 and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 3:11–15 While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement. 12 But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13 “The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. 14 “But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses.

16 “And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

“name” - “His name” “the name of Jesus”

Acts 3:6 But Peter said, “I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!”

Acts 4:12 “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

Peter refers to Jesus by six Messianic titles:

“His servant” (13, 26)

“the Holy and righteous One” (14)

“the Prince of life” (15)

“His Christ” (18)

“the Lord” (19)

“prophet” (22)

16 “And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

It is faith in the name that brings about the miracle of spiritual healing (salvation).

Two truths about salvation

1. Salvation is on the “basis of faith”
2. Faith comes through Him

Examining true biblical miracles.

We are not to believe every teacher.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

We are to be discerning about signs and wonders.

Mark 13:22 for false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show **signs and wonders**, in order to lead astray, if possible, the elect.

How does faith apply to miracles?

1. Jesus healed large groups of people

Matthew 14:14 When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

Luke 6:19 And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.

Luke 9:11: "But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing."

Many brought friends and loved ones out to be healed.

Matthew 15:30 And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them.

2. He healed individuals when there was

Mark 3: 2-5 They were watching Him to see if He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. 3 He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and come forward!" 4 And He said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?" But they kept silent. 5 After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

Mark 1:23–26 Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" 26 Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him.

- John 18:10 - Jesus healed the ear of Malchus without faith.
- Lk.17:11-19 - Jesus healed all 10 lepers but only one possessed true faith.
- Matthew 8:28 - Two demon possessed men were healed without faith

3. He healed the sick based on the faith of the _____.

Matthew 8:5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him, 6 and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented.”

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; it shall be done for you as **you have believed.**” And the servant was healed that very moment.

Mark 2: 4-5 Being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. 5 And Jesus seeing **their faith** said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

4. He healed the _____.

Mark 5:41-42 Taking the child by the hand, He said to her, “Talitha kum!” (which translated means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). 42 Immediately the girl got up and began to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.

5. He _____ to heal some who expressed faith.

2 Corinthians 12:8–9 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Jesus performed more healings for those _____ faith than for those with faith.

17 “And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also.

“ignorance”

The Law made a distinction between _____ sins and sins of _____.

Two categories of sin:

1. Deliberate sin

2. Ignorant sin

Luke 23:34 But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; **for they do not know what they are doing.**” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

1 Timothy 1:13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted **ignorantly**; in unbelief;

Numbers 15:27–31 ‘Also if one person sins **unintentionally**, then he shall offer a one year old female goat for a sin offering. 28 ‘The priest shall make atonement before the Lord for the person who goes astray when he sins **unintentionally**, making atonement for him that he may be forgiven. 29 ‘You shall have one law for him who does anything **unintentionally**, for him who is native among the sons of Israel and for the alien who sojourns among them.

“**atonement**” = Forgiveness

30 ‘But the person who does anything **defiantly**, whether he is native or an alien, that one is **blaspheming the Lord**; and that person shall be cut off from among his people. 31 ‘Because he has **despised the word of the Lord** and has **broken His commandment**, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt will be on him.’ ”

“**cut off**” - die in his guilt

Cities of _____

Numbers 35:9–16 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
10 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 11 then you shall select for yourselves cities to be your **cities of refuge**, that the manslayer who has killed any person unintentionally may flee there. 12 ‘The cities shall be to you as a refuge from the avenger, so that the manslayer will not die until he stands before the congregation for trial.

“manslayer”

“unintentionally”

“from the avenger”

13 ‘The cities which you are to give shall be your six cities of refuge. 14 ‘You shall give three cities across the Jordan and three cities in the land of Canaan; they are to be cities of refuge. 15 ‘These six cities shall be for refuge for the sons of Israel, and for the alien and for the sojourner among them; that anyone who kills a person unintentionally may flee there. 16 ‘But if he struck him down with an iron object, so that he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

Implication

The cities of refuge are types of Christ in whom sinners can find refuge from God's vengeance.

Discussion Guide

1. Why is it important that we know the character of real miracles? What characteristics do they possess? What about faith?
2. What are the two categories of sin and what does the Law say about them?
3. Defiant sins in full knowledge of the truth are sins that will not be forgiven. Read Hebrews 6:1-8 and discuss how this category of sin relates to the impossibility of repentance.
4. Discuss the concept of the cities of refuge and how they illustrate the hope of salvation?
5. Were any of the truths taught in today's sermon new for you? If so, which one(s)? Was there new clarity of truths you already know?

ANSWERS: indiscriminately, no faith, healthy, dead, refused, without, deliberate, ignorance, Refuge