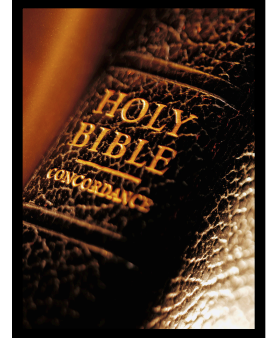


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Miracles In The Scriptures - Introduction - Part 1

Introduction

There are times in life when the storms blow so cold and hard that we are tempted to give up. We know God is there but he seems so unaware of our situations, and remote when we speak to Him. The promises all seem like “nice little sentiments” and we sink lower into the quagmire of despondency. It may be a damaged life, a broken relationship, Satanic oppression, lost health, bereavement, the feeling that no one cares, having been used by ones we thought were friends, we stood for the right and everything went wrong, we made a move and things did not fall into place and life is nothing more than a drudgery. We wake in the morning wishing it were night, and in the long hours of night wish it were morning. Perhaps in times like these we need not just the promises from God but the manifestations of His almightyness and His providential control over the affairs of our personal lives. This we find in the miracles of the scriptures. As we ponder them we are brought face to face with the “bigness” of God and made to see the sufficiency in Him to meet our every need.



As we review the mighty works of the Lord may they lift our eyes above the things of life and earth.

There are two great opposing governments working in this world, the government of God and Satan. It is well known that whatever God does Satan copies, for he is the greatest counterfeiter the world has ever known. There is false wheat, false evangelists, false apostles, false prophets, and false workers of miracles. This paper will endeavor to give a survey of the miracles of the scriptures, both Satanic and Divine.

There are three parts in this summary, the second being a table of the miracles of the Old Testament followed by the miracles of the New Testament.

When there is in the heart an awareness of the demonstrated power of God in miracles, it brings comfort to the troubled mind and heart.

- a) There is the opening to ones sight that God’s timing is perfect as when the servant came to the well. (Gen. 24:13-15)
- b) He is jealous for His position of glory which was seen when Herod was glorified being called “God” (Acts 12:23). How much more severe will the judgment on the Beast be when he sits in the temple of God showing himself as God. (2 Thess. 2:4)
- c) He is superior to every god man devises and worships, as manifested in the plagues of Egypt. (Ex. 12:12)
- d) He rules the seas and wind, a truth emphatically taught in the experiences of the children of Israel. (Ex. 14:15-28)

Unequaled and unparalleled, supreme in majesty
Thou rulest every stormy wind, the powers man does not see.

To gaze above and see the stars, so far away from earth
To hear the little children play, the joyousness of mirth.

To watch the budding flowers at Spring, and feel the gentle breeze
Or gaze upon the butterfly, or hear the buzzing bees.

To feel the soft refreshing showers, or thunders loud and deep
Or marvel at the insects small that on the earth do creep.

O Lord how great thy wondrous works no earthly tongue can tell
For low I bow and worship thee, who hast done all things well.

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But then I look to higher things, beyond both sense and time
And long to rise above this earth, to thy blest place divine.

To know the fulness of Thy love, thy peace to anxious me
And know the calm serenity, this is a gift to me.

O Lord Thou art unparalleled, acclaimed supremacy
I bow and give thee thanks O Lord, for blessing full for me.

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Examples Of The Various Sorts Of Miracles In The Scriptures

- a) The healing of creation:
 - i) Healing the bitter waters of Marah (Ex. 15:23-25)
 - ii) The healing of the poisoned pottage (2 Kgs. 4:38-41)

- b) The healing of persons comes from three avenues:
 - i) Healing by medication:
 - 1. Hezekiah was to put on the boil a poultice of figs (2 Kgs. 20:7)
 - 2. Timothy was to take a little wine for his infirmities (1 Tim. 5:23)
 - 3. The good Samaritan poured in oil and wine; Wine to cleanse and oil to assist in the curing (Lk. 10:34)
 - 4. The leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations (Rev. 22:2)

 - ii) Healing by the bodies divinely given abilities:
 - 1. The congealing of the blood to stop the blood from flowing out of us
 - 2. The knitting together of a bone after it is broken and ideally reset
 - 3. The little fighting protectors against infection, etc.

 - iii) Healing by supernatural intervention:
 - 1. By Christ, the apostles, and others in the New Testament (Mk. 8:22-25; Acts 3:6-8; 16:18)
 - 2. When Hezekiah was ill God had him put a poultice on the boil (Isa. 38:21)
 - 3. Paul will speak of Luke as the beloved physician (Col. 4:14). Interestingly we never read of Dr. Luke performing a healing!

