

PRINCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST SERIES

THE REALM OF POWER

We have been studying the principles of Jesus Christ. Principles that work in Jesus' life and that need to work in our lives so that we could be like Him. Being like Jesus is not something outward physically but being like Jesus is to put into practice in our personal life the very principles that are precious to Jesus.

In the gospel of John we see another principle, which He applied in His life in the success of His ministry God, has called Him to. John 10 as Jesus face the Pharisees who challenge His ministry, challenge His authority and challenge everything that He stands for in all that He represent from God. Jesus answered them with words that are astounding in verse 32 onwards *"Jesus answered them, many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me? The Jews answered Him, saying, for a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a man, make Yourself God. Jesus answered them, is it not written in your law, I said, You are gods? If He called them gods, to whom the Word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and set into the world, You are blaspheming because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me."*

What a statement? He says that if He did not show any of the works, the signs and the wonders that He brought forth, He is telling them they don't have to believe Me. This is a statement, which many who proclaim Jesus Christ will find it difficult to make. But this is the gospel that Jesus came to bring. It is the gospel of

the kingdom of God, a gospel that threatens the demonic realm, where demons have to be cast out. The sick has to be healed. The blind have to see. The lame made to walk and the dead rise again. This is the gospel of Jesus Christ. And Jesus said, "If I do not do any of these works, do not believe in Me." He gave them the privilege of not having to believe in Him if He didn't show forth the works. Something which modern Christianity tremble for there is much that is going on in preaching the gospel without the power of the Holy Spirit. The gospel was never meant to be shared without signs and wonders. The gospel was meant to be a demonstration of the kingdom of God versus the kingdom of the devil.

Jesus went on to say in verse 38, *"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."* What a challenge He made to them. These statements are made to the unbelieving world that were challenging Jesus Christ. They were represented by the Jews for they do not want to believe in Jesus Christ. Through the ages Christianity sometimes lost some of its glamour, some of its power, Jesus says here that the gospel must come forth with signs and wonders. Through the ages somehow we get the idea that just sharing Jesus and the forgiveness of sins and the promises of heaven is enough. We don't realize that people do not come to God by argument. Sometimes there are some of the most intellectual people who could argue on any point. See no one has come to God by intellectual argument. If you have two champion intellects, one an atheist and the other one theist a believer in God, do you know that know that the argument will still end up in a draw? Intellectual arguments in whatever form will only lead to a statement. Although sometimes some arguments sound convincing but it's just because of the strength of the argument. But when two people are really able to argue it out, it will end in a stalemate statement for believing in God takes faith. You could say the world was not created by accident yet the people could use the same argument to disprove that thing and you end with a stalemate.

In the end, no matter how intellectual a person is, when they see miracles take place and demons driven out in the Name of Jesus, that's the end of their intellectual argument. The doctor says there is no more hope, there is no cure, and they will be forced to acknowledge that something is there when they see a miracle. The signs and wonders will only stir their curiosity to look for alternative explanation or get into the faith. Jesus says that this gospel must go forth with signs and wonders.

In John 14, to His own disciples, this is not the same group as John 10 was with the Jews. John 14 is now with the disciples. Jesus said here in verse 7, *“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also, and from now on, you know Him and have seen Him. Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”*

Philip desired to see God, to see the Father. He has seen Jesus but Jesus was in human form. He could not see beyond the veil of human flesh. He says, show us the Father. Just like people want to know the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is here this morning. You sometimes could feel His presence in a strong way. He is invisible and we know He is here but we can't see Him. Sometimes people want to see Him. He says show us the Father and the Lord said in verse 9, *“Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, show us the Father? Jesus said, the Father is revealed in Him, and verse 10 He began to make this astounding statement. “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.”*

Jesus places a high importance on the works and the signs and wonders that He brought forth, that when people find it hard to believe in Him, He says look at the works. These are not normal works. These are supernatural acts. These are the spirit realms breaking into the natural realm. High laws breaking natural laws or superseding natural laws and causing a tremendous out-working of signs and wonders. Then He ends with this promise in verse 12, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”* We need to place a high importance on signs and wonders in the kingdom of God because if all we do is just talk about God and God doesn't show up in signs and wonders, something is still missing. We need to reach a position where we learn to cooperate with God. God with us and we in God, the divine union such that as we go along, it's God works in our lives and bring forth signs and wonders. Paul the apostle has this to say, in II Cor. 12: 12 *“Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and*

mighty deeds."

See, it is by signs and wonders that the Gentiles became obedient to the gospel. Romans 15: 18-19 *"For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient."* Somehow along the way in Christianity, we have lost one part of it. We have only made people obey the Word but the deeds need to come. He explained what they are. In verse 19, *"in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ."* The gospel of Christ is not fully preached in many places. It's only partially preached. Many preachers give part of the gospel and bring people to a certain point in God but not to the fullness of God. Paul says, the gospel is fully preached with signs and wonders.

