

The Wonderful Works of God

Exodus 2:23-25 (NKJV)

²³ Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage.

²⁴ So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

²⁵ And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.

Exodus 3-10 tells of the wonders and signs

Deuteronomy 11:1-7 (NKJV)

D¹ "Therefore you shall love the Lord your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always.

² Know today that I do not speak with your children, who have not known and who have not seen the chastening of the Lord your God, His greatness and His mighty hand and His outstretched arm—

³ His signs and His acts which He did in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to all his land;

⁴ what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and their chariots: how He made the waters of the Red Sea overflow them as they pursued you, and how the Lord has destroyed them to this day;

⁵ what He did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place;

⁶ and what He did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, their households, their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel —

⁷ but your eyes have seen every great act of the Lord which He did.

By the hand of Moses - a miraculous savior

- Deuteronomy 4:34-38 (NKJV)

- 34. Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by **wonders**, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by **great terrors**, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

- **35. To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.**

- 36. Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.

- 37. And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power,

- 38. driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as it is this day.

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- **Deuteronomy 4:9-10**

- **9.** Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,

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- **10.** especially concerning the day you stood before the Lord your God in Horeb, when the Lord said to me, ‘Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.’

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- **wonders:** miracle - a marvelous event manifesting a supernatural act of divine agent; often deviating from the normal course (or laws) of nature.

The acts of God don't need an explanation or scientific analysis of what and how it was possible. Their purpose was to instill faith. This faith production is the work of the word of God also in that it is the **record** of these acts of God.

Deuteronomy 4:34...**great terrors. - an action that causes great terror.**

Exodus 12:29-30 (NKJV)

29. And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock.

30. So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

Deuteronomy 7:17-19 (NKJV)

17. “If you should say in your heart, “These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?”—

18. **you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:**

19. **the great trials which your eyes saw**, the signs and the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which the Lord your God brought you out. So shall the Lord your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

Deuteronomy 29:2-6 (NKJV)

2. Now Moses called all Israel and said to them: “You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land—

3. the great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those **great wonders**.

4. Yet the Lord has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day.

5. And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.

This renewal of the covenant is to teach the children that have grown up during the forty years dwelling in the wilderness what God has done for them thus far in taking care of them

Deuteronomy 5:15 (NKJV)

15. **And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt**, and the Lord your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; **therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.**

Deuteronomy 6:20-25 (NKJV)

20 “When your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord our God has commanded you?’

21. then you shall say to your son: ‘We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;

22. and the Lord showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.

23. Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers.

24. And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

25. Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.’

Psalm 119:27. **Make me understand** the way of Your precepts; **So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.**

This is a prayer: that God would cause David to comprehend the behavior of living according to the rules for personal conduct

The commands of God become precepts as they are received/applied/obeyed

Psalm 78:1-4 (NKJV)

1. Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,

3. Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us.

4. We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and **His wonderful works that He has done.**

Psalm 145:4-6 (NKJV)

4. One generation shall praise Your works to another, **And shall declare Your mighty acts.**

5. I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on **Your wondrous works.**

6. **Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,** And I will declare Your greatness.

Psalms 78:7-11 (NKJV)

7. **That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;**

8. And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9. The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, Turned back in the day of battle.

10. They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law,

11. And **forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them.**

Psalms 106:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷ Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, But rebelled by the sea—the Red Sea.

⁸ Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, That He might make His mighty power known.

Psalm 106:11-13 (NKJV)

¹¹ The waters covered their enemies; There was not one of them left.

¹² Then they believed His words; They sang His praise.

¹³ They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,

THE PURPOSE FOR THE SIGNS AND WONDERS

Exodus 11 **Death of the Firstborn** announced

Exodus 11:4-8 (NKJV)

⁴ Then Moses said, "Thus says the Lord: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt;

⁵ and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals.

⁶ Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again.

⁷ But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.'

⁸ And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, and all the people who follow you!' After that I will go out." Then he went out from Pharaoh in great anger.

Exodus 11:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ But the Lord said to Moses, "**Pharaoh will not heed you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.**"

¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

God was asserting Himself above the deities the Egyptians worshiped as the authority worthy of Pharaoh's obedience.

Egyptian gods

The gods were looked on as patrons of various activities or functions. Thus Bes, a bandy-legged dwarf, was the patron of music and conception, and the goddess Taurt (a combination of hippopotamus, lioness, and crocodile) was associated with childbirth. Charms of both were made in abundance, and these two seem to have been more widely regarded among the masses than the chief gods of Egypt.

Most important of all the gods was Re or Ra, the sun god. The pharaoh was his physical son and earthly embodiment. When he died, he rejoined his divine father in the sky. Re generated the god Shu, personification of air, and the goddess Tefnut, personification of moisture. These gave birth to two children, Geb the earth god and Nut the sky goddess. Mankind came into being variously according to the legends; one has Re generating them with his tears, another has Khnum forming them on his potter's wheel. During the Empire the god of Thebes, Amon, was identified with Re, and the sun god henceforth became known as Amon-Re. The great triad of Thebes was Amon, his consort Mut, and their son Khonsu (the moon god).

Rivaling Amon-Re in importance was Osiris, apparently originally a king of the delta city of Busiris. Murdered by his brother, Osiris was brought back to life by his son Horus through various magical devices; thereafter he ruled in the west as king of the blessed dead. Eventually the experience of Osiris became that of every human being. Through magical formulas of the sort used by Horus, the individual could come to Osiris and even in some sense become Osiris. In addition to the knowledge and pronouncement of such formulas, the individual had to appear at a judgment for the weighing of his heart in the balance of righteousness. If declared innocent of wrongdoing, he was allowed to enter the kingdom of Osiris and enjoy a blessed hereafter.

Psalm 111:2-6 (NKJV)

² The works of the Lord are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

³ His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;** The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

⁶ He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations.

Exodus 10:1-2 (NKJV)

1. Now the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him,

2. and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the Lord."

Deuteronomy 31:12-13 (NKJV)

12. Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully observe all the words of this law,

13. and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess."

the Lord's Passover

Exodus 12:5-7 (NKJV)

5. **Your lamb shall be without blemish**, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

6. Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

7. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

Exodus 12:11-14 (NKJV)

11. And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. **It is the Lord's Passover.**

12. 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.

13. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14. 'So this day shall be to you a **memorial**; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

Exodus 12:26-28 (NKJV)

26. And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?'

27. that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' " So the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

28. Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Exodus 13:3-5 (NKJV)

3. And Moses said to the people: "Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out of this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

4. On this day you are going out, in the month Abib.

5. And it shall be, when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month.

Pentecost. Word derived from the Greek word *pentēkostē* (fiftieth) which stood for the festival celebrated on the 50th day after Passover. In the OT this festival, called *Shavuoth* (Weeks) in Judaism, is referred to as the Feast of Weeks (Ex 34:22; Dt 16:10) because it occurs 7 weeks after Passover.

Acts 2:1–12 (NKJV)

1. When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
3. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.
4. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
5. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.
6. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.
7. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?
8. And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?
9. Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
10. Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
11. Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues **the wonderful works of God.**”
12. So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”