

Acts 19:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

Analysis

'God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul' - the Greek 'dynamēōn ou tas tychousas' means 'not ordinary miracles.' These extraordinary signs authenticated Paul's apostolic ministry and demonstrated Christ's superiority over Ephesian magic and occult practices. Divine power confronted demonic power.

Historical Context

Ephesus was renowned for magic and occultism. The 'Ephesian letters' (magical formulas) were famous throughout the ancient world. God's special miracles challenged this spiritual darkness head-on.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. Why did God grant extraordinary miracles in particularly dark spiritual contexts?
2. How do miracles authenticate apostolic ministry and gospel truth?
3. What does Christ's superiority over occult powers mean for us today?

Interlinear Text

Δυνάμεις	τε	οὐ	τὰς	τυχούσας	έποίει	ό	θεὸς	διὰ
miracles	And	special	G3588	G5177	wrought	G3588	God	by
G1411	G5037	G3756			G4160		G2316	G1223
τῶν	χειρῶν	Παύλου						
G3588	the hands	of Paul						
	G5495	G3972						

Additional Cross-References

Acts 5:12 (Parallel theme): And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

Hebrews 2:4 (References God): God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Acts 8:13 (Parallel theme): Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Acts 16:18 (References Paul): And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Acts 14:3 (Parallel theme): Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Acts 15:12 (References God): Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

John 14:12 (Parallel theme): 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.

Galatians 3:5 (Parallel theme): He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

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