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miracle such as this.

- C. Remember, the working of miracles is more of an act, whereas the manifestation of faith is more of a process.
1. Another way of understanding this is, the working of miracles would perform a miracle whereas the gift of faith would receive a miracle.
 2. Lets review what we have learned.
 3. The “manifestation of faith” was manifested in the Patriarch of old.
 - a. When they were ready to die, they would lay their hands on their sons and command blessings upon them and these blessings would come to pass.
 4. Next we see have studied how this manifestation worked with Daniel in the Lion’s den when “special faith” brought him protection.
 5. Another case of this manifestation working was in a time of famine when Elijah was fed by the ravens.
 - a. Elijah’s faith had to be given to him supernaturally because it was beyond the Word of God even to believe that ravens would feed him.
 - b. But they brought food to him morning and night.
 6. The “manifestation of faith” is also used by God to raise the dead as in the case of Smith Wigglesworth.
 7. The “manifestation of faith” also is employed in casting out evil spirits.
 - a. Believe me, I know from personal experience that it is absolutely necessary to trust God to honor your word when you command a spirit to come out in the Name of Jesus.

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“WORKING OF MIRACLES – EXPLOSION OF ALMIGHTINESS”

- XVI. As already mentioned, the power manifestations will very often work together.
- A. I’ve heard some say that the “manifestation of faith” was in operation in the healing of the sick.
1. If it is healing, it is the “manifestation of healings” in operation.

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2. In casting out demons, the “manifestation of discerning of spirits” and the “manifestations of faith” are in operation and /or the “word of knowledge”.
 - a. If you don’t discern the spirit, very often it is revealed through the “word of knowledge”, but still the “manifestation of faith” has to be exercised in casting out the spirit.
- B. Every Manifestation of the Spirit is miraculous. They are supernatural.
 1. In the general use of the word “miracle”, all the manifestations of the Spirit are miracles.
 2. But specifically speaking they are not.
 3. The “working of miracles”, then, is a specific act such as dividing a stream by the sweep of a mantle.
 - a. After Elijah ascended to heaven in a chariot in the whirlwind, Elisha received his mantle and smote the Jordan River.
 - b. He divided the waters by a sweep of his mantle and was working a miracle.
 - c. This miracle was an intervention in the ordinary course of nature.
 4. In the realm of healing, many times miracles are received, but they are not the manifestation of the working of miracles, they are healing miracles.
 - a. Everything God does is miraculous in a sense, but it is not like turning common dust into insects just by a gesture.
 - b. It is not like turning common water into wine just by speaking a word, that is working a miracle.
 5. A miracle, therefore, is a supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature, a temporary suspension of the accustomed order, an interruption of the system of nature as we know it operated by the force of the Spirit.
 6. The working of miracles was more in operation in the Old Testament.
 7. Many times the “working of miracles” was used for miraculous deliverance of God’s people.
 8. We see this manifestation used in Egypt when God convinced Pharaoh to

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let Israel go (Exod. 7-14).

- a. When the people of Israel came out of Egypt, they approached the Red Sea; Pharaoh and his hosts were close behind, ready to make them slaves again.
 - b. There they were with the wilderness on one side, mountains on the other, the sea in front of them and the enemy behind them.
 - c. It seemed hopeless, but Moses looked to the Lord and the Lord told him to stretch forth his rod.
 - d. Moses stretched it forth and the sea divided. That was the working of a miracle.
9. That was a divine intervention in the ordinary course of nature.
- a. Actually, two manifestations of the Spirit were in operation here.
 - b. The “working of miracles divided the sea, but what kept it divided?”
 - c. It took the manifestation of faith to do that.
 - d. That was a continuing miracle and because of its operation, the people of God walked over dry land to the other side.
 - e. The enemy attempted to do the same, but the waters came together and they were drowned in the depths of the sea.
- C. There is another place in the Bible that tells us that this manifestation is often used for those in want.
1. It was a working of miracles when the widow’s cruse of oil didn’t fail but kept flowing out like a fountain of oil until it filled up every vessel she had. (1 Kings 17:8-16)
 2. In the New Testament we see the Holy Spirit working through Jesus as he took the little boy’s lunch and fed five thousand (John 8:5-24).
 3. The “working of miracles” was used to carry out divine judgment, as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5) because it was an intervention into the ordinary course of nature.
 - a. They sold their land and when they came to give the money to the Church they kept part of the money and told the Apostle that they were giving it all.

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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.

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“GIFTS OF HEALINGS AND WORKING OF MIRACLES”

“GOD’S POWER”