I Cor.2: 4 *"And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."*

In Thessalonians the same thing about how the gospel came to them. Not in word only but in deed, in signs and wonders, in demonstration of power. We realize here that the realm of signs and wonders and powers can mean different things to different people. It includes healing, it includes demonstration of resurrection power, and the presence where there's such power without a word being spoken. People get convicted and dropped on their knees before God or they just cannot do anything but just get their lives right. It includes healing power, all these powers but there is a power that is beyond words that can only be felt. You can talk about it. You can't explain it but there is a power that is beyond words. It can only be felt and it's so powerful that healing takes place, demons flee when the power comes. That's the power we are talking about that God is bringing forth. That also includes in these days a new realm of power that I call creative miracles.

Long time ago when God first called me, He talked to me about creative miracles. It talks about paying the price to move into that realm. What are creative

miracles? Someone comes to a meeting without an arm, and the arm grows out. Someone comes without a leg and the leg grows out. Someone comes without a kidney and another kidney appear. God kept on speaking about that over and over again. Part of the call is to move so deep in the Spirit until that realm comes. In our church's newsletter you read about Sister Sally going to that room in heaven where the human parts are to be sent down to earth for people and that keeps coming over and over again. God keeps talking about that special signs and wonders in creative miracles and that seems especially reserved that God has called people move into. There is a landmark in my life to move into that and to get people to move into that. We will have healings and demons casting, etc. But there is a special thing that God has spoken to me from early days and even when Jesus appeared to me in 1986, He spoke about the same thing. Kenneth Hagin seldom prophesy but when we were visiting him, just on that very day, he began to speak about creative miracles and many times when we have gone to meetings and places and every time we were there, there is prophecy talking about a creative miracle that is happening. There is a realm of power that God wants to bring. There is a price we have to pay to move into that power. Please don't misunderstand, the power of God don't just come like that without a price being paid. Or without a certain laws being obeyed. In order for a plane to fly, there are many hours of detailed work and planning and construction and building of an airplane that will break the laws of gravity with a higher law of lift and to bring the plane up to the air.

In the same way, Paul says in II Cor.12, that the signs and wonders will work with the key word perseverance. Perseverance is necessary. We need to persevere into that realm. Now this is one of the key principles in Jesus life. See Jesus persevered into that realm. For thirty years there was no record of a single miracle. There are some apocryphal records but those are not scriptural. For the bible declares in the gospel of John, when He turned water into wine, that this is the first signs and wonders that started. That tells us from scripture that there was no sign and wonder that came upon His life for thirty years. For thirty years He lived as a carpenter, as an ordinary man with the exception that He spent more time in the Word and in prayer than any other person and with the added facts that He never got distracted with worldly things.

When William Branham was young, there is always this wind that come into

his life whenever he is alone. It frightened him until he met an angel in his adult life. When he was young, he tried to smoke a cigarette because of peer pressure from his friends to prove that he is a man or something. As he was just about to smoke a cigarette, there was this wind that came and he heard this voice. It seems that only he heard the voice. The others felt some strange presence coming on the treetops. He heard a voice that says, "You must not smoke. You must not drink. You must not give yourself to all these. Keep yourself holy because when the time is ripe I will use you." Because of that all his life he could not smoke, he could not drink, because there was something that drove him. Something that tells him that God has some special power for His life. Later on he moved into ministry and he is the key leader to bring the 1950s revival to its peak.

Oral Roberts and every famous men of God today trace their ministry to William Branham's ministry. But that's the realm we are talking about - a key in Jesus life. If you were to take Jesus minus the miracles, which a lot of modern scholars and theologians who are not of God, have what we call Higher Criticism saying this is not of God. They cut the Scriptures until there are no more miracles and all you present is Jesus a good man. If that's all we have, we have missed out everything. Christianity is a supernatural encounter with God Almighty. Jesus is not just a good man with nice teaching with great love. Although all these things do move us and change us but Jesus uses signs and wonders as a key principle in His life. Because He uses them, He challenges the people and says, "If there is none of these signs and wonders in My ministry, you don't have to believe Me." There is this realm of signs and wonders - the key principle in Jesus life. It's His stepping into this river of signs and wonders that helped Him move into that.

