

# Miracles from God

## GraspingGod.com's Bible Study Lesson #6.01

### Miracles from God Bible Quotes:

Moses answered, "But, behold, the Hebrews will not believe me, nor listen to my voice; for they will say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'" The LORD said to him, "*What is that in your hand?*" Moses said, "A rod." The LORD said, "*Throw it on the ground.*" He threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses ran away from it. The LORD said to Moses, "*Put forth your hand, and take it by the tail.*" He put forth his hand, and laid hold of it, and it became a rod in his hand. The LORD said, "*Perform this sign so that they may believe that the LORD has appeared to you.*" Exodus 4:1-5 NHEB.

### Miracles Bible Study Questions:

- 1) Do you believe in miracles?
- 2) Are all miracles from God?
- 3) What are the purposes of God's miracles?

This lesson kicks off our enormously important Miracles of Jesus Bible study lessons series.

We're visiting the source of all miracles first, which is God himself. We'll learn about God, his power, and the purposes for his awesome miracles.

View this as a foundational lesson where we will define what miracles are, and the how's, why's, and other important questions.

Miracles aren't meant to be mysteries, they're meant to open your hearts to the Lord, and open your eyes to his amazing ways. Miracles are meant to grab your attention! Do God's great wonders have your attention?

So, without further adieu, let's learn all about God's miracles, so that we can believe in him more deeply and reverently.

## Miracles from God

Let's start the lesson by defining a real miracle. A miracle is a historical event or phenomena that appears to violate scientific laws, and subsequently reveals God to the eye of faith. True miracles bring glory to God, which implies that so-called "miracles," lacking God's glory, are things allowed for in the natural order of creation.

The source of all true miracles is the God of the Bible himself. God the Father first decides to perform a miracle in his created world, and soon the event happens. God's power, whether directly or through an agent, *i.e.* angel, man, animal, or other organism, brings forth the miracle in his created universe. In some cases evil agents perform miracles, but only under the direction and authority of God. All miraculous power comes from God.

God's miracles have everything to do with God's power.

For purposes of this lesson, let's assume God's first miracle was the creation of the universe. God created the universe out of nothing (*ex nihilo*). He also created the natural, scientific laws to systematically and automatically govern his universe with parameters. These mathematical and scientific laws were created by God's power according to God's will.

Quickly reviewing God's personal nature presents a conundrum for us, in regards to miracles. We're expected by God to believe in miracles, in which we cannot see the source. That's tough... but not impossible. Believing in both God and his miracles requires faith.

The writer of Ecclesiastes tells us we're physically and mentally limited, "Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb, so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things" (Ecc 11:5).

God is invisible, infinite, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. God is also omniperfect, meaning that his attributes are always perfectly balanced as he relates to his creation (*i.e.* love, mercy, patience, anger, judgment, wrath, *etc*).

God is always working within our creation (John 5:17), and usually working within the parameters of his scientific and natural laws. However, sometimes, in sundry ways, God decides to perform miracles. Miracles from God run contrary to his scientific laws; however, miracles are by his will and by his work. God's miracles definitely reveal his working in our world, for the sake of our ultimate redemption.

**God's miracles are for our benefit.** He desires that we ultimately come to know him, the one true God of the Bible (1 Timothy 2:4). Let's talk more about our belief in God.

## **Miracles and Belief**

Our belief in miracles doesn't make miracles real, nor does our disbelief in God's miracles make them a fantasy. The Bible's recorded accounts of God's miracles are the final authority; therefore, miracles from God are historical facts which must be believed. With that said, modern day miracles are mostly subjective, but cannot be discounted. We'll have an entire Bible study lesson on the possibility of present day miracles for further discussion.

The Bible has specific terms for certain miracles. Miracles that bring a deeper revelation of God to men are called "signs" (*e.g.* Isaiah 7:11; 7:14; John 2:11, *etc*). Miracles from God that cause human awe and even terror are referred to as "wonders" (*e.g.* Joel 2:30; Mark 13:22, *etc*). Miracles that point to the presence of God in history, acting for the benefit of humanity, are called "works" (*e.g.* Matthew 11:2, *etc*). Finally, God's miracles that emphasize his strength are referred to as "power" (*e.g.* Mark 6:7). Some of these terms occasionally overlap in their meaning (Acts 2:43).

Biblical signs, wonders, works, and the power of God's miracles are meant to draw our attention to him. Miracles from God bring him glory, by unveiling his presence and activity.

God and his miracles are like the wind... you can't see it, but you see its effects. Know and believe that God exists by his creation and his signs, wonders, works, and power.

Do you believe in miracles? Before answering, let's answer this crucial question, "Do you believe that God created all things by his word?" If so, then believing that God performs miracles is a natural, easy step of faith.

Disbelieving God's creative power also leads to disbelieving the miracles from God. A lack of faith in God equates to a lack of salvation. A lack of salvation is a tragic situation to find oneself.

## **Examples of Miracles from God**

Outside of God's glorious creation miracles, we'll take a moment to list some of the miracles from God found in the Scriptures. We'll soon have ten lessons on the miracles of Jesus, so this list will focus on those biblical miracles apart from Christ's earthly life. Highlighted miracles already have one of our studies focused on them.

