

Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (*1 Cor. 1.18*).

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Mighty God - Today!

Those who know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, no doubt, acknowledge that the Lord is, in fact, **Mighty God** – even if only in a general sense – or, at least in the Bible. Perhaps you see Him as **Mighty God** in the distance, in the lives of others; but, you do not experience Him as **Mighty God** in specific situations, in a personal way, in your own life.

In the Old Testament, we find where God encouraged His people to REMEMBER **His mighty acts** on their behalf (Gen 28.10-22; Num 31.48-54; Jos 4.1-7; Est 9.24-29).

They were **commanded** to tell of the miracles to their children and the following generations (Ex 12.12-14, 25-27; Jos 4.1-7). They were also commanded to set up memorials that they might be reminded of what **Mighty God** did on their behalf. Would this not keep their faith strong? Would they not be able to remember **His mighty acts** on their behalf and know they could trust Him in every situation in their lives?

Think about it: "Where in your life has the Lord Jesus Christ been **Mighty God** on your behalf? . . . It is so easy to forget wherein the Lord has been mighty on our behalf when the enemy comes in like a flood and distracts us over and over in our walk with the Lord and takes from us our joy and peace" (March, 2016, insert). Some of you have had experiences that you know can be explained only as the power of God as He intervened in a situation in your life. We need to remember the times when God was **Mighty God** for us personally. If necessary, keep a journal of the **mighty acts of God** in your life, the times the Lord has done **mighty works** in your life; then refer to the journal for strength, increased faith, and encouragement when you need it.

Many experiences have been shared with us, and we want to share a few with you. Take encouragement from these examples of God being **Mighty God** in an individual's life. He is **Mighty God** – TODAY for each of us personally – for you – TODAY!

Is there anything declaring the **mighty power of God** any more than the saving of a soul, the convicting power of the Holy Spirit and the loving wooing of the Lord that draws a person to accept Jesus Christ as Savior!

How long since you called upon **Mighty God**
and "knew that He cares for you"?

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Co-laborers together for Jesus Christ

Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31)

A lady sat in a meeting where the Word being preached centered around Jesus Christ and His provision for our salvation. She knew something was missing in her heart and life; and, as she listened to Jesus being preached, she said to herself, “This is what I have been wanting.” There during the preaching, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior.

Jesus Christ purchased our salvation through His death on the Cross – and He did it in love (Jn 3.16). He reaches out to sinners with a call to come unto Him. He longs to bring one to Himself from a life of darkness into the light of God’s presence. This Jesus whom we serve, the only Begotten Son of God, was crucified on the Cross of Calvary and rose from the dead, thus providing eternal life for all who will accept Him and live for Him. This truly is the work of Mighty God!

A young lady was on her way home after completing a job late in the day. It was night and she had a good distance to travel on a deserted highway. A tire blew! “No problem,” as they say today. She had just bought the used vehicle and knew there was a jack in the trunk and she knew how to use it.

She took it out of the trunk and realized she had been given the wrong jack for that vehicle. It would not lift the car high enough to change the tire on it; and a block of wood under the jack did not work either.

She prayed for God’s protection, asking Him to cause the right person to stop and help. After she had been waiting a long time, a man and his wife stopped, but neither were they able to change the tire. However, they stayed until after a man in a pickup truck stopped and changed the tire using his bumper jack.

The young lady drove on giving thanks to God for His help and protection.

How often we find ourselves in similar situations and think, “Things just happen;” or “I was fortunate; some good help just happened to come along.” When one knows the Lord Jesus, why is it hard to see the hand of God in His care of us?

Someone else shared the following experience – a clear example of God’s intervention.

A man and his wife went to their pickup truck to go to church. The truck would not start though they tried several times. They reluctantly got out of the vehicle disappointed that they could not go to church, when suddenly a car passed their house “ninety to nothing” on their one-way street – going the wrong way!

They looked at each other, understanding the look, and went back to their vehicle, got in, and tried to start the vehicle once again!

Two grateful hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ, for delaying their entry into that one-way street, were now on their way to church.

Their experience shows the **mighty power of God** demonstrated in protecting us – even when we do not know we need protection.

Two of my family members, husband and wife, with their six young children went to another country as missionaries. The husband opened an account at a bank and deposited money for expenses for his wife and children while he returned to the United States for a few weeks.

Unknown to the husband, his wife was unable to access the money, and their food supply ran low. Not only did she have six children of her own to feed, but she had three small local children whose mother was unable to care for them.

As she sat and rocked the baby, the others gathered and sat on the floor around her. They were hungry for food other than beans. Not only was the cupboard bare of other foods, but the mother knew the bean supply was now low. She responded with, “Don’t worry, children. God won’t let us go hungry.”

A precious sister in the Lord, many miles away who did not know them, saw a vision of this scene with the mother rocking the baby and the others sitting around her; and she heard the mother say, “Don’t worry children. God won’t let us go hungry.”

The sister in the Lord knew that God wanted her to take food to this family. After much searching and many inquiries, she and a friend drove to the missionary’s house with a station wagon filled with groceries – and all the good foods for which the children were asking.

If God feeds the fowls of the air, should it surprise us when He feeds His people? He is **Mighty God** for our needs (Mt 6.26).

While I was teaching in a Christian college, I had an experience that can be explained only as a miracle wrought by **Mighty God**, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

One summer I took linguistic studies with Wycliffe Bible Translators in another state. While on my way back to the college where I taught, it became dark as I was driving on a not-much-travelled, two-lane highway. The heat light on the dash came on. I stopped and found that the fan belt had broken. I locked all doors, reclined my seat, and prayed for a highway patrolman to stop. Then I slept.

About 2:00 AM, I was awakened to the words demanding, “Get up and get out of that car right now!” A man repeatedly demanded that I get out of the car as he continued banging on the window with something metal in his hand. **I panicked!**

I shook! **I prayed.** Oh, did I **pray!** And, between prayers, I answered the man each time, “**No. Go away and let me alone.**” After what seemed like “forever,” he suddenly took a step back, leveled what was in his hand at me and said slowly and with a hard tone, “I said, get out of that car now!” **Horrified!** I thought, “He has a gun and is going to shoot me, and I do not have anything in this car that I can use as a weapon against a gun!!” Immediately, the thought went through my mind, “You have your Bible.” I answered, “Yes, I have my Bible, and if God does not help me, I cannot do anything.”

I picked up my Bible, not knowing what I would do with it. At that moment, I became completely calm. Without thinking about it, I held the Bible at the window in front of the man’s face and said, “Don’t – do it!”

Now, he panicked!

Oh, we serve a **Mighty God**. His Word is sharper than a two-edged sword (Heb 4.12). The Lord spared my life that I might proclaim His wonderful works (Ps 118.17).