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1 Kings 17:12-16:

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

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You will observe that ever since God rested from His work in **Genesis 2:2**: “**And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made**”, He has been working on and through His

earlier creations in propagating His purpose. For example, God never created another set of man and woman after the first man and woman had been created. Rather, he charged those He had already created to be fruitful, to multiply and to replenish the earth (**Genesis 1:28: "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth".**)

When God is confronted with a need, He will use what is already available in His creation to meet that need. When God was confronted with the need to feed His prophet for a number of years during a famine, He needed a storehouse of wonders to meet this need.

The widow of Zarephath's house became this storehouse for wonders. The man of God, Elijah, discovered a barrel of flour and a cruse of oil that were almost empty in this house. However, it was not the prophet but the God of wonders who located that storehouse for wonders, and He sent His prophet there (**1 Kings 17:8-9: "And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee"**). We must learn some lessons from this story of the storehouse for wonders.

First, the house was available for the God of wonders to use. My prayer for you is that

whenever the God of wonders wants to turn a house to a house for wonders, it will be yours in Jesus' Name. The question is: will you be ready to surrender your house to the God of wonders to use for His glory?

Secondly, the widow did not shy away from a difficult assignment. Although it was a difficult thing for her to give Elijah her last meal, she obeyed the command of God and did as the prophet said. Hence her house became the storehouse for wonders. Her barrel of flour and her cruse of oil became instruments of wonders.

Thirdly, this woman did not only know the wonder-working God, she was a sincere and straightforward woman of faith. She stated her case as it was. She said, "This is our last meal; we can't part with it." If it were some of us, we would not even admit that we have anything at all. This woman seemed to be saying to herself, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want, even if I surrender my last meal to Him." This woman exposed her miracle meal to the wonder-working God to work with. This was the exact thing the young lady in (**Matthew 14:17-20: "And they say unto him, we have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full"**) did, and he went home with twelve basket-fuls as the interest on the five loaves and two fishes he lent to the wonder-working Lord. I pray that the Lord will feed you fat even in the time of famine in Jesus' Name.

John 9:1-7;

1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

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A potential recipient of uncommon miracles is a workshop of wonders. A classic example is the man born blind from the above bible passage. No artisan or craftsman can do his work effectively without a workshop. It may amaze you that candidates for miracles are workshops for the miracle-working Jesus. When the disciples confronted Jesus on whether the blind man was born blind as a result of sin, He said neither the man nor

his parents did sin. Jesus said he was born blind so that the works of God might be made manifest in him. Jesus swung into action immediately; with His creative divine ability, He produced brand new eyes for this man.

You too can be a workshop for the great Miracle-worker provided you are willing to receive your miracle today. There are several things we should learn from the blind man that qualified him as a workshop for wonders. One of these is that this man was available for the wonders. One of these is that this man was available for the miracle. Before someone can be a workshop for wonders, he or she must be available. The blind man was there at the right time when the Miracle-worker was to do His work! Another thing about this man is that he surrendered himself for Jesus to work on. The Bible says in **John 9:6-7: "When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing".**

This blind man did not only surrender himself to be worked upon, he carried out all the actions necessary for the actualisation of his miracle. The miracle would not have taken place if he had not cooperated with the Workman – Jesus, by washing at the pool of Siloam.

Naaman was another workshop for wonders who cooperated with the process

required for the actualisation of his miracle; although this came after his initial self-aggrandizement that would have robbed him of his miracle (2nd Kings 5:13-14: "And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? How much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean"). My pastoral advice to you is that you should exercise complete obedience in humility of God, His word and His ministers if you want to live in the miraculous this year. My prayer for you is that the Almighty Father will make you a workshop for his miracles, and he will not let your hour of miracles elude you.

Psalm 77:11-15;

11 I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

14 Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

(KJV)

God is a wonder and he does great wonders. I pray that he will perform wonders in your own life, so that you can testify that you have experienced his wonder working power, in Jesus' name. Beyond this however, do you know that God can turn you into a wonder? For instance, look at the mad man of Gadara. He was so mad that all hope was lost concerning his recovery; but when Jesus touched his life, he was seen not only in his right senses, but also decently dressed and even evangelising the goodness of the lord.

Many people who saw him were amazed and had their doubts as to whether he was the same person who once terrorised the community (**mark 5:20: "And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel"**).he became a wonder! Lazarus, who had been dead for four days, also became a wonder and a tourist attraction after he was raised from the dead. John 12:9 says this about him: **"Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead"**.

Several years ago, during a particular Holy Ghost we held at the national stadium, surulere (Lagos) Nigeria, there was a man

with a huge growth attached to his neck sitting beside a particular woman. The growth was so huge that it overshadowed his face. While the programme was on, the woman sitting beside him kept peeping at the protruding growth. During the sermon the word of God came that there was someone in attendance with a huge growth around the neck and that it had gone. On hearing this, the woman sitting next to this man immediately turned to look at him and it was as if the growth suddenly grew wings, flew away and disappeared. This woman was so amazed at this wonder that after the programme was over, she had already trekked from the stadium to palm-grove, a distance of about 5km, before she remembered that she had left her car parked in the parking lot inside the stadium.

When God turn you into a wonder, even sceptics will find it difficult to doubt your testimony because it will be profound. Also your life will become a perpetual signpost for God's name to be glorified. This season, as the lord turns you into a wonder, the same mouths that have mocked you and challenged your God will become the instruments for spreading your testimony and reverencing your God.

Dan 6:21-28

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live forever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and

also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast forever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

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There is none to compare our God with, who is like thee o lord among the gods? Who is like thee glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Our God is not only a wonder, he also works wonders! After the lord performed wonders by parting the Red Sea, Moses and the children of Israel sang a new song to the lord in Exodus 15:11. Also, after miraculously delivered Daniel from the lion's den, king Darius passed a decree that in every domain of his kingdom, this awesome God must be feared and revered. In Daniel 6:27, he said, **"He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions"**.

The God that king Darius spoke of is still the same today. He is full of wonders.no wonder he is called wonderful (Isaiah 9:6). Are you in need of a miracle, sign or wonders? Call upon this great God and he will surely deliver you. He can still do great wonders in your life today.

You need to come to terms with the reality that God can perform wonders in your own life.in other words, you too can be a beneficiary of his wonders.it is known fact that a person can be rich and yet stingy. Where I come from, when talking to a rich and arrogant man, it is common for people to say, "Yes, I know you are rich, but you are not the

one feeding me".in other words, "your wealth is of no benefit to me, so go and perish with your money". God can be a God of wonders who also does wonders, but if he has not done wonders in your own life. His ability may seem like fairy tales to you.

In Genesis 18:9-14, He met a 90 year-old woman and said: "I know you are 90, and I know your monthly cycle stopped several years ago, but you are going to have a son". The woman replied, "I don't believe you!" God said, "It doesn't matter whether you believe or not; I am the wonder-working God, and I will go ahead to do what I just promised".

A year later, she had her baby. God's wonder-working ability became real to her. Beloved, you are the next candidate to benefit from this wonderful God! This season, the God of wonders shall show up in your situation and turn things around! You shall express the reality of this wonderful power. Call on him today and he will answer you.