That is where God is leading this revival that God is bringing. In fact the revival has already began and has began with repentance and cleansing. You could feel it in your heart. But that's not the end. That's leading us somewhere. And as we continue to press on to pray, we will see the days of the Acts of the Apostles all over again. You remember the book of Acts chapter one and two, the 120 disciples continued to pray for ten days, probably in several sessions of prayer together. As we meet week by week before we hit what I call the power line, God is cleansing us. If you hit the power line with sins in your life, you may die. If you hit the power line with things that are not right in our life, it's the end of you. It is the most dangerous thing. So God is doing a cleansing work in our life and as we keep on,

you could feel it in your spirit something is building up. I know prayer meeting like this is revival. As we keep on, something will give way. The flesh of course will give way. We die to self. A lot of things are dealt with and it's leading us somewhere. These things have happened in pockets here and there in the early ministry.

I remember in the second year of seminary, I was in a small town Baptist church. When we were there, having a call to bring people to revival. One of the first things we did was to call a prayer meeting for revival. After church on Sunday, we used to stay back and pray. We wept and we cried. Things began to happen. The Lord began to appear to people and some of those who were not in the meeting the Lord visited them in their house and some in their dreams. One of the sisters had a dream. In the dream she saw the Lord Jesus was passing by and then she saw a red light. She didn't recognize the Lord until the end. When she got up from that frightening dream of seeing the Lord and not recognizing Him, the Lord said to her, "You should be in that prayer meeting. But you are not recognizing Jesus when He comes." She got frightened and she quickly came to the prayer meeting. Then the Lord began to deal with the chairman of the church. The Lord said, "You have sinned. You have pride." He came and he wept at the meeting. Then strange things began to happen. People who have not been Spirit filled came for the prayer meeting and suddenly the Spirit came on them and they talked in other tongues without anyone laying hands on them or touching them. Strange things began to happen. You cannot have this kind of prayer meeting continually without hitting something somewhere. It's an awesome thing when you become a part of the move of God. Here we are touching on the fact that one of the principles of Jesus is the principle of signs and wonders. It's not something you just move into. Why is it not so prominent? Let's us consider three things in regard to the principle of signs and wonders.

Season

No.1, there is always a season when signs and wonders are manifested. Remember Paul said; preach in season and out of season. When it's out of season, we still can lay hands on the sick, we still can cast out demons, we can anoint with oil and

receive miracles based on our faith in God and the believer's anointing. But there is a season where it just manifests even in a greater measure. I met some of those people who have worked in the 1950s revival in America. Some of these main preachers in the revival said that during the 1950s getting miracles was the easiest thing. It was like a blanket that was covering the whole of America. It was like any new preacher, any Tom, Dick and Harry could just come up and say "Jesus is alive," and miracles will happen. See there was a season.

After this outpouring of the Spirit, God saw that the people needed the Word of God and it went into a season of the Word of God. People learned to believe for themselves and not so much depend on the preacher or the vessel of God because some of the vessels of God began to go off track. In the 1970s and 1980s we began to see that there were fewer and fewer people with a miracle ministry. However, we don't see that kind of miracles anymore that they had in the early days. There still are but they are pockets of them. Not a whole season. So there is a season of signs and wonders and outside the season, those who have the faith are still able to get those miracles. But when it's in season, those with very little faith still can see miracles. But when it's not in season, it takes perseverance and deep faith to stay on in that realm of miracles.

So the first thing we see here is season. Jesus knows the season. Why didn't Jesus do any signs and wonders in the early days? Is it because His relationship with God was not deep enough? Who dare to say that when Jesus was 20 years old He was not as much as the Son of God as He was when He was 33? Same Jesus same obedience but Jesus knew there was a season when He was to demonstrate the signs and wonders. He knew that the season was coming to an end. He needs to increase that in His life and He began to anoint His twelve disciples and He sent them out. Then He sent the seventy disciples out. They began to experience signs and wonders. Jesus knows the season. Now in the gospel, healing, salvation, deliverance belong to us in season and out of season. Anytime you have a sickness and you claim God's Word for healing you can receive your healing.

But we are talking about a time of season of signs and wonders. In God's special move there will be signs and wonders everywhere accompanied by visions and dreams. People who are preparing themselves for revival will be getting signs and

wonders effortlessly. When it's outside the season, you still can get the same signs and wonders but it may take for example three days of fasting and prayer to do a special sign and wonder that God instructs. You still got to listen for God's instructions to raise a dead or bring a healing to a very difficult case. But when it's in season, it's different. You could be just having a full meal and you are still burping but suddenly the dead will be raised up in Jesus' name. That is what I am talking about when it is in season. There is a season. My friends, we are entering into that season. The kind of prayer meetings that are taking place is because the season is coming forth. When you see people gathering in great numbers to pray, to weep before God, to kneel, to sanctify their lives, you know that the flowers are budding. The fruit flowers are budding and it's heading somewhere. Don't miss this move that God is bringing forth because the flowers are budding. The flowers of revival are blooming and after sometime the flowers will begin to bring forth fruits.

Acts 19, Paul started with twelve of them in verse 7. Just with twelve people in verses 8-10 *"He went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and do not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannous. And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks."*

Now they were faithful for three years. Either somewhere in the third year or towards the end of it, we do not know. It says in verse 11 *"Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul."* Suddenly there was a season of signs and wonders. When the season of signs and wonders comes, go after it with all your heart. You could be wearing glasses and you could enter that presence and your glasses cannot be used because suddenly you are healed. You didn't even ask for it. You could be having a kidney operation and you have only one kidney left and you come into that presence in that season, and you feel something happening on you inside. You check it up and a new kidney was there. In this season there will be tremendous signs and wonders. You enter into it and you see unusual signs and wonders.

Turn to the book of Acts. I just want to show how that there are seasons of signs and wonders that take place. Even in the revival in the book of Acts the first thing that took place in Acts 2 was just salvation and repentance. Three thousands souls were saved. They repented, they were saved, they were followed up, they were in home meetings, praying and breaking bread. Imagine how much prayer was going on. You know people always look at the book of Acts. We need the book of Acts for revival. The same people don't go to prayer meetings. We need the church like the book of Acts. But they talk in an academic way without any real passion for revival. Do you know how often they prayed in the early church? Their revival prayer was everyday. I mean there was a prophecy that came Saturday before that God wants the prayer to go on everyday. But who will pay the price for it? You say, "Oh no, our society is different. People still got to work. People still got to feed their family." What do you know? In the revival among the tribal people of East Malaysia it was the same: they still have to work. In fact, their work is harder than our work in a modern city. The tribal people have to get up early in the morning. Do you know the life of a farmer is very difficult? It looks easy but it's very difficult. They get up in the early hours of the morning and they have to water their plants. In spite of all their hard work for survival, they meet for prayer everyday in that village. What are we saying? To put it very crudely we are lazy bones. Or rather we are not lazy bones, we are hard working for the world but not hard working for God. We don't work hard to press through in prayer. But when it comes to pursuing something for your family, pursuing your career, you work twenty-four hours.

The early church prayed every day from home to home, house to house. Revival took place and there were much repentance in their lives. It says in Acts 2 verse 42, "*And they continued steadfastly.*" Now the word *steadfastly* implies that they remained faithful in the face of challenges and distractions. *They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, in the breaking of bread and (you see the last word,) in prayers.* We do not know how long they continued in that manner. Usually the most excited people are those who are most recently born again and they want to win somebody else for Jesus. But those who have been saved for long time, they will cool down after a while. God does not want everybody to cool down. The excitement of sharing the gospel is no more there. Remember the first day when you were born again? I mean you thought this was the best thing in the world. Saved from hell to heaven. But after ten or fifteen years of Christianity, you will say, "Well, I have got a ticket to heaven." What happened to the initial excitement?

May God restore to us the joy of salvation.

You know why the joy of salvation has disappeared? Sin and compromise. David said, "Create in me a clean heart. Renew a right spirit within me." David realized the joy of salvation was missing. We need that joy of salvation in our life. The early Christians love to fellowship and pray together. It's not too late. Now that the move has begun flowing in God, Acts 2: 43 says, "*Then fear came upon every soul.*" What kind of fear is that? It is the fear of God. I mean don't you fear God when you began to see multitudes seeking God? You are afraid that you may displease God. You are afraid that you may miss out of it. There's a fear that comes. Some of you working very hard in the secular world would ask, "Is my life right with God?" Some of you who normally say, "I didn't do my devotion today, well it's okay," suddenly you say, "Did I miss the visitation?" The fear of God has descended on you. People began to get their lives right with God.

Acts 2: 43 continues, "*and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.*" And do you know why we are on the right track? The same thing is happening right now. There is a love of God that is being shared in each one of our hearts. You could feel that love overcome every weaknesses, every hurt and it's causing the Body of Christ to be one. With that kind of love as we continue to pray we will hit the power line. There will be signs and wonders. And then in chapter 31, Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer. Again they were on their way to a prayer meeting. Who knows one day on your way to a revival meeting, as you are catching the bus, you see someone stretching his arm out for alms. You may suddenly be on fire for God and the anointing of God comes upon you on that street and you say, "Dollar and cent I don't have, but such as I have give I thee, in the name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk." There you see the person starting to walk. Before we know it, suddenly 3 dozens new people showed up in our meetings in addition to the 200 now present. Where did you get these people? They saw somebody received a new leg. See Peter and John were on the way to pray in the Temple and they brought forth a miracle. And because of that one miracle the church increased to five thousand people.

