



5 MINUTE LESSONS ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

I See Miracles Every Day!

Miracle — An event that appears unexplainable by the laws of nature and so is held to be supernatural in origin or an act of God (American Heritage Dictionary).

In Galatians 3:5, the word (miracle) may be taken in its widest sense, to include miracles both physical and moral (Vine's Expository Dictionary).

Moral — Relating to principles of right and wrong, conforming to a standard of right behavior (Webster's Dictionary).

In Romans 7:18-25 we see a law or principle of sin and defeat that dwells in our fallen, mortal (dying) bodies. The Apostle Paul says that even when he wants to do good this evil is present in me (Romans 7:21).

Romans 8:13 says,

“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live (Romans 8:13 King James Version).

The phrase, “If you live after the flesh”, in Greek uses the present tense, that is, continuous or uninterrupted action, habitual action. If your lifestyle or human nature that is apart from God, opposed to God, and prone to sin, is lived unrestrained, “ye shall die”, that is, you will perish (Galatians 5:19-21 NASB). It appears that lifestyle matters because it shows true repentance or the lack of repentance.

“But if ye through the Spirit do mortify” (that is, put to death —present tense, habitual action) “the deeds of the body you shall live.”

“If you use your lives to do the wrong things your sinful selves want, you will die spiritually. But if you use the Spirit's help to stop doing the wrong things you do with your body, you will have true life.”
(Romans 8:13 New Century Version).

The point I am trying to bring out is, the Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26).

Example: The words of the Spirit, the Bible, if acted upon, and heeded, will keep you from sinning against God (Psalm 119:11), those Spirit filled words will put to death the desires of the flesh, and give you life.

If I said, “Don't think about pink elephants!” What will happen? Immediately you will be thinking about pink elephants. If I said, “Did you see the yellow bus?” What happened to your thoughts about pink elephants? It was replaced by a thought of a yellow bus.

In Deuteronomy 6 it tells us how to love God and establish His thoughts in our heart.

“⁵And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”
(Deuteronomy 6:5-9 New Living Translation)

We must wholeheartedly commit ourselves to God’s Word and then speak about it constantly.

Personally, I take 3 by 5 cards and put Scripture on them and stick them in my shirt pocket. As I go through the day, I look at them and mediate on them.

I also establish my day before the LORD. I open myself to the good works that God ordains that I should walk in (Ephesians 2:10). I draw near to God and He draws near to me (James 4:8). I cry out to God to help me in my weaknesses and to put to death any sin that wants to pop up throughout the day (Romans 8:26; Romans 8:13). I seek peace and pursue it (1 Peter 3:11), (don’t speak words that don’t bring peace in your life, in your marriage, etc.). I pray to God that I may bring truth and not error to myself and others (John 14:6; 2 Peter 3:17).

So if we by the Spirit put to death the deeds of our flesh (that wants to express evil — Romans 7:21), we will have life. Romans 5:10 expresses it this way,

“For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more [certain], now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin’s dominion) through His [resurrection] life.”
(Romans 5:10 Amplified Bible).

Whatever it takes to focus on Him (in our time of weakness or even before weakness has manifest), look to Him. It may take the form of worship, praise, the Word, mediating on God’s Word,

“speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;” (Ephesians 5:19)

Sin is a natural law of defeat, but God’s Spirit brings the supernatural life of Jesus with His life and peace (Romans 8:2).

So keep turning to the Spirit, turning to God’s Word, and calling on the Lord with a pure heart and conscience (1 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:22 1 Peter 1:22; 1 Timothy 1:19; 1 Peter 3:16). If you do you will see miracles every day as the natural law of sin is defeated by the supernatural law of the Spirit (Romans 8:2).

²⁰*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.*

²¹*Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*

²²*For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

²³*Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

(Proverbs 4:20-23)

Questions

1 Read Romans 12:21.

“Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” - Romans 12:21

With the Spirit’s help you can overcome evil with good.

True or False

2 Read Matthew 5:44.

“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.” - Matthew 5:44

With the Holy Spirit’s help you can:

- A. win any contest
- B. love your enemies
- C. do good to them that hate you

3 Read Galatians 5:22.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,” - Galatians 5:22

When your spouse shows anger, you with the Spirit’s help:

- A. can show love and gentleness
- B. can set her straight
- C. can correct her

4 Read 2 Timothy 2:24 (NLT).

“A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.” - 2 Timothy 2:24 (NLT)

With the Holy Spirits help, when you are sharing your faith you can:

- A. become angry
- B. get the best of their arguments
- C. be patient and not quarrel

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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,” - Galatians 5:22

In a difficult situation you can have:

- A. peace
- B. depression
- C. anxiety

6 Read Hebrews 11:27 (NLT).

*“It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.”
- Hebrews 11:27 (NLT)*

In a difficult situation you can still:

- A. keep right on going because your eyes are on the One who is invisible
- B. be angry
- C. complain

7 Read Hebrews 10:14 (NIV).

“because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.” - Hebrews 10:14 (NIV)

The Sacrifice of Jesus perfects forever:

- A. those who are living in sin and rebellion against God
- B. those of a particular denominational persuasion
- C. those who are being set apart unto God

We want to hear from you!

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