



Blessings: The Miraculous ones

Job 5:8-9 *“But if I were you, I would appeal to God; I would lay my cause before him.*

*9 He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.”*

Abraham believed God. I think one of the biggest miracles in the Bible is Abraham. He came from a Pagan place called the UR. This is a culture that had multi-gods and child sacrifice practices. How did God give this man the faith to follow one God and leave all he knew? Yet, Abraham experienced miracle after miracle. The Sodom and Gamora event must have been stunning to witness. I believe God moved the Abrahamic line away from child sacrifice in the story of Issac. God provided a substitute sacrifice. To further this, He promised a lineage that would be as vast as the stars. God kept that promise.

Job witnessed tragedy and miracles. Miracles? Yes, on a human level Job was done. God had clearly punished him. Yet, in the end God brought healing and prosperity. So, was it punishment or blessings? Abraham experienced the same God. It looked like a 75-year-old man could not have children. Yet, God did bless this man with millions of descendance. The miraculous blessings come when (humanly) it seems impossible. It's when no human can help. The law of averages is vastly stacked against you winning. Honestly, that is how God prefers to work.

Take a look at Moses and the Israelites. In the first two chapters of Exodus, the Hebrews had become slaves to avoid famine. They sold themselves to Egypt to survive. Pharaoh now felt

threatened by these Hebrew slaves. He commands a series of orders to reduce the Hebrew population. On top of that the Egyptians became harsh task masters. Behind the scene something has been missing all the time. God had been silent. Yet, the silent God made a path for a Hebrew baby to rise up and save the Hebrews. It's a miracle that Moses was not killed as a baby. Then Moses is miraculously sent down the river in a basket and rescued by Pharaoh's daughter. It's a series of silent miracles. I feel that the blessings of God are usually silent miracles. Things He does to move the kingdom along. In reality, no human ingenuity is needed. God is at work.

I am not a fan of announced blessings. Miracle workers, self-proclaimed prophets, and healers are public because they want credit. Most of Gods miracles are unseen. God needs no credit. A loving God does loving things. Does a loving act need credit? Those who announce miracles rob the blessing of the miracle. They say they called on the Lord and they laid hands. Yet, how often have those miracles happened? It is not that often. Why? It is because God should get the credit. He does not need the credit but deserves the credit. Apart from the Lord we can do no miraculous miracles. Those blessings happen directly because they should not have happened.

Humans go out of their way to proclaim Gods blessings. Yet, they love to attach themselves to the act. No human blessing comes apart from God. Sorry to disappoint you but the power of the Lord is the only thing that makes a blessing. It is an honor and privilege that, at times, the Lord involves us. Those blessings come in human form. Yet, someone bringing food to your door when your staying is not a human blessing. It is God using His creation to bless you. It's a God miracle, not a human one. Miraculous blessings get a bad rap. They are called healing services, revival meetings, and movements of God. As I cannot repeat enough: God moved Moses silently from the Nile to the house of Pharaoh without anyone seeing the miracle.

You cannot put God in a box. He can display His glory. Yet, most of the time the miraculous stories are not written. I know someone who should have died. The cancer came like a thief in the night. In a last-ditch effort, the doctors tried radiation. It was supposed to prolong the inevitable. They then opened my friend up to see how bad the cancer was. To the stunning disbelief of the medical staff, the tumor was completely dead. Some had even commented it was not possible. Yet, with God, everything is possible. Those are the miraculous blessings. Men point to God when they catch a pass in the end zone. It is nice that they give it to God. A miracle? A hail Mary? It is a shame that we attach God to human feats. It is a shame we make Godly miracles small like catching a ball. Yet, out of the corner of an eye we see the car swerving. A doctor's gut instinct takes a chance on an unproven remedy. The silently unseen God blessings.

God unsettled the King in the book of Ester. He tormented the King in the book of Daniel. God drove Pharaoh nuts. What made the Magi go to Jesus and then return a different way? Why does God choose Abraham? Yet, nobody was asking for Gods help. The Lord is just doing Lord things. Miraculous things that we don't think will work. It is just my opinion. My experiences. Yet, the Bible is full of the silent miracles and miraculous blessings of God. Jesus baby story is a miracle. So is Paul surviving shipwreck and snakes. What I'm trying to say is that we should let God do what He does. To know He is working silently all the time. Maybe we should be praying prayers of thanks for the silent work more than asking for more blessings and miracles. Just maybe?

