

# MIRACLES

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ GOD STILL WORKS

**<sup>1</sup> THEN HE showed me the river whose waters give life, sparkling like crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> Through the middle of the Broadway of the city; also, on either side of the river was the tree of life with its twelve varieties of fruit, yielding each month its fresh crop; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing and the restoration of the nations. [Gen. 2:9.]**

# 1] The right reason

**<sup>3</sup> And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong – you want only what will give you pleasure.**

**<sup>3</sup> And if you ask, you won't receive it for you're asking with corrupt motives, seeking only to fulfill your own selfish desires.**

**⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to anyone else, nor share my praise with carved idols.**

**<sup>7</sup> For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land of flowing streams and pools of water, with fountains and springs that gush out in the valleys and hills. <sup>8</sup> It is a land of wheat and barley; of grapevines, fig trees, and pomegranates; of olive oil and honey. <sup>9</sup> It is a land where food is plentiful and nothing is lacking. It is a land where iron is as common as stone, and copper is abundant in the hills.**

**<sup>10</sup> When you have eaten your fill, be sure to praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. <sup>11</sup> But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the Lord your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. <sup>12</sup> For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in,**



**<sup>13</sup> and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! <sup>14</sup> Do not become proud at that time and forget the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. <sup>15</sup> Do not forget that he led you through the great and terrifying wilderness with its poisonous snakes and scorpions, where it was so hot and dry. He gave you water from the rock!**

**<sup>16</sup> He fed you with manna in the wilderness, a food unknown to your ancestors. He did this to humble you and test you for your own good. <sup>17</sup> He did all this so you would never say to yourself, 'I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.'**

**<sup>18</sup> Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfil the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.**

## **2] Settled Faith**

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**<sup>16</sup> So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. <sup>17</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.**

**<sup>17</sup> (as it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.**

**Romans 10:17 NKJV**

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**<sup>17</sup> So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**



**24 And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear.**

**26 And He said, The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed upon the ground, 27 And then continues sleeping and rising night and day while the seed sprouts and grows and increases—he knows not how. 28 The earth produces [acting] by itself—first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe and permits, immediately he sends forth [the reapers] and puts in the sickle, because the harvest stands ready.**

**<sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.**

## **2 Thessalonians 1:3 NIV**

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**<sup>3</sup> We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.**

## **3] Practical Obedience**

**<sup>17</sup> So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).**

**21 Was not our forefather Abraham [shown to be] justified (made acceptable to God) by [his] works when he brought to the altar as an offering his [own] son Isaac? [Gen. 22:1-14.] 22 You see that [his] faith was cooperating with his works, and [his] faith was completed and reached its supreme expression [when he implemented it] by [good] works.**

**James 1:22 NIV**

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**<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.**



**<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.'**

**17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.**

**24 Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.**

