

GET CLEAN, GET CLEAR AND GET MIRACLES

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INTRODUCTION

Are you believing for miracles? Faith is a fundamental aspect to experiencing miracles. Do you think that if you heard and obeyed the Holy Spirit on every step you took that he would lead you into failure or destruction? God is good and will never lead you to destruction.

God gets glory when His children experience miracles. We are going to cover three keys to experiencing miracles including seeking Him and His righteous ways, being led by the Spirit of God and acting upon the leading.

I. Righteousness of God

We are made righteous. We do not achieve righteousness. We were created to freely serve righteousness, not sin but we have a free will to choose. We stay free by keeping our thoughts and words upon God's words. Our righteousness is due to reconciliation that was bought and paid for by Jesus. "Reconciliation is peace with God because of the removal of the barrier between God and man" (Yandian 47). We can do nothing to pay for our sins or buy righteousness. "A person who is thinking that he must perform up to some standard to be accepted with God will have no peace" (Wommack 681).

"Therefore, since we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)" (Romans 5:1 AMP).

Righteousness is simply doing what is right. Obedience or doing what is right in faith is a key to walking in a righteous lifestyle. "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness" (Romans 4:3). Abraham was given righteous credit for acting in faith.

Obedience

In Genesis 12:1 Abraham was told to go to a land that God would show him. Why would Abraham take the risk to leave all he ever knew to depart to a world of the unknown where there were no hotels, water wells, or basics of life? He was a faith man.

The Father of faith understood that following the direction of God would ensure success. Are you walking in the fullness of the blessings of Abraham? You can come up and out of any attack or challenge of the enemy through God's goodness and mercy. We were created and ordained by God to be overcomers and have the blessings of Abraham upon us.

The Word directs us to keep our mind on Him. When you seek something or someone it requires focus and effort. When someone is truly seeking something, they desire to hear or learn about the thing they are seeking. Most corporations have employee handbooks for new employees. If you get a new job, you are expected to learn the ways and guidelines of the company. We have the anointed written Word of God as our handbook to learn the ways of God.

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Pardon means to remove it from the offender, consider as not guilty; release or absolve from punishment. God's mercy pardon's us from doing things our way in rebellion or even ignorance. God desires for us to understand and do things the way He does them because His ways are always right and victorious. Thoughts are our ways of thinking. Thoughts are more than just our imaginations, ideas and pictures. A thought is a spiritual form that can come into existence in the natural. For example, when God spoke “Light Be” power was manifested from a mental picture to a physical form through the spoken thought. If you think about something, a

picture is created then acts are commonly performed based upon a picture in a person's mind. Acts do not occur before thoughts. People say "I acted without thinking" when the truth is they thought and acted but they did not take the time to consider consequences. They moved to fast!

Think about a car you used to own. The more you think about the car, the greater the detail becomes in your mind. Your old car may be gone but in your mind, details exist. The same is with sin. God forgot about it when you repented and so should you. Don't be sin conscious. I like how Dr. Jesse Duplantis expresses this concept. He says "admit it, quit it and forget it." You may wonder how this can be done. It is quite easy. Just meditate on His Word which produces righteous thoughts or the right way of thinking.

In Daniel, there were three mighty men of faith that knew their God's ways and would not overrule their conscience.

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king" (Daniel 3:16).

They were thrown in the fire. When guards looked into the fire pit they saw four men, not three. These three men attended to the Word as their final authority and did not waver. They knew what was righteous. You have the same spirit of faith working in you and will have an opportunity in your life to make tough choices if you are led by the Spirit.

A man's ways are his course, lifestyle, standard or example. What kind of thoughts and ways does God have? Righteous thoughts of you increasing, prospering, overcoming, and living victoriously. You may say, "I am so far under that I need a miracle." We serve a miracle working God. Expect miracles in your life, step out in faith and see God get glory.

