

## ~MIRACLES (1490)

[Hebrew, *moh-pheth'*, Greek, *dy'na-mis*]

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- Occurrences that excite wonder or astonishment, effects in the physical world that surpass all known human or natural powers and are therefore attributed to supernatural agency. In the Hebrew Scriptures the word *moh-pheth'*, sometimes translated, miracle, also means, portent, wonder, token.
- And they must continue on you and your offspring as a sign and a **portent** to time indefinite. (**Deuteronomy 28:46**)
- Remember his **wonderful acts** that he has performed, his **miracles** and the judicial decisions of his mouth. (**1 Chronicles 16:12**) Footnote
- It is often used in conjunction with the Hebrew word, *'ohth*, meaning, **sign**.
- Or did God attempt to come to take a nation to himself out of the midst of another nation with provings, with **signs** and with **miracles** and with war and with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm and with great fearsomeness like all that Yehowah your God has done for you in Egypt before your eyes? (**Deuteronomy 4:34**)
- In the Greek Scriptures the word *dy'na-mis*, **power**, is rendered; **powerful works**, **ability**, **miracle**. AT, KJ, NW, RS.
- And to one he gave five talents, to another two, to still another one, to each one according to his own **ability**, and he went abroad. (**Matthew 25:15**)
- And all the crowd were seeking to touch him, because **power** was

going out of him and healing them all. (Luke 6:19)

- To yet another operations of **powerful works**, to another prophesying, to another discernment of inspired utterances, to another different tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:10)
- A **miracle**, amazing to the eye of the beholder, is something beyond his ability to perform or even to understand fully. It is also a powerful work, **requiring greater power or knowledge than he has**.
- But from the **viewpoint** of the one who is the **source** of such power, it is not a **miracle**. He understands it and has the ability to do it. Thus, many acts that God performs are amazing to human's beholding them but are merely the **exercise of his power**.
- If a person believes in a deity, particularly in the God of creation, he cannot consistently deny God's power to accomplish things awe-inspiring to the eyes of men.
- For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable. (Romans 1:20)

**See Also POWER, POWERFUL WORKS**

#### **•• Miracles Compatible With Natural Law**

- Through study and observation, researchers have identified various uniform operations of things in the universe and have recognized laws covering such uniformity in natural phenomena.
- One such is the Law of gravity. Scientists admit the complexity and yet the reliability of these laws, and in calling them laws imply the existence of One who put such laws into force. For a complete discussion of how the Law of Gravity actually works please refer to the book, **Gravity – Holy Spirit – Love – The Force That Binds The Universe Together** by this same publisher. See also **Genesis – The History Of Yahweh's Creative Works** for a complete explanation of how the flood of Noah's day came about, also by this publisher.
- Skeptics view a **miracle** as a violation of laws they accept as natural, irrevocable, inexorable, therefore, they say, a **miracle** never

occurs. It is good to keep in mind that their attitude is that if it is not understandable and explainable to us as far as we discern these laws, it cannot happen. A better point of reason would be to say that if it happens then it is possible, yet not correctly understood.

- If Abraham were brought into our modern world and saw a man walking on the moon and sending pictures of his trip back instantly by means of broadcast television signals he would surely view this as well as many other things we now do and take for granted as miracles because they are beyond his ability to understand them at present.

- Also laws are created to maintain order and harmony among the governed. Since Yehowah God is not of this creation and existed before it and apart from it he is in no way bound by these laws, for he created them for us.

- However, capable scientists are becoming increasingly cautious about saying that a certain thing is **impossible**. **Professor John R. Brobeck of the University of Pennsylvania** stated; **A scientist is no longer able to say honestly something is impossible.**

- He can only say it is improbable. But he may be able to say something is impossible to explain in terms of our present knowledge. Science cannot say that all properties of matter and all forms of energy are now known. For a **miracle** to happen one thing that needs to be added is a source of energy coupled with vastly superior wisdom and knowledge to accomplish, at a level that is unknown to us in our present biological and physiological sciences.

- For instance, could there be forms of matter and energy we have not yet been able to measure or even see? We are all alive, yet no one has ever been able to measure the life force or to tell us exactly what it is. Yet it clearly is there. Clearly we have just begun to touch the scientific boundaries of our existence and many of these boundaries are yet unknown. Scientists cannot even tell us exactly what gravity is and how it works, yet we all feel it.

- In our Scriptures this source of energy is identified as the power of God. **[Time, July 4,1955]** Since this statement was made, further scientific development has made it more emphatic.

- Scientists do not **fully** understand the properties of heat, light, atomic and nuclear action, electricity, or any of the forms of matter under even normal conditions.

- Even more deficient is their understanding of these properties under **unusual or abnormal** conditions. For example, it is relatively recently that extensive investigations have been made under conditions of extreme cold, but in this brief time, many strange actions of the elements have been observed.
- Lead, which is not an ideal electrical conductor, when immersed in liquid helium cooled to a temperature of -271° Centigrade (-456° Fahrenheit) strangely becomes a superconductor and a powerful electromagnet when a bar magnet is placed near it.
- At such super cold temperature helium itself appears to defy the Law of gravity by creeping up the side of a glass beaker and over the edge, draining itself out of the container. [Matter, Life Science Library, 1963, pp. 68,69]
- This discovery is one of many that have astounded scientists, seeming to upset their former ideas. How, then, can anyone say that God violated his own laws in performing powerful works that seemed amazing and miraculous to men?
- Surely the Creator of the physical universe has perfect control of that which he created and can maneuver these things within the framework of the laws he has made inherent in them. (Job Chapter 38)
- He can bring about the condition necessary for the performance of these works, he can speed up, slow down, modify, or neutralize reactions. Or angels, with greater power than man, can do so in carrying out Yehowah's will.
- Then Yehowah's angel appeared to him in a flame of fire in the midst of a thorn bush. As he kept looking, why, here the thorn bush was burning with the fire and yet the thorn bush was not consumed. (Exodus 3:2)
- And how he began changing to blood their Nile canals, so that they could not drink from their own streams. (Psalms 78:44)
- He proceeded to send upon them gadflies, that these might eat them up, and frogs, that these might bring them to ruin. (Psalms 78:45)
- And he began to give to the cockroaches their yield, and their toil

to the locusts. (**[Psalms 78:46](#)**)

