

(1) How would you define the word “miracle”? Have you ever experienced or witnessed a genuine miracle? If so, describe it. Are you somewhat skeptical about claims made today of miracles? If so, why? What should our response be when someone claims a miracle has occurred?

(2) Some have tried to make a case from John 2 either for the practice of total abstinence from alcohol or the freedom to imbibe in moderation. What is your opinion on this? What is your practice? Are Christians free in Christ not to partake? Are Christians free in Christ to partake in moderation? Are Christians free in Christ to judge others for whatever decision they make regarding the use of alcohol?

(3) What does our Lord’s response to his mother tell us about the importance of family ties when compared with our spiritual relationship to God and to other Christians in the body of Christ? Read Matthew 12:46-50 and Luke 11:27-28 and then discuss the matter.

(4) What do you think Jesus was trying to teach us by performing this miracle?

(5) What might this miracle tell us about the abundant supply that God freely provides so that we might live and flourish in joyful obedience to him? Do you think of God as stingy with his gifts? Read Philippians 4:19 and Ephesians 3:20 as you answer this question. What are the practical implications of the miracle in John 2 and what Paul says in these two other texts?