

THE NUMBERS NUMBERS FIVE

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THE SUPERNATURAL OF GOD

NUMBERS 11:23 (NKJV)

Has the Lord's arm been shortened?

Who are you to think that the Lord shortened His hand? Who are you to turn God into a small God to fit in your box? Some would try to reduce the God of the Bible to a God who is now distant and ceasing to be apart of the humanity He has always chased. Many people have reduced Christianity to information instead of encounter.

The Bible you just walked through is not a record of a distant God. It is the testimony of a God who invades human history. From Genesis to Revelation, God is constantly interrupting the natural with the supernatural.

And yet somehow modern believers can read, seas splitting, dead men rising, fire falling, demons fleeing, blind eyes opening, prison doors shaking, nations trembling, and still conclude, "God doesn't really do that anymore."

That disconnect usually comes from a few places.

1. FAMILIARITY HAS REPLACED EXPECTATION

People read the Bible devotionally instead of relationally. They admire miracles historically without expecting them personally.

Israel saw manna every day until the supernatural became normal. The Pharisees watched Jesus heal and still called Him demonic. Even the disciples became shocked after seeing repeated miracles. Familiarity dulls wonder. Mark 6:5-6 is terrifying:

MARK 6:5-6 (KJV)

Now He could do no mighty work there... And He marveled because of their unbelief.

Not because Jesus lacked power. Because unbelief creates resistance to receiving.

2. WESTERN CHRISTIANITY OFTEN PRIORITIZES

EXPLANATION OVER DEMONSTRATION

Much of modern Christianity became heavily intellectualized. We became comfortable, discussing miracles, debating miracles, analyzing miracles, without pursuing the God of miracles.

Paul warned about this tendency:

1 CORINTHIANS 4:20 (NKJV)

For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

And again:

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4 (NKJV)

My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

The early church did not merely defend the Gospel intellectually. They revealed it supernaturally.

3. DISAPPOINTMENT HAS PRODUCED THEOLOGY

Sometimes people prayed and nothing happened. Someone died. Someone wasn't healed. Someone suffered.

And instead of living in the tension of mystery, many created doctrines to protect themselves from disappointment.

It is emotionally safer to say, "God doesn't do miracles anymore," than to wrestle with, "Why didn't this one happen?"

But unanswered prayers in Scripture never caused believers to lower their expectation of God's power. Paul left Trophimus sick (2 Timothy 4:20), yet still saw extraordinary miracles through his ministry (Acts 19:11-12). Mystery did not cancel expectancy.

4. SOME HAVE SEEN COUNTERFEITS AND BECAME CYNICAL

Abuse exists. Manipulation exists. False signs exist. Scripture warns about that clearly, Matthew 24:24, 2 Thessalonians 2:9, Revelation 13:13-14.

But counterfeit money only exists because real currency exists. The existence of false miracles does not negate genuine ones.

Many will point to the abuses, the counterfeits, as reasons that God has stopped moving. The answer to abuse is discernment—not unbelief.

5. MANY CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN TAUGHT A SMALL GOSPEL

In some circles, salvation became reduced to, "Pray a prayer so you can go to heaven someday." But the Gospel of the Kingdom is much bigger.

Jesus preached, salvation, deliverance, healing, restoration, authority, the invasion of God's Kingdom.

When John the Baptist questioned Jesus, Jesus responded:

MATTHEW 11:5 (NKJV)

The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up

Miracles were signs of the Kingdom breaking into earth.

6. THE CHURCH OFTEN PURSUES COMFORT MORE THAN CONSECRATION

Throughout Scripture, miracles frequently followed, prayer, fasting, holiness, surrender, desperation, obedience. Acts was born in an upper room of waiting. Elijah lived separated. Moses met God on mountains. Jesus often withdrew to pray. But modern Christianity can become so distracted, entertained, and self-sufficient that there is little hunger left for divine interruption.

A powerless church usually isn't due to a powerless God.

7. BIBLICALLY, MIRACLES WERE NEVER SUPPOSED

TO CEASE BEFORE CHRIST RETURNS

The New Testament never says, healing stops, gifts stop, miracles stop, deliverance stops, before Christ's return.

