When is God at His Best? Wednesday, April 17th, 2019 Dr. Alan Goracke

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Was it when He created the Heavens and the Earth?

Genesis 1:1-"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Was it when He made man?

Genesis 1:26-"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image"

Was it when He made woman?

Genesis 2:22-Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Was it when He sent Moses to deliver Israel?

Exodus 8:2-If you refuse to let them go, I will send a plague of frogs on your whole country.

Was it when He parted the Red Sea?

Exodus 15:4-"Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

Was it when He brought water out of a rock?

Exodus 17:6-I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."

Was it when He turned water into wine?

John 2:3-When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

Was it when He raised Lazarus from the dead?

John 11:43-When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

Was it when He hung on the cross?

Luke 23:33-34-When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Was it when He rose from the dead?

Luke 24:1-3-But very early on Sunday morning^[a] the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus.

In my life....

When He spoke to me personally!

Luke 19:1-5-Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

When He saw me at my worst!

Luke 23:39-43-One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

When He gave me a second chance in life!

John 11:25-26-Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?

Romans 10:9-10-If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

When I surrendered control of my life and gave Him control!

Matthew 26:10-Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

Psalm 22:1-2- My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

Psalm 22:16-18-Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

Psalm 22:30-31- Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!