Wonders of the Gospel

I. Wonders:

A. Acts 3:1-10 - That emotion which is excited by novelty, or the presentation to the sight or mind, of something new, unusual, strange, great, extra-ordinary, or not well understood something that arrests the attention by its novelty, grandeur…It differs from admiration, in not being necessarily accompanied with love, esteem or approbation, nor directed to persons. But wonder sometimes is nearly allied to astonishment, and the exact extent of the meaning of such words can hardly be graduated (Webster's 1827

B. Exod. 3:1-3 - A miracle: "see this great sight" (Ibid).

II. Gospel:

A. [Sax. godspell; good, and spell, history, relation, narration, word, speech that which is uttered, announced, answering to the Gr. evangelium, a good or joyful message.] (Webster's 1827)

B. The history of the birth, life, actions, death, resurrection, ascension and doctrines of Jesus Christ ; or a revelation of the grace of God to fallen man through a mediator, including the character, actions, and doc trines of Christ, with the whole scheme of salvation, as revealed by Christ and bis apostles. (Ibid).

C. So are the wonders set forth in the Gospel:

1. Mk. 6:2 - "many hearing him were astonished"
2. Mk. 7:37 - "they were beyond measure astonished"

III. The Scriptures Reveal:

A. God is mindful of mankind, i.e.,

1. Psa. 8:4 – What is man?
2. Psa. 115:11-13 – Jehovah is mindful of both small and great
3. Jer. 17:7 – Those who trust in Jehovah will be blessed.

B. What Jehovah requires of man:

1. Deut. 10:12-13 – "Fear the Lord your God"
2. Mic. 6:8 – "do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God'
3. Mk. 12:30 – "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart…"
4. Titus 2:11-13 – "the grace of God"
5. Prov. 4:7 – Get wisdom and understanding
6. 1 Jn. 5:3 – "keep His commandments"

IV. Bitter and the Sweet:

A. Lost and Found:

1. Rom. 3:23 – Lost
2. Lk. 19:10 - Seek and save the lost.

B. Found and Lost:

1. 2 Chron. 34:15, 30 - Found the book of the law.
2. Prov. 28:9; Heb. 10:26-31 - Lost

C. Gone astray and Returned: 1 Pet. 2:24-25

V. Understand This:

A. Rom. 5:12 - All sin, therefore all die.

B. Acts 4:10, 12 - Only one means of Salvation

C. Rom. 1:16 - The only access to Salvation is provided through the instruction found in the Gospel message.

Three Wise Questions and One Command

When considering the questions of life, do you take the time to consider your spiritual condition and where will it lead? Are you wise, or foolish? Do you leave your spiritual condition to someone else's knowledge, or do you really know what you believe to be pleasing to God? Given the same scenario, what question would you have asked?

1. On the day Saul of Tarsus encountered the Lord, he said, "What shall I do Lord?" (Acts 22:10). This question is one that should be asked by any individual that has not taken the time to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling. When contemplating your spiritual condition, have you actually investigated what the Lord has to say about it, or have you relied on fallible man to tell you?

2. In the night the Apostle Paul and Silas were left in the charge of the Philippian jailor, the jailor asked the question, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" The scriptures tell us that the Apostle Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house" (Acts 16:31). However, that's not all that is said: the scriptures expound upon the event, and say, "And they spake the word of the Lord unto him, with all that were in his house." As the record continues, the scriptures reveal "he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, immediately."

3. On the day Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian, the Ethiopian said, "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" There's a necessary inference in this passage. When Philip taught Jesus, he taught baptism: otherwise, the question would have had

no relevance. But since it did have relevance, then baptism was relevant. Why would that be the case? Namely, baptism is an act of obedience that God places between man and salvation. When Ananias instructed Saul of Tarsus as to what he should do, Ananias said, "And now why tarriest thou? arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16), "and he arose and was baptized" (Acts 9:18). What doth hinder you from being baptized?

4. Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 10:47-48).

I Had a Dream and God Said

Someone, somewhere, has commented that God has touched their heart, to do this or that, and views their feeling as God speaking to them. Likewise, someone, somewhere, has stated that God led them to a certain work, vocation, vision, dream, or some prophetic utterance of enlightenment by speaking to their heart, and thus concluding that God is with them, and directing them in the true path. But there is nothing new, and what has been will be, so let us look at what has been, which helps us to understand how to respond to such affirmations.

When Moses spoke to Israel, prior to them going into the land of Canaan, he said, "If there arise in the midst of thee a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or he wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or unto that dreamer of dreams: for Jehovah your God proveth you, to know whether ye love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul" (Deut. 13:1-3).

Jehovah said, concerning these false prophets, who said, "Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them," "thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or unto that dreamer of dreams: for Jehovah your God proveth you, to know whether ye love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after Jehovah your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him" (Deut. 13:2-4).

If you're ever confused by modern dreamers, remember the words of Eve, when she said, "God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die" (Genesis 3:3). ret

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Wonders	New	Unusual	Great
Speak	Announced	Hearing	Astonished
Mindful	Blessed	Do Justly	Kind
Humbly	Heart	Wise	Command
Seek	Found	Salvation	Gospel
Grace	Revelation	Message	Understand

Wonders

With Him is

Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Weekly Reading

John 1:29-51; 2:1-11; 3:1-14; 4:46-54
John 5:2-18; 6:1-14, 26-40; 20:30-31



Luke 16:19-31

Your Choice
Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

In the Crosshairs



Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him.

Importance of Local church Autonomy

The wisdom of God is manifested, in this: The Lord's scriptural structure is for each local church to be comprised of "saints… bishops and deacons" (Phil. 1:1). Each of these works maintain their local autonomy (1 Pet. 5:2) and rise or fall according to their own merits (Seven churches of Asia (Rev. chapters 2-3).

If one falls into apostasy, it goes alone. In the ecumenical and/or Denominational Councils they fall together. ret