

GOD'S DIVINE INTERVENTION

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We Are Victorious Because of The Ultimate Divine Intervention

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WHAT IS DIVINE INTERVENTION?

- - God's involvement in our circumstances bringing about His intended outcome.
- Prayer
 - Doesn't change His Mind
 - We come into alignment with the fact that we need Him
 - We come into alignment with his purpose – He's intentional!
 - He gets glorified
 - It's not about what we did
 - it's all about Him

DAILY INTERVENTIONS IN OUR LIVES

- What do you think about this:
- “Most Christians only think about divine intervention in terms of healing and smiting because that’s when God’s power is the most visible. This perspective stems from the faulty assumption that God only intervenes in big ways and doesn’t interact much with everyday life.” (Sonya Downing; Christianity.com, 4/25/22)
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- Discussion of some examples of the “Small” things. Are they really “Small”?
 - Not at all but viewed as Ordinary when they’re actually Extraordinary made possible by the Extraordinary God – our Heavenly Father!
- **Acts 17:28 (KJV)**
- “For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.
- **Lamentations 3:22-23**
- Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

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- When God decides to move – how He decides to move is totally up to Him!
- **Isaiah 55:8-10**
- “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD.⁹ “For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts *higher* than your thoughts.
- He’s moving everyday all throughout the day!
- **Psalms 145:1-4**
- I will extol **You**, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever.
² Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.
³ Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness *is* unsearchable.⁴ One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.

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- We might have questions as to “**Why Not Now**”? or “**How Long Must I Wait**?”
 - **God’s purpose determines the timing of His intervention :**
- **Acts 1:7 (KJV)**
- “ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.”
- **2 Peter 3:8-9(KJV)**
- “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

EXAMPLES OF DIVINE INTERVENTION

- **Exodus chapters 1-13**

- **The Israelites being delivered from Egypt**

- **Exodus 13:21-22** “And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:²² He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

- **Exodus 14:13-22**

- **The parting of the Red Sea**

- **V.15 -16** And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶ But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

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- **1 Kings 17:2-16** – **Elijah being fed by the ravens**
- **V. 2-6** Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ³ “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. ⁴ And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” ⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook

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- **The Miracle of Dunkirk – WWII** (<https://guideposts.org/angels-and-miracles/miracles/gods-grace/the-four-miracles-of-dunkirk/>)
- On May 24, [King George VI](#) addressed the nation: “Let us with one heart and soul, humbly but confidently, commit our cause to God and ask his aid, that we may valiantly defend the right as it is given to us to see it.”
- “On May 26, at Westminster Abbey, the Archbishop of Canterbury called on God to protect the troops. Across Great Britain, tens of thousands of people responded to the king’s call, uniting as never before. Cathedrals and churches, mosques and synagogues were packed to overflowing. At Westminster Cathedral, the line extended for blocks and hundreds kept vigil outside. The people didn’t know exactly why they were praying, yet they prayed even so. “Nothing like this has ever happened before” was how one English newspaper described the scene.”

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- “The Prime Minister, Winston Churchill called it a miracle, a word he was not known to often use. There seemed no other word to describe it. Not just one, but a whole series of miracles. Without any one of them, the entire operation would have failed. Hitler halting the blitzkrieg. The thick, protective cloud cover. The English Channel growing still. The hundreds of tiny boats, appearing seemingly from out of nowhere. What turned the tide? For the king, there was no question.”
 - God’s purpose determines the type and timing of His intervention:
 - He will be gloried!

THE PRECURSOR TO THE ULTIMATE INTERVENTION

- **The Prodigal Son: Luke 15:13-32**
- **Significance of the Father's Actions:** Let's talk about the **Kezazah Ceremony** (<https://crossexamined.org/ever-heard-of-the-kezazah-ceremony/>)
- “The Kezazah was a ceremony that a Jewish village would have in exactly this situation: someone had left home, rejected the community's principles, lost all his or her possessions to the gentiles, and then returned. The villagers would break pottery at the feet of the individual, symbolizing that they were no longer in community with the returning person. They were breaking relations with him. It was a way of **shaming** the individual, of making him feel completely empty. **Importantly, the ceremony would take place on the outskirts of the village before the individual could make his way back home.**”

- What the father did was directly opposed to Jewish Custom
 - The Father chose love over custom
- The Father Ran: Undignified action more so because he had to expose his legs to run
- Why did the father run: To protect his son from Kazazah
 - He loved his son more than he loved the custom
- The Risk: The father's reputation/standing in his community
- The Result: The father restored the son to his rightful place of honor in his family and the community – everyone wasn't in agreement i.e. The Older Son
 - Who does the younger son represent?
 - Who does the oldest son represent?
 - Who does the father represent?

- The worst case scenario of the Kezazah Ceremony is a death sentence by being stoned to death – for violations of Divine Law/Social Transgressions i.e a wayward & defiant son
- **Deuteronomy 21:18-21**
- If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:
- **19** Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place;
- **20** And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard.
- **21** And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

THE ULTIMATE INTERVENTION-GOD'S PERFECT TIMING

- **Galatians 4:4**

- ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship

- **John 3:16-19**

- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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- **John 1:9-11**

- There it was—the true Light [the genuine, perfect, steadfast Light] which, coming into the world, enlightens everyone. ¹⁰ He (Christ) was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. ¹¹ He came to that which was His own [that which belonged to Him—His world, His creation, His possession], and those who were His own [people—the Jewish nation] did not receive *and* welcome Him.

- **Matthew 16:21 Jesus foretold His death**

- From that time on Jesus began to show His disciples [clearly] that He must go to Jerusalem, and endure many things at the hands of the elders and the chief priests and scribes (Sanhedrin, Jewish High Court), and be killed, and be raised [from death to life] on the third day.

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- **Acts 2:22-24 Death could not hold Jesus**
- Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man accredited *and* pointed out *and* attested to you by God with [the power to perform] miracles and wonders and signs which God worked through Him in your [very] midst, just as you yourselves know— ²³ ***this Man, when handed over [to the Roman authorities] according to the predetermined decision and foreknowledge of God,*** you nailed to a cross and put to death by the hands of lawless *and* godless men. ²⁴ But God raised Him up, releasing Him *and* bringing an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in death's power.

CRUCIFIXION: MEANT TO **SHAME** HIM & **DESTROY** HIS LEGACY

- **Deuteronomy 21:22-23**
- “And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is put to death and [afterward] you hang him on a tree [as a public example], ²³ his body shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall most certainly bury him on the same day (**for he who is hanged is cursed by God**), so that you do not defile your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.”

THE BLESSINGS OF THE CRUCIFIXION

- Crucifixion released the ultimate sacrifice for our sins
- Crucifixion released the Blood Of Jesus
- Crucifixion released atonement for sin
- Crucifixion released reconciliation/redemption for mankind
- Crucifixion released the intent/purpose of God in the earth and the enemy played right into the hand of God.
- God was in control. His plans came to pass
- **Proverbs 19:21**
- “Many plans are in a man’s mind, But it is the LORD’s purpose for him that will stand (be carried out).”
- **Every person that had a hand in Jesus’s crucifixion fulfilled their purpose – He was glorified! And God’s love for us was magnified!**

- **Romans 8:31-39**

- What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
- **32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
- **33** Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
- **34** Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
- **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- **36** As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- **37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- **38** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- **39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.