

**Schedule of Meeting Times:**

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM  
Speaker, Robert Emerson  
Study Sunday 10:00 AM  
Worship Sunday 11:00 AM  
Worship Sunday 5:00 PM  
Singing every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening  
Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

Remember our ***gospel meeting*** with Lowell Sallee, April 26 to 29!



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**Songleader:** Larry (1), David (8), Peter (15), Dwight (22), Stanley (29)

**Reading:** Larry

**Announcements:** Marty

**Table:** Robert, Stanley, David, Peter

**Wednesday Lesson:** Stanley (4), Kris (11), Larry (18), Stanley (25)

**Lawn Mowing (week starting):**

Kris (8), Marty (15), Stanley (22), Robert(29)

**Singing:** TBA (22)

**Area Meetings:** Belgreen (7-11); Ardmore (8-11); Hwy 43 (Russelville 8-11); South Cullman (8-12); Riverbend (8-13)

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# The Bible . E X a m i n e r

*"Examine everything carefully..." - 1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB*

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# Do Miracles Occur Every Day?

*By Leon Mauldin*

What does the Bible teach regarding miracles? Is it true, as some claim, that miracles are happening every day?

In reality, even during Bible times, miracles did not occur "every day." Miraculous activities for the most part were confined to certain periods of Biblical history. These included the miracles of the creation week. Then when Israel was in Egyptian bondage, God sent the ten plagues, caused Israel to cross the Red Sea on dry land, fed them with manna, and on occasion also miraculously gave them water. Later, the ministries of the prophets Elijah and Elisha were characterized by numerous miracles.

The next "cluster" of miracles was during the ministry of Christ, and finally, during the establishment and spread of the church (Acts). Obviously then, miracles were not "evenly distributed" over the centuries of Biblical history, but rather were used by God only at certain times, to meet unique needs, and to accomplish specific purposes.


Among the many miracles Jesus performed we read of His healing the man with an amputated ear be simply touching him, Lk 22:50,51. Honestly, do you see that every day, or any day? When there was a great tempest in the sea of Galilee, Jesus "rebuked the waves and the sea and there was a

great calm,” Mt 8:23-26). On another occasion, on that same sea, Jesus came unto His disciples walking on the water, Mt 14:26. Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 men plus women and children with five loaves and two fish, Mt 15:32-39. There are three recorded occasions where Jesus raised the dead. These include the only son of the widow of Nain, Lk 7:11-17. Jarius’ daughter, Mt 9:18-26, and Lazarus, Jn 11.

These are but a few, a very few of the miracles Jesus did. The purpose of Jesus’ miracles is stated in John 2:30-31: “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” That purpose has been accomplished.

Further, Mark gives us insight into the purpose of the miraculous when he writes, “And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord

working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs,” Mk 16:20. Reference is made to the salvation which began to be spoken by the Lord, “and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His will,” Heb 2:3,4.

The purpose of the miraculous then was to reveal and to confirm the word of God. There was a time limitation on the miraculous. Gifts such as tongues, prophecy, and knowledge (miraculous) would cease with the completion of the revelation, 1 Cor 13:8-10. God’s power has not ceased. His presence and glory are evident all around us. We are abundantly blessed by Him, Acts 14:17; Jas 1:17. He hears and answers prayer, Jas 5:16. When the revelation of truth was completed, and had been fully confirmed, the miraculous ceased, having accomplished its purpose. 

when both are useful or even required! Examples...

“We’re saved by grace, not by obedience.” However, both are essential elements depending on the context of salvation being discussed, provision or acceptance. I saw this error in reverse on a meme a few

years ago—“Noah was saved by works, not by grace.” It made me grimace.

“We should preach love and not authority.” Why not both? Isn’t respect for authority a product of love?

“We shouldn’t deal with what I think are picky issues, but only with what I think are weightier.” Jesus says, “These are the things you should have done without neglecting the others,” Mt 23:23.

“Do you want freedom or law?” Much depends on the context here, but generally there is no freedom without some kind of law or restraint. You wouldn’t be free to drive in New York City without traffic laws. You wouldn’t be free to drive very long anywhere without brakes!

“Men should control their minds so that women don’t have to worry about scanty clothing.” Why can’t both men and women do their part to help each other in this area? Isn’t that the way of love? (Yes, I was raked over the coals with this one not long ago.)


“1 Timothy 2:9 deals with luxurious overdressing, not with scanty clothing.” It deals with both

when you apply the attitudes that are to accompany the clothing.

“I love my child too much to punish him.” But if you love him you will punish him, Prov 13:24.

“Preachers need to preach expository lessons, not topical.” Why not both?

“We need to preach Jesus and not issues.” This one is often given with a scolding tone—“Enough of this talk about issues! While souls are dying in the world, here we are talking about using a piano in worship” (or another similar issue). Though it is true that preaching about the Lordship of Jesus and his love needs to be taught first (something that admittedly often hasn’t happened), loving Jesus also means being concerned about presumption and other dangers that affect God’s people. Jesus addressed various issues among the Jews.

Though it may be legitimate to make comparisons such as those above to emphasize priorities, they shouldn’t leave the impression that important ideas and concepts are mutually exclusive. 

# False Dichotomies

By Gardner Hall

A false dichotomy is treating two different principles or ideas as mutually exclusive when they are not, or an issue or group of issues as the only options when there are others. In a controversy the use of false dichotomies often involves a demand to choose one principle or the other

## Remember in Prayer

Please go to God especially for **Hazel Teeple’s** sake; she has been feeling very unwell, and will be seeing an oncologist. **Cindy’s** wrist surgery went well; thank you for your prayers on her behalf.

Please continue to pray for **Ruth Black, Madelene Britnell, and Faye Vilander**; also **Lois Adams, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, and Polly McNatt**. 