## TEN THINGS GOD CANNOT DO

TEXT: James 1:13: Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil,

neither tempteth He any man:

There are some things that God just CANNOT do and still be the God of the Bible.

There are ten things I have discovered which God would find it impossible to do and still be just, Holy, and good. I do not mean to sound blasphemous when I say God cannot do certain things. I am not meaning it in an evil sense, or in any way to insult the Almighty. I love the Lord and always exalt His wonderful Name and try to bring His saving Gospel to a lost, perishing world.

I know it is recorded in the Bible that All things are possible with God.

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."

That He is "able to do exceeding abundantly, above all we can ask of think."

Ephesians 3:20: Now unto Him Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

He challenges the prophet Jeremiah saying: "Behold I am the Lord God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for me?"

Jeremiah 32:27: "Behold, I AM the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for Me?"

Yet, there are certain things God finds impossible to do — not for the lack of power or ability, but because they would be morally wrong and against the principles of justice and law.



1. God cannot stand pretending or putting on that which is called hypocrisy.

The Bible says:

Isaiah 1:13: Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto Me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

God cannot stand a person pretending to be saintly on Sunday and then act like a hypocrite during the week. When I hear people say they cannot go to church because there are too many hypocrites in it, I feel constrained to say: 'There are no hypocrites in God's Church, for Jesus went into the Temple and ran them out with a braided whip.' If we take any right action, we should stay and put the pressure on the wicked to evacuate instead.

## 2. God cannot look on sin with the least degree of approval or allowance:

Habakkuk 1:13: Thou art of Purer Eyes than to behold evil, and canst <u>not</u> look on iniquity: wherefore lookest Thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest Thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

When the Children of Israel had crossed over the Jordan into the Promised Land, just one man had sinned and broken God's Commandment. He caused God to lift His protective Presence off Israel. Then the Lord told Joshua that He would **not** be with him any more until the sin was gotten out of the camp.

## Joshua 7:1, 25-26

<sup>1</sup> But the Children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the Tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the Children of Israel.

Joshua knew that he and his people did not stand a chance to live a victorious life without the Presence of the Lord, so he started an immediate investigation and found Achan and his family to be the cause of their defeat, and he judged them.



- <sup>25</sup> And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.
- <sup>26</sup> And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

When sin gets into the church, undetected by the preacher or the saints, God lifts His Presence until that evil is taken out or cleansed by the Blood of Christ.

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# 1 Thessalonians 5:22: Abstain from all appearance of evil.

I can just see in my mind's eye the Lord Jesus weeping over Jerusalem because of her sins. You can easily see what it cost Jesus on the Cross of Calvary to make atonement for our sins to know how God feels toward our sins.

## 3. God cannot lie...

Titus 1:2: In hope of eternal life, which God, Who cannot lie, promised before the world began;

When God said in:

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.

It is impossible for God to lie.

Hebrews 6:18: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Since God cannot lie, I have believed and received Christ as my Saviour and have – right now – everlasting life.

If, on the other hand, God could lie, then we are all without hope and are doomed.

John 3:3: The Words of Jesus Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

I know I have been born again and have become a new creature in Christ Jesus. Therefore, I know beyond a shadow of doubt that God does not lie.

If God cannot lie, then the following scriptures have come to pass.

Psalms 9:17: The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sin pays wages, for God cannot lie; and believing in Christ brings us to the gift of Eternal Life, for God cannot lie.

John 3:36: He that believeth on the Son hath Everlasting Life: and he that believeth <u>not</u> the Son shall <u>not</u> see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

## 4. God cannot allow one lost soul, dying in their sins — unrepented of

## — to go unpunished.

Revelation 21:8: But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

God asks you this question:

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9-11:

- <sup>9</sup> Know ye not that the unrighteous shall <u>not</u> inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
- <sup>10</sup> Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God.
- <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

#### Acts 17:30-31:

- <sup>30</sup> And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:
- <sup>31</sup> Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will Judge the world in righteousness by that Man Whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He [God] hath raised Him [Jesus] from the dead.

This is exactly what is going to happen because God cannot lie.

## 5. God cannot have any pleasure in the death of the wicked.

Ezekiel 33:11: Say unto them, "As I live," saith the Lord GOD, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O House of Israel?"

God loves this whole world sooooo much that it grieves His heart when sinners die without being saved from their sins.

The Bible furthermore says:

2 Peter 3:9: The Lord is not slack concerning His Promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, <u>not</u> willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

God literally suffers and agonizes when you willfully go on your sinful way past all His warning signs and barricades, down to Hell! God has put up the barricade of His Word. His Holy Spirit strives with your heart to stop you from going too far in sin. God raises up true ministers of the Gospel to cry out against sin and warn you to flee the wrath to come. God raises up your loved ones to pray and intercede for your lost souls to be saved before it is too late.



He has another barrier called suffering in our bodies which He allows to come to turn us around.

1 Peter 4:1: Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

Death is another reminder of sin's wages.

#### 6. God can't save anyone after death. The dead have sealed their doom.

God, Who cannot lie says:

Hebrews 9:27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

There is not a second chance of being refined and purged of some sideshow to Hell that is called Purgatory.

You can see clearly the case of the rich man who died and wound up in Hell.

Luke 16:19-26:

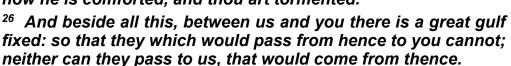
- <sup>19</sup> There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
- <sup>20</sup> And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores.

