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Do we need to work harder to find human solutions to the situations or do these times demand a real miracle?

### What is a Miracle?

- Chamber's Encyclopedia: *"A striking interposition of divine power by which the operations of the ordinary course of nature are overruled, suspended, or modified."*
- A miracle is understood as something that happens that goes against or beyond the laws of nature.
  - It surpasses human abilities or explanations.
  - A miracle is truly supernatural.

### Do Miracles actually Happen? Yes

- Those who have problems with the possibility of miracles really have difficulty with the fact that there is a sovereign God.
  - **Genesis 1:1** *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*
  - **Psalms 89:11** *"The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all its fullness, You have founded them."*
- What men call the **laws of nature** are in truth the laws of God that nature must obey.
  - The superior law of divine sovereignty overrules the lesser laws of nature.
  - **Job 28:23-28**
  - It is impossible to believe in a sovereign God and not believe in miracles.

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"A general belief in God is one thing, but it is quite another matter to embrace the miracles of the Virgin Birth of Christ, His rising from the dead, and His own ascension from the grave. Yet it is 'irrational' to reject miracles. One can be sophisticated and believe in God. Reason and intellect are not to be laid aside where matters of religion are concerned. What is irrational is to reject the possibility of miracles and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is precisely what the worldly wise do."

### The Problems of Miracles

- The problem of deception.
  - In the past – Simon the sorcerer (**Acts 8:9-11**)
  - In the future – The second beast (**Rev. 13:11-15**)
  - In the present – *"Miracles on demand"* people
- The problem of origin.
  - Remember that Satan is called the "Angel of light" and he has power too!
  - Satan is only interested in keeping people away from the truth found in Jesus, he doesn't mind the miracles or even the religion.
- The problem of  motive.
  - Miracles are not for public relations.
  - Miracles are not to make God look good.
  - Miracles should glorify Jesus, not a man or a movement.

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- Miracles should point us to Jesus.
- Miracles teach us about Jesus. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan – "Every parable Jesus spoke was a miracle of instruction and every miracle Jesus performed was a parable of instruction."
- The miracles Jesus performed clearly point us to the truth that Jesus is God's answer to our deepest needs.

**The greatest miracle is a transformed life**



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