

Is It Time to Receive Your Christmas Miracle?

Are you in need of a miracle? There's no better time than Christmas to receive your miraculous gift from God. The events that surround the birth of our Savior are so miraculous in every way imaginable—and then some. No matter the need you are facing, you can find hope for your miracle in the historical events of Jesus' birth.

Let's look at some of these events and see how they can impact our lives today.

Are you struggling with an impossible situation? Many people are today. We read about two very important characters in the Christmas story who were a childless couple, Elizabeth and her husband and priest, Zachariah. And despite Elizabeth's barrenness and the fact that they were both advanced in age, they conceived a promised child—John, whom we come to know as John the Baptist. Because as it says in Luke 1:37, "For with God nothing will be impossible." (See Luke 1:13-57.) Regardless of the impossible situation you are facing—whether it be infertility or another situation—always remember that with God, all things—not some things, but all things—are possible. "Jesus said, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes'" (Mark 9:23b).

Are you in need of divine favor? Mary received favor—supernatural favor from God in that she was chosen, the chosen vessel to birth the Christ child into this world. In Luke 1:28b, her favor is announced: "Greetings, you who are highly favored. The Lord is with you." Did you realize that you, too, have God's favor resting upon you? The psalmist says in Psalm 5:12 concerning God's favor, "For You, Lord, will bless the righteous; You surround him with favor like a shield."

Could you use some real reassurance concerning your calling? Mary continues to receive this reassurance about all that she has heard the Lord say to her. Let's see the first confirmation recorded after this angelic visitation from Gabriel. Luke 1:41-45 says:

When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She spoke out with a loud voice, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? Indeed, as soon as the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a completion to those things which were told her by the Lord."

Romans 8:31 gives a great message of reassurance for today: "What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Are you in need of a message directly from heaven? People all around the world are receiving angelic visitations with messages from heaven just like the people we read about in the Christmas story. The shepherds were visited by one angel with an evangelistic message, "Listen! Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy, which will be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Suddenly there was with the angel a company of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men'" (Luke 2:10b-14). And Hebrews 1:14 teaches us concerning angels, "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"

Perhaps you need supernatural direction—the wise men were given the star of Bethlehem to lead them on a spiritual journey that led them to Jesus. Matthew 2:1-2 tells us, "Now

after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, wise men came from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who was born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him.'

Do you know that you have been given a spiritual compass that is full of supernatural wisdom to give you direction for your daily living? It's called the Word of God. Psalm 119:105 tells us about the teachings of the Bible, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Hebrews 4:12 tells us, "For the word of God is alive, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intents of the heart." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says concerning the Word of God, "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

If you will learn to listen to and heed the voice of God, He will protect you from the evil plans of the enemy today. We read in Matthew 2:13 how an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and escape to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word. For Herod will seek the young Child to kill Him." And for us today in 2 Thessalonians 3:3 is a promise of protection: "But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one."

We can even find the Father's supernatural provision for our families in the Christmas story in the example of the gifts of Magi as they present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (see Matt. 2:11). God knows what we have need of, and His word tells us in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be given to you."

Whatever the need or concern in your life, there is a miracle

this Christmas for you from Jesus. Reach out to Him, believe and then receive from Him. {eo}

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