

Mercy and Miracles The Process of Miracles

I. What is Mercy?

- 1. Undeserved forgiveness and unearned kindness.
- 2. Pardon from the punishment we deserve. (Proverbs 28:13-14, NKJV; TEV)

II. What are Miracles?

- 1. Unavoidable part of the Christian Faith.
- 2. Supernatural display of divine power.
- 3. Events that demonstrate God's power.

III. The Process of a Miracle. (2 Kings 5:1-11, NKJV)

- 1. First, you have to have a problem in your life that needs a miracle.
 - i. If you look at the problem, you will miss the purpose.
 - ii. Miracles usually start in the smallest way by the smallest step of obedience.
- 2. Second, you have to be willing to listen to those trying to help you.
 - i. The right person to listen to will always encourage you and counsel you to follow God's will not your feelings or emotions.
- 3. Third, you have to be willing to do something about your problem. (Exodus 14:15, NLT)
 - i. If you don't move God won't move.
 - ii. Without God, you cannot; without you God will not.

IV. Examples of Mercy and Miracle going hand in hand.

- 1. A Personal Need. (Matthew 9:27-30, NKJV; Ephesians 1:16-21, NKJV)
 - i. The man had what looked like an impossible need—he knew he did not deserve it. (Matthew 9:27, NKJV)
 - ii. He believed Jesus could heal him—He obeyed Jesus—Jesus did what He said. (Matthew 9:28, NKJV)
 - iii. He confessed His belief in Jesus—He received what he believed.
- 2. A Family Need. (Matthew 17:15, NLT; Matthew 17:16, NKJV; Matthew 17:18, NLT)
 - i. The man had a family need only a miracle could solve.
 - ii. The man asked Jesus for what he needed not what he deserved. (Matthew 17:15, NLT)

- iii. He did not give up when Jesus disciples could not help him. (1 Corinthians 2:5, NKJV)
- iv. They enjoyed God's Mercy and Miracle! (Matthew 17:18, NLT; Matthew 17:19-21, NKJV; Matthew 20:30-34, NKJV)