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Moreland's "A simple guide to experiencing miracles: Instruction and inspiration for living supernaturally in Christ" (book review)

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Book Review



Moreland, J.P. (2021). *A simple guide to experiencing miracles: Instruction and inspiration for living supernaturally in Christ*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Reflective. 288 pp. \$19.99. ISBN 9780310124191.

A professor of philosophy at Talbot School of Theology and director of Eidos Christian Center, Moreland aims to invigorate one's love for God and help believers experience kingdom power. He thinks this can happen if Christians learn why they believe what they believe, figure out how to see the world through biblical eyes versus naturalistic ones, spend time on spiritual formation, and practice experiencing miracles through the Holy Spirit's power. Angels and demons should be considered in daily living, and he emphasizes believers can know the biblical God in this reality. They can hope and expect His miracles to take place supernaturally by setting their doubts aside and knowing God still performs these miracles today.

He makes a reasonable case for miracles by explaining what they are, the need for them, how they have been treated in history, how to experience them, and why people may not. He provides testimonials for five kinds of miraculous events, including answers to prayer, healings, hearing the voice of the Lord, near-death experiences (NDEs), and angelic/demonic manifestations. Examples given of many individuals who have been healed, had prayers answered, or experienced supernatural occurrences in recent times are hard to refute.

He demonstrates how God is interested in a relationship with us. Miracles exemplify His love towards those who need and depend on Him and testify of His power and reality. Even when prayers are not answered in ways one might hope, they can still trust He has the world in His hands. Too often, people focus on what God does not do versus the ways He has intervened and answered prayers.

In the Bible, Jesus tells people to ask to receive. Moreland encourages believers to grow in their walk through strengthening their courage and realizing the comfort God brings to those in need through faith. It should motivate believers to grow in their expectations of what God can accomplish. This introductory and scholarly work would be a welcome addition to any college, seminary, or church library. It contains endnotes and an annotated bibliography with each title marked as basic, intermediate, or advanced.

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