

*I recently prayed to God a very specific prayer for my grown son. God heard me and answered my prayer in exactly the way that I laid it out in my prayer. Would that event be considered answered prayer or a miracle? I did not think it was a miracle; but, a lady told me when I told her about it that it was a miracle.*

The Holy Spirit is able to make clear if one's prayer has been answered by God (Jn 14:17). He confirms what is true and what is false for the believer.

Gideon, a leader in Israel, asked the Lord to provide him two signs to assure him of his calling to rescue Israel (Judg 6:36–40). God answered his request (vv 36-40).

A Christian is a son of Abraham and can ask the same of God regarding a matter (Ga 3:29). He can approach Abba, Father's (Ga 4:6) throne of grace with confidence (Heb 4:16). He can answer him (Ac 28:25).

Historically, men did not respond well after God performed miracles for them. Miracles, in fact, fostered non-belief.

Bob Enyart wrote:

God's great miracles through Moses filled Egypt with undeniable evidence for the God of Israel (Ex. 9:27). Yet neither the Bible nor history records Egyptian repentance, only good riddance (Ps. 105:38; Ex. 12:35-36; 14:25). Further and more dramatic, consider the effect of those tremendous miracles on Israel. God followed the 10 plagues (Ex. 7:14-12:30) done on behalf of Israel with the parting of the Red Sea (Ex. 14:21-22) and the drowning of the Egyptian army (Ex. 14:26-28). Then daily for 40 years God appeared to the entire nation as a column of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night (Ex. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14; Neh. 9:12; Ps. 105:39). The Lord kept their clothes from wearing out (Deut. 8:4), produced water out of the Rock (Ex. 17:2-6), fed the people with angels food from heaven (Ex. 16:4-7) and brought meat on demand, literally filling their camp with quail (Num. 11:31-32; Ps. 105:40).

Yet with all this, virtually the entire nation rejected God...<sup>1</sup>

Christians should be thankful when/if a miracle occurs (Ps 140:13).

When Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger landed his aircraft on the Hudson River off Midtown, Manhattan, New York city, the media called the incident a "Miracle on the Hudson". In reality, the 57-year-old pilot's actions were the result of good training years of expertise.

43 year-old Pasquale Buzzelli survived on 9-11 by "surfing" down a wave of falling debris in the North tower of The World Trade Center.<sup>2</sup> People called his survival a miracle; but, so many others did not receive a "miracle" on that day. What would these same people say to their loved ones? Lk 13:3.

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<sup>1</sup> Enyart, Bob. *Miracle Dynamics*. BEL, P.O. Box 583, Arvada, CO 80001. 18 Sept 17: <http://kgov.com/miracles>

<sup>2</sup> Claudia Joseph, Caludia 'The birth of my daughter allowed me lose my feelings of guilt': Man who survived 9/11 by 'surfing' collapsing tower reveals how his children have helped him rebuild his life. Daily Mail 5 Sept 12: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2198838/9-11-Survivors-Pasquale-Buzzelli-survived-surfing-wave-falling-debris-speaks-miracle.html>

Chuck Missler describes a miracle as, “something that is humanly impossible but divinely simple.”<sup>3</sup> A miracle breaks a uniformity or regularity within the laws of nature. God is able to override laws of nature (Am 4:13) and all things (Ps 115:3, Jer 32:27).

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<sup>3</sup> Smith, Chuck. The Gift of Miracles. Blue Letter Bible. 2017:  
[https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/smith\\_chuck/HolySpirit/hs\\_19.cfm](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/smith_chuck/HolySpirit/hs_19.cfm)