

Miracles

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I wish to speak about miracles today. Let us say that there is a person with psychic powers who is able to heal people, move objects, or to cause other miraculous phenomena to occur. What would you think of such a person? Would you be impressed that this person was like God?

Also, let us say that there is a person who is able to foretell the future quite accurately. Would you follow the advice of such a person? Would you be convinced that this was a miracle of God?

If you would be inclined to feel this way, you should ask yourself the following questions. If a sickness is healed, does one's suffering disappear from that time onward? Does watching the phenomenon of psychically moving objects help you to overcome your wayward desires? Even if the future is foretold correctly, is there any difference in your life between knowing this and not knowing this? Even if you are not sure of the answers to these questions right now, those who sincerely seek the truth will realize in a few months or years that none of these are true.

Such tricks cannot be called miracles of God. The miracle of God always includes salvation. Salvation means to no longer be doubtful or hesitant, and to be able to find all the solutions to one's problems by oneself. It is love, righteousness, faith and standing firm in one's convictions. The miracle of God is people who remain steadfast in their righteousness and continue to love despite being in the midst of impurity and confusion, or under oppression and enemy in their society.

Even if a person has the psychic power to move mountains, what good does it do if one is unable to save others. A mountain will eventually erode into the sea anyway. What saves individual

people is neither miraculous nor supernatural; it is just love and righteousness. Even if one were to go down in history as having the power to move mountains, all that may remain of this in later generations is some dream-like image. People like Jesus Christ, on the other hand, who upheld the righteousness of God, forever continue to lead the way for mankind. The real value of Christ's work lay not in his curing of people on earth by the power of the holy spirit, but in his preaching the Gospel with his life on the line. The thing that gave him the courage to do this is what is known as a true miracle—the light of God.

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