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**A Journey Through the
Old Testament**

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2 And the LORD asked him, "What is that in your hand?"

"A staff," he replied.

3 "Throw it on the ground," said the LORD.

So Moses threw it on the ground, and it became a snake, and he ran from it.

4 "Stretch out your hand and grab it by the tail," the LORD said to Moses,

who reached out his hand and caught the snake, and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

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6 Furthermore, the LORD said to Moses, "Put your hand inside your cloak."

So he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, his hand was leprous, white as snow.

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So Moses put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his skin.

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Then the water you take from the Nile will become blood on the ground."

6 Reasons We Should Not Obsess Over Miracles, Signs & Wonders Today

- 1. To obsess over M,S&W, diminishes the constant, providential supervision of God over all things.**
- 2. The primary purpose for most M,S&W has already been accomplished.**
- 3. M,S&W have been and will be used to deceive many.**
- 4. M,S&W do not produce saving faith.**
- 5. We have something better.**

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**God is at work
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Matthew 10

28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

Instead, fear the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?

Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Miracle vs. Providence

Miracle

God working outside of His creation laws.

Providence

God working through His creation laws.

Miracle vs. Providence

Miracle

Confusing of languages

Parting of the Red Sea

Water from the Rock

Providence

Daniel and the lions

Jonah and the fish

David & Goliath

Defeat of the Amalekites

Fish with coin in mouth

Amazing catch of fish

Psalm 104

**10 He sends forth springs in the valleys;
they flow between the mountains.**

**11 They give drink to every beast of the field;
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.**

**12 The birds of the air nest beside the springs;
they sing among the branches.**

**13 He waters the mountains from His chambers;
the earth is satisfied by the fruit of His works.**

**14 He makes the grass grow for the livestock
and provides crops for man to cultivate,
bringing forth food from the earth:**

**15 wine that gladdens the heart of man,
oil that makes his face to shine,
and bread that sustains his heart.**

**16 The trees of the LORD have their fill,
the cedars of Lebanon that He planted,**

**17 where the birds build their nests;
the stork makes her home in the cypresses.**

**18 The high mountains are for the wild goats,
the cliffs a refuge for the rock badgers.**

**19 He made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows when to set.**

**20 You bring darkness, and it becomes night,
when all the beasts of the forest prowl.**

**21 The young lions roar for their prey
and seek their food from God.**

**22 The sun rises, and they withdraw;
they lie down in their dens.**

**27 All creatures look to You
to give them their food in due season.**

**28 When You give it to them, they gather it up;
when You open Your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.**

**29 When You hide Your face, they are terrified;
when You take away their breath,
they die and return to dust.**

**30 When You send Your Spirit,
they are created,
and You renew the face of the earth.**

Psalm 104

**31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in His works.**

**32 He looks on the earth, and it trembles;
He touches the mountains, and they smolder.**

**33 I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God while I have my
being.**

**34 May my meditation be pleasing to Him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

Psalm 104

**35 May sinners vanish from the earth
and the wicked be no more.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Miracle vs. Providence

Miracle

While we are waiting and praying
for a miracle from God...

Providence

May we not miss the daily...
...minute by minute...
...(super)natural working of God.

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