

God's Word Confirmed

1 Peter 1:22-25

God Used Miracles to Confirm His Word

Throughout the history of the Bible, God has manipulated the course of nature to confirm His message. ***Heb 2:1-4***

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God confirmed His message to Israel and Pharaoh. ***Exo 4:1-9***

***During the
Old Testament***

*Aaron's rod turning into a snake
and the leprous hand*

The Ten Plagues

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God confirmed His message to
*“stand still and see the salvation
of the Lord.” Exo 14:13-14*

*During the
Old Testament*

*God parted the Red Sea so Israel
could cross over on dry ground.*

*God caused the waters to return to
their position.*

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God confirmed His message to Gideon. *Judg 6:36-40*

*During the
Old Testament*

In the morning, the fleece on the threshing floor was wet and all the surrounding ground was dry.

On the next morning, the fleece was dry and all the surrounding ground was wet with dew.

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God confirmed the message of
Elijah, the Lord is God.

1 Kings 18:20-40

***During the
Old Testament***

“Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.” vs 38

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God confirmed His message of 15 more years of life to King Hezekiah. ***2 Kings 20:1-11***

***During the
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Healing Hezekiah of his terminal illness.

God caused the shadow on the sun dial of Ahaz to move backward ten degrees or steps.

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God confirmed Jesus' words.

“...for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me...”

John 5:36-40

*The Teachings
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"If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."

John 10:37-38

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"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

John 20:30-31

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Some examples include:

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Water turned to wine.

The blind received sight.

The deaf received hearing.

The lame was able to walk.

Jesus controlled nature.

Jesus gave life to the dead.

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“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.”

Acts 2:42-43

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*The Lord answered the prayer of the
disciples for confirmation and
boldness.*

Acts 4:29-31

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Through the preaching of the confirmed word, "believers were increasingly added to the Lord."

Acts 5:12-16

There Is No Need for Further Confirmation

God's word has been completely revealed and delivered.

The word of God is complete.

2 Tim 3:16, 17

God has given us all things which pertain to life and godliness.

2 Pet 1:3

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The new covenant of Jesus Christ is the perfect law of liberty.

James 1:25

The word of God will convict and hold us in judgment.

Heb 4:11-13

God's word abides forever.

1 Pet 1:22-25

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God's word challenges latter-day revelation or inspiration.

There are those who claim to have received direct revelations from God.

Many will appear to use "miracles" to support their claim of divine messaging or inspiration.

How should we approach these supposed proofs?

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False teachers have come. 2 Pet 2:1-3, 18-19

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The Old Testament Principle. **Deut 13:1-4**

The message of the dreamer or seer must align with what God had already spoken, regardless of the sign.

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The New Testament Warnings.

False prophets may show "great signs and wonders" with intent to "deceive, if possible, even the elect."

Matt 24:23-25

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Some would come with “with all power, signs, and lying wonders.”

2 Thess 2:9-12

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Some may even claim angelic appearances.

Gal 1:8-9

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John taught us to test or try the "spirits."

1 John 4:1-3; cf. Jude 1:3, 2 Pet 1:3

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Any "new revelation" or "latter-day inspiration" must be rejected because it will either add to, subtract from, or contradict the fully revealed Word of God.

Rev 22:18-19

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Do not overlook the errors and the false teachings wrapped in the cloak of charisma, human wisdom, honor, and popular acceptance.

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*In the day of judgment, many will claim, "Lord, Lord, have we not... done many wonders in Your name?" only to hear, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness." **Matt 7:22-23***

Conclusion

The Word of the Lord endures forever.

1 Pet 1:22 – 2:1

This is the word that has come from God.

*This is the word we are to receive, believe,
and live by.*

*This is the word that judges the thoughts and intents
of our hearts. cf. Heb 4:12*

Conclusion

God confirmed the Word through signs, wonders, and miracles during the apostolic era so that we would know His will for us today.

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There is no need for further confirmation.
God's word is living and powerful.

cf. Heb 4:12

You don't have to live in "spiritual uncertainty."

*You don't have to wait for a sign to know
God's will; you can simply open the Book
and begin learning today.*

Conclusion

If you have never obeyed the gospel, then let God's powerful, confirmed Word guide you to believe and to obey today.