They continued on in God and then suddenly there was a wave of persecution. The authorities got to hear it; the authorities got concerned in chapter

4. They began to persecute those who were leaders of that revival. What do they do? Get down on their knees for more prayers. So when they were released in Acts 4, they went forth in verse 23-23 and they continued praying even more. As they prayed even more, the revival reached its highest point in chapter 5. Remember what I said before you hit the power line, you can get away with small sins and do not seem to pay the consequences. But when you hit the power line, be careful – you will be judged severely for any sin. You could even die. There was Ananias and Sapphira and all they did was to hold back part of the money and tell one simple lie. It was kind of half-truth. They only told part of the story because they kept back part of the money and immediately they died. The revival reached its height and during this season though the signs and wonders were tremendous, so was the judgment of sin. This wave of revival will sweep both sicknesses and sin away in its path. Acts 5 verse 12 *Through the hands of the apostles, many signs and wonders were done among the people. They were all in one accord in Solomon's Portico. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.* The people of the world began to notice. They said don't play around with these people. Don't you think that is revival? They began to honor the name of Christ and didn't dare to lightly speak the name of Christ. That revival was affecting the society.

Verse 14-15, *And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women. So they brought the sick out into the streets.* In chapter 5, that was the season for signs and wonders. People were out on the streets receiving the signs and wonders. This was like Jesus Himself walking in their midst. And as the shadow of Peter passing by, just walking, people got healed. Isn't that wonderful? They were not even laying hands. They were just walking and it brought healing. That's the high season. After that you notice that the season sort of tapered off. You still can have signs and wonders but you got to flow with what God is doing. It's sort of tapered off because the church structure was not big enough to contain the group. The apostles had a restructuring of the church in chapter 6. And after the restructuring where this time seven deacons were ordained, and the multitude increased.

Suddenly there was the fiercest persecution they ever had with one ringleader named Saul. Many people died in the persecution. You thought that was the end of the church, but no, it expanded because the persecutor became a believer. And then suddenly unknown people, people who were known as deacons, like Philip

goes up to Samaria to announce the gospel, telling them about Jesus, and mighty signs and wonders took place. You see how it began to flow. That's the revival move of God. There is a season for revival. What God is bringing us into is a season of signs and wonders. If you are inside the season, and you tap into the high level of presence and anointing that God placed, like Philip that high level of anointing and presence will be on your life all the time. And then, wherever you go the same presence will bring revival. The same presence that brought revival in Jerusalem through Philip was brought to Samaria and Antioch and to any place that he went. The presence was carried by human vessels into Samaria and all the surrounding regions.

So No.1 be sensitive to that season that God is moving into us. We had the Spirit movement in 1950, 1960. We had the Word movement in 1970 and 1980. Now in 1990 to the year 2000 we have the Word and Spirit movement. We are experiencing a revival in the move of God. It has begun in our prayer meetings and as we keep that prayer meeting heat up, as the fire of prayers are fanned up and as more and more keeping up, something is bound to happen. You will enter the season of signs and wonders, something that you could not enter alone. For one person to pray through it may take a long time but if all of us pray through, it will speed up the process. It's interesting, once you enter that season of revival and you learn the key, you can move in it anywhere. But unless you enter it you cannot learn all the rules in that season.

Just like Elijah, do you know that before Elijah you hardly see any miracle? The people had fallen into sin. It took one man and he prayed to God earnestly and slowly he began to move into the season of signs and wonders. His life became a sign and wonder. His first ministry was to stop the rain and that sign and wonder was brought into the other areas. He brought fire down from heaven and then he began to raise the dead. Then there was someone who caught on to that season. Do you know that if nobody catches on zeal of Elijah it would have died with Elijah? But good for us there was Elisha. For ten years he lived with that man. He washed his clothes, took care of him like a servant but because he wanted that presence, he wanted the Spirit that was there. For ten years Elisha never had a miracle, never had a sign and wonder. He knew that it came from that man. One day as Elijah was going home and he said what do you want? Elisha said, "I want twice the Spirit of God." Elijah said, "Okay, if you see me when I go," and as he

kept walking with him, suddenly the chariot of fire parted them. As he saw Elijah going up, he wanted it. He doesn't want it to go off.

When Kathryn Khulman died people were asking who would take her mantle. If Hagin goes home who will take his mantle. People are asking who would take all those mantles. When he saw Elijah going up, he said, "My father, chariot of fire," and Elijah dropped his mantle down. When it came, he tore his own and put Elijah's on him. He walked to the Jordan and said, "Where is the God of Elijah?" See he was depending on that season that Elijah had. He wants to continue that season. He strikes the water and it parted. The season had continued. The sad story is that when Elisha died, no one was there to continue that season.

Gehazi was supposed to take that mantle, but unfortunately he was overtaken by the love of money, and Naaman's leprosy befell him instead of Elisha's mantle. When the anointing is so high, sin will be severely dealt with. Gehazi was in the presence of a very anointing upon Elisha, but he dared to covet that which Elisha spurned, he dared to lie to Elisha, and as a result he suffered the consequences. God is no respecter of persons. When the revival hits, and the presence of God is very high, those who dare to sin in such a presence will be dealt with severely, sometimes even with instant death. Annias and Sapphira instantly died. Gehazi was inflicted with leprosy.

