THE GOD OF MIRACLES

- 1. THE BIBLE IS A SUPERNATURAL BOOK.
 - 1. Supernaturally derived; inspired.
 - 2. Supernaturally preserved.
 - 3. Full of supernatural events and happenings.
- 2. BECOMES A MATTER OF BELIEVING.
 - 1. The Bible is the Word of God.
 - 1. If the Word of God, then it is true.
 - 2. If true, it is to be believed.
 - 2. The Bible is not just history, but what is still possible.
 - 1. I am God and I change not.
 - 2. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.
 - 3. The Bible is relevant.
 - 1. Not outdated, but updated.
 - What He's done for one, He'll do for another (No respecter of persons).
 - 3. He'll do it again.
 - 4. All things are possible to those that believe.
 - 1. Believing is more than one time confession.
 - 1. It is a lifestyle.
 - 2. Must persevere through the test (God is God through every situation).
 - 3. His Word cannot fail.
 - 4. Don't give up on the brink of a miracle.
 - 2. If there anything too hard for God?
 - 3. Prove me...see if I won't...
 - 5. The place of miracles in the earth today.

- 3. WHAT IS A MIRACLE?
 - 1. <u>Dunamis</u>.
 - Power, inherent ability; is used of works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means.
 - 2. Power for performing miracles.
 - 2. <u>Semeion</u>.
 - 1. A sign; is used of miracles and wonders as signs of divine authority.
 - That by which a person or thing is distinguished from others and is known.
 - 3. Unusual occurence; transcending the common course of nature.
 - Of miracles and wonders by which God authenticates the men sent by him, or by which men prove that the cause they are pleading is God's.
- 4. WHY MIRACLES?
 - 1. To see the glory of God; the power of God.
 - 2. As a sign to the unbeliever; As a sign to the believer.
 - 1. John 2:23 "Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did."
 - 2. John 6:14 "Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world (after feeding 5000)."
 - 3. Manifestation of God's goodness.
 - 1. Because he loves us and wants to do good things for us.
 - 2. Miracles of healing out of His compassion.
 - 4. Miracles confirm the word of God and His servants.

- 1. Believe on me for the work's sake.
- Acts 2:22 "Jesus...a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs."
- 3. John 3:2 "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."
- 4. Heb. 2:4 "God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit."
- 5. SOME MIRACLES OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES.
 - 1. Daniel and the lion's den.
 - 2. Supernatural strength manifested.
 - 3. Samson slaying a lion.
 - 4. David's slaying of lion and bear; even the killing of Goliath.

6. EXTRADORDINARY MIRACLES.

- 1. Moses.
 - 1. Plagues of Egypt.
 - 2. Dividing of Red Sea.
- 2. Joshua.
 - 1. Dividing of Jordan (Jos. 3).
 - 2. Sun and moon stand still (Jos. 10:12)
- 3. Elijah.
 - 1. Fire consumes water-soaked sacrifices (I Ki. 18:41).
 - 2. Meal and oil multiplied (I Ki. 17:14).
- 4. Elisha.
 - 1. Widow's oil multiplied (II Ki. 4:5).
 - 2. Axhead swims (II Ki. 6:6).
- 5. Jesus.
 - 1. Water to wine.

- 2. Feeding of 4,000; feeding of 5,000.
- 3. Walking on water.
- 4. Resurrection from the dead.

7. BELIEVING IS SEEING.

- 1. Believe and doubt not; all things possible to him that believes.
 - 1. Say to sycamine tree, "Be cast into sea."
 - 2. "O ye of little faith! How long will I be with you!"
- 2. Conditions for miracles.
 - 1. Create an atmosphere that is conducive to miracles.
 - 2. Create an atmosphere that nurtures miracles.
 - 3. A spirit of unity.