- He went killing their vine even by the hail and their sycamore trees by hailstones. (**[Psalms 78:47](#)**)
- And he proceeded to hand over their beasts of burden even to the hail and their livestock to the flaming fever. (**[Psalms 78:48](#)**)
- He went sending upon them his burning anger, fury and denunciation and distress, deputations of angels bringing calamity. (**[Psalms 78:49](#)**)
- Certainly the scientist is not superseding or going beyond physical laws when he applies more heat or cold, or more oxygen, and so forth, to speed up or slow down a chemical process. Nevertheless, skeptics challenge the Bible **miracles**, including the **miracle** of creation.
- These challengers are asserting, in effect, that they are familiar with all conditions and processes that ever took place. They are insisting that the operations of the Creator must be limited by the narrow confines of their understanding of the laws governing physical things.
- This weakness on the part of scientists is acknowledged by a Swedish professor of plasma physics, who pointed out: **No one questions the obedience of the earth's atmosphere to the laws of mechanics and atomic physics.**
- **All the same, it may be extremely difficult for us to determine how these laws operate with respect to any given situation involving atmospheric phenomena. [[Worlds-Antiworlds](#), by H. Alfvén, 1966, p. 5]**
- The professor applied this thought to the origin of the universe. God established the physical laws governing the earth, sun, and moon, and within their framework men have been able to do marvelous things.
- Surely God could bring the laws to play so as to produce a result unexpected by human's, it would present no problem for him to split the Red Sea so that the waters were a wall on each side.
- At length the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on dry land, while the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. (**[Exodus 14:22](#)**)

- **Though, to man, walking on water is an astounding feat, with what ease it could be accomplished in the power of the One who is stretching out the heavens just as a fine gauze, who spreads them out like a tent in which to dwell.**

- **Further, God is described as creating, and having control of, all the things in the heavens, and it is said that due to the abundance of dynamic energy, he also being vigorous in power, not one of them is missing.**

- **Do you people not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told to you from the outset? Have you not applied understanding from the foundations of the earth? ([Isaiah 40:21](#))**

- **There is One who is dwelling above the circle of the earth, the dwellers in which are as grasshoppers, the One who is stretching out the heavens just as a fine gauze, who spreads them out like a tent in which to dwell. ([Isaiah 40:22](#))**

- **But to whom can you people liken me so that I should be made his equal? Says the Holy One. ([Isaiah 40:25](#))**

- **Raise your eyes high up and see. Who has created these things? It is the One who is bringing forth the army of them even by number, all of whom he calls even by name. Due to the abundance of dynamic energy, he also being vigorous in power, not one of them is missing. ([Isaiah 40:26](#))**

- **Since the acknowledgment of the existence of law, such as the Law of gravity, presupposes a lawmaker of surpassing, superhuman intelligence and power, why question his ability to do marvelous things?**

- **Human's can do some amazing things, yet the very real technology with which we ourselves were constructed demands a vastly superior knowledge and wisdom than is demonstrated by our own crafting ability. Clearly someone exists who is vastly ahead of us to have created it using a technological craftsmanship, one so far removed from us, that we are standing at the very fringes of their understanding.**

- **Why try to limit his operation to the infinitesimally narrow scope of man's knowledge and experience? The patriarch Job describes the**

**darkness and foolishness into which God lets these go who thus pit their wisdom against his.**

- **With him there are strength and practical wisdom, to him belong the one making a mistake and the one leading astray. (Job 12:16)**
- **He is making counselors go barefoot, and he makes judges themselves go crazy. (Job 12:17)**
- **The bonds of kings he actually loosens, and he binds a belt upon their hips. (Job 12:18)**
- **He is making priests walk barefoot, and permanently seated ones he subverts. (Job 12:19)**
- **He is removing speech from the faithful ones, and the sensibleness of old men he takes away. (Job 12:20)**
- **He is pouring out contempt upon nobles, and the girdle of powerful ones he actually weakens. (Job 12:21)**
- **He is uncovering deep things from the darkness, and he brings forth to the light deep shadow. (Job 12:22)**
- **Making the nations grow great, that he may destroy them, spreading out the nations, that he may lead them away. (Job 12:23)**
- **Taking away the heart of the head ones of the people of the land, that he may make them wander about in an empty place, where there is no way. (Job 12:24)**
- **They grope in darkness, where there is no light, that he may make them wander about like a drunken man. (Job 12:25)**
- **For God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who are suppressing the truth in an unrighteous way. (Romans 1:18)**
- **Because what may be known about God is manifest among them, for God made it manifest to them. (Romans 1:19)**
- **For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's**

creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable. **(Romans 1:20)**

- Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God nor did they thank him, but they became empty-headed in their reasonings and their unintelligent heart became darkened. **(Romans 1:21)**
- Although asserting they were wise, they became foolish **(Romans 1:22)**
- And turned the glory of the incorruptible God into something like the image of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed creatures and creeping things. **(Romans 1:23)**

#### •• **God's Adherence To His Moral Law**

- The God of creation is not a whimsical God, unreliably violating his own laws.
- For I am Yehowah. I have not changed. And you are sons of Jacob; You have not come to your finish. **(Malachi 3:6)**
- This fact can be seen in God's adherence to his moral laws, which are in harmony with his physical laws but are higher and grander than they are. In justice he cannot condone unrighteousness. You are too pure in eyes to see what is bad, and to look on trouble you are not able, says his prophet.
- You are too pure in eyes to see what is bad, and to look on trouble you are not able. Why is it that you look on those dealing treacherously, that you keep silent when someone wicked swallows up someone more righteous than he is? **(Habakkuk 1:13)**
- Preserving loving-kindness for thousands, pardoning error and transgression and sin, but by no means will he give exemption from punishment, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons and upon grandsons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation. **(Exodus 34:7)**
- He expressed his Law to Israel. Soul will be for soul, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.