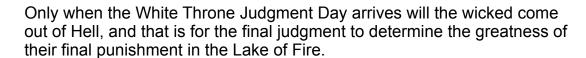




- <sup>21</sup> And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
- <sup>22</sup> And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
- <sup>23</sup> And in Hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- <sup>24</sup> And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
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  25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.





Ecclesiastes 3:17: I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

The only place to receive a new nature and be saved from our sins is in this life – not in the hereafter.

#### 7. God cannot punish the righteous for the wicked, or with them.

Genesis 19:22-25: Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come out of Sodom. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

<sup>23</sup> The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

<sup>24</sup> Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of Heaven;

<sup>25</sup> And He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.



Here you can plainly see that the Lord will not punish the righteous with the sinners.

1 Thessalonians 5:9: For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain Salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ezekiel 18:20: The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Ezekiel 18:30: "Therefore I will judge you, O House of Israel, every one according to his ways," saith the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin."

8. God cannot heal and perform miracles without faith — without someone believing Him to do it.

Matthew 13:53-58:

<sup>53</sup> And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these Parables, He departed thence.

54 And when He was come into His own country, He taught them in their Synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, "Whence hath this Man this wisdom, and these mighty works?



<sup>55</sup> Is not this the carpenter's son? is not His mother called Mary? and His brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

<sup>56</sup> And His sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this Man all these things?"

<sup>57</sup> And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said unto them, "A prophet is <u>not</u> without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house."

<sup>58</sup> And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

The Lord even complained to His people for their lack of faith, and their failure to trust Him for great and mighty things which He was willing and anxious to do for them.

Psalm 78:40: How oft did they provoke Him in the wilderness, and grieve Him in the desert! [some 10 times in 2 years]

## Unbelief was this kind of language:

Psalms 78:19-20:

<sup>19</sup> Yea, they spake against God; they said, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

<sup>20</sup> Behold, He smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can He give bread also? can He provide flesh for His People?"

## Faith says:

Philippians 4:19: But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Unbelief is an insult to the Lord. It asks – Can God send a revival? Can God heal a cancer? Can He deliver from drugs? Can God deliver from bad habits or smoking or drinking liquor?

Daniel 6:20: And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, Whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?



Daniel gave this quick, triumphant answer:

Daniel 6:21b-22:

<sup>21b</sup> ... "O King, live forever,

<sup>22</sup> MY GOD hath sent His angel and delivered me out of the lions' mouths that they have not hurt me:"

#### 9. God cannot see our sins through the Blood of Jesus.

1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Psalm 32:1: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Romans 4:7: Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Revelation 1:5: And from Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful Witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him Who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His Own Blood,



It is utterly impossible for God to see our sins because they are blotted out.

We are told in:

Isaiah 43:25: I, even I, am He Who blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine Own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Isaiah 44:22: I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto Me; for I have redeemed thee.

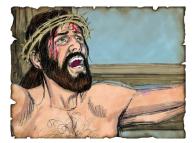
Acts 3:26: Unto you [Jews] first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

God cannot save anyone from their sins without the Blood of Jesus.

Hebrews 9:22: And almost all things are by the Law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Matthew 26:28: For this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Acts 20:28: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His Own Blood.



The Lord does not look at the color of your skin, whether it is red, black, yellow, or white; but He looks to see if your Faith is in the Blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

What the Blood of Jesus can do for our sins in His cleansing power just can't be done by anyone or anything else. There is no form of penance, or even so-called Purgatory, that can purify our souls from sin apart from the

Blood of Christ. "Nothing can atone for sin, nothing but the Blood of Jesus."

#### 10. God cannot save sinners from their sins against their will.

John 5:40: And Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life.

The Lord will not grab a sinner by the nap of the neck, or the hair of his head, and drag him into Heaven against that person's free will and choice. The power of choice is ours! He says:

Joshua 24:15: And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Revelation 22:17: And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the Water of Life freely,

God cannot save anyone against his will.

God cannot save anyone against his will. If you are saved from your sins, it will be because you saw yourself a lost soul, Hell-bound, and you wanted the Lord to rescue you from the powers of satan and save you from your sins.

Romans 10:13: For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 16:31: And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

Salvation is a gift and it must be received by you, personally, in order for you to possess eternal life. This eternal life is in the person of the Lord Jesus alone.

John 3:36: He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Unbelief and unconfessed and unrepented sin are the only hindrances to opening the Door of Salvation. The sin of unbelief closes the channel of prayer.

God wants you to be saved from your sins, and sent the Lord Jesus to pay the price to redeem you from all iniquity, and to present Himself a glorious Church not having spot or wrinkle. Titus 2:14: Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

The Cross of Calvary is the place where sin's penalty was paid by Jesus, and if you will come to Jesus in prayer and faith, and ask His forgiveness and ask for His cleansing, He will save you this very moment.

If you refuse to come to Jesus, there is no other way to be saved. God cannot save you by your good works, kind deeds, joining the church, or by your prayers, tears, reformation, restitution, or water baptism and taking communion —not even by being christened and catechized!

#### Jesus said:" I AM THE DOOR...":

#### John 10:1-9:



- <sup>1</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
- <sup>2</sup> But he that entereth in by the Door is the Shepherd of the Sheep.
- <sup>3</sup> To Him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.
- <sup>4</sup> And when He putteth forth His Own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice.
- <sup>5</sup> And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.
- <sup>6</sup> This Parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which He spake unto them.
- <sup>7</sup> