

Miracles and protection

“Your ways, oh God, are holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.”

Psalm 77:13–14 (NIV)

In South Asia, Jesus is still in the miracle business. John 10:38 says to believe the miracles, so that you will be convinced that Jesus is the Son of God. Many people have believed in Jesus Christ because of amazing miracles they have witnessed.

Sherpa is a young man who grew up in a Hindu family. His father was a Hindu high priest who conducted religious ceremonies and *pujas* (POOH-jahs). (*Pujas* involve idol worship and rituals to placate gods and demons or to pray for protection.) His mother was mentally ill and tormented by demons for many years because of her husband’s activities in the spirit world.

One day a Christian woman shared the gospel of Christ. Sherpa’s mother believed and was immediately freed from the tormenting demons. Her mind became sane. As a result, Sherpa and his whole family believed—even his father.

After they became Christians, Sherpa and his sister used to run away from their Buddhist government school and hide whenever monks or lamas would come to conduct *pujas*. While they were hiding in the fields, he and his sister would pray fervently that they would not be found and forced to worship idols or participate in the *pujas*. When the monks would leave, Sherpa and his sister would return to school. No one ever saw them leaving or returning, and they were never missed.

Whenever I hear stories in which the power of God is demonstrated against the evil one, I am reminded that no one is as great as our God.

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O Lord, WHERE AMONG THE HEATHEN GODS IS THERE A GOD LIKE YOU? WHERE ARE THEIR MIRACLES? ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND BOW BEFORE YOU, LORD. FOR YOU ARE GREAT AND YOU ALONE ARE GOD. BRING FREEDOM THROUGH CHRIST TO PEOPLE GROUPS IN SOUTH ASIA WHO HAVE BEEN TRADITIONALLY CLOSED TO THE GOSPEL. *Amen.*