You can know the thoughts of God. According to Ephesians 3:20 we have the mind of Christ. The first step is to hear and identify Him. If you know His ways and standards you can

recognize his examples making it is easier to identify if it is God or the enemy. “And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers” (John 10:4-5).

Purification

As Christians, we are instructed to be set apart, sanctified for the purposes and plans of the Master. Many people have a misunderstanding of purification. It is not through going to a priest or rituals. Paul, the writer of Romans also penned both books to the Corinthians.

“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” ‘I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty.’ Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Corinthians 6:14 – 2 Corinthians 7:1).

The promises and blessings are the promises of Abraham. Abraham experienced tremendous blessings after he did what was right in the eyes of God. His faith was counted as righteousness. He did what was right.

Don’t get wrapped up in the meaning of the word holiness. It is simply Christ likeness. Can you picture Jesus not knowing what to do or the next step to take? No way! He only did what he saw the Father do yet he operated as a man. We can do the same. The issue is many Christians reject the Word. “The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness” (Romans 1:18). Men rejected the truth and counted it not as right or truth. This is devilish and leads to darkness.

We are directed to live in the light because light has nothing to do with darkness.

Darkness can only flourish in the absent of light. Sin is violation of light. The reason the acts of Abraham, our father of faith were considered righteous is because he acted in faith. Sin is anything not done in faith or not doing what you know is right.

2 Corinthians 7:1 directs us to perfect holiness and cleanse ourselves but how is this accomplished. There are few ways to fulfill this command including:

1. Reading the Word. The Word of God cleanses.
2. Speaking the truth cleanses and sets free. We need to get real with ourselves.
3. Making Spirit led decisions. You can keep clean by wise decisions. There is no gray lines with God. It is right or wrong, light or darkness.
4. The blood of the Lamb cleanses. We are washed by the blood when we repent.

God is faithful to forgive us of our sins. First John chapter one gives direction on being cleansed. Notice in the scriptures below that in verses seven through nine that we are instructed to do what we know. Verse seven deals with sin we did not know about or see. To get clear, we must get clean. To walk in darkness after fellowship with God, indicates that someone rejected the light they had received. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from past, present and future sin even if we do not recognize the sin. Verse nine deals with sin we knew about and had light upon.

“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:5-9).

Just imagine, that due to the precious blood of Jesus, the Lord will not take account or charge us for our sins. We have no debt to pay. Our Lord paid it for us.

“(Romans 4:8) The Greek word that is translated “will not” in this verse is what is called an emphatic negative and it means “not ever.” This is the strongest language possible stating that those who receive forgiveness will not ever have their sins held against them. He didn’t just say “did not” or “does not” but “will not” implying that even future

tense sins have been dealt with, though the sacrificial offering of Jesus, once and for all” (Wommack 676).

We are to be dead to sin or to reckon and count ourselves as dead to sin according to Romans 6:11. Dead people are not moved by lust, temptation or flesh. I have never seen a dead person raise up when a short skirt walks by or if someone leaves their wallet on a seat full of cash. As previously stated, sin is the violation of light and what we know is right which defiles us. Defiled is opposite of clean. If something is not clean, then there is no clarity seeing through it. Lines of many believers have become foggy but the truth is they are far from God in certain areas of their life. The cleaner a piece of glass is, objects on the other side are seen clearer.

God knows what we know. We cannot pull the wool over His eyes. If our heart is clean and nothing is bothering us then we can confidence before God. Sin is bigger than “just sin.” Sin reduces our confidence, faith, boldness and clarity on direction. The clean child of God will be in a position to hear and see God clearer. A bad conscious accumulates and defiles us. When I was drag racing, the engine oil was contaminated in an eight second race. Man can become contaminated daily and not just by hearing dirty jokes, TV shows but by fear based statements.

“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight” (1 John 3:18-22).

It is not what you know but what you do with what you know. Sin is not based upon denomination doctrines. Sin is based upon what one sees in their heart. The light they have and their personal violation of their light. “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). Miracles and righteousness which is doing what is right along

with obedience are all closely associated. If you are right with God, see and hear him clearly and obey, miracles will occur in your life like they did with prophets of old.

