



“AND BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB
AND BRING FORTH A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS
NAME JESUS.”

Luke 1:31

MIRACLES - PART II

Part II:

What is the relationship between faith and miracles?

Are miracles necessary?

Are all of God's interventions miraculous?

How to distinguish miracles from deception?

FAITH AND MIRACLES

- Four Types of Relationships

1. Those who experience a miracle because of their faith

- Hemorrhaging woman
- Canaanite woman
- Centurion



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2. Some believe because of a miracle

- Jn. 11:45 – “Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.”
 - Jn. 2:11 – “This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.”
 - Jn. 2:23 – “Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.
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3. Some witnessed extraordinary miracles, but did not believe

- Jn. 12:37 – “But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him...”
 - Jn. 11:45-48 – “Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, “What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.”
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4. The Lord Christ refrained from performing miracles because of unbelief
- Matt. 12:38, 39 — “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.”
 - Matt. 13:58 — “Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”
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ARE MIRACLES NECESSARY?

- Heb. 11:1 — “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
- Dan. 3:16-18 — “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.
- Are all of God’s interventions miraculous?



CAN SATAN PERFORM MIRACLES?

- Matt. 11:24 – “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”
 - Deut. 13:1-3 – “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”
 - 2 Thes. 2:9-11 – “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”
 - Rev. 19:20 – “Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.”
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MIRACLE OR DECEPTION?

- The Agent
 - Means
 - Result
 - Seek help - Bible, lives of saints, and spiritual guides
 - NOTE: It's not a sin to disbelieve in miracles
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