Please understand what I am talking about. When you tap into a certain presence and you experience it and that presence of the signs and wonders, you do not come out the same. Something of that presence gets into your life. The rest is for you to learn how to let it flow. We need that season and we need to flow into that season.

We need to understand the season of signs and wonders and be there when the season is there. When you are there where the season is, that's where the presence will come on your life to bring the signs and wonders. In Acts 13, they had a prayer meeting that was like a holy club. Paul, Barnabas and others were there praying, and they received the call of the Spirit to go forth. As they moved out, the first thing they did was the signs and wonders. Where did they get that

power to do that? From that prayer meeting where they were sent forth. Elymas tried to stop them, Paul said, "You will not see the sun for a season," and he was blinded for a season. Where did Paul get that power? From the prayer meeting in Acts 13 where they touched the glory realm and God said, "Separate me Paul and Barnabas for the work, which I called them." Paul was called ten years ago but that season had now come. I want you to see clearly my friends, what brought about the season. The prayer meeting was like the fire cooking and bringing the season out. You may have a call of God in your life. You may be like Saul, but unless you are in one of those revival prayer meetings, your season may never come.

Do you know what it does when you enter this kind of revival prayer? Something changes on your inside. Something ripens on your inside and you enter your season of the gift of God in your life.

There are seasons so that you know when the season is not there, you just continue moving at your level. John the Baptist never performed a single miracle because he could not move into that realm, which was reserved for Jesus. John the Baptist only ministry was repentance but he moved into the fullness of it. He could not enter further because it was not reserved for him but yet wherever he preaches, in the wilderness, in the desert where nobody normally goes, the crowds flocked there. He was faithful. There are seasons and we need to flow with them. The season of just teaching the Word is almost ending. It's like the season of signs and wonders accompanying the Word and the presence of God coming in more and more glorious ways. In the 1970s and 1980s those of us who were called by God, your faithfulness was to the Word. You stayed true to the Word. You preached the word. You practiced the Word. You meditate on the Word. That season is coming to an end because we are entering into the Word and Spirit.

The Glory of God

The second key is the desire for the glory of God, which is why we talked about dying to self in the last message. A lot of people want to move into signs and wonders but their motives are not right. It only works when you are fully and truly

desire the glory of God and all you want to see is the glorification of Jesus Christ and His precious Name. God is willing to do mighty things when all your desire is the glory of God. It is a prayer meeting if the fans of revival burn in us. All other desires die and you only desire to glorify God and see His name is lifted up.

Moses knew that he was called when he was forty years old. At the age of forty he went to visit the Israelites, thinking that they would know that he was the one sent to them. He had a call and a mission to deliver the people. He wanted to glorify God but he also wanted to glorify himself. People have a mixture of that. They want to glorify God and they also want to glorify themselves. He wanted the people to be freed and he killed the Egyptian. In Acts 7 we are told, thinking that the people will know that by his hand God will deliver them. But God was not in it.

Why? It was the wrong season and the wrong timing. The four hundred odd years were not up yet that God prophesied to Abraham. Secondly, Moses still wanted some glory. So God put him on the shelf in the wilderness for forty years. He just lived as a shepherd. He got married and thought that he will settle down. Forgot about his ministry. Forgot about delivering the Israelites. He even forgot about all these things. You know when you put aside your ministry God builds your ministry. When you build God's house, God builds your house. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you. Including our own ministry, our own gifting, and our own talent. When you put them aside, God will pick them up. When you bring them up, God will put them aside. Remember what we shared about the third blessing of dying to self? Only when that happens the glory of God can come. There must be this supreme desire to glorify Him and Him alone. There must be a desire to do something but try to be hidden so that everybody can see God and God alone. When that comes, we are trained to move into signs and wonders.

By the time God called Moses God said, "Moses come, I want to send you to free my people." Moses said, "Who am I Lord?" He had no more desire for his own glory. God said, "Give My people the revelation of My Name, I Am Who Am. In chapter 4: 1 Moses answered and said, "Suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice. Suppose they say the Lord had not appeared to you." God gave him

signs and wonders. That was what Moses failed to receive earlier. The moment Moses move into signs and wonders, it was powerful. In ten plagues he destroyed all the Egypt until the people became frightened when they hear the name of Moses. But God had to let him die first before God could exalt him. It was only when Moses went into Egypt with the only desire to do God's will and glorify Him that God gave him the signs and wonders. Because if the signs and wonders come into his life if he still had self-glorification then he will use that for himself. God reserves these things for those who really desire His glory. Sometimes Christians and people say it in their month that they are glorifying God but God read the heart and know that is not what they really want. Self is still involved.