- **And your eye should not feel sorry. Soul will be for soul, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. ([Deuteronomy 19:21](#))**
- **When he desired to forgive helpless, repentant men for the sin that is the cause of their dying, God had to have a legal basis if he was going to adhere to his Law.**
- **That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned. ([Romans 5:12](#))**
- **Those who are trusting in their means of maintenance, and who keep boasting about the abundance of their riches. ([Psalms 49:6](#))**
- **Not one of them can by any means redeem even a brother, nor give to God a ransom for him. ([Psalms 49:7](#))**
- **And the redemption price of their soul is so precious that it has ceased to time indefinite. ([Psalms 49:8](#))**
- **He proved to be strict in his adherence to law, going to the point of sacrificing his only-begotten Son as a ransom for the sins of mankind.**
- **Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many. ([Matthew 20:28](#))**
- **The apostle Paul points out that, through the release by the ransom paid by Christ Jesus, Yehowah was able to exhibit his own righteousness that he might be righteous even when declaring righteous the man that has faith in Jesus.**
- **And it is as a free gift that they are being declared righteous by his undeserved kindness through the release by the ransom paid by Christ Jesus. ([Romans 3:24](#))**
- **So as to exhibit his own righteousness in this present season, that he might be righteous even when declaring righteous the man that has faith in Jesus. ([Romans 3:26](#))**

- If we appreciate that God, out of respect for his moral laws, did not hold back from sacrificing his beloved Son, certainly we can reason that he would never need to violate his physical laws to carry out anything desired within physical creation.

## ·· Contrary To Human Experience

- Merely to assert that **miracles** did not take place does not **prove** that they did not. The truthfulness of any recorded event of history may be challenged by someone living today, because he did not experience it and there are now no living eyewitnesses to testify to it. But that does not change the facts of history.
- Some object to the accounts about **miracles** because, they say; they are contrary to human experience, that is, human experience that they acknowledge as true from observation, books, and so forth.
- If scientists actually took this position in practice, there would be far less research and development of new things and processes on their part. They would not, for instance, continue research on the curing of **incurable diseases**, or on space travel to the planets or even farther into the universe.
- But they do investigate and sometimes bring mankind into definitely new experiences. What is accomplished today would astonish men of ancient times, and a good share of modern mankind's common daily experiences would be viewed by them as **miracles**.

## ·· Not Explained Away By Logic

- Some opponents of the Bible account hold that Bible **miracles** can be scientifically and logically explained as merely natural happenings and that the Bible writers merely attributed these happenings to God's intervention. It is true that such things as earthquakes were employed.
- Then a trembling occurred in the camp in the field and among all the people of the outpost, and the force of pillagers trembled, even they, and the earth began quaking, and it developed into a trembling from God. (**1 Samuel 14:15**)
- And the watchmen belonging to Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin got to see it, and, look! The turmoil swayed this way and that. (**1 Samuel 14:16**)

- And, look! The curtain of the sanctuary was rent in two, from top to bottom, and the earth quaked, and the rock-masses were split. (**Matthew 27:51**)
- But this in itself does not prove that God did not take a hand in these events. Not only were the things powerful works in themselves, for example, the aforementioned earthquakes, but also the **timing** was such as to make the odds overwhelming against any chance happening.
- For illustration, some have contended that the manna provided for the Israelites can be found in the desert as a sweet, sticky exudation on tamarisk trees and on bushes.
- Even if this doubtful contention were true, the provision of it for Israel is still a **miracle** because of its timing, for it did not appear on the ground on the seventh day of each week.
- Also it occurred within a desert area, on the ground, in sufficient abundance to feed three million people for forty years. How really could Israel have survived this forty year trek without sufficient food and water? A single man could not have survived this long in the area in which they trekked. Is the incontrovertible testimony of an entire nation wrong and some pundit of today accurate and true?
- Then Yehowah said to Moses; Here I am raining down bread for you from the heavens, and the people must go out and pick up each his amount day for day, in order, that I may put them to the test as to whether they will walk in my Law or not. (**Exodus 16:4**)
- And it must occur on the sixth day that they must prepare what they will bring in, and it must prove double what they keep picking up day by day. (**Exodus 16:5**)
- Then Moses said; Eat it today, because today is a Sabbath to Yehowah. Today you will not find it in the field. (**Exodus 16:25**)
- Six days you will pick it up, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath. On it none will form. (**Exodus 16:26**)
- However, it came about on the seventh day that some of the people did go out to pick it up, but they found none. (**Exodus 16:27**)

- Furthermore, whereas it bred worms and stank if kept over until the next day, it did not do so when kept over for food on the Sabbath.
- But they did not listen to Moses. When some men would leave some of it until the morning, it would breed worms and stink, so that Moses became indignant at them. ([Exodus 16:20](#))
- Accordingly they saved it up until the morning, just as Moses had commanded, and it did not stink nor did maggots develop in it. ([Exodus 16:24](#))
- It might also be said that the description of this manna as an exudation from trees does not seem to agree fully with the Bible description of the manna.
- The Bible manna was found **on the ground** and it melted in the hot sun, it could be pounded in a mortar, ground in a mill, boiled, or baked.
- Then Moses said to them; Let nobody leave any of it until the morning. ([Exodus 16:19](#))
- But they did not listen to Moses. When some men would leave some of it until the morning, it would breed worms and stink, so that Moses became indignant at them. ([Exodus 16:20](#))
- And they would pick it up morning by morning, each one in proportion to his eating. When the sun got hot, it melted. ([Exodus 16:21](#))
- And it came about on the sixth day that they picked up twice as much bread, two omer measures for one person. So all the chieftains of the assembly came and reported it to Moses. ([Exodus 16:22](#))
- At that he said to them; It is what Yehowah has spoken. Tomorrow there will be a Sabbath observance of a holy Sabbath to Yehowah. What you can bake, bake, and what you can boil, boil, and all the surplus that there is save it up for you as something to be kept until the morning. ([Exodus 16:23](#))
- The people spread out and picked it up and ground it in hand mills or pounded it in a mortar, and they boiled it in cooking pots

or made it into round cakes, and its taste proved to be like the taste of an oiled sweet cake. (**Numbers 11:8**)

