



Expecting Signs & Wonders
Part 3: Expecting Power over Nature
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Discussion Question: How does God move in nature?

REVIEW

An expectation is simply a strong belief that something will happen, or someone will or should achieve something.

Ps 62:5 *“My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.”* [KJV]

Herein lies the great truth for those who follow Christ. Our expectations are from HIM...not me to HIM but true expectation (hope) finds its source in HIM.

1. Expecting Power over Sin
2. Expecting Power over Supply

TODAY: Expecting Power over Nature

Ps 148:7-8 *“Praise the Lord from the earth, Sea monsters and all deeps; 8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;”* [NASU]

Jeremiah 10:12-13 *“It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens. 13 When He utters His voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, And He causes the clouds to ascend from the end of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain, And brings out the wind from His storehouses.”* [NASU]

Throughout the Scriptures we see God’s power over nature

- Noah, rain for 40 days & nights
- Plagues of Egypt (Water to Blood, Frogs, lice, flies, boils, hail, locust, darkness)

- Miracles for Israel
- Made a donkey speak
- Fire to consume Elijah's sacrifice
- Fish to catch Jonah
- Peter's net filling up with fish

In each case and more, nature complies with God's command.

Two stories to look at today:

1. Storm

Mark 4:35-41 *"And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. 36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. 37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" [KJV]*

Expect God's power over nature because:

- a. **You're in the Ship** (Ship of Life)
- b. **Savior in your Ship**
- c. **Speaks Peace to our Fears** (His nature in storms)

2. Plague

Numbers 16:42-48 *"And when the congregation had assembled against Moses and against Aaron, they turned toward the tent of meeting. And behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. 43 And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting, 44 and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 45 "Get away from the midst of this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." And they fell on their faces. 46 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer, and put fire on it from off the altar and lay incense on it and carry it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them, for wrath has gone out from the Lord; the plague has begun." [ESV]*

Expect God's Power Over Nature in:

a. Rebellion

Almost all plagues are found in some rebellious attitude to some natural law or spiritual law. Some is the lack of proper hygiene or following strict guidelines for how we handle food. Others are the rebellion of spiritual laws (sexually transmitted disease would be an example of that)

God is more powerful than rebellion.

b. Repentance

They fell on their faces because of their love for the people

Joel 2:13-14 *"And rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness And relenting of evil. 14 Who knows whether He will not turn and relent And leave a blessing behind Him, Even a grain offering and a drink offering For the Lord your God?"* [NASU]

c. Removal

vs. 47 *"So Aaron took it as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. 48 And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stopped."*

James 2:13 *"For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth (triumphs or makes her boast) against judgment."* [KJV]