

Miracles in a Scientific Age

Experience God's Power – Part 1

Life Church St. Louis – June 5, 2016

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Romans 1:25 (NIV) They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen.

Romans 10:9 (NIV) That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

1. Respond to _____ God's Way

Exodus 14:7-8 (NIV) He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly.

1A. _____ for God's help

Exodus 14:10 (NIV) As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.

1B. Don't _____

Exodus 14:11-12 (NIV) They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

1C. _____ in the Lord

Exodus 14:13-14 (NIV) Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

2. _____ with God

Exodus 14:15-16 (NIV) Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

2A. Expect God's _____

Exodus 14:19-20a (NIV) Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel.

2B. Do your _____

Exodus 14:21-22 (NIV) Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

3. Experience God's _____

3A. God will _____ for you

Exodus 14:24-25 (NIV) During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

3B. Follow God's _____

Exodus 14:26-27 (NIV) Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea.

3C. _____ the Lord

Exodus 14:31 (NIV) And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Study Exodus 10-16 to better understand God's miracle-working power.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

Miracles in a Scientific Age Study Guide

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Intro. What is a miracle?

Why do you think the number of people in America who believe in miracles is declining?

When people don't believe in miracles, what is the result (Romans 1:25-27)?

Why must a person believe in miracles in order to be a Christian (Romans 10:9)?

What is the difference between a cessationist and a continualist church?

Why do you think that so many churches are cessationist, rather than continualist (like Life Church)? What difference does it make?

1A. Why did God harden Pharaoh's heart to pursue the Israelites (Exodus 14:7-8)?

1B. What is the right thing to do when you are attacked in one way or another (Exodus 14:10)?

1C. Why do you think the Israelites complained against Moses after praying (Exodus 14:11-12)?

1D. What lessons can you learn from Moses' response to the people's complaints (Exodus 14:13-14)?

1E. What kind of attacks are you facing in your life?

2A. Why did the Lord command Moses to stop praying in Exodus 14:15-16)?

2B. Do you believe that angels still protect believers today (Exodus 14:19-20, Hebrews 1:14, Acts 12:6-9)?

2C. In what way was Moses' cooperation essential for the miracle to happen (Exodus 14:21-22)?

2D. What is God telling you to do with regard to the attacks you are facing?

3A. How did God fight against the Egyptians (Exodus 14:24-25)?

3B. How does the last part of the miracle complete the deliverance of Israel (Exodus 14:26-27)?

3C. What was the result of this great miracle (Exodus 14:31)?

3D. Why is it important to be part of the community of God (the church) in order to experience a miracle?