

GREAT AND MARVELLOUS ARE YOUR WORKS, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY - Rev 15:3

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1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a double gospel of the **Words of God** and the **Works of God**.
2. **Jesus tells us this** in *Jn 14:10,11*.
“Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The **words** that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the **works**. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very **works’** sake.”
3. **Other scriptures** that say this and demonstrate it
 - a. *Mat 10:7,8, Mat 8:8, Mk 16:20, Lk 24:19, Jn 10:25, Jn 10:37,38, Ac 1:1, Ac 4:29,30, Rom 15:18,19.*
 - b. *Lk 8:41-56* – The raising of Jairus’ daughter and the healing of the woman with the issue of blood.
Ac 3:1-8 – The healing of the lame man at the Temple Gate.
Ac 8:5-8 – Philip’s ministry in Samaria.
Ac 13:4-12 – Saul and Barnabus’ ministry in Paphos.
4. Today our focus is on the **Works of God**.
5. Wherever Jesus went **He preached the Good News, Healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead and worked miracles.** *Mat 4:23,24, Mat 8:16, Mat 9:35, Mk 1:39, Lk 7:22, Ac 10:38.*
6. **God’s mighty works require a response.**
Following the healing of the paralysed man at the Pool of Bethesda, *Jn 5:1-15*, Jesus said that God the Father would **show greater works** than these that **you may marvel**, *Jn 5:20*.

God does **mighty works** so that **we will marvel**, and be aware of the **awesome presence of God Himself**. As the reality of God sinks in, the marvelling turns to **praise, worship, thanks**, and **greater faith in God**. *Mat 15:31, Lk 5:25,26, Lk 7:11-16, Lk 17:15-18, Lk 18:43, Lk 19:37, Jn 2:11, Ac 9:32-35, 36-42.*
7. **A second reason for God to do mighty works is to bring repentance**, *Mat 11:20-24*.
V20-22 – Then began He to upbraid the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sack-cloth and ashes. But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

These cities were far from God and Jesus did many mighty works in them, to turn them to repentance. But they did not repent.
8. **Mighty works reveal God’s awesome presence** and God expects **believers to respond in worship and praise** but He expects the **disobedient to repent** of their sin and turn to God.

9. *Ps 111:4,6,7* God's works are to be **remembered**, v2,3, **studied and honoured**.
Ps 145:4,5 His works are to be **praised** from one generation to another, **declared** and **meditated** on.
Ps 77:11,12 **Remember** His works and **meditate** on them.
Ps 75:1 His wondrous works declare **that His Name is near**.
Ps 71:17 His wondrous works are to be declared.
Ps 78:10,11 People err and go astray when they forget His works which He has shown them.
Ps 86:8,10,11 God's works are unique, He is great and does wondrous things, He is God alone.
10. **Some of God's Mighty Works:**
 The Creation of the Universe and Man, *Gen 1-3, Ps 19:1-6*.
 The Flood of Noah, *Gen 6-8*.
 The Conception, Birth, Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ, in the four Gospels.
 The Cross of Jesus Christ, in the four Gospels.
 The Resurrection of Jesus Christ, in the four Gospels.
 The Ascension of Jesus Christ to God's Throne, *Lk 24:50,51, Ac 1:9-11*.
 The Descent of the Holy Spirit, birth of the Church, and its growth to this time, *Ac 2-28*.
 The Fulfilment of God's prophetic Word for Israel, *Rom 11:26-32*.
11. **As believers, God does His mighty works through us.**
Jn 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.
Mk 16:17,18 And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
12. **In the Book of Acts** we read of this: *Ac 1:8, Ac 3:6, Ac 4:29-33, Ac 6:8, Ac 8:6-8, Ac 9:33-35, Ac 9:40-42*.
13. **In the Epistles** we are encouraged to **believe God for His works of power**: *Jam 5:15,16, 1Cor 2:4, 1Cor 4:20, Rom 15:19, 1Cor 12:27,28, 1Cor 12:9-11, 2Cor 4:7, Gal 3:5, Eph 1:19, Eph 3:20, Phil 4:13, 1Thes 1:5, 2Tim 1:7, 2Tim 3:5*.
14. **Jack Hayford**: "I anticipate the inevitable, supernatural intervention of God. I expect a miracle."
15. Car sticker: "Be realistic, expect a miracle."
16. "They said to Him, what shall we do **that we may work the works of God? Jesus answered, This is the work of God that you believe in Him whom He sent.**" *Jn 6:28,29*. Faith is the necessary factor in doing the works of God, *Gal 3:5, Mk 9:23, Phil 4:13, Heb 13:8*.
17. So saints, do not leave it all to Benny Hinn.
Be in prayer, faith, the Word of God and the fulness of God's Spirit, to bless others.
Expect God to use you, as He gives opportunities, to be His channel for His mighty Word and works of power, *Mk 16:17,18*.