If you want to follow Moses' life, it was the signs and wonders that God gave him that enabled him to shake the entire nation. My friends, the only way to win your country for Jesus is signs and wonders. It is not just trying to get on TV to tell the people about Jesus. It is not just trying to put billboards everywhere to tell them about Jesus because it doesn't affect anybody. You can win some but you cannot win the nation. The only way for us to win the nation for Jesus is through signs and wonders. The only way for us to win the whole world for Jesus is through signs and wonders. No other way. It is not just great preaching although great preaching is good. It is not great music although good music is good for it helps us to worship God better. It is signs and wonders. If you are faithful in God and you move into signs and wonders, your preaching can have signs and wonders. Your music can bring signs and wonders. It is signs and wonders that will win this nation. So lets not settle for anything less. Lets pray through until we break into the realm of signs and wonders. There is no other way. Isn't it better to pray through on our knees for signs and wonders until one day God may give one or a few signs that you could demonstrate all for the glory of God and win the entire nation than to try to work your fingers to the bone with human method of evangelism. Trying to win millions to Jesus. Lets chose the right thing and the right way. Lets choose Jesus' method – the Jesus principle of signs and wonders. One sign is enough many times. Because of one sign in stopping the rain, the whole nation of northern Israel heard about the name of Elijah. When people in the street said why there is no rain, they said we heard that there was a man Elijah who said that there would be no rain until he says so. It put the fear of God in their lives. It's signs and wonders that will bring the revival.

Let me show you that Moses had become the man who only seeks after God's glory. There were many times where he had the opportunity to seek any things for himself but he put them aside. In Exodus 32: 7, God said this is his first 40 days and nights on the Mount, *"go, get down! For you people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way, which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, this is your god, O Israel that brought you out of the land of Egypt! And the Lord said to Moses, I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! (Now look at God's offer to him in verse 10) "Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation."*

Moses had an opportunity from the Almighty God to accept an offer of a great nation for himself. I want you to see how much he had died to self. No wonder God gave him signs and wonders. Here was a man who could move so powerfully that he parted the entire sea until waters of the sea stood like walls on both sides. The signs and wonders became a part of his life. I want you to see that this is the man who only desired for God's Name to be glorified and not his own. He says in verse 11, *"Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people."*

You know what Moses was saying? He was saying, "God, if You do that and I became a great nation and all these people die, it's good for me. It's good for my name but God, what will people say of you?" I mean he cared for God's Name more than his own. When did this quality come into Moses life? When he died to self. When we care about the glory of God, when all we want is to glorify His name and you really meant it and even if you have an opportunity to promote your name, you rather want the name of Jesus to be glorified as much as you can. God has tested you and He will know He can trust you with operating in signs and wonders.

Do you really desire the glory of God? What happens if God uses you in

many ways but nobody ever heard of you or knows that it was you? In your heart would you be satisfied? If you are not then you haven't died to self. You don't really desire the glory of God. You only desire the glory of God and your own glory. It's still not good enough. You will tap on some realm of achievement and power, but there is a realm that God reserve, something that our generation has never seen before. I mean we have seen many great things. Mighty great men of God have done many things but I want to bring to you brethren, the Word of God says, that there is a realm. There is a place in God. A realm of power that this generation has never seen. A realm of might and demonstration that maybe the body of Christ has not seen for fifty years. That is only reserved for those who truly from the heart love His name more than their own name, who love His glory more than their own glory, who love to broadcast Him more that any other things. Even if you got to live and die without even your neighbor hearing you but yet through your works you have brought glory of God to millions of people, you will die a secret worker knowing that the glory and the rewards will be given to you in heaven, but you still would do it, then and only then God will bring you into that realm of the secret place of His power, signs and wonders.

Do you know that Jesus desires only the glory of God? There was many times where He was challenged. Satan came and said, "Turn this stone into bread." He could prove Himself but what's the point? He says that He can do nothing except what the Father calls Him to do. But the devil challenges Him to turn this stone into bread. He refused. Take all the silver, the gold and the glory and the glamour of this world and He refused. Do you know that Jesus rejected faith in one of the temptations? He did not just reject silver and gold. The devil said in one of the temptations, if You were to bow down and worship me, I will give you all these glory. Remember what the word said, the devil showed him the glory of the world? The fame, the silver and the gold. And Jesus said, no, thanks! Do you know the devil can offer you fame because he is the lord of the worldly spirit. But I wonder how many people can say no to him. I want you to know our Lord Jesus said no. He refused to glorify His own name, even though He was the fullness of God in human form but He waited on God to exalt His name. How humble He was. If you could have this kind of humility in the body of Christ, the church would be mighty. What happens after you have been tested and proven and God knows that all you want is to glorify Him to the extent of removing your self-glory? He will give you a realm of signs and wonders that you have never had.

