

# Living a Life of Miracles



Amid the frequent strife we see and hear about: between the man-made and natural disasters and the general suffering that goes on throughout the world on a daily basis, it's not uncommon to hear people say something like, "if God were all loving then why would he allow these terrible things to happen?" This rhetorical question is often repeated to challenge the nature of God if not his very existence. It is done by those who are very weak in faith (if they have any) and who seriously lack understanding.

There are several answers to that question and books have been written on the topic, let me be very brief and just touch on some concepts to help you get on the correct path to receiving your own miracles. God wants to bless you with them. I know they happen because I've experienced my own on several occasions and can speak from personal experience. So let me get you started on the right path;

#1. God gave us a covenant. If we honor the covenant and live according to HIS will, he also honors the covenant and showers us with mercy and blessings, provision and protection and more. Violate the covenant and turn your back to him and those mercies and blessings disappear. This happens on an individual basis and it also happens collectively to nations. HE created us with free will. We can choose between good or evil. Thus, we choose either HIS blessings by honoring HIS covenant with us, or we're just on our own to fend for ourselves in this evil and haphazard world. I shudder at the thought.

#2. Evil doers will incur the wrath of God. Our Father in heaven is a just God and he will see to it that in the end, justice is HIS! Jesus came to the earth with a sword as the Lion of Judah which is the truth of HIS word. The mighty sword was not to sow peace and love but rather, to separate and divide HIS people from the evil doers and ultimately to destroy the unrepentant evil doers both physically here on earth and eternally in the lake of fire.

Yes, Satan does also reward his evil minions with riches and fame on this earth as we readily see in the entertainment industry, but that is hollow and very short lived. When you're running the mile track race, the objective is not to be in first place at the quarter mile pole! You may very well see evil doers living better than you but don't be discouraged. The race is not yet finished!

The bible gives us numerous examples of God meting out his wrath on evil people and on evil kingdoms and rulers. Anyone with the eyes to see and the

ears to hear knows very well that we can see the signs of the season telling us that we are in, or approaching, end times scenarios prophesied centuries ago. The wrath of God is 'Just' and is saved for those who choose evil over his kingdom. For us sinners, 'Fear' of God is a good thing. His wrath is mighty if it comes upon us. A healthy fear goes a long way to keep us on the correct path. Yet HIS blessings are just as mighty and more glorious if we choose those instead.

#3. HE loves us enough to correct us when we go astray. Jesus loves us more than anyone can know. He desperately wants to spend eternity with you in love and joy in heaven. He wants to bless you here on earth. And so, just like good parents who love their child will punish that child for bad behavior to try and correct that bad behavior, Jesus does the same to us. He wants us to 'see the light' and live in HIS kingdom both on heaven and earth to be in harmony with HIM as soon as we can learn to behave properly. When we stray off the path he might kick our butts to get us back on track. But we always have the choice and we can rebel and many of us do, sadly.

#4. Some people need to be shaken strongly to awaken from slumber and find the truth. I personally have had more than one occasion where my life of success needed to be reduced to rubble so I could learn a little humility and graciousness for what I had in life beyond material success. Only then could I start over from the beginning with a new and better attitude and build something on solid foundations. And when I did, my life was rebuilt to something even better than what I could have imagined before the disaster. Many people who find success give themselves too much credit and they forget who gave it to them. Humility then can become a scarce commodity. This does not usually end well. God wants You in HIS kingdom, working by HIS side and you will do things together which you never dreamed were even possible, going it alone.

#5. We are refined by fire. Refined gold is produced from rough cut rock. And only after a refining process using extreme heat can the dross be burned away leaving the gold in a more pure refined state. God does the same with us. We go through trials and hardship and difficult times as a training ground to develop our heavenly talents and refined characteristics.

Athletic coaches often tell their players in excruciating physical conditioning drills, 'No pain - no gain!' Strengthening and growth only comes from pushing ourselves to the limit and it can hurt doing that. So the next time you are enduring hardship, give God thanks that he loves you enough to be working on

you, your heart, your faith and your endurance. Give your suffering as an offering and sacrifice and payment to help those who are more needy than you are. Your gift and your prayers along with the graciousness with which you accept your own personal cross, will be a testament to your faith when the time comes for 'review'.

Here are some pertinent scriptures to begin studying this issue on how to start receiving miracles in your own life;

Re: Access to God

Access to God is needed to obtain mercy and grace:  
Hebrews 4:16

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you:  
James 4:8

Access to God is privileged to the saints of God:  
Psalms-15, 23:26 24:3-4, Deut. 4:7

Those who are far from God will perish, it is thus good to draw near to God.  
Psalms 73:27-28

Access to God is by Jesus.  
John 14:6-7, Romans 5: 1-2, Eph. 2:12-18

Re: The Love of God

God is faithful to those who love HIM and keeps his covenant and HE has mercy with them.  
Deut. 7:9 1 Corinthians 8:3

God loves them that love HIM.  
Proverbs 8:17

All things work together for the good of those who love God.  
Romans 8:28

In order to love God one must obey HIS commandments.  
John 14:15, 21-24, 1 John 2:5

Keep yourselves in the love of God looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus unto eternal life.

Jude 1:21

Re: The Power of God

The power to do great things is given to those that have faith and doubt not.  
Matthew 21:21, Mark 11:23

It is better to have faith in the power of God than in the wisdom of men; it is better to trust the Lord than to put confidence in rulers.

Psalms 118:8-9, 1 Corinthians 2:5

The above is only a small taste of the many scriptures we could pull out, but this gives you a start on the subject.

Now in view of the above, let's try a little self analysis.

Look at your own life and ask some questions vis-a-vis your obedience to the covenant and worthiness of HIS mercy and blessings provided for in that covenant.

- Do you love your Lord God with all your heart?
- Do you love your brothers on earth as you love yourself?
- Do you participate in usury?
- Do you pay tithes to another master?
- Do you practice idolatry? (knowingly or unknowingly - you might be surprised)
- Do you keep or even know the 10 commandments?
- What do you do on a daily basis to draw closer to Jesus and develop a personal relationship with HIM?
- Do you invite the Holy Spirit into your life every day to guide you and protect you from evil and harm?
- Do you thank God for that cold glass of clean water, the sunshine, for another day of life, for your upbringing and parents, for your livelihood and do you appreciate the 'little things'?
- Do you thank God for the training he gives you with trials in the refining process?

These, and many more, are all things to consider as you work to start expecting miracles and receiving them.

I have learned to expect miracles when I need them, and I get them. I'll save those stories for another day.

Until then, start working on your miracles! God is waiting for you. Will you seek HIM?

Many blessings!