

Miracles

#4 Miraculous Communication

A) What methods of miraculous communication should we not expect today?

1) Mysticism/mental telepathy

Mysticism is the common belief that God directly speaks to us through some kind of mental telepathy in which He puts extra-biblical thoughts in our minds. (Example: Which job to choose). There is not a single example in Scripture of God directing His people through mental telepathy.

2) Apostles & Prophets

Since no one today is performing miracles on command or accurately predicting the future, we have no reason to believe God would speak to us today through a living Apostle or Prophet.

B) What methods of miraculous communication could we expect today?

1) God's blessing

God wants us to be working where God is working. (1 Cor 16:5-9)

Supernaturally fruitful work is an indication that God wants you working there. (Matt 10:14)

Demonic opposition does not mean God wants us to stop working. (v. 8)

God can miraculously intervene in our circumstances to keep us from doing something (v. 7).

2) Angels (Heb 1:14; 13:2-3; 2 Cor 11:14; Gal 1:8)

3) Visions/dreams (Num 12:6-8; Acts 10:9-16)

Both in Scripture, and church history, God has given visions for specific direction to those with a special mission from God.

Scripture describes God using dreams most often to communicate to unbelievers not believers.

When God wants us to know He is speaking to us, it is His responsibility and ability to convince us of it.

Discussion ?'s

1) What was most meaningful to you about the Sunday message?

2) What is an area of your life that you feel God is especially blessing? How can you work and focus more in that area?

3) As you look back on your life, can you recognize times that God intervened to protect you?

4) Most of us have times in our life that they feel God did not protect us from something painful. How does God want you to view this?