

II Kings 7:2

SUBJECT: The Reality
of miracles

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Then
II Τέρμα, designations. Acts 2:22; Heb. 2:4. ¹³ Col 2:15

1. ΤΕΡΑΤΑ. ΤΕΡΑ ^{miracles} but always used in the plural. From the effect of astonishment produced on the witness.
Mat. 9:6 "none called wonderful" because of work, wonders.

2. σημεῖα. σημεῖον "sign". The ethical end, purpose of the miracle. The only word used by John in his gospel (G. AV "miracle")

- (1) G. 4:1-9 God furnished man with 3 signs
- (2) Judges 6: 36-40 signs of power
- (3) I Sam. 10: 1-9
- (4) I K. 13: 1-5
- (5) Isa. 7: 10-16
38: 1-8
- (6) Jesus - gen. gospel. at the temple. ^{Open eyes? blind - be light, voice}
^{multiply loaves - be bread of life}
^{cleanse leper - clean from sin}
^{raise dead - be resurrected}
- (7) I Cor 13: 13 Paul possesses 3 signs, as apostle.

3. δυνάμεις, δύναμις "power" "mighty deed" "miracle"
Matt. 11: 20
Mark 6: 14

All three words illustrated in mat. 2: 1-13
a wonder - all amazed
a power - man healed, tomb broken, walls
a sign - born in, man healed power & forgive sin.

III. Authenticated the great epochs of God's revelation.
 Miracles are the accompaniments, attestations of new communications
 from Him. The great epochs of miracles
 are the great epochs of revelation.

1. Creation. Gen. 1.

2. Moses. Ex. 14:31

3. Elijah, Elisha (apostasy. Incapable) ⁸⁵⁰ _{2K.19:10} ^{with miracles among all religions} _{so authentication} ^{alone has prophets. no 41:17-24} _{42:9}

4. Christ and the New Covenant.

5. The consummation of the a.g. II Thes.; Rev.

AUTHENTICATION OF CHRIST AND HIS WORKS

Matt. 11:1-5

John 10:25; 14:11

Authority and authentication of X rests upon His miracles, especially upon the miracle of His resurrection. That one miracle carries with it irresistibly all the other miracles of the Scriptures word. The great trust of Christ is the cross (the church). The foundation of the faith is the resurrection, the miracle which lay down by the side of the crucified, dead Lord.

The resurrection is the great sign upon which your hearts have been laid to be the Son of God, the Saviour of the world.

John 2:19, 21; John 10:18

1K. 11:29

Rev. 1:4 no 12 men could find the church and X remained in the tomb. The church has resurrection written all over it. The living church is the living bread never consumed.

(9) Tally sand.

IV Their rational possibility.

Refuse testimony of God's people. "I did not see it; therefore never happened."
(c) Miracles changed with minds, a man saw him do it, "you know, I can bring fifty people who did not see me do it."

The basis of rejection:

1. Worship of law and order. An idol of natural law, processes. As though the true God not exist, or that He has abandoned himself, or that He is shut up to dull uniformity of action.

Without doing away with natural laws, a suspending other laws of nature are counteracted all the time.

- (1) By other mechanical forces.
- (2) Projecting coping stones, top of city, why don't they fall? Because of cohesion toward law of gravitation. A breeze, water spreads, counteracts law of cohesion, balls.
- (3) Gravitation draws iron down. But suspension loaded in Houston, goes up upward.

(4) By a Ripter will.

Human will interdict a 1000 natural laws. Lift up, carry....
e.g. Wind, flood, hurricanes, sea, tide, all a juggle high on the sea. I. my feet, lift it a foot higher, do what all other together could never do.

(5) By a still higher will - God's.

The stability of the Heavens is in the right of God. Less important than the moral growth of the human spirit. The spiritual is above superior to the physical.

2. The heart of unbelief.

- (1) Jn 12: 28-29. Some an angry spake. O Lord, if thou sendest.
- (2) Jn 11: 45, 46. Some believed. Others, just his death.
- (3) Matt 12: 22-23. "casts out devils by Beelzebub..." Unreasonable men.

O Lord, give me the heart of faith.
Jesus appeared after the resurrection only to those who were his disciples.
The coming miracle, for those who believe. The living need to meet me.
No need to give who disbelieve. "Not believe though one rose from the dead." 14-16:31

The theo-philanthropist LARÉVELLIÈRE-
LÉPEAUX once confided to Talleyrand
his disappointment at the ill
success of his attempt to bring
into vogue a ^{new religion} [sort] of [improved
Christianity] benevolent
rationalism which ^{he} had invented
to meet the wants of the age.

"My propaganda makes no way,"
he said. "What shall I do?"
he asked.

The X-bishop Talleyrand
politely condoled with him,
feared it was a difficult task
to found a new religion, more

difficult than he imagined, so
difficult that he hardly
knew what to advise.

"Still" Talleyrand went on
after a moment's reflection, "there
is one plan which you might
at least try: I should
recommend you to be
crucified and to rise again
the third day."

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I Sam 1, 10

Jm 28

I K. 22

Lev 8, 17

1 Cor 37: 28-37

Jer 44: 28

missionis prophetis

24: 27

Act 10: 43

Rev 19: 10

the text of ps is the spirit, p^{er}ty

27: 11 not always aware of mission

Dan 10: 14

II P. 1: 21

1: 19

Def.
A mission is an event in nature so extremely in fact, so closely
with the command of a religion, that the mission of an evangelist
is not his own but the unity of each side of the