Pilots who have the training and certifications to fly in the clouds have IFR ratings and are approved by the FAA to fly ILS approaches. If they stay on the path and abide in the rules, they will land safely but they must trust the instruments in their planes. If a pilot trusts their instruments on one flight and ignores them the next, they are double minded and their approaches will be unstable in all their ways or standards. The FAA has standards for our protection just like God has standards for our protection. It is safer to fly on clear sky days which the FAA calls severe clear where pilots can see for long distances.

A holy, clean and clear lifestyle keeps you under the protection of God. If you stay under the shadow of the almighty as described in Psalms 91, you will be protected. The key is staying under his protection. If you are in sin where you cannot see and hear properly, you will miss the direction and protection of God. A umbrella keeps you dry, but if you rebel and step away from the umbrella in a storm, you will get wet.

II. LED BY THE SPIRIT

Understanding how to be led by the Spirit of God is one of the most important things a child of God can learn. Being led by the Spirit is contradictory to being led by the flesh. “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the Sons of God” (Romans 8:14). We are not to be led by opportunity, money, promotion, fear or experience.

If you know, recognize and obey His voice you will enter tremendous success. Led comes from the Greek word Agos which means to lead by a rope. The issue many face is not just hearing from the Lord but when they do hear they are not willing to beat their flesh and obey. Others deal with trust which is another way of expressing faith. They do not trust the Holy Spirit

and God's goodness enough to obey. "If you want to learn to live a Spirit-led life, there is no way around it – you have to deal with your flesh. The flesh wants control, so you must mortify or defeat the flesh and allow the Holy Spirit to have His way. The struggle may seem great, but it's the only way to live supernatural life!" (Renner 19).

It is more important to be led than thorough. You can research about the best dish washer made but if the Lord led you to buy a different make or model, your research is for not. Many times, when people deal with mechanical issues of appliances or their car it is due to not being led by the Spirit of God when they purchased the car or went to the wrong mechanic.

What voice are you listening to when making decisions? If it was God last night, then the same voice is God today. You cannot ignore or say it is not God one day and recognize it as God the next. Learn to hear and know the voice of God and don't lie to yourself and deny the voice of God because you do not want to obey the command or you do not have faith to obey. Believe God to increase your understanding and to strengthen you to take steps of faith.

III. GET MIRACLES

The Lord desires to demonstrate His goodness and glory in our lives with the demonstration of His love through miracle manifestations.

Clarity

"His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it" (John 2:5). This is the first miracle so how did momma know to give this instruction? She knew the ways of God through prayer and the written word. She stood on the promise. The first miracle was a molecular change. This sounds simple, but most Christians are not doing it. If you are not experiencing miracles, then you are not doing something right.

"Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things

indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense. It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin” (Romans 14:19-23).

If a child of God has entered into fear and doubt where they are not at peace then according to the Word of God it is sin. Your good actions will not please God without faith.

Comfort, preaching about hell nor threats draw men to God and repentance. “Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance and long suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?” (Romans 2:4). God’s goodness is demonstrated in His miracles and love. The power of God is demonstration of the life and love of God.

Preaching condemnation is not of God and does not bring forth peace, joy and life. “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death” (Romans 8:1-2). The Holy Spirit does not condemn. If you are ministering condemnation, you are not ministering truth in love and will not experience miracles but actually push others from the miracle of salvation. The book of the law pointed out our sinful nature that leads to death. Laws do not change but they can be superseded. For example, the law of gravity can be superseded by the law of lift with enough thrust which is why airplanes can fly. The law of the Spirit of Life supersedes the law of death.

A clear conscience with no condemnation requires an understanding of the power of the blood and walking in your revelation of the light. I have heard parents tell their children “shame on you.” Shame puts condemnation of people so parents should never speak that over their children. Jesus took our shame so parents should not to put shame on children.

