



Words of Wisdom by [John T Polk II](#)

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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

8-8-2016 Miracles and Faith

In **John 9:1-11**, Jesus miraculously gave sight to a man who had been born blind. That man said,

Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing (**John 9:32-33**).

When Jesus' friend, Lazarus, died,

[some of] The Jews said, 'Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind also have kept this man from dying?' (**John 11:37**).

Many people seem to think, if Jesus is the Christ, He would miraculously heal everyone, and no one would die! Miracles stand out because they were not normal, so as to prove Jesus was:

... A Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst (**Acts 2:22**).

Bible miracles produce faith, not an eternal "tree of life."

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8-9 and 10-2016 Miracles and Apostles

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

Apostolic "miracles" were demonstrations of God's Power above and beyond all "natural" happenings. They confirmed, in a public way, that God was speaking through these men.

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the

commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior
(**2 Peter 3:1-2**).

This "great a salvation" "at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him" (**Hebrews 2:3**). Jesus said:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:16**).

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8-11-2016 Miracles and New Testament

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.' So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen (**Mark 16:17-20**).

The Gospel was to last longer than these miracles. These miracles were given until the inspired Word of God was confirmed. Christians must now:

Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints (**Jude 1:3**).

The New Testament is signed, sealed, and delivered!

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8-12-2016 When State Invades Church

Government leaders of the Medes:

... Consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions (**Daniel 6:7**).

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days (**Daniel 6:10**).

They brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions (**Daniel 6:16**).

When government invaded individual, private exercise of religion, Daniel faced a lions' den, rather than stop worshiping God. God spared faithful Daniel. The Jesus' Apostles said,

"We ought to obey God rather than men" (**Acts 5:29**).

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