Instead, you see promises like:

HEBREWS 13:8 (NKJV)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

MARK 16:17 (NKJV)

These signs will follow those who believe...

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1 (NASB)

Earnestly desire spiritual gifts...

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19 (NKJV)

Do not quench the Spirit.

The biblical posture is not skepticism. It is discernment with expectancy.

THE REAL QUESTION

The issue is not, "Can God still do miracles?"

Scripture answers that repeatedly.

The real question is, "Do we still create environments where faith, surrender, obedience, and hunger make room for the miraculous?"

Because throughout the Bible, miracles were rarely random spectacles.

They were manifestations of God's compassion, God's authority, God's covenant, God's Kingdom, God's presence among His people.

And honestly, one of the greatest modern miracles may not simply be blind eyes opening, but spiritually numb hearts awakening again to the reality that God is still among us.

The same God who split seas, the same God who fed millions with bread from heaven, the same God who sent fire on Carmel, the same God who raised Christ from the dead, did not pour out His Spirit in Acts 2 so the Church could become a museum of memories.

Pentecost was never meant to become a historical celebration. It was meant to remain a present reality.

When the Spirit fell in the upper room, heaven was making an announcement, God still moves. God still speaks. God still fills. God still empowers. God still transforms ordinary people into witnesses filled with divine fire.

Acts 2 was not the ending of miracles. It was the beginning of a Spirit-empowered Church. And I believe the question for this Pentecost Sunday is not, "Did God move?" The question is, "Are we still hungry for Him to move again?"

May we not become so sophisticated that we explain away what previous generations prayed for. May we not become so comfortable that we lose our desperation. May we not become so intellectual that we lose our awe.

This Pentecost Sunday, I believe God is looking for people with "a different spirit" like Caleb.

People who still believe:

- God heals.
- God delivers.
- God speaks.
- God restores.
- God fills with the Holy Spirit.
- God breaks chains.
- God revives cities.
- God awakens prodigals.
- God still pours out fire on surrendered lives.

The world does not need a Church with better branding if it has no fire. The world does not need a Church with more noise but no power. The world needs a Spirit-filled Church again.

Not manufactured emotion. Not hype. Not performance. But genuine Pentecostal power. Holiness with fire, truth with power, worship with presence, preaching with conviction, believers filled with the Holy Spirit.

So this is the charge: Do not settle for existing around God when you were called to burn for Him. Do not inherit the unbelief of Numbers 14 when Acts 2 is available to you. Do not spend your life talking about what God used to do while the Holy Spirit is still being poured out today.

Lift your expectation again. Lift your hunger again. Lift your faith again. Because the arm of the Lord has not been shortened. And the same Spirit that fell in the upper room, still seeks willing vessels today.

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SUPERNATURAL EVENTS & MIRACLES IN THE BIBLE

Creation & Cosmic Authority Miracles

- Creation of the universe — Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6; John 1:1–3
- Creation of light before the sun — Genesis 1:3–5
- Formation of Adam from dust — Genesis 2:7
- Creation of Eve from Adam — Genesis 2:21–22
- Breath of life given to humanity — Genesis 2:7
- Sustaining creation — Colossians 1:16–17; Hebrews 1:3
- Boundaries set for the seas — Job 38:8–11
- Creation of stars and heavens — Genesis 1:14–18; Isaiah 40:26

Early Genesis Supernatural Events

- Serpent speaking to Eve — Genesis 3:1–5
- Curse upon creation — Genesis 3:14–19
- Mark of Cain — Genesis 4:15
- Enoch taken without dying — Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5
- Nephilim / sons of God — Genesis 6:1–4
- Global flood — Genesis 7:11–24
- Animals gathered into ark — Genesis 6:19–20; 7:8–9
- God shuts ark door — Genesis 7:16
- Waters recede by divine intervention — Genesis 8:1–3
- Rainbow covenant — Genesis 9:12–17
- Languages confused at Babel — Genesis 11:1–9

Patriarchal Miracles (Abraham → Joseph)

