

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

*...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success"....
Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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CHRISTIANITY IS A MIRACLE

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The Living God

* Jesus was supernaturally conceived. His public ministry was a series of miracles, culminating in His very resurrection from the dead.

Likewise, the birth of the church was also a miracle, and miracles played a vital role in the early church's history. They were so interwoven into its story that one cannot separate the two. When you take the miracles out of Christianity, all you have left is religion.

Christianity is a living thing.

Just as young David said when he stood before the menacing Goliath,

Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.
(1 Samuel 17:45)

The Philistine gods of Goliath were dead. David's God was a living God, a miracle-working God. David's young heart reveled with joy that he could be used by the living God of Israel to deliver his people.

Take the miracles out of the history of Israel, and there is nothing left. God was the center around which everything moved.

The same is true with Christianity. Every person, in order to become a

Christian, must be “born of God.” This is a miracle act. God imparts to us His love, His very nature. We become, by nature, children of God. The impartation of this life is a miracle.

Every answered prayer is a miracle; every victory over sin is a miracle. Every time we influence a person to walk with God and to recognize the lordship of Jesus, it is a miracle act. That God watches over us, cares for us, and fulfills His promises to us is miraculous. The joy that fills our hearts in the midst of trials and tests is a miracle.

All of Christianity is a miracle.

God dwelling in these bodies of ours, making them His home, is a transcendent miracle. God taking possession of our minds, so that He may think His thoughts through us and speak His words through us, is a miracle. The presence of the Holy Spirit during our services of worship is a miracle.

Take away Christianity’s spiritual power, and you have nothing left but a system of ethics with demands that cannot be met. But let the miracle elements come in, and God becomes a real presence in our midst. Christianity becomes a living force among the nations of the earth.

If the days of miracles are in the past, the days of Jesus Christ’s life in the church are also in the past. If miracles are no more, then the things that make Christianity a living religion are gone. If the days of miracles have passed, God’s promises exist only to mock us. Likewise, the statements that Jesus made about His name and the power invested in it also mock us. His name becomes but a dry cloud to a desert land that is crying out for water.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. (Hebrews 13:8)

Jesus’ name has not lost its power!

God does live!

Christianity is a miracle, the work of a miracle-working God. Don’t let anyone deceive you by telling you that the days of miracles have passed. If the days of miracles have passed, then God is no longer God, Christ is no longer Christ, and the Bible is no longer the Word of God.

As long as they are, miracles will be.