

## Real Life Wonder-Encounters

Acts 2:22

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

Acts 2:43

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

Mark 9:15

As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

Exodus 15:11

Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

### God's Promise of Wonders

Exodus 34:10

Then the Lord said: "I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you.

Jeremiah 32:20

You performed signs and wonders in Egypt and have continued them to this day, in Israel and among all mankind, and have gained the renown that is still yours.

### Before Your Eyes

Deuteronomy 4:34

Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the Lord your God did for you in Egypt **before your very eyes**?

Deuteronomy 6:22

**Before our eyes** the Lord sent signs and wonders—great and terrible—on Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household.

Deuteronomy 10:21

He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders **you saw with your own eyes**.

Deuteronomy 7:19

**You saw with your own eyes** the great trials, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the Lord your God brought you out. The Lord your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear.

### The Past as Evidence for Present Expectation

Judges 6:13

"Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

Habakkuk 3:2

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat (renew) them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

## Too Many to Count

Job 5:9; 9:10

He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

Psalms 40:5

Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

John 21:25

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

Psalms 65:8

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

## How God Heats Up Cold Hearts and Revives Dead Religion

Isaiah 29:13-14

<sup>13</sup>The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught. <sup>14</sup>Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."

2 Timothy 3:1-5

<sup>1</sup>But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup>People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— <sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

## Wonder-Encounters Prompt Obedience

Psalms 78:1-8

<sup>1</sup>My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—<sup>3</sup>things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. <sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. <sup>5</sup>He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, <sup>6</sup>so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. <sup>7</sup>Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. <sup>8</sup>They would not be like their ancestors—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

1. Parents must not be n\_\_\_\_\_ with their children
2. Children need to know the v\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

### 3. Children need to know about the p\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord

Psalm 71:14-18

<sup>14</sup>As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. <sup>15</sup>My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long—though I know not how to relate them all. <sup>16</sup>I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord; I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone. <sup>17</sup>Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. <sup>18</sup>Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Psalm 145:3-7

<sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. <sup>4</sup>One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. <sup>5</sup>They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. <sup>6</sup>They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. <sup>7</sup>They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

### 4. The pathway to obedience r\_\_\_\_\_ wonders

78:7-8

<sup>7</sup>Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. <sup>8</sup>They would not be like their ancestors—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

78:9-16

<sup>9</sup>The men of Ephraim, though armed with bows, turned back on the day of battle; <sup>10</sup>they did not keep God's covenant and refused to live by his law. <sup>11</sup>They forgot what he had done, the wonders he had shown them. <sup>12</sup>He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan. <sup>13</sup>He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall. <sup>14</sup>He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night. <sup>15</sup>He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas; <sup>16</sup>he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

78:32

In spite of all this, they kept on sinning; in spite of his wonders, they did not believe.

78:40-43

<sup>40</sup>How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the wasteland! <sup>41</sup>Again and again they put God to the test; they vexed the Holy One of Israel. <sup>42</sup>They did not remember his power—the day he redeemed them from the oppressor, <sup>43</sup>the day he displayed his signs in Egypt, his wonders in the region of Zoan.

### What We Can Expect

Joel 2:25-30

<sup>25</sup>"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you. <sup>26</sup>You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and **you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you**; never again will my people be shamed. <sup>27</sup>Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed. <sup>28</sup>"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women, **I will pour out my Spirit in those days.** <sup>30</sup>**I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth**, blood and fire and billows of smoke.