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**So the sun stood still,
and the moon stopped,
till the nation avenged itself on its
enemies,**

Joshua 10:13

The Day the Earth Stood Still

Klaatu, barado, nikto were ominous words of instruction to an alien robot in the science fiction movie of 1950's, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. A large flying saucer had landed in Washington D.C. and neither the robot nor the manlike alien that controlled it were overcome by the vast military power that assaulted them. The earth stood still in fear. It had happened once before.

Joshua believed in miracles. He had seen them. He was there when God had parted the Red Sea. He was fed manna from heaven, and issued shoes that lasted forty years. He had seen God hold back the waters of the Jordan River; and he had watched the walls of Jericho crumble before his eyes. He even watched while God rained hail on the five armies waiting to attack his. Joshua believed in miracles; and he prayed for one more. "Let the sun stand still over Gibeon," he prayed. And it did.

There were no miracles in the 1950's science fiction movie. The alien flew away in his saucer and the earth resumed life as if nothing had ever happened. But movie goers were left wondering if aliens from outer space existed and what might happen if they found their way to earth. And sometimes we may wonder if the answer to Joshua's prayer was science fiction too. Or was it a miracle.

Joshua believed in miracles and so do I. We haven't seen the sun stand still in the sky like Joshua did; and most of us have not seen the waters of a great sea or even a small river part while a parade of people passed through. My shoes last less than forty years, and the only walls that crumble before me are those I want to keep standing. But miracles happen. I believe they happen every day.

God created the heavens and the earth. He made the birds of the air, the fish in the sea, the forests that grow, and the mountains that stand majestically in the distance. He made the sun, the moon and the stars above. And He created the systems that make everything work orderly together as if the system predated time. I believe in miracles because we have an omnipotent God. He can make the sun stand still or change the world at will. He has. God sent his Son into the world so we may have everlasting life.

And that miracle is enough for me.

"You are the light of the world,"

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