

“GOD OF WONDERS”

TEXT:

In Job 5:8-9, Eliphaz (Job’s friend) advised Job saying:

“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.”

Psalm 40:5-6, David said

⁵Many, O LORD my God, **are the wonders You have done**, and the plans You have for us— none can compare to You— if I would proclaim and declare of them, they are more than could be numbered.

⁶Yet, sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but my ears You have opened. Burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not require.

Brethren the ears needed to be opened to hear the counsel of God

Psalm 33:11 says “The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the purposes of His heart to all generations.”

There are two groups of people:

- Those who experience the wonders of God.
- Those who see the wonders of God.

Brethren, I believe those who experience the wonders of God have more compelling story (testimony) to tell.

In Psalm 71:7 David said

“I have become a sign to many; you are my strong refuge.” NIV

“I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.” KJV

To experience the wonders of God, one must:

✓ hear it, believe it, and then experience it.

Psalm 40:6 The Lord opened the ears of David so he can hear the WONDERS that are to come,

⁶Yet, sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but my ears You have opened. Burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not require.

Elijah heard the sound of abundance of rain, he believed it and told Ahab to run, and he experienced it when the rain came.

When God speaks His wonders to us, it is often too big for us to fathom....The response is often: **how can this be?**"

In Luke 1:26-34

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "**How will this be,**" Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

**The God of wonders does impossible things
- made a virgin conceive and bear a child.**

In Luke 5:4

4When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5"Master," Simon replied, (How Can this be?) "we have worked through the night without catching anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets."

John 21:6

He told them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it there, and they were unable to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

- He caused large quantity of fish to come out of barren water

To experience His wonder, we must hear Him and believe Him.

In Gen 18,

the LORD appeared to Abraham (through three visitors) near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, **(How can this be?)** “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh...

¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD?

Gen 21:1 “Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac^[a] to the son Sarah bore him.”

In Gen 13: ¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. ¹⁵ All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

¹⁶ I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. ¹⁷ **Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.”**

¹⁸ So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.

In Gen 30, bibles records how Jacob’s flocks increased

- ▶ ²⁵ Jacob said to Laban, “Send me on my way so I can go back to my own homeland. ²⁶ Give me my wives and children, for whom I have served you, and I will be on my way. You know how much work I’ve done for you.”
- ▶ ²⁷ But Laban said to him, “If I have found favor in your eyes, please stay. I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you.” ²⁸ He added, “Name your wages, and I will pay them.”

³² Let me go through all your flocks today and remove from them every speckled or spotted sheep, every dark-colored lamb and every spotted or speckled goat. They will be my wages.

³⁴ “Agreed,” said Laban. “Let it be as you have said

...³⁷ Jacob, however, took fresh-cut branches from poplar, almond and plane trees and made white stripes on them by peeling the bark and exposing the white inner wood of the branches. ³⁸ Then he placed the peeled branches in all the watering troughs, so that they would be directly in front of the flocks when they came to drink. When the flocks were in heat and came to drink, ³⁹ they mated in front of the branches. And they bore young that were streaked or speckled or spotted. ⁴⁰ Jacob set apart the young of the flock by themselves, but made the rest face the streaked and dark-colored animals that belonged to Laban.

- The God of wonders gives us wisdom to operate and t able to use anything including the branches cut from trees.

Brethren, this God of wonders, who does things minds cannot fathom is still our God today.

Like David, we need to “become wonders to many”

Be as wise as the serpent (understanding the schemes of the enemy)

We are His battle axe and He will use us to do wonders.

- As many as believe Him, He gave the power to become sons of God
- His sheep (sons) hear His voice
- The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him.

Let us build strong relationship with this God so tat we will experience His wonder and not just tell the story of it.

GOD BLESS YOU!

2019 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over today's message. Like David, God should open our ears and make us wonders.
2. For KCM ask for grace to diligently fulfil its mandate as "the house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.
3. Prayer for the Leaders of Nations – that they ask to be used as wonders/exemplary leadership
Proverbs 11:14 - Our leaders should seek God's guidance
4. Thank God for stopping wars in nations. Ask Him for peace to reign
5. Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land, forgive our sins & heal us (2 Chro, 7:13-18).
6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries.- God should open their ears and make them wonders
7. Pray for Marriages, Children and families. Restoration of troubled marriages & children - Like David, God should open our ears and make us wonders.
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship - Like David, God should open our ears and make us wonders.
9. Make a personal request (pray for yourself)
10. Pray for the needs of the members & the fellowship, and any special request.
11. Also pray for next Sunday.