

Romans 10:16

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?"

Faith comes by hearing the word of God, not by the seeing of miracles. Even Jesus said the following to those who were seeking after signs and wonders before they would believe.

† **Mark 8:12** *But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation."*

This was referring to the Pharisees who were seeking a sign from Jesus, because they wanted more than just His words before they would believe. But if you think about it, how many miracles did Jesus do, by healing lepers, restoring sight to the blind, raising the dead back to life, yet they still did not believe even with seeing those miracles that Jesus did?

When we think of signs and wonders and even miracles, we usually think of great things being seen in the sky, or a limb being restored, or even the blind seeing or the deaf hearing. But do we seek after signs and wonders and miracles, and if we don't see it, will it cause our faith to fail? You may say no, but there are other miracles that we seek after that do not light up the sky for all to see, such as:

- *"I need money to pay rent. God, please do a miracle so I can pay my rent."*
- *"I want that guy or girl to like me and fall in love with me. God, please do a miracle and cause him or her to fall in love with me."*
- *"God, please do a miracle and give me that job that I want."*
- *"God, if you will do a miracle and get me out of this one I promise that I will..."*

We could go on and on with things we ask the Lord for, that would actually be miracles in our mind, yet they are not a true miracle. Because a sign, as spoke of here in today's verse means something that is supernatural or a miracle, and most of what we ask for and even call a miracle are not supernatural. It's just the way God fulfills them in the way only He can, and that's what makes them amazing, so we call them miracles.

But as I opened today's devotional by quoting the definition of faith from Romans; ***"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*** **Romans 10:17**

Notice it says nothing about seeing miracles, and if you read what we call, the Hall of Faith, in Hebrews chapter 11, at the end of the chapter, we read that:

† **Hebrews 11:39** *And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise*

Simply all of these believed in faith about the Messiah and eternal life, but never saw their faith here on this earth come to pass, by seeing Jesus walk this earth. Yet they did not stop believing because they didn't, even unto death.

For me, I have been a Christian for over 40 years, and I am in my 60's now. But for the last 60 plus years, I have never seen God or Jesus, but I have never doubted that Jesus or God or the Holy Spirit exist. I have always known of Them, yet I have never seen Them. And you could say the same thing as well, that you have never seen God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit, yet you believe, without seeing Them. Even the Trinity, we have no idea what that really looks like, yet we still believe it and are excited to see God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit when we get to heaven.

Therefore, if this is true, then why do we doubt when we don't see that so called miracle come to pass? We don't see that money come in the mail, or our loved one dies instead of being healed, someone else gets that job or promotion, you pray for your failing marriage to be healed and instead your spouse leaves you for someone else....

But I ask once again, if God does not do something in your life, will it cause you to doubt Him, or even cause you to lose faith? It says about Jesus that, ***“He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart” Luke 18:1*** Are you losing heart because you don't see a miracle, and is it causing your faith to fail?

James also said, ***“Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him?” James 2:5 (NLT2)***

God has sustained us for all the years of our life up to this point, and we are thankful to Him for that. So, if God gets us through our everyday life, why do so many lose heart and turn their backs on God because they don't see a miracle? If you really want to see a miracle, just look around, because everything single thing that you see, the tress, grass, people, animals, buildings (made from materials that came from the earth), the clouds, the rain the lakes and oceans, all came from nothing, and only God could do that, because everything we see everyday is a miracle in itself, coming from nothing.

† **Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.***

So there, you see a miracle, now stop doubting God because you are not getting your way, because serving and having a relationship with God, is not made up of God entertaining you with miracles, but rather loving you through His Son Jesus, who died and rose from the dead on the third day, which is also a miracle, yet we have not seen it, yet we still believe it.

✝ **John 20:29** *Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*