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THE MEANINGS AND PURPOSES OF MIRACLES

“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” (John 20:30–31)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God uses miracles, signs, and wonders throughout the Bible, and this is still the same today. Through miracles, God enables us to know Him, His word, and the way to salvation.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is almighty, full of love and compassion for mankind. God stretches out His powerful hand to deliver and protect us when in pain, sorrow, and need.
<i>Good Works</i>	Be truly thankful for God’s mercy and saving grace, and give Him all the glory. Ponder on God’s nature in His miracles and reflect this in our lives.

A. Types of Miracles

1. *Miracles in Nature:* There are many daily miracles in the natural world that no human can achieve or replicate, and there are also a number of extraordinary occurrences in the Bible that go beyond the laws of nature.
2. *Miracles Experienced by Man:* God uses signs, wonders, and miracles to relieve humans of their pain, sorrow, and daily concerns, and to ultimately know Him and receive salvation.

B. The Purposes of Miracles

1. *The Purpose of Miracles for Man:* Miracles convince men to believe in God, to confirm the true message, and also to confirm that the worker has been sent by God. Miracles also serve to strengthen the believers’ faith, allowing them to grow in faith and in their knowledge of God.
2. *The Purpose of Miracles for God:* God uses miracles to execute His deliverance and His judgment. We should not exalt the person who performed the miracle, but rather give praise and glory to God, the true source of miracles.

C. The Prerequisites for Miracles

Signs follow those who believe in Jesus’ name, but they only manifest according to God’s will and purpose (1 Jn 5:14).

1. *Performed in the Name of Jesus Christ:* If we believe in the Lord, miracles will follow.
2. *Performed through God’s Spirit:* Signs, miracles, and mighty works manifest through God’s Spirit.
3. *Great Faith:* If we have faith as small as a mustard seed, nothing is impossible for us. But those who are receiving healing also require great faith.
4. *Fervent and Persistent Prayer:* Prayers are key in witnessing God’s power.
5. *Confession and Repentance:* God listens to the prayers of the righteous (Jas 5:16). Therefore, repentance and confession of our trespasses are sometimes necessary before we ask for healing (Jas 5:15–16).

Life Application: What Does God Want Me to Learn from Miracles?

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Lesson 9 Homework Assignment

The Meanings and Purposes of Miracles

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (John 20:30–31):

1. What is the purpose of miracles?

2. Summarize a miracle in the Bible that went beyond the laws of nature.

3. What are the purposes of miracles for man?

4. “For My _____ are not your _____, nor are your _____ My _____ [...].
For as the _____ are higher than the _____, so are My _____ higher than
your _____ and My _____ than your _____.” (Isaiah 55:8–9)

5. Have you ever witnessed or heard of a miracle that changed your faith in any way? Briefly explain.