

PROVIDENCE IS
AS POWERFUL AS MIRACLES

BUT THERE IS SOMETHING THAT IS EVEN
MORE POWERFUL THAN BOTH OF THESE
THINGS

IT IS THE THING THAT GOD USES TO **MAKE**
MIRACLES & PROVIDENCE HAPPEN

BEFORE THERE WERE MIRACLES... **GOD SPOKE**

GENESIS 1

God said, "Let there be light"

God said, "Let there be an expanse"

God said, "Let the waters..."

God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation"

God said, "Let there be lights..."

God said, "Let the waters teem..."

God blessed them **saying**, "Be fruitful and multiply..."

God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures..."

God said, "Let us make man in our image..."

"By the **word of the LORD** the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host... for **He spoke**, and it was done; **He commanded**, and it stood fast." (Ps 33:6-9)

"By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the **word of God**, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible." (Heb 11:3)

GOD'S WORD **CREATED THE PHYSICAL WORLD**
(Heb 11:3, Ps 33:6-9, Jhn 1:1)

GOD'S WORD **SUSTAINS THE PHYSICAL WORLD**
(Heb 1:3, 2 Pet 3:5-7)

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so will **My word** be which goes forth from My mouth; it **will not return to Me empty**, without accomplishing what I desire, and **without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.**" (Isa 55:10-11)

GOD'S WORD IS THE MOST POTENT TOOL IN HIS ARSENAL

- Miracles didn't save the Israelites (see 1 Cor 10:1f)
- A dead man coming back from the grave isn't enough to cause faith in people (see Lk 16:27-31)
- Jesus rebuked people who had seen the signs because it hadn't changed their hearts (Jhn 6:26, 63)

HOW **POWERFUL** IS THE **WORD** OF **GOD**?

It is God's chosen instrument to bring salvation – Romans 1:16

It is the thing the apostles suffered to bring to the world – 2 Tim 1:8-9

It can compensate for a poor speaker – 1 Cor 2:4-5

It can separate the good from the bad – 1 Cor 1:18-19

It can force a man to examine himself clearly – Heb 4:12

It can work a work in you without you even realizing it – 1 Thess 2:13

It is the method by which God calls people to Him – John 6:44-45

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