

Miracles Today
The Occurrences of Miracles
Joshua

A miracle is a temporary glimpse of God's Kingdom interrupting the normal course of our fallen world to awaken our attention and demand our response.

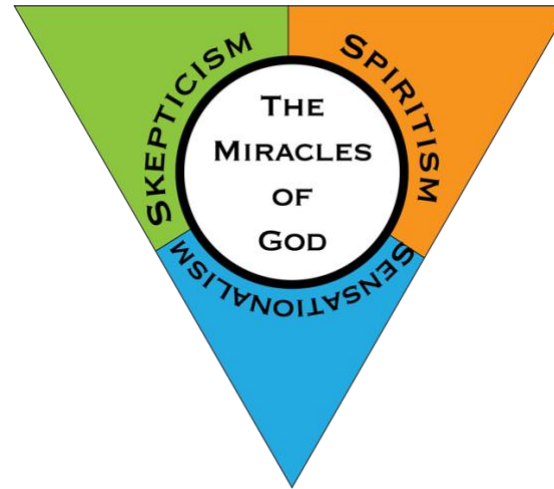
1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV) — For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

Why does it seem like there were many more miracles occurring in the Old Testament times and New Testament times than we see today?

Truth #1 – Miracles are more PREVALENT than we realize

Truth #2 – Miracles are more PERSONAL than we think

Truth #3 – Miracles are better PERCEIVED when we look



The better we RECOGNIZE the miracles of God, the more we will RECEIVE and RELEASE the miracles of God.

1. Miracles PROMISED by God

Joshua 1:1–3 (ESV) — After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.

2. Miracles as PROPHETIC signs from God

Joshua 3:7 (ESV) — *The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.*

Joshua 3:14–16 (ESV) — *So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho.*

3. Miracles requiring PARTICIPATION with God

Joshua 6:2–5 (ESV) — *2 And the LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. 3 You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. 4 Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 And when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him.”*

Joshua 6:20–21 (ESV) — *So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.*

4. Miracles in answer to our PRAYERS

Joshua 10:12–14 (ESV) — *At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, “Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.” And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day. There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded the voice of a man, for the LORD fought for Israel.*

5. Miracles that PROGRESS over time

Exodus 23:29–31 (ESV) — *I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the wild beasts multiply against you. Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased and possess the land. And I will set your border from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates, for I will give the inhabitants*

of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you.

6. Miracles that appear PARTIALLY fulfilled

Joshua 17:12–13 (ESV) — Yet the people of Manasseh could not take possession of those cities, but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. Now when the people of Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

Judges 3:1–2 (ESV) — Now these are the nations that the LORD left, to test Israel by them, that is, all in Israel who had not experienced all the wars in Canaan. It was only in order that the generations of the people of Israel might know war, to teach war to those who had not known it before.

Judges 3:4 (ESV) — They were for the testing of Israel, to know whether Israel would obey the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

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