**See Also MANNA**

### **.. Credibility Of The Testimony**

- **The Christian religion is interwoven with the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**
- **For if the dead are not to be raised up, neither has Christ been raised up. (**1 Corinthians 15:16**)**
- **Further, if Christ has not been raised up, your faith is useless; You are yet in your sins. (**1 Corinthians 15:17**)**
- **In fact, also, those who fell asleep in death in union with Christ perished. (**1 Corinthians 15:18**)**
- **If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. (**1 Corinthians 15:19**)**
- **The evidence that it took place was not weak but powerful there were more than 500 eyewitnesses to testify that it did take place.**
- **For I handed on to you, among the first things, that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. (**1 Corinthians 15:3**)**
- **And that he was buried, yes, that he has been raised up the third day according to the Scriptures. (**1 Corinthians 15:4**)**
- **And that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. (**1 Corinthians 15:5**)**
- **After that he appeared to upward of five hundred brothers at one time, the most of whom remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep in death. (**1 Corinthians 15:6**)**
- **After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. (**1 Corinthians 15:7**)**
- **But last of all he appeared also to me as if to one born prematurely. (**1 Corinthians 15:8**)**

- This Jesus God resurrected, of which fact we are all witnesses. **(Acts of Apostles 2:32)**
- The motive of the persons who accepted the miracle of Jesus resurrection as true must also be considered. Many persons have experienced persecution and death for their beliefs religious, political, and otherwise.
- But the Christians who so suffered received no material or political gain. Rather than get power, wealth, and prominence, they often suffered the loss of all these things.
- They preached Jesus resurrection but did not use any form of violence to promote their beliefs or to defend themselves. And one reading their arguments can see that they were reasonable persons, not fanatics. They lovingly tried to help their fellowmen.

#### ·· Characteristics Of Bible Miracles

- Noteworthy characteristics of the Biblical **miracles** are their open and public nature, their simplicity, their purpose and motive. Some were performed in private or before small groups
- But he said to her; Give me your son. Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the roof chamber, where he was dwelling, and laid him upon his own couch. **(1 Kings 17:19)**
- And he began calling to Yehowah and saying; O Yehowah my God, is it also upon the widow with whom I am residing as an alien that you must bring injury by putting her son to death? **(1 Kings 17:20)**
- And he proceeded to stretch himself upon the child three times and call to Yehowah and say; O Yehowah my God, please, cause the soul of this child to come back within him. **(1 Kings 17:21)**
- Finally Yehowah listened to Elijah's voice, so that the soul of the child came back within him and he came to life. **(1 Kings 17:22)**
- Elijah now took the child and brought him down from the roof chamber into the house and gave him to his mother, and Elijah then said; See, your son is alive. **(1 Kings 17:23)**

- Upon that the woman said to Elijah; Now, indeed, I do know that you are a man of God and that Yehowah's word in your mouth is true. (**1 Kings 17:24**)
- And immediately they went out of the synagogue and went into the home of Simon and Andrew with James and John. (**Mark 1:29**)
- Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying down sick with a fever, and they at once told him about her. (**Mark 1:30**)
- And going to her he raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she began ministering to them. (**Mark 1:31**)
- At that Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they led him up into the upper chamber, and all the widows presented themselves to him weeping and exhibiting many inner garments and outer garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. (**Acts of Apostles 9:39**)
- But Peter put everybody outside and, bending his knees, he prayed, and, turning to the body, he said; Tabitha, rise! She opened her eyes and, as she caught sight of Peter, she sat up. (**Acts of Apostles 9:40**)
- Giving her his hand, he raised her up, and he called the holy ones and the widows and presented her alive. (**Acts of Apostles 9:41**)
- But often they were **public**, before thousands or even millions of observers.
- Moses now stretched his hand out over the sea, and Yehowah began making the sea go back by a strong east wind all night long and converting the sea basin into dry ground, and the waters were being split apart. (**Exodus 14:21**)
- At length the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on dry land, while the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. (**Exodus 14:22**)
- And the Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all the horses of Pharaoh, his war chariots and his cavalrymen began going in after them, into the midst of the sea. (**Exodus 14:23**)

- **And it came about during the morning watch that Yehowah began to look out upon the camp of the Egyptians from within the pillar of fire and cloud, and he went throwing the camp of the Egyptians into confusion. (Exodus 14:24)**
- **And he kept taking wheels off their chariots so that they were driving them with difficulty, and the Egyptians began to say; Let us flee from any contact with Israel, because Yehowah certainly fights for them against the Egyptians. (Exodus 14:25)**
- **Finally Yehowah said to Moses; Stretch your hand out over the sea, that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, their war chariots and their cavalrymen. (Exodus 14:26)**
- **Moses at once stretched his hand out over the sea, and the sea began to come back to its normal condition at the approaching of morning. All the while the Egyptians were fleeing from encountering it, but Yehowah shook the Egyptians off into the midst of the sea. (Exodus 14:27)**
- **And the waters kept coming back. Finally they covered the war chariots and the cavalrymen belonging to all of Pharaoh's military forces and who had gone into the sea after them. Not so much as one among them was let remain. (Exodus 14:28)**
- **As for the sons of Israel, they walked on dry land in the midst of the seabed, and the waters were for them a wall on their right hand and on their left. (Exodus 14:29)**
- **Thus on that day Yehowah saved Israel from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel got to see the Egyptians dead on the seashore. (Exodus 14:30)**
- **Israel also got to see the great hand that Yehowah put in action against the Egyptians, and the people began to fear Yehowah and to put faith in Yehowah and in Moses his servant. (Exodus 14:31)**
- **And on the third day when it became morning it came about that thunders and lightnings began occurring, and a heavy cloud upon the mountain and a very loud sound of a horn, so that all the people who were in the camp began to tremble. (Exodus 19:16)**



