

## C & C: Does God Owe You A Miracle?

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

### **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

No. God does not owe you a miracle. You may have great faith for a miracle in your life, but God does not owe you a miracle.

### **1 John 5:14-15**

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

If we what? Ask any thing according to his will. Was it God's will to deliver the Apostle Paul or to allow him to suffer "a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me".

### **Galatians 4:14-15**

14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

15 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

What about Timothy?

### **1 Timothy 5:23**

23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

Why didn't the Apostle Paul just ask God to remove Timothy's "often infirmities"? Why didn't Timothy just ask God to remove his "often infirmities"? How do we know that he and the Apostle Paul didn't ask God to remove his "often infirmities"?

Be not deceived by those that tell you that it is a lack of faith on your part because you didn't receive a miracle from God. Though in some cases this may be accurate if it came from God. However, there is a question concerning the one speaking to you. Did they have enough faith to believe for you to receive a miracle? Or were they without faith and it wasn't God's will for you to be healed and therefore you weren't. Not because of your lack of faith, in which case you may not have had any lack of faith, nor because of the person speaking to you and their lack of faith, if it be the case that they had lack of faith, but rather because it wasn't God's will to heal you. Maybe it wasn't God's will to give you a miracle at that time. Maybe God is using the circumstance you are in to help you to grow and develop a closer relationship with God. Maybe it is to bless you with a testimony of God's grace and mercy that he has helped you through it despite not giving you a miracle instead. Maybe God is using it as an example to others of you overcoming your infirmity and adversity still standing strong for the Lord busy about the Master's business.

Does God not have a time for every purpose under the Heaven?

### **Ecclesiastes 3:1**

1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

What about the man who was born blind?

### **John 9:2-3**

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, **Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

Do you know if this blind man had ever asked God to give him his sight before Jesus was known to him? Do you know if he ever went to the temple in Jerusalem and asked the priests to pray for him that he might receive his sight? If you believe that after the time of Jesus that from that point forward anything you ask of God without doubting you will have, I again ask you what about the Apostle Paul and Timothy? Did they lack faith? They were after the time of Jesus.

### **Mark 11:22-24**

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.**

23 **For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

24 **Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

### **2 Timothy 4:18-20**

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

Why did the Apostle Paul leave Trophimus sick at Miletum? Didn't he have enough faith to ask God to miraculously heal him? Did Trophimus just lack the faith to be healed? If it isn't God's will or even if it is God's will, but not at that very moment in time to miraculously heal someone, then are you to judge the person and accuse them of lacking faith? Do you know God's will for that person and situation to make such a statement?

Does God Owe You A Miracle? The answer is no.

### **Ephesians 1:11**

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

### **James 1:18**

18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

### **Romans 11:34-36**

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

God may not owe us a miracle, but God is a loving, compassionate, and merciful God.

### **James 5:13-16**

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

There is no reason to give up hope for a miracle from God just because he hasn't answered your prayer yet. Even if you have been prayed for many, many times.

### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

### **John 16:33**

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

### **Psalms 31:24**

24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

**Isaiah 40:28-31**

28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.