**Truth Sowers Life Group**

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**God’s Secret Kingdom – The Law of Miracles**

**Wisdom:**

**Everything created solves a problem; my eyes see, my ears hear,,,**

**YOU were created to solve a problem. What is it?**

**"The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure that you seek."**

**Introduction:** We have been studying the laws of the invisible secret Kingdom of God. To the world, God’s Kingdom is secret but to us, God is making it visible. Jesus spent most of His time on earth speaking of this wonderful Kingdom. He wanted us to understand the Kingdom and how it operates and He wants us to reach into the Kingdom to take what we need! The invisible nature of His Kingdom does not diminish its reality, but merely governs who will understand it and profit from it.

As we reach into His marvelous Kingdom, we touch the truth and the power of God and we transfer them into this physical world. Today, we are going to talk about the Law of Miracles.

1. Miracles defy the natural laws set forth in this earth.
	1. What is a miracle?
		1. It is a divine intervention in the normal way the world operates.
		2. A tumor that immediately disappears
		3. A storm that instantly stops because of prayer or faith
		4. A mountain that is moved out of its way when there is no possible, earthly way it could be moved.
		5. **What are other miracles?**
	2. God does not always operate in miracles.
		1. People can be healed by miracles but it is rare.
		2. People can be healed by faith instantly or over time.
			1. Dodie Osteen, Joel Osteen’s mother. Diagnosed with cancer. Was prayed for by some of the world’s leading ministers and was not healed. She began to study all she could find in the Bible on healing and through her faith, that grew through the Word of God, she was healed and is still alive today, many years later.
			2. The world and this country are in a desperate situation.
			3. We need miracles!
2. Jesus introduced a new order of Normality on the day of Pentecost!
	1. With the power of the Holy Spirit, miracles were to be the norm.
	2. Jesus expects us to do even greater things than He did!
		1. John 14:12-14
		2. 12Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
	3. While Jesus was here, in His incarnation, He rebuked the disciples for their lack of faith in doing miracles.
		1. Walking on water
		2. Casting out demons.
	4. Jesus praised the Centurion who believed if Jesus just spoke the word, his servant would be healed. Mt. 8:8
	5. **Matthew 8:5-13 (KJV)**
	5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
	6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
	7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.
	8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
	9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.
	10 When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
	11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.
	12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
	13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, *so* be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.
	6. This is a picture of perfect faith for us.
3. Faith is our Key to this remarkable Kingdom!
	1. **Mark 11:22** tells us the story of the fig tree.
	2. Jesus explained and said, **“Have faith in God.”**
	3. When we are born again, that is our KEY to the Secret Kingdom.
		1. We are legally members of that kingdom.
		2. We have a right to take from all that is in that kingdom.
	4. Faith is our “TITLE DEED” to the promises of the Kingdom!
	5. We MUST take our eyes off of our circumstances and IMPOSSIBILITIES.
	6. The VOICE OF FAITH is always optimistic!
	7. The VOICE OF DOUBT is pessimistic!
	8. Joshua and Caleb gave a report of the promised land
		1. It was a land flowing with milk and honey
		2. There were giants in the land.
		3. The giants lived in fortified cities.
		4. **Numbers 13:30**
		5. *And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.*
		6. Joshua and Caleb KNEW the Israelites could defeat the enemy even though they were giants.
		7. The other ten spies’ testimony of doubt won out.
4. How do we see God move in miracles?
	1. **NUMBER ONE** – Have faith in God.
		1. Jesus did what the Father did.
		2. **John 5:19**
		3. *So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.*
		4. **How does this apply to our lives? How do we see what God does?**
			1. We see the nature of God
			2. God has compassion
			3. God sent Christ to heal physically and spiritually
		5. How do we get that “God Kind of Faith”?
			1. By studying the Word of God and getting it into our heart.
			2. Learning what the nature of God is like.
			3. It also comes over a period of time as we cultivate our relationship with God.
	2. **NUMBER TWO** – We MUST walk in forgiveness.
		1. **Matthew 18:21, 22**
		2. *21Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” 22Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.*
		3. Unforgiveness will hinder anything that God wants to do in your life.
	3. **NUMBER THREE** – We MUST SPEAK the Word of God to our situation.
		1. **Mark 11:23**
		2. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.
		3. As believers **WE HOLD THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH IN OUR TONGUE!**
		4. **Exodus 20:7**
		5. *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*
		6. This commandment is about speaking!
		7. Why would God be so concerned about us taking His name in vain if there were no power in the tongue?
		8. Taking God’s name in vain is done in a lot more ways than by using His name followed by the word, “damn”.
		9. Don’t use your mouth to:
			1. Speak slander
			2. Profanity
			3. Lust
			4. Foolishness
		10. God has a sense of humor.
			1. We should avoid jokes and foolishness about sacred things.

Conclusion: God is a God of miracles! The New Testament church is full of people that should be seeing miracles happen in their lives! God has given us access to His Kingdom that is full of POWER! If we would fully understand the power that is available to each and every believer and if we really got to know the nature of our Father in Heaven, we would see miracles happen. We will see God move mightily if we understand the power in our fellowship or prayer with him. We would believe His Word and then we would speak to demons, to mountains, to sickness and to disease and we would see them flee!