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- b. Because of this lie to the Holy Spirit the manifestation of the working of miracles took place and the Apostle pronounced their death.
  - c. They died because of divine judgment, this judgement worked through the manifestation of the “working of miracles.
4. This working of miracles was also used to confirm the preached word.
    - a. When Paul was preaching in Cyprus, a sorcerer withstood him.
    - b. The Apostle Paul, through the Holy Spirit experienced the manifestation of “the working of miracles”, and God struck him blind for a season, and that was a sign to others nearby (Acts 13:4-12).
  5. This “working of miracles” can also be used to deliver believers in an unavoidable situation of danger.
    - a. It is the “manifestation of faith” that carries a person through the danger without them being stricken at all, but the “working of miracles” is different.
    - b. For instance, when Paul was shipwrecked, the storm did not cease until it blew itself out (Acts 27).
    - c. Paul didn’t stand up and say, “Storm, you stop”, but because God spoke to him, he had above ordinary faith to believe for divine protection.
    - d. That was the “manifestation of faith in operation!
    - e. It brought safety for every man although the ship was lost.
  6. On the other hand, when in the midst of a storm Jesus stood up in a ship and said, “Peace be still” (Mark 4:39), that was the manifestation of “the working of a miracle”.
  7. The difference between the manifestation of faith and the working of miracles is that faith receives a miracle and the working of miracles works a miracle.

***{LESSON 9A} {9/14/2008}***

## “GIFTS OF HEALINGS AND WORKING OF MIRACLES”

### “GOD’S POWER”

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XVII. The manifestation of “the working of miracles” is used to display God’s power and magnificence.

A. In Young’s Concordance the Greek word here is called “powers.”

1. In other words, the “working of miracles” could be called the “working of powers.”

2. The Greek word, according to the Greek concordance, means, *“explosions of almightiness.”*

a. It means – *impelling, staggering wonders and astonishment .*

3. Another way of saying the “working of miracles” is *“the working of impelling, staggering wonders or astonishments” or “the outworkings of explosions of almightiness.”*

4. Howard Carter said in his book, “Questions and Answers on Spiritual Gifts,” **“The working of miracles is a very important manifestation of the Spirit. It is the mighty power of God flowing through a person.”**

5. By this working of miracles through Samson, lions were overcome and slain, temples were pulled down by his power, armies were destroyed.

a. When Samson went forward, allowing the “manifestation of the working of miracles” to work it truly was and *“explosion of almightiness.”*

B. In the case of Daniel the lions were not overcome and slain.

1. An angel came down and stopped their mouths.

a. Daniel received his miracle through the “manifestation of faith” in operation.

b. He laid down and went to sleep.

c. The Bible says that when Daniel came out there was no hurt found on him because he believed in his God.

d. That kind of faith to receive a miracle is beyond the ordinary common faith that every Christian possesses. It is the “manifestation of faith”.

2. Through the “working of miracles” loaves of bread were multiplied.

3. Through the working of miracles a solid iron ax head was made to float as if it were a piece of wood.

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4. Through the working of miracles the raging force of a storm was quieted.
5. Through the working of miracles a multitude of fish filled the net of a couple of fishermen.
6. Through the working of miracles the widow’s small oil bottle became a fountain of oil.
7. People are saying today, “But that’s not for us today.” I say, “Who says so?” Some answer, “Well if it were, we would have it.”
  - a. I say, “If God says it is so, we ought to have it”.
  - b. They say, “Why don’t we have it then”?
  - c. I answer, “Because we are not meeting God’s conditions”.
  - d. God said, “**Covet earnestly the best gifts.**”
  - e. If we believers don’t have them, it is because we are not coveting and desiring these things.
  - f. I am thoroughly convinced that as we covet the manifestations and desire them, there will be more and more manifestations in believer’s lives.
8. Paul said it this way: “**Covet ....the gifts.**” The dictionary defines “covet” as “to desire earnestly.”
  - a. Paul said to desire earnestly spiritual gifts.
  - b. A lot of people have desires, but they are not very earnest about it.