“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those

things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13 -14). Why would Paul press on expecting a prize after he killed Christians? Because he had faith in the mercy of God and the power of the blood. People focus on their past, fear of failure or fear of correction. God corrects those he loves. Correction brings perfection and direction. Forget the past and boldly press on. You have the same blood of the lamb on your side that Paul has and he overcame by the blood of the lamb. He was clean in the sight of God and miracles followed.

You cannot grow in righteousness. It is a gift from God. We are to grow in righteous works. The gift of righteousness is the opposite of condemnation. “For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:17). We can reign over sin by abundance of grace, but it takes faith.

There is a lot of teaching today on grace. Grace should be taught but with the understanding that grace does not give us an open door to sin. Grace is God’s part and faith is our part. We receive by faith through grace. “Another form of the Greek word “charis” (grace) is “charisma” and is translated “gift.” Vines Expository Dictionary defines “charisma” as “a gift of grace, a gift involving grace on the part of God as the donor” (Wommack, 655).

Thoughts may come, but get rid of them if they are not holy thoughts. At a recent church denomination regional meeting, a few pastors said they were going out drinking but don’t tell headquarters because they would have their licenses pulled. This is not only deceptive but even if they truly believed that drinking was appropriate, they were hiding it so there is no way their conscience was clear. As a result, they were putting up blocks to hinder hearing from God. If

someone is preaching error, don't judge them because you don't know their level of light. Thank God you have light and pray for their light to increase.

Part of clarity is speaking the Word. "My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh" (Proverbs 4:20-22). According to verse twenty two, they are God's directions for long life.

Attend means to give it attention. If a friend invites you to join them for a cup of coffee and you respond "No thanks, I have to 'attend' to something" that means you gave preference or priority to it over coffee. If you attend to the Word, it will become life to you and your final authority. Your mouth filled with words of life is like a ship's rudder. It can steer you to a life of victory and open the door to miracles in your life where God gets glory.

Expect

Expectation is a result of faith and confidence in God. When you have a clean, clear conscience, you will boldly ask and be in right standing with God to expect miracles. "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

I have heard deceived Christians make comments that God is teaching them through a disease. "Those who believe God has ordained the problems in their life to work some redemptive virtue will submit to those problems therefore to satan, the author of those problems" (Wommack 682). I have heard this statement and endeavored to share with them that God does not put disease on people. John 10:10 clearly states that the enemy comes to kill, steal and destroy. God does not partner with satan, our enemy, to teach us.

Faith is an expectation that pleases God and gets results. Faith in God is revealed is by acts of faith and honor of Gods directives.

CONCLUSION

Are you facing a red sea with an army approaching you like Moses? When Moses heard from God, he obeyed in faith. Step out in faith and watch God part the waters to a land of milk and honey. If you have a clear conscience, obey and take steps of faith, the Power of God that Moses had and all the great miracles of faith in Hebrews chapter eleven is on your side.

Are you about to be fed to lions like Daniel because someone lied and set up you up? The same God that counted Daniel faithful, without charge, error free with a clean conscious and sent a lion to their shut mouths is working in you. God will take you to the victory side.

Have been like Gideon in Judges 6:13 asking unwise questions like “why is this happening to me?” Notice that the Spirit of the Lord that came upon Gideon and he blew the trumpet. The Midianites where defeated. What trumpet are you blowing? Faith blows the trumpet of victory when you know you are right and clean standing before God. The same Spirit that came upon Gideon is with you as you read this and you can repent, boldy go to the throne, declare your victory and expect a miracle.

If you have had things stolen from you, the same spirit that led King David to recover all from the Amelekites is working in you and you can recover all by getting clean, clear and moving forward in faith.

Joshua was protected as a slave and provided for his family in famine. He never lost faith, doubted, or watered down the Word. Lift up your eyes and see the salvation of the Lord. He saved you from defeat, going under, lack and any curse of the law.

As you get clean, clear and obey, you will experience the miraculous.

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