

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:28 & Judges 6:13

Introduction

- The 9 spiritual gifts are for the whole church age.
- Their expiry date is the Coming again of the Lord Jesus.

The Gifts Of Demonstration:

- The gifts of healings.
- Supernatural faith.
- The working of miracles.

1 Definitions And Meanings

- When God chooses to by-pass His own established laws of nature.
- The gift is 'power bestowed upon someone that allows them, when directed to do so, to work what would be deemed miraculous.'

2 Examples Of What May Be Defined As Miracles

- Numerous examples catalogued in both testaments.
- E.g. Burning bush, 10 plagues in Egypt, provision of manna etc...
- Consider [Jeremiah 32:17], [Luke 1:37] and [Mark 10:27].

3 Different Types Of Miracles

(a) Miracles concerning physical health and well being

• Naaman's leprosy, blind Bartimaeus, lame man at 'Beautiful gate'.

(b) Exorcisms Of Unclean Spirits

• [Mark 1:21 - 26], Legion in [Mark 6], slave girl in [Acts 16].

(c) Miraculous Manipulation Of Objects

- [John 2] water into wine, [Mark 6], multiplication of bread and fish, walking on the water in [Mark 6].
- Prison release of Peter in [Acts 12] and Paul/Silas in [Acts 16].

(d) Miracles Of Judgement

- [Acts 5] Ananias and Sapphira [Acts 12], striking dead of Herod in
- [Acts 12] and Elymas struck blind in [Acts 13].

(e) The Miracle Of Salvation

- The making 'alive' of those 'dead' in sins and trespasses.
- Sinners changed into 'new creatures in Christ Jesus.'

Finally

- 'Where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about?'
- Consider prayerfully how the early church prayed at their prayer meetings. [Acts 4:29/30].

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