- **Moses now brought the people out of the camp to meet the true God, and they went taking their stand at the base of the mountain. (Exodus 19:17)**
- **And Mount Sinai smoked all over, due to the fact that Yehowah came down upon it in fire, and its smoke kept ascending like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain was trembling very much. (Exodus 19:18)**
- **When the sound of the horn became continually louder and louder, Moses began to speak, and the true God began to answer him with a voice. (Exodus 19:19)**
- **Jesus works were open and public there was no secrecy attached to them, and he healed all who came to him, not failing on the pretext that some lacked sufficient faith.**
- **But after it became evening, people brought him many demon-possessed persons, and he expelled the spirits with a word, and he cured all who were faring badly. (Matthew 8:16)**
- **And Jesus set out on a tour of all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the kingdom and curing every sort of disease and every sort of infirmity. (Matthew 9:35)**
- **Having come to know this, Jesus withdrew from there. Many also followed him, and he cured them all. (Matthew 12:15)**
- **Simplicity marked both miraculous cures and control over the elements.**
- **With that he roused himself and rebuked the wind and said to the sea; Hush! Be quiet! And the wind abated, and a great calm set in. (Mark 4:39)**
- **Now there was a woman subject to a flow of blood twelve years. (Mark 5:25)**
- **And she had been put to many pains by many physicians and had spent all her resources and had not been benefited but, rather, had got worse. (Mark 5:26)**
- **When she heard the things about Jesus, she came behind in the**

crowd and touched his outer garment. (**Mark 5:27**)

- For she kept saying; If I touch just his outer garments I shall get well. (**Mark 5:28**)
- And immediately her fountain of blood dried up, and she sensed in her body that she had been healed of the grievous sickness. (**Mark 5:29**)
- And they came into Jericho. But as he and his disciples and a considerable crowd were going out of Jericho, Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting beside the road. (**Mark 10:46**)
- When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he started shouting and saying; Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me! (**Mark 10:47**)
- At this many began sternly telling him to be silent, but he kept shouting that much more; Son of David, have mercy on me! (**Mark 10:48**)
- So Jesus stopped and said; Call him. And they called the blind man, saying to him; Take courage, get up, he is calling you. (**Mark 10:49**)
- Throwing off his outer garment, he leaped to his feet and went to Jesus. (**Mark 10:50**)
- And in answer to him Jesus said; What do you want me to do for you? The blind man said to him; Rabboni, let me recover sight. (**Mark 10:51**)
- And Jesus said to him; Go, your faith has made you well. And immediately he recovered sight, and he began to follow him on the road. (**Mark 10:52**)
- In contrast to magical feats accomplished with special props, staging, lighting, and ritual, Biblical **miracles** generally were performed without outward display, frequently in response to a chance encounter, a request, and that on the public street or in an unprepared place.
- And he gave a portent on that day, saying; This is the portent of which Yehowah has spoken; Look! The altar is ripped apart, and

**the fatty ashes that are upon it will certainly be spilled out. (1 Kings 13:3)**

- **And it came about that, as soon as the king heard the word of the man of the true God that he had called out against the altar in Bethel, Jeroboam at once thrust out his hand from off the altar, saying; You men, grab hold of him! Immediately his hand that he had thrust out against him became dried up, and he was not able to draw it back to himself. (1 Kings 13:4)**
- **And the altar itself was ripped apart so that the fatty ashes were spilled out from the altar, according to the portent that the man of the true God had given by the word of Yehowah. (1 Kings 13:5)**
- **The king now answered and said to the man of the true God; Soften, please, the face of Yehowah your God and pray in my behalf that my hand may be restored to me. At this the man of the true God softened the face of Yehowah, so that the king's hand was restored to him, and it came to be as at first. (1 Kings 13:6)**
- **Closely following this he traveled to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd were traveling with him. (Luke 7:11)**
- **As he got near the gate of the city, why, look! There was a dead man being carried out, the only-begotten son of his mother. Besides, she was a widow. A considerable crowd from the city was also with her. (Luke 7:12)**
- **And when the Lord caught sight of her, he was moved with pity for her, and he said to her; Stop weeping. (Luke 7:13)**
- **With that he approached and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still, and he said; Young man, I say to you, Get up! (Luke 7:14)**
- **And the dead man sat up and started to speak, and he gave him to his mother. (Luke 7:15)**
- **But when Paul collected a certain bundle of sticks and laid it upon the fire, a viper came out due to the heat and fastened itself on his hand. (Acts of Apostles 28:3)**

- When the foreign-speaking people caught sight of the venomous creature hanging from his hand, they began saying to one another; Surely this man is a murderer, and although he made it to safety from the sea, vindictive justice did not permit him to keep on living. ([Acts of Apostles 28:4](#))
- However, he shook the venomous creature off into the fire and suffered no harm. ([Acts of Apostles 28:5](#))
- But they were expecting he was going to swell up with inflammation or suddenly drop dead. After they waited for a long while and beheld nothing hurtful happen to him, they changed their mind and began saying he was a god. ([Acts of Apostles 28:6](#))
- The motive of the individual performing the miracle was not for the selfish prominence of the individual or to make anyone wealthy, but it was primarily to glorify God.
- Now there was a certain man sick, Lazarus of Bethany, of the village of Mary and of Martha her sister. ([John 11:1](#))
- It was, in fact, the Mary that greased the Lord with perfumed oil and wiped his feet dry with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ([John 11:2](#))
- Therefore his sisters dispatched word to him, saying; Lord, see! The one for whom you have affection is sick. ([John 11:3](#))
- But when Jesus heard it he said; This sickness is not with death as its object, but is for the glory of God, in order, that the Son of God may be glorified through it. ([John 11:4](#))
- And I rejoice on your account that I was not there, in order for you to believe. But let us go to him. ([John 11:15](#))
- Jesus said to her; Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God? ([John 11:40](#))
- **Miracles** were not mysterious acts performed merely to satisfy curiosity and to mystify. They always helped others, sometimes directly in a physical way and always in a spiritual way, turning persons to true worship.

- Just as the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying **is the spirit of the prophecy**, so, too, many of the **miracles** pointed to Jesus as God's sent one.
- At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God, for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying. (**Revelation 19:10**)
- Bible **miracles** involved not only animate things but also inanimate ones, such as calming the wind and sea.
- Now, look! A great agitation arose in the sea, so that the boat was being covered by the waves, he, however, was sleeping. (**Matthew 8:24**)
- And they came and woke him up, saying; Lord, save us, we are about to perish! (**Matthew 8:25**)
- But he said to them; Why are you fainthearted, you with little faith? Then, getting up, he rebuked the winds and the sea, and a great calm set in. (**Matthew 8:26**)
- So the men became amazed and said; What sort of person is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him? (**Matthew 8:27**)
- Stopping and starting rain;
- And Elijah the Tishbite from the inhabitants of Gilead proceeded to say to Ahab; As Yehowah the God of Israel before whom I do stand is living, there will occur during these years neither dew nor rain, except at the order of my word! (**1 Kings 17:1**)
- The word of Yehowah now came to him, saying; (**1 Kings 17:2**)
- Go away from here, and you must turn your way eastward and conceal yourself at the torrent valley of Cherith that is east of the Jordan. (**1 Kings 17:3**)
- And it must occur that from the torrent valley you should drink, and the ravens I shall certainly command to supply you food there. (**1 Kings 17:4**)