Aspects Of Miracles In The Scriptures

- a) Miracles of judgment:
 - i) The men of Sodom with blindness (Gen. 19:11)
 - ii) Abimelech and his household (Gen. 20:7-17) (but not because of their wrong doing)
 - iii) The Philistines (1 Sam. 5:6-9)
 - iv) The men of Bethshemesh (1 Sam. 6:19)
 - v) Uzziah (2 Chron. 26:18-21)
 - vi) The men without the seal of God (Rev. 9:4)
 - vii) Israel nationally because of David's sin in numbering the people (2 Sam. 24:17)
 - viii) The disobedient prophet (1 Kgs. 13:14-24)

- b) Miracles of a temporary nature for demonstration and recovery:
 - i) Moses' hand turning to leprosy (Ex. 4:6-7)
 - ii) Saul's blindness (Acts 9:3-7)
 - iii) Mariam's leprosy (Num. 12:10)

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- c) Miracles of life given:
 - i) Life given to a dead womb, Sarah (Gen. 21:6); Elisabeth (Lk. 1:24)
 - ii) Life given to barren wombs, Rebekah (Gen. 25:21; Hannah (1 Sam. 1:20)
 - iii) Life given without a womb (Gen. 2:7, 22-23)
- d) Miracles associated with death, resurrections:
 - i) Selective deaths, the death of the firstborn of Egypt (Ex. 12:30)
 - ii) Sudden deaths such as Nabal (1 Sam. 25:38); Herod (Acts 12:23)
- e) Using a miracle to cause death:
 - i) The destruction of the Egyptian military in the Red Sea (Ex. 14:23-28)
 - ii) The opening of the earth for the death of Korah and company (Num. 16:32)
- f) Miracles over inanimate things:
 - i) Wind (Ex. 14:21; Psa. 48:7)
 - ii) Light (Gen. 1:3; Ex. 10:23)
 - iii) Fire (Gen. 19:24; Lev. 10:2)
 - iv) Waves (Job 38:11)
- g) Miracles over the animal world:
 - i) Balaam's donkey speaking (Num. 22:28)
 - ii) The lions in the den (Dan. 6:20-22)
- h) Miracles over the world of flight:
 - i) Locusts (Ex. 10:4; 2 Chron. 7:13)
 - ii) The ravens which fed Elijah (1 Kgs. 17:4)

Life Giving Miracles In The Scriptures

- a) The resurrections:
 - i) The widow of Zaphath's son (1 Kgs. 17:22)
 - ii) The Shunammite's son (2 Kgs. 4:8-37)
 - iii) The man whose body touched Elisha's bones (2 Kgs. 13:20-21)
 - iv) The daughter of Jairus (Matt. 9:18-26)
 - v) The widow of Nain's son (Lk. 7:11-16)
 - vi) Lazarus (Jn. 11:43-44)
 - vii) Some of the Old Testament saints (Matt. 27:52)
 - viii) Dorcas, also called Tabitha (Acts 9:39, 40)
 - ix) The young man (Acts 20:9)

Miracles Were Performed By Different Persons

- a) Directly by God (Ex. 8:2; 9:3)
- b) By the Lord when here (Lk. 4:38; 5:12; 6:6-10)
- c) Apostles (Acts 5:12)

Miracles By The Lord But Not Specified

- a) Matt. 4:23-24; 9:35; 11:21, 23 (mighty works)
- b) Mk. 6:53-56
- c) Lk. 4:40-41; 5:15; 6:17-19; 7:21
- d) Jn. 2:23; 4:45; 20:30; 21:25

Miracles by Satanic Power

All the miracles done by Satan were detrimental either physically, emotionally, influentially, and spiritually. Thus, while the Lord healed the individuals, it was the devil who caused their disability. See Luke 13:11-13.

- a) False messengers (Ex. 7:11, 22)
- b) False prophets (Deut. 13:1-3)
- c) Changing the temperament of Saul (1 Sam. 16:14; 19:9)
- d) The witch at Endor (1 Sam. 28:7-14; Acts 8:9-11)
- e) The prophets of Ahab (1 Kgs. 22:23)
- f) The nation Israel (Hos. 4:12; Zech. 13:2)
- g) Mary Magdalene (Lk. 8:2)
- h) The false preachers (Matt. 7:22-23; 24:24; Rev. 13:13)
- i) Two men possessed with devils who lived in the tombs (Matt. 8:28-34; Mk. 5:2-13; Lk. 8:26-33)
- j) Dumb man possessed with a devil (Matt. 9:32-33)
- k) A man with an unclean spirit in the synagogue (Mk. 1:21-28)
- l) A man, blind, dumb and possessed with a devil (Matt. 12:22)
- m) Syro-Phoenician Woman's Daughter (Matt. 15:22-28; Mk. 7:25-30)
- n) Demon-possessed Child (Matt. 17:14-18; Mk. 9:17-27; Lk. 9:38-42)
- o) Woman with spirit of infirmity (Lk. 13:11-13)
- p) A Philippian slave girl (Acts 16:16-18)
- q) Sceva and his seven sons (Acts 19:14-16)
- r) Paul's thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7)
- s) Deadly wound healed (Rev. 13:3)

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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