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Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Context: Jeremiah 32:17, 27 - Is anything too hard for the Lord?

Jeremiah 32:17

Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Jeremiah 32:27

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

INTRODUCTION

This question was asked by the Lord Himself to one of His most trusted and beloved friends. Abraham is called the Friend of God and the Lord is drawing him out. The



answer which he gives will tell whether Abraham is living wholly on faith's side or partially; whether he is leaning on the side of the devil and doubt or has fallen into unbelief. Abraham's life was filled with nagging problems. Just like there is hardly a person here who cannot honestly say: 'I have no problems whatever'. Many of our problems are either physical, spiritual, or financial. There are others like social conflicts, or confusion in our minds over which way to turn or what to do in making a certain decision; or even worries about the future. These questions relate to nearly everyone of us in everyday life.

What we do not want to happen is that our problems would master us, get us down and out, or buffalo us. I want to try and help you solve your difficulties in the way I have tried to handle mine. I faced squarely three great facts:

A. THERE IS NO PROBLEM TOO HARD FOR GOD TO SOLVE

The Scriptures tell me in Ephesians 3:20: “Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”

What? “above all we can ask”? or “think”? Why, we do plenty of both; and then to have the Lord put this word ‘**ABOVE** all we can ask or think’ right in this promise is just what I needed more than once to bring my faith up to the level of expecting the answer.

As I read the Bible, I find much of it is taken up with God's solutions to His people's problems. Look at God's solutions to the following problems:

1. The problem of barking dogs

Exodus 11:7

But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

2. The problem of wearing out clothes

Deuteronomy 8:4

Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

Deuteronomy 29:5

And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

Nehemiah 9:21

Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

Matthew 6:25-33

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore,

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if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

3. The Swelling of our Feet

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4. The Problem of Shoes

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And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

Deuteronomy 33:25

Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

5. The Problem of Health

Psalms 105:37

He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

Proverbs 4:22

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Isaiah 58:8

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.



Jeremiah 30:17

17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

3 John 1:2

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

6. The Problem of Guidance

Exodus 13:21

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

Exodus 15:13

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

Isaiah 58:11

And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

2 Chronicles 32:22

Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.

Psalms 78:72

So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

7. Problems of Finance

Exodus 11:2-3

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold. 3 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

Genesis 15:14

And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Psalms 105:37

37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.



Philippians 4:19

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

8. The Problem of Obstacles in Our Way

He made the Red Sea dry .



Crossing the Red Sea.

Joshua 4:23

For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:

9 . The Problem of Language Barriers

Acts 2:11

Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

10. The Problem of Food

Deuteronomy 11:15

And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

Psalms 104:14

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

Exodus 16:4

Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

Psalms 78:25

Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

There were great miracles God performed for His Own children.

Deuteronomy 29:3

The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:

Numbers 14:22

Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

11. The Problem of Protection

Joshua 24:17

For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

Psalms 91:7

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Psalms 91:10

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Problems!

More Problems!!

12. Problems of a spiritual nature

Isaiah 59:19

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Matthew 19:26

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Mark 14:36

And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Luke 18:27

And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Luke 1:37

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

B. THERE IS NO PRAYER TOO HARD FOR GOD TO ANSWER

Jeremiah 33:3

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

This is God's way of telling us that prayer is our sure way out of many impossible situations and big problems. He is telling us that there is a way out, and HE IS THE WAY. He wants to assure us that He cares, and by our wholly trusting Him there is nothing impossible. In John 14:13-14 Jesus said: "*And whatsoever ye shall ask in MY Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask **anything** in My Name, I will do it.*"

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C. THERE IS NO PROMISE IN GOD'S WORD THAT IS TOO HARD FOR HIM TO FULFILL

Matthew 21:22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 18:19

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

John 16:23-26

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My Name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. 26 At that day ye shall ask in My Name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

1 John 3:22

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 John 5:14-15

14 And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His Will, He heareth us: 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

There are about 3,000 precious promises in the Bible made by The Lord. Some of them are conditional while others are not. As long as you or I feed our faith on the

reading and study of the Word (Romans 16:17) it will become active and alive, enabling us to trust for the impossible.

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God tells us in Jeremiah 32:27: “*BEHOLD, I AM THE LORD, THE GOD OF ALL FLESH: IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR ME?*”

The question is telling us just what Jesus said in Matthew 19:26: “*With God all things are possible*”; and Mark 9:23 “*All things are possible to him that believeth.*”

Mark 10:27 says: “*And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.*”

Jesus really believes this for we see it in His great prayer in Gethsemane as recorded in *Mark 14:36*: “*And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from Me: nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt.*”



Jesus in Gethsemane

If anybody ought to know of the supernatural power of God, it surely is Jesus. To prove that He will do just like He says, we look to Paul as a good example in testing the power of God; and this is his report:

2 Corinthians 2:14

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His Knowledge by us in every place.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God and are the called according to His purpose.

God can revive dead churches

Habakkuk 3:2

O LORD, I have heard Thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

Psalms 86:5

For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

God can save the lives of sinners

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

God can give us the kind and quality of faith that cannot doubt and will not waver when the going gets rough. There are some whose mountains move their faith to

doubt, while there are others whose faith moves their mountains. To which category do you belong?

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