- **Immediately he went and did according to the word of Yehowah, and so went and took up dwelling by the torrent valley of Cherith that is east of the Jordan. (1 Kings 17:5)**
- **And the ravens themselves were bringing him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and from the torrent valley he kept drinking. (1 Kings 17:6)**
- **But it came about at the end of some days that the torrent valley became dry, because there had occurred no downpour upon the earth. (1 Kings 17:7)**
- **Elijah now said to Ahab; Go up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of the turmoil of a downpour. (1 Kings 18:41)**
- **And Ahab proceeded to go up to eat and drink. As for Elijah, he went up to the top of Carmel and began crouching to the earth and keeping his face put between his knees. (1 Kings 18:42)**
- **Then he said to his attendant; Go up, please. Look in the direction of the sea. So he went up and looked and then said; There is nothing at all. And he went on to say; Go back, for seven times. (1 Kings 18:43)**
- **And it came about at the seventh time that he got to say; Look! There is a small cloud like a man's palm ascending out of the sea. He now said; Go up, say to Ahab, Hitch up! And go down that the downpour may not detain you! (1 Kings 18:44)**
- **And it came about in the meantime that the heavens themselves darkened up with clouds and wind and a great downpour began to occur. And Ahab kept riding and made his way to Jezreel. (1 Kings 18:45)**
- **And changing water into blood or into wine**
- **Subsequently Yehowah said to Moses; Say to Aaron, Take your rod and stretch your hand out over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their Nile canals and over their reedy pools and over all their impounded waters, that they may become blood. And there will certainly be blood in all the land of Egypt and in the wooden vessels and in the stone vessels. (Exodus 7:19)**
- **Immediately Moses and Aaron did so, just as Yehowah had**

- commanded, and he lifted up the rod and struck the water that was in the Nile River under the eyes of Pharaoh and his servants, and all the water that was in the Nile River was turned into blood. (Exodus 7:20)**
- **And the fish that were in the Nile River died, and the Nile River began to stink, and the Egyptians were unable to drink water from the Nile River, and the blood came to be in all the land of Egypt. (Exodus 7:21)**
  - **Now on the third day a marriage feast took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. (John 2:1)**
  - **Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the marriage feast. (John 2:2)**
  - **When the wine ran short the mother of Jesus said to him; They have no wine. (John 2:3)**
  - **But Jesus said to her; What have I to do with you, woman? My hour has not yet come. (John 2:4)**
  - **His mother said to those ministering; Whatever he tells you, do. (John 2:5)**
  - **As it was, there were six stone water jars sitting there as required by the purification rules of the Jews, each able to hold two or three liquid measures. (John 2:6)**
  - **Jesus said to them; Fill the water jars with water. And they filled them to the brim. (John 2:7)**
  - **And he said to them; Draw some out now and take it to the director of the feast. So they took it. (John 2:8)**
  - **When, now, the director of the feast tasted the water that had been turned into wine but did not know what its source was, although those ministering who had drawn out the water knew, the director of the feast called the bridegroom. (John 2:9)**
  - **And said to him; Every other man puts out the fine wine first, and when people are intoxicated, the inferior. You have reserved the fine wine until now. (John 2:10)**

- Jesus performed this in Cana of Galilee as the beginning of his signs, and he made his glory manifest, and his disciples put their faith in him. (**John 2:11**)
- They also included physical cures of all types, such as **incurable** leprosy.
- Now a certain Naaman, the chief of the army of the king of Syria, had become a great man before his lord and held in esteem, because it was by him that Yehowah had given salvation to Syria, and the man himself had proved to be a valiant, mighty man, though a leper. (**2 Kings 5:1**)
- And the Syrians, for their part, had gone out as marauder bands, and they got to take captive from the land of Israel a little girl, and she came to be before Naaman's wife. (**2 Kings 5:2**)
- In time she said to her mistress; If only my lord were before the prophet that is in Samaria! In that case he would recover him from his leprosy. (**2 Kings 5:3**)
- Subsequently someone came and reported to his lord, saying; It was like this and that that the girl spoke who is from the land of Israel. (**2 Kings 5:4**)
- Then the king of Syria said; Get going! Come, and let me send a letter to the king of Israel. So he proceeded to go and take in his hand ten talents of silver and six thousand pieces of gold and ten changes of garments. (**2 Kings 5:5**)
- And he came bringing the letter to the king of Israel, saying; And now at the same time that this letter comes to you, here I do send to you Naaman my servant, that you may recover him from his leprosy. (**2 Kings 5:6**)
- And it came about that as soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he immediately ripped his garments apart and said; Am I God, to put to death and to preserve alive? For this person is sending to me to recover a man from his leprosy, for just take note, please, you men, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me. (**2 Kings 5:7**)
- And it came about that, as soon as Elisha the man of the true God heard that the king of Israel had ripped his garments apart, he at



once sent to the king, saying; Why did you rip your garments apart? Let him come, please, to me that he may know that there exists a prophet in Israel. ([2 Kings 5:8](#))

- So Naaman came with his horses and his war chariots and stood at the entrance of the house of Elisha. ([2 Kings 5:9](#))
- However, Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying; Going there, you must bathe seven times in the Jordan that your flesh may come back to you, and be clean. ([2 Kings 5:10](#))
- At this Naaman grew indignant and began to go away and say; Here I had said to myself; To me he will come out all the way and will certainly stand and call upon the name of Yehowah his God and move his hand to and fro over the place and actually give the leper recovery. ([2 Kings 5:11](#))
- Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Can I not bathe in them and certainly be clean? With that he turned and went away in a rage. ([2 Kings 5:12](#))
- His servants now approached and spoke to him and said; My father, had it been a great thing that the prophet himself had spoken to you, would you not do it? How much more, then, since he said to you; Bathe and be clean? ([2 Kings 5:13](#))
- At that he went down and began to plunge into the Jordan seven times according to the word of the man of the true God, after which his flesh came back like the flesh of a little boy and he became clean. ([2 Kings 5:14](#))
- And while he was going to Jerusalem he was passing through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ([Luke 17:11](#))
- And as he was entering into a certain village ten leprous men met him, but they stood up afar off. ([Luke 17:12](#))
- And they raised their voices and said; Jesus, Instructor, have mercy on us! ([Luke 17:13](#))
- And when he got sight of them he said to them; Go and show yourselves to the priests. Then as they were going off their cleansing occurred. ([Luke 17:14](#))

