

GOD WORKS MIRACLES THROUGH HIS SAINTS (PART 6)

—Scriptural Testimony—

After Christ ascended into Heaven, as God He continued to work miracles through His holy Apostles and faithful Christians. Behold the testimony found in the book of Acts:

“And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles” (Acts 2:43).

The Apostle Peter healed a paralyzed man who asked him for help: **“And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, was carried to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms... Then Peter said ‘silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God” (Acts 3:3-8).**

“And through the hands of the Apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people” (Acts 5:12).

People would bring the sick to the Apostle Peter, whose mere shadow would perform miracles: **“Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks and those who were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed, every one” (Acts 5:15-16).** If God wanted us to go directly only to Him, He would not have performed these miracles through the Apostles.

The protodeacon and first-martyr Stephen performed many miracles: **“And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8).**

St. Philip the Evangelist also performed many miracles: **“And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a**

loud voice came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed” (Acts 8:6-7).

“Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done” (Acts 8:13).

Christ did not restore the Apostle Paul’s vision directly Himself, but he sent Ananias to perform the miracle: “**And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once” (Acts 9:17-18).**

The Apostle Peter healed a man who had been crippled for eight years: “**Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, ‘Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.’ Then he arose immediately” (Acts 9:32-34).**

When Tabitha died, the Christians in Lydda asked the Apostle Peter, not God, to resurrect her. And the Apostle Peter performed the miracle: “**And since Lydda was near to Joppa and the disciples had heard that Peter was there they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he should not delay to come to them... And when he had come... and kneeled down and prayed, and she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up” (Acts 9:38-43).**

Concerning the Apostles Paul and Barnabas, it is written: “**Therefore, they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands” (Acts 14:3).**

The Apostle Paul also healed a crippled man: “**And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, ‘Stand up straight on your feet!’ And he leaped and walked. Now when the people saw what Paul had done...” (Acts 14:8-11).**

Furthermore, he cast out a demon with a single command: **“But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, ‘I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.’ And he came out that very hour” (Acts 16:18).**

The Apostle Paul healed Publius’ father and many other sick people who came to seek his help: **“In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, who's name was Publius ... And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed. They also honored us in many ways” (Acts 28:7-10).** What is noteworthy is that these people had not even believed in Jesus Christ; nonetheless, they sought help from the Apostle Paul, and Christ worked miracles through His Apostle.

Not only the Apostle Paul himself, but even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched the Apostle’s body were capable of performing miracles: **“Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons from his body were brought unto the sick, and the diseases departed from them and the evil spirits went out of them.” (Acts 19:11-12).**

Finally, in the book of the Revelation, the following is said concerning the two saints of God who will appear at the time of the the Antichrist: **“And I will give power to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy... They have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire” (Rev. 11:3-6).**

Behold how the Holy Scriptures clearly state that God works miracles through His prophets, Apostles, and saints. They who maintain that God only performs miracles directly Himself and not through His saints, therefore, lie and err not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.