Need

The third and the last point, to move into the realm of these signs and wonders, no.1 understand the season. No.2 desire only the glory of God and not thy own. No.3, which is important, you must see the need of the dying world. We must know the need that is there. I mean when we began to turn our prayers from *O God revive us* to *O God heal us* to *O God save me* to *O God save them*, then only will God bring you to the glory realm. Unfortunately so much of our prayers have to do with ourselves. Until we are willing to be like Jesus to lay down our life that others may live. Until we are willing and we see that vision of the need. I mean how many people constantly feel the need of this dying world? If we could see the fires of hell that have taken so many millions souls who have not heard about Jesus, you would have been willing to sell all you have to preach this glorious gospel to save one soul. But the vast majority of Christians have been so caught up with their lives, their problems and there are so few who would see the need of the dying world. And because so few see the need of the dying world, so few receive that empowerment to go out and help them.

Although Moses had his faults and problems but I want you to know, from the age of 40, Moses saw the needs of his people. He may have his timing wrong; his methods wrong but Moses couldn't stand it anymore. Everyday when he was in his luxurious palace, there were these cries of his Israelite brothers being whipped and being tortured and even killed. The people were treated so cruelly that they cried unto God. Maybe if it were any other man, they would not care for the world but be satisfied with the luxuries offered by Egypt. As Moses grew up, he could not stand the silent cry anymore. He could hear that cry of his people. In Hebrew 11, we read how Moses forsakes all the luxury and the pleasures of Egypt. I mean he was a prince in Pharaoh's court. He could not stand it anymore. As he looks as his food everyday, he would think about the people without food. As he sleeps on his nice luxurious bed he would think about his people as slaves with no bed to lie on until he could not enjoy his luxury anymore. He was driven out not from external force but from something on his inside that say I must go and live with them. I can't stand it anymore and he lived with them because he saw their need. He made one mistake. When you see the need, you don't try to meet the need yet. Jesus said, the laborers are few, the harvest is ripened but He didn't say

go. He says pray. Why pray? Pray until Almighty God sends you the supply of His power to meet that need. Seeing the need should not drive us into the need. Seeing the need should drive us into God deeper and deeper. The more you see the need the more it drives you deeper. Until as you grow so deep in God, you touch the realm of power.

Do you know why God used the apostle Paul? If you read what he said about himself, everyday he says the burden of the church is on him. It was his driving force. He says, woe unto me if I don't preach the gospel. I am indebted to preach the gospel. Let me tell you the apostle Paul saw the need. Many times he would be pleading with the people. He said in Acts 20, day and night he told the elders of Ephesus, I pleaded with you. I have spoken to you with tears to seek after God, to go after God. That's the passion of his life. A passion for souls. The needs. No.1 the season. No.2 the glory of God. No.3 the need. Do you see the need? Do you hear the silent cry of those who are without God? A cry that is so silent that only those whose ears are tuned to the ears of the Holy Spirit can hear. Do you hear the cry of the church? I could hear it when leaders began to fall. You could hear the cry in the Christian life. Do you know what the cry is, the reality of God and the cry of many preachers? When you go out to preach and you see the blind not being healed and you that Jesus would have healed them if Jesus was there. You see people whom you know if Jesus was there, He would have done a work of wonder. And you know that there is something more the church have not tapped on and let it drives you deeper into God.

That is why when Elisha cried my father, my father, and the chariots of God that's the glory of God and the chariots of Israel; he is talking about Israel needs this kind of power. Israel needs demonstration. Elisha who is going to carry the Word of God to Israel and the power with a double portion came on his life and he was able to continue to lead the people of Israel because people will know. People anywhere of Israel will say if you need to know the realm of power with God go to see Elisha. One day the Syrian king sent Naman and he reached the palace of the Israelites king, and he said, could you heal me. There was no man who could heal him but there was one man who was living in that realm of reality. There was one man who was living in the reality of God's power where God was not a God of yesterday, where God is not a God of history, but whose God is truly alive today. He can still part the waters and can still do the signs and wonders. Elisha said, send him to

me. The miracle came forth like in the days of Gideon. The angel came to Gideon and Gideon said where are all those wonderful things we heard about from forefathers. If only Gideon know today and the day that angel met him, it was the beginning of signs and wonders. There are a lot of Christians living onto yesterday and on history. We are talking about a God who parted the Red Sea. A God who turned water into wine. A God who caused the blind to see and the lame to walk. A God who says, he who believe in the works that I do he will do also. A God who raised the dead. Where is this God? He is here in our heart and life, except that we must go so deep into Him when we see the needs until we contact the realm of signs and wonders and power and He will send us forth.