

SIGNS, WONDERS, MIRACLES AND THE CHURCH HEB. 2:3-4

Signs & Wonders	Miracles, <u>no</u> signs & wonders	<u>No</u> miracles~
Open & gullible	Open but <u>not</u> gullible	Closed <u>not</u> gullible

The **early** church era obviously experienced not only miracles but also signs and wonders.

What does Scripture teach?

I. Signs & wonders were (always) by **God's sovereign will**

Hebrews 2:4 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?

1 Corinthians 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

1 Corinthians 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

1 Corinthians 12:24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: **1 Corinthians 12:25** That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. **1 Corinthians 12:28** And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. **Matthew 6:10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Luke 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

These texts clearly tell us:

- God has a will
- God's will is determinative / decides
- Believers pray for God's will to be done / accomplished
- Believers submit to god's will
- This was true even in the first century
- God's will determined all – then and now

Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Ephesians 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: