

Miracles

1Th 5:19-22

False miracles lead to ... Infidelity ... Despondency, despair

NOT a question of

- Miracles of NT genuine
- Divine healing today **Php 2:26-27**
- Power of God (Adam&Eve; end of world)
- God does anything supernatural today?

IS

*Has God given **MEN TODAY** the **POWER TO PERFORM MIRACLES** as He did to certain ones in the Bible?*

PURPOSE of Miracles - *Start Things*

Worldly kingdom

- **Universe** **Gen 1:1-18; Heb 11:3**
- **Plant and animal kingdom** **Gen 1:11-12,20-25**
- **Mankind** **Gen 1:26-27**

Spiritual kingdom

- **Apostles** **Lk 24:46-49; Ac 1:6-8; 11:15**
- **Prophets** **Ac 6:6,8; Eph 2:20**

By design - temporary, not permanent

- **Universe - laws** (physics, chemistry, astronomy)
- **Life** - self propagating "after its kind" (plant, animal, man)
- **NT miracles** **1Co 13:8-13**

PURPOSE of Miracles

Compassion? **Mt 14:14**

Element of compassion, but not primary purpose

- **Other clearly stated purposes**
- **Not all healed, e.g. **2Ti 4:20****
- **God has not promised to spare us from physical sicknesses**

Thru APOSTLES' HANDS

- **Acts 8:14-18** last A. died, last person laid hands on died ...?
- **1Co 14:13? Already had gift**
evidence had Apostles hands laid on; Paul in Corinth 18 months (Ac 18)

1Co 12:11 "as He wills"

HS distribute gifts at His discretion

Miracles Important?

Yes!

But, beware...! 1Jn 4:1...6