

YAHSHUA'S MIRACLES

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Almost 2,000 years ago, the best and kindest person who ever walked this earth in human form, spent three years intensively doing only good. On many occasions He displayed the power of Yahweh to work miracles. This was in an age when superstition was strong, and most people expected a display of miracles to convince them of great power. There would naturally be a great temptation to impress the multitude by a show of supernatural power.

The Jews were constantly demanding that Yahshua should work some miracles, as a sign that He was more than just a common man. All four gospels record this, Matthew 12:38-40, Mark 8:11-12, Luke 11:16, 29-32 and John 6:30. Yahshua always refused to put on a show, He had not come as a magician, to amuse people with a spectacular show. Just as Yahshua refused to perform miracles for Satan, as is recorded in Matthew chapter 4. He also refused to perform miracles at the demand of the Jews.

First of all, Yahshua only did those miracles which the prophets of the Old Testament had prophesied the Messiah would do, this was for a definite purpose. Those who knew and believed the Old Testament, which was all of the Bible that was in existence at that time, would by this recognize Him as the Messiah. When John the Baptist sent some of his disciples to inquire if Yahshua was the Christ, as we read in Luke 7:19-22, Yahshua reminded them of the miracles He had performed, these being the very miracles which Isaiah had prophesied, this would be proof enough for John. Those who could not or would not see this, also could not understand His true character when He told them that He was the Christ, as He told the Jews in John 10:24-25.

What was the nature of these miracles? They were all connected with the great gospel He preached, that of the kingdom of Yahweh, to be established on this earth. In this kingdom of Yahweh, the defects of the present age will not exist. Yahshua had come to set men free from the crushing burdens of this evil age.

The great majority of His miracles were the healing of the sick, deformed, paralyzed and the blind. He also freed people from possession by demons. The Jews knew very well that leprosy was incurable, as far as all human skill of that day could do. Even so, on several occasions Yahshua healed lepers with only a spoken word. These lepers were condemned to a living death of a disease from which their flesh rotted away while they were still alive. Because of this, they were outcasts from all human society. Yahshua restored these lepers to full health and a useful, happy life.

Twice Yahshua restored strength and activity, to those who had lain hopelessly paralyzed for years. One woman had been deformed as a hunchback for 18 years, Yahshua restored her to a perfect form with only a touch of His hand. Many who lived in the hopeless despair of blindness, Yahshua blessed with renewed vision. He gave them not only the beauty of the world around them but also the usefulness which enabled them to earn their living, instead of being dependent upon charity. Those who lay in pain and weakness upon their beds too sick to rise, Yahshua healed more of these than could be counted. He healed these poor and sick people with only a spoken word. Many who were dumb came to Him for help, and to them He gave the power to speak.

Yahweh did not intend that we should be tormented by sickness, which also shortens our lives. Yahweh meant for us to live under the glorious conditions of His kingdom, free from crime and sin, sickness and death. Instead of this, men choose to live under the rule of Satan, despite the terrible price we have paid for this during all the course of history.

It was to set us free from this that Yahshua came. As Yahshua said as recorded in John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Therefore, these miracles of healing, were a demonstration to us of the perfection of His kingdom, as well as the proof of His identity.

Yahshua fed multitudes, 4,000 on one occasion and 4,000 on another occasion. This was out in the desert where no food was to be found. For these occasions, Yahshua made a few fish and loaves of bread sufficient to feed thousands. Even the food they had left over was more than the food they had at the beginning. Note that He did this not just for the benefit of the lazy, Yahshua did this for those who had followed Him to listen to His teachings. These people had not prepared any food, expecting not to be there long enough to need to eat. These people would not leave Him, even to go back to the towns where they could eat. Only when there was a hunger for His truth, did He also feed their bodies.

Yahshua calmed the storm at sea, to save the lives of His disciples who were threatened by it. He cast out devils from those whose lives had been ruined by them. Here was the power of Yahweh plainly displayed. Still, the unbelieving Jews only scoffed, and said that He could only cast out devils by the help of Beelzebub, the prince of devils.

The Jews well knew that, by the laws of Yahweh in the Old Testament to which they gave insincere lip service, their high priests should have been able to cast out devils, yet they couldn't. In Matthew 12:22-29 it is recorded that Yahshua reminded these Jews, "If I by Beelzebub I cast out devils, **by whom do your children cast them out?** Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of Yahweh, then the kingdom of Yahweh is come unto you."

Finally, as the greatest miracle of all, Yahshua several times restored the dead to life. Surely, here was the **power of Yahweh** beyond any possibility of doubt. Also, here was the demonstration of **the goodness of Yahweh**, who does not want us to suffer death and has set us free from death through Yahshua. In the kingdom of Yahweh, the reign of death is ended.