- God's audible call to Abram — Genesis 12:1–3
- Covenant vision with Abram — Genesis 15:1–21
- Smoking firepot and flaming torch — Genesis 15:17
- Sarah conceives in old age — Genesis 18:10–14; 21:1–2
- Angels visit Abraham — Genesis 18:1–8
- Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah — Genesis 19:24–25
- Lot's wife turned to salt — Genesis 19:26
- Abimelech's household healed — Genesis 20:17–18
- Rebekah providentially chosen — Genesis 24:12–27
- Jacob's ladder dream — Genesis 28:10–17
- Jacob wrestles with God/angel — Genesis 32:24–30

- Jacob's hip touched — Genesis 32:25
- Joseph's prophetic dreams — Genesis 37:5–11
- Interpretation of dreams — Genesis 40–41
- Preservation during famine — Genesis 45:5–8; 50:20

Exodus & Wilderness Miracles

Moses' Signs

- Burning bush — Exodus 3:1–6
- Rod becomes serpent — Exodus 4:1–5
- Hand becomes leprous/healed — Exodus 4:6–7

Ten Plagues

- Water to blood — Exodus 7:14–25
- Frogs — Exodus 8:1–15
- Gnats/lice — Exodus 8:16–19
- Flies — Exodus 8:20–32
- Livestock plague — Exodus 9:1–7
- Boils — Exodus 9:8–12
- Hail and fire — Exodus 9:13–35
- Locusts — Exodus 10:1–20
- Darkness — Exodus 10:21–29
- Death of firstborn — Exodus 11–12

Deliverance & Wilderness

- Passover protection — Exodus 12:1–30
- Pillar of cloud/fire — Exodus 13:21–22
- Red Sea parted — Exodus 14:21–31
- Bitter water made sweet — Exodus 15:22–25
- Manna from heaven — Exodus 16:4–35
- Quail provided — Exodus 16:11–13
- Water from rock — Exodus 17:1–7; Numbers 20:7–11
- Amalek defeated during raised hands — Exodus 17:8–13
- Sinai manifestations — Exodus 19:16–20
- Ten Commandments written by God — Exodus 31:18
- Nadab & Abihu consumed by fire — Leviticus 10:1–2
- Earth swallows Korah — Numbers 16:31–35
- Bronze serpent healing — Numbers 21:6–9
- Clothes/shoes preserved — Deuteronomy 8:4

Conquest & Judges Miracles

Joshua

- Jordan River stopped — Joshua 3:14–17
- Jericho walls collapse — Joshua 6:1–20
- Sun stands still — Joshua 10:12–14
- Hailstones destroy enemies — Joshua 10:11

Judges

- Angel appears to Gideon — Judges 6:11–24
- Fire consumes Gideon's offering — Judges 6:21
- Fleece signs — Judges 6:36–40
- Samson's supernatural strength — Judges 14–16
- Lion killed barehanded — Judges 14:5–6
- Temple collapse — Judges 16:28–30

Samuel, Kings & Kingdom Miracles

- Ark causes Philistine plagues — 1 Samuel 5:1–12
- Dagon falls before ark — 1 Samuel 5:2–4
- Thunder against Philistines — 1 Samuel 7:10
- Saul prophesies — 1 Samuel 10:10–11
- Uzzah struck dead — 2 Samuel 6:6–7

Elijah Miracles

- Drought declared — 1 Kings 17:1
- Ravens feed Elijah — 1 Kings 17:2–6
- Endless flour and oil — 1 Kings 17:8–16
- Widow's son raised — 1 Kings 17:17–24
- Fire from heaven at Carmel — 1 Kings 18:36–39
- Rain returns — 1 Kings 18:41–45
- Fire consumes soldiers — 2 Kings 1:9–12
- Taken to heaven — 2 Kings 2:11

Elisha Miracles

- Jordan divided — 2 Kings 2:13–14
- Water healed — 2 Kings 2:19–22
- Bears attack mockers — 2 Kings 2:23–24
- Widow's oil multiplied — 2 Kings 4:1–7
- Shunammite's son raised — 2 Kings 4:32–37
- Poisoned stew healed — 2 Kings 4:38–41
- Bread multiplied — 2 Kings 4:42–44
- Naaman healed — 2 Kings 5:1–14
- Gehazi struck with leprosy — 2 Kings 5:20–27
- Axe head floats — 2 Kings 6:1–7
- Syrian army blinded — 2 Kings 6:18
- Dead man raised by Elisha's bones — 2 Kings 13:20–21

