

Evidence of wise Design and superior Management in HIM, who has all the Powers of Nature, Men and Angels in his Hands, and over-rules them all to fulfil his Purposes.

2. This yet appears with a stronger Evidence, and even still more wonderful; when among a great Number of surprizing and important *Incidents*, there are many so *momentous* and *critical*, that if any one had not fallen precisely in its special Place and Juncture, there would have been exceeding great Imbarralements and Hindrances; and many others so *essential*, that if all and every one had not come in exactly as they did; the great Event had fail'd, and the main Scheme, with all its vast and curious Apparatus totally miscarried.

3. When in *exceeding difficult, perplex'd and dangerous Cases* which look almost *desperate*, and much more which seem in a Manner *lost*, there *opens at once a great Deliverance*, beyond our Power or Thought: And much more still, when the Deliverance opens with *Success*, and the very *Means* of our Distress and Danger, are made subservient to our Prosperity and Safety.

4. And lastly, When in this Conjunction, the sovereign God is more than usually acknowledged; looked to, and trusted in, an *extraordinary Spirit of Prayer* is raised up in many; and all these surprizing Incidents and Means, with all our wonderful Salvations, Success and Happiness, come on in punctual Answers to many  *fervent and fiducial Addresses* to Him.

I might mention *Other Cases* and illustrate *These*; but the Hour would fail me. And to make the larger Room for the Application, we must be also short on our

III General Head; which is to represent the *pious Admiration* which these extraordinary Appearances and Works of God should raise up in us, and which they happily raise if we are duly disposed.

*Admiration* is one of the sublimest Actions of a created Spirit. It is the rising up of the Mind in a respectful View of something it sees and owns to be superior to it. And when it rises to the reverent View of God, it rises to the highest and most worthy Object, and pays him some of the Honour in the highest Measure eternally due to his transcendent Excellencies and Operations.

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