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THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

BIBLE MIRACLES - 1

Several years ago, a funeral director approached me before the service claiming that he had been healed of having one leg shorter than the others, a condition with which he had been born. Noticing that he continued to limp as before, I questioned him as to why. His answer was, “It has a little way to go before the healing is complete.” The one who supposedly healed this man claimed to have the same ability to heal that Jesus and the apostles had. Yet, the supposed miracle fell far short of the ability of Jesus and the apostles to heal. In each case where Jesus and the apostles healed someone of a disease or physical ailment, the healing occurred immediately, and the person was completely healed. There was neither a waiting period nor delay.

In Matthew 15:30-31, the Bible tells us, “When great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. So, the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.” Contrast this with those who claim the ability to work miracles today. Modern so-called miracle workers do not take all comers as did Jesus. They are very selective as to whom they “heal.” Jesus, on the other hand, healed all who came to Him. There was no question in the minds of those who witnessed these events that actual healing took place and that it was immediate and complete. Notice that those healed by Jesus included the mute – those unable to speak. But following the healing they spoke. What self-proclaimed miracle worker does that today? And what of the blind? How many blind people have you seen miraculously healed? This writer is legally blind and would be most happy to have one who believes they can perform the same miracles Jesus did to come and heal him. Any takers? Jesus also healed the “maimed” which would include those with injured or missing limbs. When Jesus healed these people there was no waiting, no did He or didn't He. The healings were immediate and complete. So it was with all the miracles of Jesus and the apostles including the raising of the dead.

Bible miracles served the purpose of confirming the words of Jesus and the apostles in the absence of God's completed revelation to man in the New Testament. The Word of God has been miraculously confirmed, and miracles, having served their purpose, have now ended (Hebrews 2:3; 1 Cor. 13:10; James 1:25).