

See A Miracle

There are a lot of people today who say, "If I could just see a miracle, I would believe in God and obey him." Ok, is that actually true? Let's test that. Here is a partial list of miracles that the Israelites saw in the wilderness. Did they believe and obey all the time? No, they did not!

- A pillar of cloud and fire led the multitude (Exodus 13:21-22; 14:19).
- A strong wind made a path for the Israelites through the sea (Exodus 14:21-29).
- The Egyptian's chariot wheels were made to swerve; the army was drowned in the sea (Exodus 14:31).
- Bitter waters were made sweet and drinkable (Exodus 15:22-25).
- Manna rained from heaven for bread. Quail were sent to provide meat (Exodus 16:4, 13-18).
- Water came from a rock (Exodus 17:2-6).
- Moses's raised hand allowed the Israelites to prevail over Amalek (Exodus 17:9-13).
- God spoke from the mountain at Sinai (Exodus 19:2-6; 16-21).
- The wind brought the quail (Numbers 11:31).
- Miriam rebelled and got leprosy (Numbers 12:5-10).

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Sentence Sermons

- Like a stamp, stick to one thing (God) until you reach your destination (heaven).
- Your worth is measured, not by what you gain, but by what you give.
- Wild oats thrive during a spiritual draught.
- You are not truly educated until you know the Bible.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Searching For Security

Today we hear and think a lot about security. We want to be stable and safe in an uncertain and dangerous world. We think about home security so we install locks and cameras. We think about job security so work hard to find and keep a good job. We think about financial security so save our money in retirement funds. We think about cyber-security so we install protective software on our computers. Because we want security, we do what we can to protect ourselves. However, have you ever given any thought to your spiritual security? Have you thought about making your soul secure for the day of judgment to come?

Everyone Wants Security

Everyone I know of wants some kind of security. Some people put their trust in other people (Psalm 146:3; Jeremiah 9:4; Micah 7:5). The problem with this is these people, being human, often make mistakes. They let us down. They fail us. They disappoint us.

Some people put their trust in a nation - their own or a foreign power (Isaiah 31:1). They believe the power of a particular government with its money and its military will keep them safe. Again, the problem is government

is made up of sinful and wicked people who often fail their citizens. They are looking out for themselves, not their citizens.

Some people put their trust in riches (Psalm 52:7; 62:10; 1 Timothy 6:6-7). But, riches do not provide lasting security because riches are fleeting - at times they are with us and at times they are gone.

Some people, and dare say I most, put trust in their own selves (Proverbs 3:5;



Jeremiah 10:23). They believe their own ideas and ideologies are what keep them safe and secure. But, in time, they find out that their ideas and ideologies have only caused more problems for themselves and others.

True and Lasting Security

How can a person today have true

peace of mind, true confidence and assurance, true and lasting security? Well, first, this person needs to put his or her trust in God who never changes (Malachi 3:6; Psalm 9:10; 40:1; 91:1-2; James 1:17). God will do us good only. He will give us in life that which is best for us for all the time.

This person needs to put trust in Jesus who never changes (Hebrews 13:8).

This person needs to put trust in God's word that never changes (Psalm 111:7-8; 119:85; Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 2:23-25; 2 Peter 1:19).

This person needs to put trust in the Lord's church that will never go away (Isaiah 28:16; Daniel 2:44-46; Matthew 16:18; Ephesian 3:21; Hebrews 12:28; 1 Peter 2:7-8).

The person wanting true and lasting security can have it in Jesus Christ if he or she wants it. This person can have an election or calling that is secure (2 Peter 1:10-11), can be one of God's servants who is secure (2 Timothy 2:19), can maintain good works that are secure (1 Timothy 6:19), and can go to a reward that is secure in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-5). - Chris Reeves