

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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MIRACLES

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"miracle" - the intervention of God's supernatural power into the natural scheme of things.

....*"As in the days when you came out from the land of Egypt, I will show you miracles".... Micah 7:15 NASB*

The Bible is a record of miracles and Divine interventions. It is history of the outbreakings of the supernatural realm into the natural. Beginning with Abraham all of the major characters of Old Testament history were miracle workers, or better, God wrought miracles through them. The thing that lifted Joseph from the prison to the office of premier of Egypt was a miracle. Israel's deliverance from Egypt's bondage was by a series of miracles that shook Egypt to its very foundation.

The crossing of the Red Sea and the forty years in the wilderness were a series of miracles unparalleled in human history. The object of these miracles was to separate Israel from the dead gods of Egypt and bind them to the worship of the Living God of Abraham. Judaism was Judaism as long as the miracle working God was manifest.

When miracles ended, Israel lapsed into heathenism, and only came back into fellowship with their God after a series of staggering miracles. Had we space, it would be interesting to study the miracles of the Conquest of Canaan, the period of the Kings, of the Four Great Miracles recorded in Daniel that sent Israel back from captivity into their own land, free from idolatry, establishing a precedent of a nation of slaves set free, and sent to their own country with permission and more,

with funds to rebuild their city, their temple, and establish its worship; it has no parallel in human history, it is a distinct and definite miracle.

When Jesus began His public ministry, it was a ministry of miracles. When the Church began her ministry it was a ministry of miracles. Every revival since Pentecost that has honored the humble Galilean has been a revival of miracles. The Church has never been rescued from Her backslidings by great philosophical teachers but humble laymen who have had a new vision of the Christ, of "Him Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

We crave the manifest presence of the Spirit in our religious services—a dry, dead meeting has no drawing power but a service where men are being richly blessed in the unfolding of Scripture or the saving of souls, the healing of the sick, or the filling with the Spirit, has a drawing power.

An outpouring of the Spirit is a challenge to a community any time.

All normal men crave the supernatural, they long to see the manifestation of the power of God and to feel the thrill of the touch of the unseen.