

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come Thou, Almighty King,

Help us Thy name to sing,

Help us to praise

Father, all-glorious,

O'er all victorious,

Come and reign over us,

Ancient of Days

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,

Gird on Thy mighty sword,

Our prayer attend!

Come and Thy people bless,

And give Thy word success,

Spirit of holiness,

On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,

They sacred witness bear,

In this glad hour!

Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three,

The highest praises be,

Hence evermore!

Thy sov'reign majesty,

May we in glory see,

And to eternity

Love and adore.

Come Thou Fount

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Come Thou Fount of every blessing

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above,

Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it,

Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me;

Thou hast brought me to this place;

And I know Thy hand will bring me

Safely home by Thy good grace.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,

Bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor

Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,

Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,

Prone to leave the God I love,

Here's my heart, O take and seal it;

Seal it for Thy courts above.

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows

You are tempest-tossed,

When you are discouraged,

Thinking all is lost,

Count your many blessings,

Name them one by one,

And it will surprise you

What the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one,

Count your blessings,

See what God hath done;

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one;

Count your many blessings,

See what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened

With a load of care?

Does the cross seem heavy

You are called to bear?

Count your many blessings,

Every doubt will fly,

And you will be singing

As the days go by.

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one,

Count your blessings,

See what God hath done;

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one;

Count your many blessings,

See what God hath done.

So, amid the conflict,

Whether great or small,

Do not be discouraged,

God is over all;

Count your many blessings,

Every doubt will fly,

And you will be singing

As the days go by.

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one,

Count your blessings,

See what God hath done;

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one;

Count your many blessings,

See what God hath done.

Worship The Lord

In His Word

Journey Into Success

How To Experience a Miracle

TEXT: Joshua 3:1-5;

**Please Open Your Bibles and read
along with me.**

Joshua 3:1-5 “Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. 2 At the end of three days the officers went through the camp 3 and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being

carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. 4 Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” 5 Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for

**tomorrow the Lord will do wonders
among you.”**

Introduction:

**Try to remember an exciting day in
your life, a day for which you have
waited a long time.**

It might be your first bicycle, your driver's license, or your first car.

Maybe it is your first date or the day you married that special person.

For years you have waited, and suddenly it arrives.

It was just such a day when the Israelites were finally ready to enter the Promised Land.

Five hundred years earlier God made Abraham this promise:

Genesis 15:18 "In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:"



After waiting 500 years the Israelites are camped seven miles east of the Jordan river.

Joshua 3:1-2 "And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. 2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;"

In this passage we see three prerequisites for experiencing a miracle.

I. Prepare For A Miracle - Joshua 3:3-8;

II. Believe God's Word - Joshua 3:9-13;

III. Act In Faith - Joshua 3:14-17;

I. Prepare For A Miracle

Joshua 3:6-8 "And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people. 7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that,

as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. 8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan."

God has given His promise to Joshua and the Israelites and now it is time for a test.

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A. Follow the ARK of the Covenant -

Joshua 3:3 "And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it."

Regardless of the difficulties.

Swollen River -

Joshua 3:15 "And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)"





The Ark of the covenant was kept in in the innermost room of the tabernacle and later in the temple.

Exodus 25:22 "And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel."

The Ark OF The Covenant
represents the presence of God
among His people.

When the Israelites followed
the Ark of the covenant they
were following GOD.

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Mercy Seat

27"

27"

Tall

Wide

45 Inches long

Acacia Wood Covered with Gold.

1. Wait on the Lord -

Psalms 27:14 "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."

2. Wait in FAITH -

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

2 Timothy 3:12 “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,” (ESV)

Joshua 3:5 "And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

B. Sanctify Yourself

Colossians 3:8-9 "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"

The “wonders” mentioned in Joshua 3:5 are the miracles most believers fail to experience in their lives because they hold on to “PET” sins.

It may be a terrible habit, a wrong relationship, refusing to follow the Lord in baptism, or not putting GOD FIRST in your life.

It is only when we “sanctify” ourselves that we will be prepared for God to work a miracle in our lives.

Joshua 3:6 "And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people."

**If you want to experience a
Miracle, Prepare for a miracle
and then...**

II. Believe God's Word

**Joshua 3:9-13 And Joshua said unto
the children of Israel, Come hither,
and hear the words of the LORD
your God. 10 And Joshua said,**

Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord

of all the earth passeth over
before you into Jordan. 12 Now
therefore take you twelve men out
of the tribes of Israel, out of every
tribe a man. 13 And it shall come
to pass, as soon as the soles of the
feet of the priests that bear the
ark of the LORD, the Lord of all
the earth, shall rest in the waters

of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.”

A. The Living God is among you -



ADAM

App 17 miles North

Jericho

Abel Shittim



Psalms 97:5 "The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth."

B. Every molecule and atom in the universe obey His voice:

Joshua 3:13 "And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap."

To experience a miracle, prepare for a miracle, believe God's Word, and...

III. Act In Faith -

Joshua 3:14-17 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the

people; 15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) 16 That the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that *is* beside Zaretan: and those that came down

toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, failed, *and* were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. 17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites

**passed over on dry ground, until all
the people were passed clean over
Jordan.”**



Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

Matthew 9:29 "... According to your faith be it unto you."

Joshua 3:17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the

midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan."

Conclusion:

In what area of your life do you need a miracle?

To experience a miracle:

1. Prepare For a Miracle:

SANCTIFY YOURSELF!

2. Believe God's Word:

TRUST

3. Act In Faith:

OBEY

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Invitation: