

## Miracles in the Bible

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In Psalm 119:160 David says, "The entirety of Thy Word is true." That great chapter (incidentally, the longest chapter in the Bible), has to do almost exclusively with the Word of God. Over and over, David uses the phrase "Word of God," but in verse 160 he is says, "Thy word is true from the beginning" (or in it's entirety).

Verse 160 establishes that if one accepts Genesis 1, they will also accept the text through Revelation 22. The text in Genesis 1 states, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The fact of creation is established. When someone reads Genesis 1:1, 2 and accepts these at face value, they will not have difficulty believing other miracles found in Scripture.

The reader would not have any problem with the prophet being swallowed by a large fish and remaining in its belly for three days and nights. There would be no issue with Joshua marching around Jericho once each day for six days, seven times on the seventh day as commanded, and the walls falling. There would be no problem with Moses stretching out his arm and rod over the Red Sea and its waters parting. One would not believe Jesus had to look for stumps when He walked on the water.

They would be pledged to accept the Bible record of miracles. Any problems with miracles in the Bible would be solved when they accept the Genesis account of creation. Establishing the existence of God solves the problem of all miracles of the Bible. If God exists, then the miracles are so. If this is God's book, then the account of the miracles are factual, accurate and reliable.

Therefore, how someone views the first part of the Bible determines how they view the remainder. When one rejects the first part of the Bible, they have no real reason to believe any of the rest. On what basis could a man reject any part of the Bible and then accept another part?

Conversely, if we receive the first part of the Bible as God's Will and Word (factual, reliable, and inspired), then we can turn each page with confidence.

For the elders,  
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