

The Wonders of the Holy Spirit

Prophecy

Lecture 12

Why are miracles and healings not for today?

The Kingdom has not come

(Matthew 24:30)

The Miracles were signs

1. Moses (Ex 4.1-5, 30-31)
2. Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 17:22-24)
3. Jesus (John 2:11; 20.30-31; Acts 2.22-24)
4. The apostles (Romans 15:18-19)

Bodily health is nowhere promised

(2 Corinthians 4:16; Rom 8.23; 2 Cor 12.7-10; Heb 13.14)

The apostolic age ended when the New Testament was completed.

Prophecy

Types of Prophecy

(Deuteronomy 18:20-22; Acts 11.27-28; 13.1; 15.32; 21.10)

Contemporary Prophecy

Arguments for Prophecy

1. It happened in Bible times, so it is possible that it might happen now.
2. We have experienced it and it seems to be genuine.
3. The Bible does not specifically say that prophecy concluded with the New Testament canon.

Arguments against Prophecy

1. Sola Scriptura rules out ongoing revelatory prophecy.
2. Biblical standards rule out a fallible form of prophecy.
3. The real issue is the role of experience.