### **Partial List of Old Testament Miracles:**

- Noah's Great Flood (Genesis chapters 6-8)
- Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)
- Birth of Abraham's and Sarah's son, Isaac (Genesis 17:17; 18:12; 21:2)
- Lot's wife recast into a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:26)
- Sodom and Gomorrah's immediate destruction (Genesis chapter 19)
- Vast miracles of the Hebrew exodus (Book of Exodus)
- Korah's demise (Deuteronomy 11:6-7)
- Balaam's donkey speaks (Numbers 22:23-30)
- The fall of Jericho (Joshua 6:20)
- Sun and the moon stand still (Joshua 10:12-14)
- Dew on Gideon's fleece (Judges 6:37-40)
- Samson's strength (Judges 14:6; 16:3,29,30)
- Elijah is fed by ravens (1 Kings 17:6)
- Elijah raises the widow's son (1 Kings 17:17-24)
- Elijah cures Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-19)
- Destruction of Sennacherib's army (2 Kings 19:35; Isaiah 37:36)
- Deliverance of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego (Daniel 3:23-27)

These examples of miracles from God, *i.e.* short list of Bible miracles, show a vast array of different ways God performs miracles. He works miracles through nature, animals, birds, and people. He creates people, but also destroys sinners through miracles. He even suspends the universe! He judges, inflicts pain, and confuses people (*e.g.* Babel); but also protects, heals, and even raises the dead! We trust in God and in his use of miracles to draw people's attention to his glory.

## **Miracles from God - Book of Psalms**

God's power and glory are constant themes in the beautiful book of Psalms. King David of Israel loved to sing about his mighty God. The Israelites believed that God is the Creator and sustainer of the world, which made it easy for them to believe in his miracles. We do well to think likewise.

King David sang, "By the LORD's word, the heavens were made; all the stars by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a reservoir. He lays up the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spoke, and it was done. He commanded, and it stood firm." Psalm 33:6-9 NHEB.

God worked many miracles for his Hebrew nation. He did so to prove his protective love for them. He helped them flee the Egyptians. He fed them miraculously, gave them water miraculously, and protected them from their enemies. He even traveled with them. They had a strong relationship.

The Israelites knew God. You can know God, too. The Israelites believed God worked miracles. You can believe God worked miracles, too. In fact, you can have something they didn't possess, that is the miraculous, indwelling Spirit of God.

God's Holy Spirit will enter our lives when we respond properly to God's call. Notice how King David's relationship revolved around God's real presence.

"I will bless the LORD, who has given me counsel. Yes, my heart instructs me during the night. I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices. My body shall also dwell in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, neither will you allow your holy one to rot in the grave. You will show me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forevermore" Psalm 16:7-11 NHEB.

Only God creates life, and only God re-creates life. He gives us new life, and then finally, God raises those who lived for him from the dead. Those who love and follow God through his Son, Jesus, will live forevermore. God's power will raise us up from the dead.

### **Grasp This!**

#### **Fruit of the Spirit Response to miracles from God:**

We believe in miracles from God, that has now been decided. The Israelites got to see them live, but we get to read about them. All of us have to believe. You wouldn't have made it this far into the lesson if you thought otherwise. So, what do we do now?

God insists that we pass on the word. We're supposed to share what we believe. That's how he works. Listen...

"We will not hide these truths from our children, telling the generation to come the glorious deeds of the LORD, his strength, and his wondrous works that he has done... So they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments" Psalm 78:4,7 NHEB. The author went on to list many of the miracles in the wilderness. We share God's works and words with others, so they believe, too.

In conclusion, many Israelites failed to believe in God with their whole heart, even after they observed his miracles. Those were the selfish, stiff-necked, rebellious Israelites who mentally acknowledged God, but failed to serve him with a pure heart.

Many people today are like that group. These unbelievers mentally "believe" that God exists, but they don't devote their lives to him. They refuse to worship him. They don't read the Bible or live by its truths, and they sure don't pass it on to others. Most sadly, they refuse his greatest miracle, which is the miracle of the New Birth (John 3:5-8).

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God's children, to those who believe in his name: who were reborn not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12-13 NHEB).

Those things, my friend, are the greatest miracles from God - your personal rebirth and resurrection. Have you been born again by God's miracle? If not, let's pray together: [Sinners Prayer](#).

**Miracles from God Bible Study Questions:**

- 1) Why do you think God reveals himself through his creation and miracles instead of visibly revealing himself to everyone?
- 2) God's Exodus miracles proved what things to the Hebrews?
- 3) What miracle from God did Korah experience? Which of God's attributes were on display here? (see Deuteronomy 11:6-7).

**God's Miracles Bible Verses:**

Give thanks to the LORD! Call on his name! Make his doings known among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him! Tell of all his marvelous works. Glory in his holy name. Let the heart of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength. Seek his face forever more. Remember his marvelous works that he has done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth" Psalm 105:1-5 NHEB.

"LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth, who has set your glory above the heavens! From the lips of babes and infants you have ordained praise, because of your adversaries, that you might silence the enemy and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained; what is man, that you think of him? What is the son of man, that you care for him?" Psalm 8:1-4 NHEB.

**Miracle Quotes:**

I never experience any difficulty believing in God's miracles, since I experienced the miracle of a change in my own heart. - St Augustine.

A miracle is an event beyond the power of any known physical law to produce; it is a spiritual occurrence produced by the power of God, a marvel, a wonder. - Billy Graham.

**Miracle Prayer:**

1 Chronicles 29:11 - "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all." Dear Father, I do believe in your miracles! I marvel at your amazing power, the power to create, and the power and love to re-create. Thank you, LORD, for your involvement in my life, from my conception, to my birth, throughout my life, and my death, and finally, LORD, onto eternity. I long for the day when I see your face. In Christ's name, Amen.

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