Prophetic & National Miracles

- Shadow goes backward — 2 Kings 20:8–11; Isaiah 38:7–8
- 185,000 Assyrians struck dead — 2 Kings 19:35
- Fiery furnace deliverance — Daniel 3:19–27
- Fourth man in furnace — Daniel 3:24–25
- Daniel protected in lions' den — Daniel 6:16–23
- Dreams interpreted — Daniel 2; 4
- Jonah survives great fish — Jonah 1:17
- Jonah released from fish — Jonah 2:10
- Dry bones vision — Ezekiel 37:1–14

Miracles Surrounding Jesus' Birth

- Angel appears to Zechariah — Luke 1:11–20
- Elizabeth conceives in old age — Luke 1:24–25
- Angel appears to Mary — Luke 1:26–38
- Virgin conception — Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:34–35
- John filled with Spirit in womb — Luke 1:41
- Star guides wise men — Matthew 2:1–10
- Angelic host appears — Luke 2:8–14

Miracles of Jesus Christ

Nature Miracles

- Water into wine — John 2:1–11
- Great catch of fish — Luke 5:1–11
- Storm calmed — Mark 4:35–41
- Walking on water — Matthew 14:22–33
- Feeding 5,000 — Matthew 14:13–21
- Feeding 4,000 — Matthew 15:32–39
- Fig tree withered — Matthew 21:18–22

Healing Miracles

- Nobleman's son healed — John 4:46–54
- Paralytic healed — Mark 2:1–12
- Man with withered hand healed — Mark 3:1–5
- Woman with issue of blood healed — Mark 5:25–34
- Blind Bartimaeus healed — Mark 10:46–52
- Ten lepers healed — Luke 17:11–19
- Man born blind healed — John 9:1–7
- Deaf and mute healed — Mark 7:31–37

Deliverance Miracles

- Demoniac in synagogue delivered — Mark 1:21–28
- Legion cast into pigs — Mark 5:1–20
- Boy with unclean spirit delivered — Mark 9:14–29
- Mary Magdalene delivered of seven demons — Luke 8:2

Resurrection Miracles

- Jairus' daughter raised — Mark 5:35–43
- Widow's son at Nain raised — Luke 7:11–17
- Lazarus raised — John 11:1–44

Authority & Revelation

- Transfiguration — Matthew 17:1–8
- Coin in fish's mouth — Matthew 17:24–27
- Jesus knows thoughts — Mark 2:8; John 2:24–25

Crucifixion & Resurrection Events

- Darkness over land — Matthew 27:45
- Temple veil torn — Matthew 27:51
- Earthquake — Matthew 27:51
- Graves opened — Matthew 27:52–53
- Jesus resurrected — Matthew 28:1–10; Luke 24; John 20
- Jesus appears through locked doors — John 20:19
- Ascension — Acts 1:9–11

Acts of the Apostles Miracles

Holy Spirit Manifestations

- Pentecost tongues/fire — Acts 2:1–4
- House shaken during prayer — Acts 4:31

Healings & Deliverance

- Lame man healed — Acts 3:1–10
- Peter's shadow heals — Acts 5:14–16
- Many demons cast out — Acts 8:5–8
- Handkerchiefs/aprons heal — Acts 19:11–12

Judgment Miracles

- Ananias & Sapphira struck dead — Acts 5:1–11
- Elymas struck blind — Acts 13:8–11

Deliverance Miracles

- Apostles freed by angel — Acts 5:17–20
- Peter released from prison — Acts 12:5–11
- Prison shaken open for Paul & Silas — Acts 16:25–26

Other Miracles

- Philip transported — Acts 8:39–40
- Eutychus raised from dead — Acts 20:9–12
- Paul survives snake bite — Acts 28:3–6

Revelation & End-Time Miracles

- Two witnesses perform miracles — Revelation 11:3–6
- Fire proceeds from witnesses — Revelation 11:5
- Cosmic disturbances — Revelation 6:12–14
- Beast performs signs — Revelation 13:13–14
- Final judgment miracles — Revelation 20:11–15
- New heaven and new earth — Revelation 21:1–5

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