

Family Focus

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

SHOW ME A SIGN

"I believe for every drop of rain that falls, a flower grows; I believe that somewhere in the darkest night, a candle glows; and, I believe for everyone who goes astray, someone will come to show the way; I believe, yes, I believe. I believe above the storm, the smallest prayer will still be heard; and I believe someone in the great somewhere hears every word. Every time I hear a new born baby cry, or touch a leaf, or see the sky; then I know why I believe!" [Troubled by the Korean conflict in



1952, Jane Froman, TV personality commissioned Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham, Jimmy Shirl, and Al Stillman to write a song that would offer hope and faith to the populace. The song, "I Believe" version by Frankie Lane became a number 1 hit for 18 weeks.]

It seems inherent in human nature to need a sign or proof to confirm ones belief; especially in those situations which appear unnatural, impossible, or unattainable. The following are just a few biblical examples recorded for our edification.

And God said to Noah, "Never again shall all flesh be cut off by flood waters; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth. This shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you [and the earth]: I shall set My rainbow in the cloud. When I bring a cloud over the earth the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud (Genesis 9:8-17)." Note: The rainbow is still observed today.



And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What is the sign the Lord will heal me, do the thing which He has spoken?" Then Isaiah said, "The Lord shall show you a sign. As you have requested, the shadow will go backward ten degrees, and it did 2 Kings 20:8-11; Isaiah 38:1-8)."



Then Moses said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, the Lord has not appeared to you?" As proof of His presence with Moses, God: (1) turned Moses' staff into a serpent; (2) made Moses' hand leprous; (3) turned water of the Nile to blood (Exodus 4:1-9).

So Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as You have said, [show me a sign] look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece and the ground all round is dry, then I shall know." And it was so. "Do not be angry, Lord, but let me test just once more. Let it be if there is dew on the ground and the fleece is dry." And the Lord did so that night (Judges 6:36-40).



"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14)." An angel of the Lord said to the Shepherds, "You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger in the city of David (Luke 2: 8-12)."



Then the Pharisees came out and began to [argue] with Jesus, seeking a sign from Heaven, testing Him. But Jesus signed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given this generation, except the sign of the prophet Jonah (Mathew 12:38-40; Mark 8:11-12; 16:1-4; Luke 11:29-32)."

"He who believes in the Son [Jesus] has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides in him (John 3:36)."

Do you need a sign?

~ Glen Godsey