

## Mark 9:38-41 **Working Miracles in Jesus Name while not Following Us**

<sup>38</sup> Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us." <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. <sup>40</sup> For he who is not against us is on our side. <sup>41</sup> For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✚ A person can not cast out demons except by the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - ✧ Therefore, since he is casting out demons in the Name of Jesus, he is a believer even though he is not among the twelve following Jesus, and God is acknowledging his ministry through the miracles he is able to perform.
  - ✧ God works with each person according to his faith and the gifts the Holy Spirit chooses to bestow upon him.
  - ✧ The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not bestowed upon a person only through the group he is following, but based upon his faith and the will of the Holy Spirit.
- ✚ Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. For he who is not against us is on our side." [[Mark 9:39-40](#), [Luke 9:49-50](#)]
  - ✧ Each person will be rewarded for what he has done in this life. [[Mark 9:41](#), [2 Corinthians 5:10](#)]
  - ✧ Therefore, do not forbid one who is bearing fruit of the Holy Spirit just because he does not follow your own organization.
  - ✧ Whoever is not against us is on our side. [[Mark 9:40](#), [Luke 9:50](#)]
  - ✧ However, hypocrisy is not acceptable. [[Acts 9:14-20](#)]