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 Title: Biblical Mentality for Miracles
 Scriptures: Psalm 103:1-5

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- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:
- 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,
- 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies,
- 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

INTRODUCTION

Biblical mentality begins with praise and worship that comes from joy.

- David gives 5 reasons to praise and bless the Lord (Psalm 103:1-5)
- The God of the spiritual is also the God of the natural - both natural and Spiritual laws are His.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF A MIRACLE

- God created man from the dust of the earth

(Genesis 2:7)

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- A woman was created by a rib taken from the side of man

(Genesis 2:21-23)

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

- Joshua commanded the sun to stand still

(Joshua 10:12-13)

12 Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." 13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.

- The furious lions did not kill and eat Daniel in the lion's den

(Daniel 6:21-23)

21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! 22 My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you." 23 Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

- The 3 Hebrew children were not burnt in the fiery furnaces

(Daniel 3:27)

27 And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

- Naaman was healed from leprosy by dipping 7 times in the river Jordan

(2 Kings 5:14)

So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

- Blind Bartimaeus could see

(Mark 10:52)

Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road. The woman with an issue of blood for 12 years was made whole

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(Luke 8:43-44)

43 Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

- Lazarus who was dead for 4 days was brought back to life.

(John 11: 39, 43-44)

39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

- The feeding of 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish.

(Mark 6:38, 44)

38 But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish." 44 Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.

Some say they cannot believe in miracles because they cannot understand. If you limit yourself to the carnal mind, you will never experience a miracle.

THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR MIRACLES

- Forgiveness of sin

(Psalm 103:3)

"Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases"

(Isaiah 53:4-5)

4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Healing is a deliberate act of God's love and its evidence is wholeness and wellness.

- Jesus performed miracles when He was moved with compassion.

(Matthew 8:16)

“When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick”

(Matthew 9:36)

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

He then sent the 12 to do miracles.

(Matthew 10:1)

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

(Mark 6:56)

Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

- Jesus is the same today

(Hebrews 13:8)

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

- We are called to preach the full gospel

(Mark 16:15-18)

15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

- The prayer of faith will heal the sick

(James 5:13-16)

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

- It is the will of God to perform miracles

(Matthew 8:2-4)

2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” 3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

(3 John 2)

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers”.

- God’s presence, love and power has never been withdrawn from us

(Deuteronomy 31:6)

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

(Hebrews 13:5)

“...For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

GOD’S WORD IS THE SOURCE OF HEALING

(Proverbs 3:1,2,8)

My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; 2 For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. 8 It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

(Proverbs 4:20-22)

20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

(Psalm 107:19-20)

19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. 20 He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

- Jesus healed a nobleman’s son

(John 4:49-53)

49 The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!” 50 Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, “Your son lives!” 52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” 53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household.

- Jesus healed a centurion’s servant

(Matthew 8:8)

The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

- Seek not the miracle but the giver of miracle

(John 12:20-22)

20 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

(Matthew 14:34-35)

34 When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. 35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick,

CONCLUSION – 7 CONDITIONS FOR MIRACLES

- Confess all known sins

(Psalm 103:3)

Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

(Matthew 9:5-8)

5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?

6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 7 And he arose and departed to his house. 8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

- Believe it is the will of God

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- He is a present God
He is the "I AM" – not "WAS" or "WILL BE"
- You cannot earn your healing

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- Act upon your faith - Faith without works is dead.

When you want what you never had, you have to do what you have never done.

- Denounce the demonic spirits and cast out any occult symbolism

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- Healing comes on the wings of the Holy Spirit

(Romans 8:11)

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.