

## Signs and Wonders: When Heaven Touches Earth...

God's extraordinary interventions in human history and in our lives are not random acts, but purposeful declarations of His power, love, and desire for our hearts. Through signs and wonders, God reveals Himself, validates His truth, and calls us to a deeper relationship with Him.

48 So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.”

John 4:48

The Bible records many signs and wonders. It provides eyewitness accounts of their historical occurrences and the purposes for which God did them. We'll see that these were not isolated incidents but part of God's unfolding plan.

### The First Signs of God's Power

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. (Genesis 1:1-3)

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. 4 Yet their voice[b] goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. (Psalm 19:1-4)

What's the point: Our world, even in its fallen state, continues to bear witness to God's handiwork. Do we truly see it, or have we become desensitized to the daily marvels of His creation? Seek Him and you will find Him. There are signs everywhere around you.

### God Shows His Power for a Purpose

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. (Exodus 14:21-22)

35 The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan. (Exodus 16:35)

3 But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt, 4 he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. 5 And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it. (Exodus 7:3-5)

What's the point: When we feel trapped or overwhelmed, do we remember the God who delivered His people with such mighty acts? Do we trust Him to make a way where there seems to be no way? Looking backwards you see it. Take the next step in faith because He already proved Himself.

### **Miracles as Divine Confirmations**

27 He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.” (Daniel 6:27)

36 At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. 37 Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” 38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. (1 Kings 18:36-38)

39 When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!” (1 Kings 18:39)

What's the point: In a world filled with competing voices, how do we know what is true? God's confirmations remind us to seek His word and listen to them. You'll know...

### **All Signs Point to our Savior**

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (God with us). (Isaiah 7:14)

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:11-12)

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. (Luke 2:20)

What's the point: God's plan unfolds over centuries. Do we have the patience and faith to trust His timing and recognize His work, even when it's not immediately apparent? All signs point to Jesus. Follow them to Him...and then follow HIM.

**God demonstrates His love in this, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!**

## **The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday***

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

**Monday** – Our world, even in its fallen state, continues to bear witness to God's handiwork. Do we truly see it, or have we become desensitized to the daily marvels of His creation? Seek Him and you will find Him. There are signs everywhere around you.

**Tuesday** – When we feel trapped or overwhelmed, do we remember the God who delivered His people with such mighty acts? Do we trust Him to make a way where there seems to be no way? Looking backwards you see it. Take the next step in faith because He already proved Himself.

**Wednesday** – In a world filled with competing voices, how do we know what is true? God's confirmations remind us to seek His word and listen to them. You'll know...

**Thursday** – God's plan unfolds over centuries. Do we have the patience and faith to trust His timing and recognize His work, even when it's not immediately apparent? All signs point to Jesus. Follow them to Him...and then follow HIM.

**Friday** – What signs have you seen this week that prove God is real? What signs and wonders is He using to get your attention? What is He trying to point you towards or away from?