



Climate Change

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Scripture Reading: Matthew 13 53-58

Is there a link between the corporate spiritual atmosphere in a place and the occurrences of the supernatural?

Let's look at two contrasting examples – Capernaum and Nazareth.

The Capernaum atmosphere

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, ...**

Luke 4:40 - **When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.**

Mark 1:33-34 - **And the whole city was gathered together at the door. Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; ...**

The Nazareth atmosphere

Matthew 13:53-58 - **He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.**

Mark 6:5-6 - **Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marvelled because of their unbelief...**

What was the difference?

One had the environment that encouraged people to believe for their miracles, the other created an environment of unbelief that restricted people from seeking after their miracle.

Dr Charles Price was a revivalist and had a healing ministry in the early 1900s.

A liberal theologian and pastor he was initially Methodist but became a Congregationalist. He described those years of his life as “spiritually blind, leading his people into a ditch”.

He went to Aimee McPherson's revival meetings to teach against the doctrine. Got touched him and filled him with the Spirit – and it turned his life upside down. He saw miracles in his ministry and everyday life.

Dr Price writes in his book “The Real Faith”:

“Many of God’s children have failed to behold the difference between faith and belief. To believe in healing is one thing; but to have faith for healing is altogether something else... We have made faith a condition of mind, when it is a divinely imparted grace of the heart.”

Faith is Imparted

Mark 11:22 **And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God...**

-The Greek text has 3 words **Ἔχετε πίστιν θεοῦ** (echete pistis theou) – have faith that is **of** God.

It can be translated “have **faith of God**” or “have **God faith.**”

Faith **in** God puts the focus in me.

Faith **of** God puts the focus on Him.

Have “Faith of God” or Have “God Faith”

You can only have “God faith” if God imparts it to you.

God faith is faith that is imparted from God. We can’t attain this faith.

We can only receive “God faith.”

The spiritual atmosphere in Capernaum seemed to be conducive for “God Faith” to be imparted. Look at some examples of miracles that occurred in Capernaum:

1. The Centurion – **“say the word, and my servant will be healed”**

Luke 7:9 - **When Jesus heard these things, He marvelled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, “I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”**

2. Peter and the shekel in the mouth of a fish

Matthew 17:27 **“...go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.”**

3. The Royal official whose son was sick

Jesus was in Cana – the official lived in Capernaum

- limited faith “implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.”

Read John 4:50-53

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.

And he himself believed, and his whole household.

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The principle of God Faith impartation

Rom 12:3

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

⁴ **For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.**

⁶ **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...**

- Imparted faith to the one
Romans 12:3 **...but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith**
- Imparted faith to the many
Romans 12:6 **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...**

Faith can be increased - measure of faith

In Mark 4:24-25 we read that you increase the measure of faith by hearing.

The context is parable of the sower – **“those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”**

Mark 4:24-25 **Then He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”**

Romans 12:6-8 – you increase the measure of faith by usage.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...

When a group of believers gather in the name of Jesus Christ, bringing each their measure of faith, functioning in the various gifts of the spirit as guided by the Holy Spirit – this kind of gathering produces an atmosphere where “God faith” is imparted and the miraculous occurs on a regular basis.
