

# Glad Tidings

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## “Why don’t we see these things?”

(Jerry Fite)

We are able to look back into the film archives of history, and marvel over the changes of the last 100 years. For example, motor vehicles in the early 1900’s were sharing the road with many horse- drawn carriages on the busy streets of prominent cities in our country. Why don’t we see horses transporting many people through our busy streets today? The car has replaced the horse. This change has occurred because it is more efficient than the horse for transporting people to more places in less time. We don’t see the buggy whip today, except in museums, for it has given way to the accelerator pedal.

Why don’t we see today the miracles as recorded in the Bible? God established Elijah as His prophet by heeding the prophet’s pleading voice to bring a dead boy back to life (*I Kings 17:17-24*). Why don’t we see God establishing His preacher today with the same miracle? I have not heard of a mother, anywhere in the world, who has brought her dead child to any preacher today to bring her son back to life. No reporter has given the details of the preacher placing his body on the child three times while praying to God for the child’s spirit to return

to him again. No film crew has documented the preacher presenting the living child to a grateful and believing mother.

Why don’t we see the miracle of establishing God’s truth by God’s minister cursing the false teacher with temporary blindness? Paul addressed the false prophet, Bar-Jesus, saying, “*And now, behold the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the son for a season*” (*Acts 13:11*). Do we not see this occurring today because God no longer cares if His Word is perverted? There are no false teachers today?

Why don’t we see lame people, who have never walked since birth, immediately rise at the command of a spokesman from God? Peter commanded such a lame man to “*walk in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth*” (*Acts 3:6*). He did not stand up to only fall back in his wheel chair off stage, or gradually gain strength over time; but immediately, leaping up, he walked.

Why don’t we see angels today? Has Gabriel appeared to you, or anyone you know, giving his name, and offering God’s message, as he did to Zacharias and Mary (*Luke 1:19, 26-37*)?

Have you been frightened lately because you saw an angel in a vision as Cornelius experienced when he was being instructed on what he needed to do to be saved (*Acts 10:3, 4-7, 22, 11:13-14*)?

The answer may be that God’s final message of salvation in the gospel of Christ has been once and for all delivered (*cf. Galatians 1:8, 23, Jude 3*). God utilized miracles to convincingly confirm His word, through His chosen prophets and apostles (*Mark 16:20*). God employed angels to miraculously introduce John, His messenger for preparing the way of the Lord (*Matthew 11:10*), and promise, and announce the virgin birth of our Saviour (*Matthew 1:20-23, Luke 2:8-15*). All occurrences were establishing His eternal purpose in saving man.

Why are we not seeing miracles and angels as revealed in the Bible? It is not because they are myths. God can still empower people miraculously or send an angel to edify and instruct us. But His purpose in wielding miracles and sending angels were always connected with expediting His final revelation for saving and edifying man (*Acts 20:32, I Corinthians 13:9-10*).