

# The Reality of Supernatural Power

Read [Matthew 6:9-13](#)

How would you define a miracle? Take a shot at it in the lines below:

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Theologians define a miracle as a supernatural intervention in the natural world—an act of God that interrupts or overrules natural laws. For example, naturally speaking, five loaves and two fish can only feed a small group of people. If a Man takes those five loaves and two fish, breaks them, and hands out enough to feed thousands, there has been a supernatural intervention in the natural world. That is a miracle.

Some people don't believe in miracles. Atheists and agnostics may not believe in supernatural power at all. They may only admit the reality of the natural physical world. Even some Christians don't believe miracles are for today. They believe they were limited to Biblical times, and that they are not necessary today.

But the Model Prayer that Jesus taught us to pray presupposes the reality of miracles—the reality of a God who is willing to intervene in this world and help us. What's the point of praying, "*Give us today our daily bread,*" "*lead us,*" or "*deliver us from the evil one*" if we don't believe that God will intervene on our behalf? We would be praying a prayer that didn't *work*. Jesus would not have taught us to do this. **The Model Prayer** presupposes a God who is willing to use his supernatural power on people's behalf.

And he is still willing to use it. In **1996** two pickup trucks collided on Brown Road in Mesa, Arizona. The driver of the truck at fault was instantly killed. The driver of the other truck was trapped in the cab of his truck—with flames quickly spreading from the engine area toward the cab.

Two brothers, air conditioning workers David and Kevin Estepp, were barbecuing in their nearby yard when they saw the fireball from the accident. They rushed to help. But the door of the pickup truck had gotten jammed in the wreck, and they couldn't get the driver out. They had to step back because of the smoke.

The Arizona Republic quoted David Estepp: "I remember hearing, 'Step back, get away, it's going to blow up,' from other bystanders. But it's like, you know, he's alive ... you couldn't just do nothing."

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So the brothers stepped through the smoke, grabbed the steel doorframe, and pulled one more time. Somehow the steel began to bend ... and bend ... and bend. They bent it downward almost 45 degrees, and pulled the trapped man free—less than a minute before the flames spread and engulfed the cab.

David Estep didn't know how to explain how he and his brother bent that steel, but he said, "It was no brute strength, I tell you." Colin Williams, the Fire Department spokesman, said, "Some of the guys can't believe how it was done. It seemed like supernatural powers."

It seems like it to me, too. God is still willing to use his supernatural power on people's behalf. We can trust him to help us when we call on him to "*deliver us.*"

**Matthew 6:13 (NASB)**

<sup>13</sup> **"And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]"**