

Expecting Miracles: 8/11/09

Acts 2:43, “Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.”

Miraculous Expectation:

Why should this surprise us? Acts 3:11-12.

When we consider the nature and activity of God in the Word, and the desperate need all around, why should we regard miracles as unlikely or unusual? It might be more surprising that we don't witness more miracles. There is nothing wrong with God's ability or willingness to act, but the block is often our lack of expectancy which is often formed more from experience than the Word.

Expecting what you have not yet seen: We need to move into a time of expecting; that is, believing and praising God for that which we have not yet seen with our natural eyes.

How do we develop this expectancy? Be biblically realistic; not sceptically pessimistic, nor do we need any hyped up, unfounded optimism.

1. Read and believe the Word of God.
2. Renounce the contamination of scepticism.
3. Pray for miracles that will advance the Kingdom.
4. Step out more in the faith God gives you.

Miraculous Environment: No offence, but unity; generosity; faith; dependence on and desperation for God to move. Our lives being an environment for miracles to happen.

Miraculous Explosion: moving from exploration to explosion leading to a sense of awe, and work of mission.

Miracles and Mission: Miracles in the book of Acts led to great opportunities and advancement of the gospel, with even whole towns turning to the Lord (Acts 9:32-40.) Miracles are to aid us in making Jesus known, and when we reach out with the message of the Kingdom we can expect God to enhance and empower our words with signs, wonders and miracles.