In all of this, we see Yahweh's consistent policy and plan. When Satan asked Him to turn stones into bread, and to show He could safely jump from the topmost pinnacle of the temple, as demonstrations of His supreme power over nature, Yahshua refused. Yet, He produced food in plenty to feed those who believed in Him. He calmed the storm to save the lives of His disciples. In a world where Yahweh's economic laws were mocked, at the cost of ever widening poverty among the people. The moral laws of Yahweh were mocked, at the cost of general depravity.

The sick became more numerous with each generation and they had lost the power to restore to sanity the wretched ones who raved and fought. In this world, with only a word or the gentlest touch of His hand, He stopped pain and sorrow, restored the sick to strength and usefulness. Yahshua reminded them that only Yahweh is the source of all good. As Yahshua said in John 5:19, "Verily, verily I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." These miracles were not to display His power for the admiration of the fickle mob. They were to show the power of Yahweh, and what it would be like in the kingdom of Yahweh, for which the faithful few waited.

How glaring was the contrast between the world as Yahshua found it and the kingdom of Yahweh which He taught them! Let's remember that our world of today is little better than that which rejected Him almost twenty centuries ago. We also have our sick, crippled, and paralyzed, many of whom we don't know how to heal. We also have our poor, but we have not learned how to feed them except at the cost of excessive taxes, which again create the very evil they were supposed to remedy. There are also storms and natural calamities that bring death and destruction, but we are powerless before them. We also face the bitter sorrow of families separated by death.

All our vaunted civilization, education, and science has not relieved us of these evils. How long will it take us to see that man's materialism, however good his intentions, can never furnish the answer to our needs? It is just as true today as it was then, Yahshua is the answer. Yahshua's power, mercy, goodness and generosity afford the only possible way for us to secure the good things which can come only in the kingdom of Yahweh.

Critical note by Clifton A. Emahiser: To add to Comparet's message, the following is a list of 36 miracles performed by Yahshua:

(1) Changing water into wine, John 2:7-8; **(2)** Healing the nobleman's son, John 4:50; **(3)** Healing the Capernaum demoniac, Mark 1:25; Luke 4:35; **(4)** Healing Peter's mother-in-law, Matt. 8:15; Mark 1:31; Luke 4:39; **(5)** Catching a great number of fish, Luke 5:5-6; **(6)** Healing a leper, Matt. 8:3; Mark 1:41; **(7)** Healing a paralytic, Matt. 9:2; Mark 2:5; Luke 5:20; **(8)** Healing a man with withered hand, Matt. 12:13; Mark 3:5; Luke 6:10; **(9)** Healing a centurion's servant, Matt. 8:13; Luke 7:10; **(10)** Raising a widow's son, Luke 7:14; **(11)** Calming the stormy sea, Matt. 8:26; Mark 4:39; Luke 8:24; **(12)** Healing the Gadarene demoniac, Matt. 8:32; Mark 5:8; Luke 8:33; **(13)** Healing a woman with internal bleeding, Matt. 9:22; Mark 5:29; Luke 8:44; **(14)** Raising Jairus's daughter, Matt. 9:25; Mark 5:41; Luke 8:54; **(15)** Healing two blind men, Matt. 9:29; **(16)** Healing a dumb demoniac, Matt. 9:33; **(17)** Healing of an invalid, John 5:8; **(18)** Feeding the 5,000, Matt. 14:19; Mark 6:41; Luke 9:16; John 6:11; **(19)** Walking on the

sea, Matt. 14:25; Mark 6:48; John 6:19; **(20)** Healing a demoniac girl, Matt. 15:28; Mark 7:29; **(21)** Healing a deaf man with a speech impediment, Mark 7:34–35; **(22)** Feeding the 4,000, Matt. 15:36; Mark 8:6; **(23)** Healing a blind man at Bethsaida, Mark 8:25; **(24)** Healing a man born blind, John 9:7; **(25)** Healing a demoniac boy, Matt. 17: 18; Mark 9:25; Luke 9:42; **(26)** Catching a fish with a coin in its mouth, Matt. 17:27; **(27)** Healing a blind and dumb demoniac, Matt. 12:22; Luke 11:14; **(28)** Healing a woman with an 18-year infirmity, Luke 13:10–17; **(29)** Healing a man with dropsy, Luke 14:4; **(30)** Healing ten lepers, Luke 17:11–19; **(31)** Raising Lazarus, John 11:43–44; **(32)** Healing a blind man of Jericho, Luke 18:42; **(33)** Healing blind Bartimaeus, Mark 10:46; **(34)** Withering the unfruitful fig tree, Matt. 21:19; Mark 11:14; **(35)** Restoring a severed ear, Matt. 26:51; Mark 14:47; Luke 22:50–51; John 18:10; **(36)** Catching a great number of fish after the Resurrection, John 21:6.