- One of them, when he saw he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. (Luke 17:15)
- And he fell upon his face at Jesus feet, thanking him, furthermore, he was a Samaritan. (Luke 17:16)
- In reply Jesus said; The ten were cleansed, were they not? Where, then, are the other nine? (Luke 17:17)
- Were none found that turned back to give glory to God but this man of another nation? (Luke 17:18)
- And he said to him; Rise and be on your way, your faith has made you well. (Luke 17:19)
- And blindness from birth.
- Now as he was passing along he saw a man blind from birth. (John 9:1)
- And his disciples asked him; Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, so that he was born blind? (John 9:2)
- Jesus answered; Neither this man sinned nor his parents, but it was in order, that the works of God might be made manifest in his case. (John 9:3)
- We must work the works of him that sent me while it is day, the night is coming when no man can work. (John 9:4)
- As long as I am in the world, I am the world's light. (John 9:5)
- After he said these things, he spit on the ground and made a clay with the saliva, and put his clay upon the man's eyes (John 9:6)
- And said to him; Go wash in the pool of Siloam, which is translated, Sent forth. And so he went off and washed, and came back seeing. (John 9:7)
- This great variety of miracles argues for their credibility as backed by the Creator, for it is logical that only the Creator could exercise influence in all areas of human experience and over all forms of matter.

## · Purpose In Early Christian Congregation

- **Miracles** served a number of important purposes. Most basic, they helped to establish or confirm the fact that a man was receiving power and support from God.
- However, Moses in answering said; But suppose they do not believe me and do not listen to my voice, because they are going to say; Yehowah did not appear to you. ([Exodus 4:1](#))
- Then Yehowah said to him; What is that in your hand? To which he said; A rod. ([Exodus 4:2](#))
- Next he said; Throw it on the earth. So he threw it on the earth, and it became a serpent, and Moses began to flee from it. ([Exodus 4:3](#))
- Yehowah now said to Moses; Thrust your hand out and grab hold of it by the tail. So he thrust his hand out and grabbed hold of it, and it became a rod in his palm. ([Exodus 4:4](#))
- In order, that, to quote him, they may believe that Yehowah the God of their forefathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you. ([Exodus 4:5](#))
- Then Yehowah said to him once more; Stick your hand, please, into the upper fold of your garment. So he stuck his hand into the upper fold of his garment. When he drew it out, why, here his hand was stricken with leprosy like snow! ([Exodus 4:6](#))
- After that he said; Return your hand into the upper fold of your garment. So he returned his hand into the upper fold of his garment. When he drew it out of the upper fold of his garment, why, here it was restored like the rest of his flesh! ([Exodus 4:7](#))
- And it must occur that, to quote him, if they will not believe you and will not listen to the voice of the first sign, then they will certainly believe the voice of the later sign. ([Exodus 4:8](#))
- Still, it must occur that, if they will not believe even these two signs and will not listen to your voice, then you will have to take some water from the Nile River and pour it out on the dry land, and the water that you will take from the Nile River will certainly

become, yes, it will indeed become blood on the dry land.  
(Exodus 4:9)

- Both with Moses and Jesus people drew this correct conclusion.
- Then Aaron spoke all the words that Yehowah had spoken to Moses, and he performed the signs under the eyes of the people.  
(Exodus 4:30)
- At this the people believed. When they heard that Yehowah had turned his attention to the sons of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, then they bowed down and prostrated themselves. (Exodus 4:31)
- Hence they said to the blind man again; What do you say about him, seeing that he opened your eyes? The man said; He is a prophet. (John 9:17)
- We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does his will, he listens to this one. (John 9:31)
- From of old it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of one born blind. (John 9:32)
- If this man were not from God, he could do nothing at all. (John 9:33)
- Through Moses, God had promised a coming prophet. Jesus **miracles** helped observers to identify him as that one.
- A prophet I shall raise up for them from the midst of their brothers, like you, and I shall indeed put my words in his mouth, and he will certainly speak to them all that I shall command him.  
(Deuteronomy 18:18)
- Hence when the men saw the signs he performed, they began to say; This is for a certainty the prophet that was to come into the world. (John 6:14)
- When Christianity was young, **miracles** worked in conjunction with the message to help individuals to see that God was behind Christianity and had turned from the earlier Jewish system of things.
- How shall we escape if we have neglected a salvation of such

greatness in that it began to be spoken through our Lord and was verified for us by those who heard him. ([Hebrews 2:3](#))

- While God joined in bearing witness with signs as well as portents and various powerful works and with distributions of Holy Spirit according to his will? ([Hebrews 2:4](#))
- In time miraculous gifts present in the [First Century](#) would pass away. They were needed only during the infancy of the Christian congregation.
- Love never fails. But whether there are gifts of prophesying, they will be done away with, whether there are tongues, they will cease, whether there is knowledge, it will be done away with. ([1 Corinthians 13:8](#))
- For we have partial knowledge and we prophesy partially. ([1 Corinthians 13:9](#))
- But when that which is complete arrives, that which is partial will be done away with. ([1 Corinthians 13:10](#))
- When I was a babe, I used to speak as a babe, to think as a babe, to reason as a babe, but now that I have become a man, I have done away with the traits of a babe. ([1 Corinthians 13:11](#))
- In reading the history of the acts of the Apostles, we see that Yehowah's spirit was working mightily, speedily, forming congregations, getting Christianity firmly established. ([Acts of Apostles Chapters 13,14,16-19](#))
- However, many of those who had listened to the speech believed, and the number of the men became about five thousand. ([Acts of Apostles 4:4](#))

In the few short years between [33](#) and [70 C.E](#), thousands of believers were gathered in many congregations from Babylon to Rome, and perhaps even farther west.

