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Miracles in the NT were:  
“Supernatural events in the external world, wrought by the immediate power of God and intended as a sign or attestation.”

# N.T. Miracles

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- Didn't require faith on the person receiving them (Matt. 8:5-10)
- Verifiable (Matt. 12:24)
- Done for a purpose
  - To prove that Jesus is the Christ (Jno. 20:30-31)
  - To confirm the word (Mk. 16:15-20; Heb. 2:2-4)
  - To allow the church to function until the word was completed (1 Cor. 12-14)

## N.T. Miracles Ended When:

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- “That which is perfect came”  
(1 Cor. 13:8-10)
- The apostles who could impart these gifts died (Acts 8:14-17)
- Those upon whom the apostles laid their hands on died

# God's Providence

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- The word *providence* means
  - “foresight; timely care; particularly, active foresight, or foresight accompanied with the procurement of what is necessary for future use, or with suitable preparation.... the care or benevolent guidance of God or nature” (Webster).

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- Homer Hailey defined providence as:
  - God's “foresight and forethought in creating the universe whereby he could be in control and carry out his purpose to its ultimate consummation”

## Providence illustrated in the lives of:

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- Joseph (Gen. 45:4-8)
- Esther (Esther 4:14)