

## Need for Power

*Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." John 4:48*

Immediately after making this statement, Jesus healed the nobleman's son which John 6:2 calls a *sign*. In fact this incident happened in Cana of Galilee where Jesus began His ministry with the sign of turning water into wine at the wedding feast of a family friend. Jesus wasn't reluctant to use the paranormal; it was typical for His messages to be either preceded by or followed by signs and wonders. The apostle Paul said in Romans 15 that he preached the *full gospel with mighty signs and wonders in the power of the Spirit of God... to make the Gentiles obedient*. Jesus was making an observation on how to reach jaded people in a world of hucksters and shysters; and it is no different in our day. We need more than inspirational preaching to convince people *the kingdom of God is at hand*. No matter how scriptural our message is; Jesus observed people need to see miracles to believe and that is one reason Paul said in 1 Corinthians 4:20, *The kingdom of God is not in word but in power*.