



Expect Your Miracle Today

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Miracles did not pass away with the ascension of Jesus nor after the era of the apostles. Jesus’s promise towards the end of His Ministry in John 14:12 was “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father”. This applies to not only the apostles but also to “he that believeth....” today. The salient points in this miracle include:

- 1) **“Peter passed throughout all quarters”** (vs 32). In obedience to the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20), Peter passed through **all quarters**. This was a systematic coverage of the area of his jurisdiction. He left no stone unturned. This was particularly important after the scattering of the church in Acts 8. The temptation to go into hiding, for personal safety, after the persecution that scattered the church was there, but he overcame and went. Jesus’ command remains “Go ye therefore ...” (Matthew 28:19). And we must go, if we are to accomplish our mission / purpose on earth.
- 2) **“He came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda”** (vs 32). “Also”, implied that his going was to all, including the saints. Our going must not exclude any group of people. Peter could have focused on reaching to the unbelievers alone and left out the saints, as they have already received Jesus, but he recognised that everybody (both sinners and saints) still need Jesus. Jesus’ instruction to Peter was “Feed my sheep” (John 21:17), and it still applies to all believers today.
- 3) **“There he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy”** (vs 33). Eight years is a long time to be sick of palsy, a kind of paralysis. Anyone could have easily written off Aeneas as a chronically sick patient with no solution. With God, nothing is impossible. The duration of a sickness

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does not hinder God’s power to heal.

- 4) **“And Peter said...”** (vs 34). Taking into consideration the duration of the sickness, Peter could have played it safe by simply walking away, pretending that he did not notice it. Instead of that, Peter spoke. **Words are powerful**. God created the entire universe by spoken words, and has given every believer the privilege to do same. Your words can either create or destroy. That is why the Bible commands **“bless, and curse not”** (Romans 12:14).
- 5) **“Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole”** (vs 34). The first words from Peter’s mouth was linked to the incredible miracle power of Jesus. If Peter had spoken to console and sympathise with Aeneas, that would have still been a great encouragement. However, Peter wanted to make a difference and bring an end to the palsy, so he brought Jesus into the situation. If you bring Jesus into your situation today, He will make a lasting positive difference for your good.
- 6) **“arise, and make thy bed”** (vs 34). Peter gave a command, that negated the condition of this man. A paralysed person cannot rise, but Peter commanded him to “arise”. **Mountains move when believers give a word of command** (Matthew 21:21).
- 7) **“And he arose immediately”** (vs 34). The healing was instantaneous. Eight years of paralysis vanished in a split second! The same can happen to you today!
- 8) **“And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord”** (vs 35). **Miracles have voices of their own**. Aeneas was found at Lydda (a town located in the central part of Israel), but the healing news spread and impacted residents of Saron (a plain located between Mount Tabor and the Sea of Galilee) as well.

Expect and receive your miracle today! Let your faith arise and “catch” the power of God that has already been made available to you.