



## Releasing Signs and Wonders

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The new dictionary of theology states that the word miracle comes from the Latin word *Miraculum*: a wonder or an unusual sign. It also suggests a supernatural interference with a natural course and flow of things and events.

The movie industry is making a fortune promoting plots, which are based on supernatural psychic phenomena. Unfortunately, many Christian ministries are significantly down playing or out and out rejecting supernatural signs and wonders.

### **I. Major Hindrances To Flowing In the Supernatural**

- 1) Not properly discerning the Lord's body, I Cor. 11:29-30
- 2) Quenching the Spirit's flame through a tradition of form without force, II Thess. 5:19
- 3) Proclamation without demonstration, Acts 1:1
- 4) Failing to activate the gifts of the Spirit that are resident within the church because of fear and intimidation, II Tim. 1:6-7
- 5) Not understanding God's sovereign working and timing, II Chron. 29:11-12; Luke 5:17b
- 6) Lack of expectancy, Luke 4:22-24; II Kings 3:15; James 5:17
- 7) Lack of confidence in one's gift, II Cor. 1:4-5, 7-8; I Cor. 2:4-5

### **II. Biblical Transformation of a City or a Region Through Activating Supernatural Signs and Wonders**

Everything that has happened in our nations politically and economically, the national scandals and tragedies, severe weather changes: the tsunami in Indonesia, Hurricane Katrina, Iraq War all are preparatory to bringing our nations to their knees and ushering the church into the most productive hour seeing communities, cities and even nations spiritually healed and supernaturally transformed.

Acts 19:10-11 states that all Ephesus both Jews and Greeks heard the gospel in the course of two(2) years as unusual, extraordinary miracles transpired, i.e. handkerchiefs and aprons. This caused a social and economic confrontation to take place in an idolatrous and pagan

environment, which was one of the great commerce and trade centers of that age.

Most of the miracles that Jesus performed were outside of the synagogue. He met people at their point of need; the impact of the ministry went far beyond the hurting individual and brought redemption to many who were unbelieving and skeptical in the crowd.

Acts 5:12-13 states that the apostles performed many miracles, signs and wonders among the people and more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

John 4, Jesus has an encounter with an immoral woman at the well who had a lot of inner turmoil and was carrying a lot of bad baggage. A supernatural word of knowledge brought city transformation. Jesus knew what was in the hearts of all men, John 2:24-25, i.e. Nathaniel, John 1:49-50.

### **III. Contemporary Eye Witness Reports**

Listed below are few places where supernatural signs wonders and miracles have occurred and are still occurring regularly:

- 1) Hunan Province China –
- 2) Banda Aceh - Tsunami
- 3) Southern Ethiopia [Islamic World]
- 4) Uganda – Jackson Senyonga,
- 5) South Africa - Zulu Church in Durban, South Africa [AIDS]
- 6) Mexico - Children 9-11 yrs. Performing miracles in the streets of Mexico City
- 7) USA – Healing Rooms, Breakthrough Recovery
- 8) USA – Block Parties, Funerals and Marketplace Evangelism Anointing
- 9) USA – Hospitals, Rest Homes, Prayer Cloths & Dedication of Crack Addicted Infants
- 10) USA - Communion Services