

# Does God Owe You A Miracle or Sign?

All Scriptures from The Old and New King James Versions

We should not expect God to perform for us. Most miracles were to confirm the speaking was from God. Asking for a special miracle, as a sign he is God, is tempting God. Men often tempted Jesus. They were tempting God. No sign was given because of their hearts.

**Mat 12:38** Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." **39** But He answered and said to them, "**An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.** **40** For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**Mat 16:1** Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. **2** He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; **3** and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. **4** **A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**" And He left them and departed.

**Mar 8:11** Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. **12** But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "**Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation.**"

More of man trying to tempt God.

**Mat 27:40** and saying, "**You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**" **41** Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, **42** "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.

Satan tempting Jesus to show signs. Compare this with how men tempted God.

**Mat 4:1** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. **3** Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "**If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.**" **4** But He answered and said, "**It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.'**" **5** Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** and said to Him, "**If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU,' and, 'IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'**" **7** Jesus said to him, "**It is written again, 'YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD.'**" **8** Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9** And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus said to him, "**Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.'**" **11** Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

We need to be careful not to tempt God. Why - because this is a sin.

We need to believe the bible, for it is way to believe God, and not expect signs.

The rich man in torment thought that, a man coming back from the dead would convince his brothers to change their lives, avoid torment. Abraham said, if they would not believe the prophets, neither would they believe if someone came back from the dead.

***Luk 16:19** "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. **20** But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, **21** desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' **25** But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. **26** And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' **27** "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, **28** for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' **29** Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' **30** And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' **31** But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "*

See how it has been proven miracles don't convince people unless they truly believe in God. Even if one returned from the dead they would not believe.

Sometimes God chooses not to give signs because of the degree of sin. If signs had been done in Tyre and Sidon and Sodom they would have repented. God chose to punish them because their sin was so great.

***Mat 11:21** "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. **22** But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. **23** And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. **24** But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."*

The wisdom of men often thinks a miracle would convince many. It is simply not true. Men would think it is trickery.

***1Co 1:18** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written: "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND BRING TO NOTHING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRUDENT." **20** Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. **22** For Jews*

*request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

Remember the clothing the children of Israel did not wear out in the wilderness.

They had a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of smoke by day. They saw the parting of the Red Sea. They saw water from a rock by God. They saw the fiery serpent image stop death of people bitten by poisonous snakes. They saw manna from the sky for food. Their clothes and their shoes did not wear out. They still did not trust God and sinned. How many signs would it take? An infinite number would not accomplish repentance of these people.

Webster's Dictionary definition of a 'miracle' – *an event or action that apparently contradicts known scientific laws*

A vast number of people define a miracle as anything God does for us. God still works to heal and help faithful people if they pray to him. He usually helps us by natural means not by unnatural means. This is God's Providential Care. It is a wrong definition to call this a miracle. I do understand the joy when God works his help to men. We should praise him. Until the definition changes in our language we should not call everything or anything a miracle. This does not mean that God didn't do it. God's loving care is there if we ask for his help in faith and don't ask amiss. We also need to be seeking him in obedience and worship.

***Joh 9:31*** *Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.*

***Heb 11:6*** *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

***Jas 4:3*** *Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

Remember the Bible miracles were instant or very quick beyond natural means.

This lesson is for those who believe God must prove himself.

Do you still think you need a miracle?

As a Church we are to pray for the sick and afflicted.

***Jas 5:14*** *Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

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