

#443 See Yourself Here Series 6, You Have An Open Heaven

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John 1:47-51

47 *Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"*

48 *Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?"*

Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 *Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"*

50 *Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." **51** And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter[a] you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."*

Nathanael was a student of the word. He knew exactly what Jesus was referring to:

John 1:45 *"Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."*

Genesis 28:10-19 *"Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the LORD stood above it..."*

"...Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

Jesus manifest open heaven.

Water into wine. Feeding five thousand. Calmed the storm. Raised the dead.

Matthew 12:15 *"...great multitudes followed Him, and **He healed them all.**"*

Apostles Manifest Open Heaven:

Acts 5:12, 15 *"And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people ... so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them."*

Nathaniel / Bartholomew "Bartholomew preached with such success that the heathen God's were rendered powerless ... his voice was like a trumpet; angels waited upon him; he was always cheerful, and he new all languages." (**William Barclay — The Master's Men**)

Cessationism is the view that the "miracle gifts" of tongues and healing have ceased—that the end of the apostolic age brought about a cessation of the miracles associated with that age. Most cessationists believe that, while God can and still does perform miracles today, the Holy Spirit no longer uses individuals to perform miraculous signs.

The Westminster Confession Of The Faith — Section 1 (Of The Holy Scriptures) "... those former ways of God's revealing His will unto His people being now ceased."

The year 367 was chosen as the terminal date for spiritual gifts because that year the canon of Scripture was declared to be complete. The argument is based on this verse: *"But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away."* **I Corinthians 13:8-10**. The assumption is made that the expression "that which is perfect" refers to **the completed Bible**.

Continuationism is the belief that all the spiritual gifts, including healings, tongues, and miracles, are still in operation today, just as they were in the days of the early church. A continuationist believes that the spiritual gifts have “continued”unabated since the Day of Pentecost and that the demonstration of “signs, wonders, and miracles”, as witnessed in the apostolic era, should be a hallmark of today’s church as well.

Hebrews 10:20 (TPT) *“For he has **dedicated a new, life-giving way for us to approach God.** For just as the veil was torn in two, Jesus’ body was torn open to give us free and fresh access to him!”*

Acts 9:17-18 Ananias *“And laying his hands on him he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight.”*

Angelic Assistance Matthew 26:53 *“Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?”*

Hebrews 1:14 (The Message) *“Isn’t it **obvious** that all angels are sent to help out with those lined up to receive salvation?”*

Psalms 103:20-21 *“Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.”*

Door Of Your Mouth

Mark 11:23 *“...does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”*

Acts 3:6 *“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”*

Kenneth Hagin “When you believe and speak you open the door to the supernatural.”

Faith Confessions Create Reality

Five Most Powerful Words For Releasing Heavens Favour: **Can I Pray For You?**

Acts 2:18-19 *“I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will show”*

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Door Of Your Feet

Joshua 1:3 *“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you,”* **Romans 10:15** *“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*

Door Of Your Hands

Acts 19:11 *“Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,”*

Mark 16:18 *“...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”*

How To Activate Your Open Heaven:

1. Start 2. Keep Going 3. Don't Stop

John 20:21 *“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’”*