

7 Wonderings of the World
Part #3 – “Do Miracles Happen?”

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Q – Do you believe in miracles?

It’s a miracle ...

- ✓ 1980 U.S Olympic hockey team
- ✓ The flight of the Bumble Bee and the movement of the Snake
- ✓ The Ronald McDonald Miracle House

... **OR is it?**

Q – What is a miracle?

- ✓ Naturalism vs. Supernaturalism

1. God is guilty of ‘Break and Enter’

“A miracle is an **interference** with nature by supernatural power.”
 C. S Lewis (Miracles)

- ✓ 2 Kings 5:1-15 (The greatest miracle)
 - a. **The Context**
Prosperity, Privilege & Power
 - b. **The Condition**
Physical disease & Spiritual **depravity**
 - c. **The Cure**
Miracle of Healing & Methods that required Faith

Life Lesson – The **greatest** miracle of all is to have our **sins** forgiven.

2. God is the source of Miracles NOT Man

- ✓ There is no **Christianity** without miracles
- ✓ Incarnation and Resurrection
- ✓ Miracle vs. Magic
- ✓ Matthew 7:21-24
- ✓ Exodus 7-12 (10 plagues)
- ✓ Acts 3 & Acts 8

<u>Miracle</u>	<u>Magic</u>
<u>Under God’s Control ...</u>	<u>Under Man’s Control ...</u>
<u>Power</u> to meet human <u>need</u>	Power to <u>entertain</u> and confuse
<u>Sign</u> of <u>heaven</u> intersecting with earth	Sign that <u>evil</u> is still active in the world
<u>Wonder</u> and awe of <u>God</u> is promoted	Wonder and awe of <u>man</u> is promoted

“A wicked generation demands a sign ...”

Life Lesson – The power of God must never become our passion but the **person** of God.

3. God uses Miracles to bring Heaven to Earth

- a. John 2:1-11

3 Pictures ...

- i. **Wedding** – God’s **relationship** with his people
- ii. **Water** – Man’s natural **need**
- iii. **Wine** – Heaven’s supernatural **proximity** (Ps. 104:13-15)

Life Lesson – Miracles happen when Jesus is invited and when people follow his instructions.