### “UNDERSTANDING THE GIFTS OF HEALING”

- C. I am covering the “gifts of healing” and the “working of miracles” together because they are similar in many ways, but not the same.
1. The manifestation of the “gifts of healings” is plural because God does multiple healings, and each of them is a “gift”, done out of His grace or mercy.
  2. The gifts of healings are for the supernatural healings of disease and infirm people without natural means of any source.
    - a. We as believers may have some difficulty in defining some of the other manifestations; but I think we have little difficulty in defining

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this manifestation, the gifts of healings.

- b. Nearly all of us understand about healings, and of course Jesus brought it into prominence by His own ministry.
  - c. His ministry was a healing ministry.
  - d. He also gave authority to His disciples to heal the sick: **“Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons, Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.”**  
(Matt. 10:8 AMP)
- D. The “gifts of healings” and the “working of miracles” are manifestations of the Holy Spirit because it takes a believer to do them by the power of God that he has been given.
1. This I believe with all my heart; it is very important to realize that it is people, empowered by the Holy Spirit within, who do healings and miracles.
  2. On rare occasions God heals or does a miracle without human agency, but that is not “the manifestation” of gifts of healings or miracles because the gift of the Holy Spirit inside a Christian was not employed.
- E. In order for a believer to do a healing or miracle, several manifestations come into action.
1. First, the person needs a message of knowledge and/or a message of wisdom to know what the situation is and what to do about it.
  2. Second, the believer needs the “manifestation of faith” to bring to pass the healing or miracle.
  3. Third, he must represent Christ on earth and, via the power of God, bring to pass the miracle as God supplies the energy for it.
  4. Let us look at how Peter raised Tabitha in Acts 9:40: **Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.**
  5. Peter spoke the miracle into being.

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- a. First, Peter prayed.
  - b. Then, when he had revelation from the Lord to go ahead, he raised her from the dead by the power of God.
6. Once Peter received the revelation to raise Tabitha, he performed the miracle.
  7. I believe there would be more miracles and healings in the world today by Christians if they would simply step out in faith and do what the Lord tells them to do.
    - a. Too often we are waiting for God to do what He has given us the spiritual power to do.
- F. It is not my intention to demean the power of prayer in any way. Christians are commanded to pray, and should do so as much as possible.
1. When praying about someone’s healing, should we not seek the revelation in prayer concerning what God wants us to do about the situation.
  2. When Jesus gives us this revelation to do a healing or miracle, then it is not the time to continue praying.
    - a. It is time to step out in faith and boldly do the miracle.
    - b. If the miracle or healing takes time, the one receiving the revelation must stay in faith and prayer to see it accomplished.
  3. The book of Exodus has a great example showing that it is our choice to use the spiritual power inside us.
  4. God told Moses to take the Israelites out of Egypt.
    - a. By the time they reached the sea, Pharaoh’s army was close on their heels, and the people were terrified.
    - b. We read in Exodus 14: 13-16 this story: **Moses answered the people, “So not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. V14, The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” V15, then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. V16, Raise you staff and**

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**stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.**

5. Once God gave the revelation of what to do, it was Moses’ turn to act, using the power God had given him.
  6. Moses utilized the “manifestation of faith”, and performed the miracle.
    - a. Had Moses not had faith to raise his staff and do the miracle, Israel would not have escaped from the Egyptians.
  7. Likewise, we Christian must recognize the power we have, and then step out and use that power.
- G. Before Jesus died on the cross, His apostles and disciples had the Holy Spirit upon them John 14:17AMP: **“The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.”**
1. This is why He could send them out to heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out demons.
    - a. In support of this we look at Luke 10:9 AMP: **“And heal the sick in it and say to them, The kingdom of God has come close to you.”**
    - b. In Matthew 10:8 AMP we read, **“Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.”**
  2. Remember, Jesus said in Acts 1:8 that people who have the Holy Spirit have power: **“But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.”**
  3. It is clear that since every Christian has the gift of the Holy Spirit, then every Christian has the power to do healings and miracles, just as the disciples of Christ and the prophets of old did.
    - a. This idea is supported in Mark 16:17AMP: **“And these attesting**

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**signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; V18, they will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well.”**

- b. This support continues in John 14:12-13 AMP: **“I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I so; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father. V13, And I will do [I Myself will grant] whatever you ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM], so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.”**
4. We need to increase our faith and step forth boldly to do what the Lord directs us to do.