

MIRACLES – PART 1

Jeremiah 32:27 ... “Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?”

Do you believe in miracles? The Bible is full of miracles and supernatural events such as creation, the saving of Noah’s family from the great flood, the division of the Red Sea so the Israelites could cross on dry land, and many more. Jesus also performed many acts that we consider as miracles. His resurrection is, for us, a great miracle. But perhaps you’ve been waiting for a miracle in your own life and it has not yet happened. You may be suffering from a terminal illness, or a financial problem, or a job loss. Some believers lose hope when they fail to experience a miracle in their own lives. Some even believe that God no longer performs miracles.

I want you to know three things about miracles: 1) We call acts of God miracles, only because we cannot explain them. But they are standard operating practices for God. Therefore, what we think of as miracles, are just God doing his normal business. God spoke the universe into existence and created man by breathing life into him. 2) Miracles still happen. Nothing in scripture indicates that supernatural acts of God have an expiration date, and there are countless proofs in other people’s lives everyday around the world, to verify that miracles still happen. 3) The miracle you are waiting for may not be God’s solution to your problem. God may be testing you and the solution to your problem may not come until the testing is complete. God may be allowing you to experience hardship to correct your behavior or lack of faith. Or, perhaps, the cause of your hardship is sin or laziness, in which case you have some things to do before God will intervene.

People who go through life relying on miracles may someday stop trusting God when they do not see enough miracles to solve their problems. God expects you to live in obedience to him instead of expecting God to rescue you from your own foolishness. For instance, if you are stricken with Kidney or Liver disease because of alcohol abuse, lung cancer from smoking, high blood pressure or diabetes from careless eating habits, injuries from reckless driving or fighting, poverty due to gambling, job loss because of laziness or bad job performance, or any number of other situations, a miracle may not be in your future because you violated God’s will for your life.

You may not need a miracle for the problem you are facing. You may only need to confess a sin to God and repent to remove the hardship from your life. The fix for your problem may be under your own control. Maybe you need to get a job or work harder, stop drinking and behaving immorally, study to earn a better grade, treat your spouse with respect, study God’s Word, or serve others. In part 2 of this topic, we will discuss the miracles of Christ.

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