- She who is in Babylon, a chosen one like you, sends you her greetings, and so does Mark my son. ([1 Peter 5:13](#))
- Paul, a slave of Jesus Christ and called to be an apostle, separated to God's Good News. ([Romans 1:1](#))

- **To all those who are in Rome as God's beloved ones, called to be holy ones. May you have undeserved kindness and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ([Romans 1:7](#))**
- **Whenever I am on my way to Spain, I hope, above all, when I am on the journey there, to get a look at you and to be escorted partway there by you after I have first in some measure been satisfied with your company. ([Romans 15:24](#))**
- **It is worthy of note that copies of the Scriptures then were few. Usually only the well-to-do possessed scrolls or books of any sort. In pagan lands there was no knowledge of the Bible or the God of the Bible, Yehowah.**
- **Virtually everything had to be done by word of mouth. There were no Bible commentaries, concordances, and encyclopedias readily at hand. So the miraculous gifts of special knowledge, wisdom, speaking in tongues, and discernment of inspired utterances were vital for the congregation then.**
- **Now there are varieties of gifts, but there is the same spirit. ([1 Corinthians 12:4](#))**
- **And there are varieties of ministries, and yet there is the same Lord. ([1 Corinthians 12:5](#))**
- **And there are varieties of operations, and yet it is the same God who performs all the operations in all persons. ([1 Corinthians 12:6](#))**
- **But the manifestation of the spirit is given to each one for a beneficial purpose. ([1 Corinthians 12:7](#))**
- **For example, to one there is given through the spirit speech of wisdom, to another speech of knowledge according to the same spirit. ([1 Corinthians 12:8](#))**
- **To another faith by the same spirit, to another gifts of healings by that one spirit. ([1 Corinthians 12:9](#))**
- **To yet another operations of powerful works, to another prophesying, to another discernment of inspired utterances, to another different tongues, and to another interpretation of**

tongues. (**1 Corinthians 12:10**)

- But all these operations the one and the same spirit performs, making a distribution to each one respectively just as it wills. (**1 Corinthians 12:11**)
- Now you are Christ's body, and members individually. (**1 Corinthians 12:27**)
- And God has set the respective ones in the congregation, first, apostles, second, prophets, third, teachers, then powerful works, then gifts of healings, helpful services, abilities to direct, different tongues. (**1 Corinthians 12:28**)
- Not all are apostles, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? Not all are teachers, are they? Not all perform powerful works, do they? (**1 Corinthians 12:29**)
- Not all have gifts of healings, do they? Not all speak in tongues, do they? Not all are translators, are they? (**1 Corinthians 12:30**)
- But keep zealously seeking the greater gifts. And yet I show you a surpassing way. (**1 Corinthians 12:31**)
- But, as the apostle Paul wrote, when those things were no longer needed, they would pass away.

### .. A Different Situation Today

- We do not see God performing such **miracles** by the hands of his Christian servants today, because all needed things are present and available to the literate population of the world, and to help those who cannot read but who will listen, there are mature Christians who have knowledge and wisdom gained by study and experience.
- It is not necessary for God to perform such miracles at this time to attest to Jesus Christ as God's appointed deliverer, or to provide proof that He is backing up His servants.
- Even if God were to continue to give his servants the ability to perform miracles, that would not convince everyone, for not even all the eyewitnesses of Jesus **miracles** were moved to accept his teachings.

- Therefore a great crowd of the Jews got to know he was there, and they came, not on account of Jesus only, but also to see Lazarus, whom he raised up from the dead. ([John 12:9](#))
- The chief priests now took counsel to kill Lazarus also. ([John 12:10](#))
- Because on account of him many of the Jews were going there and putting faith in Jesus. ([John 12:11](#))
- On the other hand, scoffers are warned by the Bible that there will yet be stupendous acts of God performed in the destruction of the present system of things. ([Revelation Chapters 18,19](#))
- Beloved ones, this is now the second letter I am writing you, in which, as in my first one, I am arousing your clear thinking faculties by way of a reminder. ([2 Peter 3:1](#))
- That you should remember the sayings previously spoken by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles. ([2 Peter 3:2](#))
- For you know this first, that in the last days there will come ridiculers with their ridicule, proceeding according to their own desires ([2 Peter 3:3](#))
- And saying; Where is this promised presence of his? Why, from the day our forefathers fell asleep in death, all things are continuing exactly as from creations beginning. ([2 Peter 3:4](#))
- For, according to their wish, this fact escapes their notice, that there were heavens from of old and an earth standing compactly out of water and in the midst of water by the word of God. ([2 Peter 3:5](#))
- And by those means the world of that time suffered destruction when it was deluged with water. ([2 Peter 3:6](#))
- But by the same word the heavens and the earth that are now are stored up for fire and are being reserved to the day of judgment and of destruction of the ungodly men. ([2 Peter 3:7](#))
- However, let this one fact not be escaping your notice, beloved ones, that one day is with Yehowah as a thousand years and a



thousand years as one day. (2 Peter 3:8)

- Yehowah is not slow respecting his promise, as some people consider slowness, but he is patient with you because he does not desire any to be destroyed but desires all to attain to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)
- Yet Yehowah's day will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a hissing noise, but the elements being intensely hot will be dissolved, and earth and the works in it will be discovered. (2 Peter 3:10)
- In conclusion, it may be said that either those who deny the existence of **miracles** do not believe there is an invisible God and Creator or they believe that he has not exercised his power in any superhuman way since creation. But their unbelief does not make the Word of God of no effect.
- What, then, is the case? If some did not express faith, will their lack of faith perhaps make the faithfulness of God without effect? (Romans 3:3)
- Never may that happen! But let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, even as it is written. That you might be proved righteous in your words and might win when you are being judged. (Romans 3:4)
- The Biblical accounts of God's **miracles** and the good purpose that they accomplished, always in harmony with the truths and principles found in his Word, instill confidence in God.
- They give strong assurance that God cares for mankind and that he can and will protect those who serve him. The **miracles** provide typical patterns, and the record of them builds faith that God will, in the future, intervene in a **miraculous** way, healing and blessing faithful humankind.
- And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)