

Week 45
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Transforming Daily
“... where are all His miracles ...”
Judges 6:13

The miracles of God have always been a fascinating topic of discussion throughout the ages. What is a miracle of God? Can anyone perform them? Do miracles still happen today? What constitutes a miracle? All of these questions, and others, have boggled the minds of many great people. Why? Because there is no formula to the miracles of God.

If you can explain a miracle, not describe one, but explain one, than it ceases to be a miracle. One of the characteristics of God's miracles is that they defy explanation and formula. God is sovereign. He chooses to act according to His own dictates, according to His own good pleasure. Therefore, though God's miracles can be experienced by and observed by, as well as interactive with, His creation, they can't be explained.

Nor can God's miracles be manipulated. Man can't perform the miracles of God. However, God can perform His miracles through man. Many ministers have had their ministries and lives derailed by thinking they were able to perform the miracles of God. Sadder still is the number of people, believers and nonbelievers alike, that have been and are being led astray by such ministers and ministries that claim their ability to perform the miracles of God (mostly in the area of physical healing). It isn't a matter of Divine healing, it's a matter of "divine healers." Again, God can work through anyone (even a donkey and a whale), and often does. So it's not a matter of man's ability, it's a matter of man's availability.

In response to the greeting of the Angel of the Lord, "the Lord is with you," Gideon wanted to know, based on the current status of the Israelites regarding the Midianites, where the miracles of God were that he had heard of, and his fathers had experienced, in the days of old. Simply put, Gideon wanted to know, if God was with them, why they were experiencing adversity and persecution from His enemies.

Gideon's response to the Angel, in light of Israel's treatment by the Midianites, was not too far from the way many believers react when adversity, trials, and tribulation come their way. The lack of the evident appearance of the miracles of God in one's life does not indicate their absence or that of the absence of God. In times of spiritual and physical difficulty as well as in times of hard decision making, what God desires from the believer is a mature faith that is sourced in His Word. Signs and wonders have their place in the life of a believer as well as in the life of an unbeliever, but obedient availability through faith is the measure of a mighty man or woman of valor.

How do you interpret the miracles of God in your life? Is your life of ministry dotted with spurts of service as you "felt" God moving you? Or is your service in ministry one of consistent, faithful, available obedience to God irrespective of how you felt (or feel) about the surrounding circumstances? Is your spiritual barometer influenced more by God's Word or the answer to, "Where are all His miracles?"