

The Purpose of Miracles

"And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true." John 10:41

John the Baptist did not perform miracles. There was no need, for his mission was to call attention to "the One who will come after me." As John explained to his disciples, "He must increase, but I must decrease."¹

When God's servants perform miracles, they tend to call attention to the miracle worker rather than to the One who actually performed the miracle. If the miracle worker is Jesus, then this is as it ought to be. When His disciples saw a blind man, they asked Him who sinned, the man or his parents, and Jesus said, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."² God created the man blind so that Jesus could heal him, calling attention to His greatness.

Jesus encourages you to ask for anything you want: "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full."³ As you act on His Words, never ask Him for anything that will call attention to yourself. As you represent Him in your sphere of influence, your objective is the same as that of the Baptist: "He must increase, but I must decrease."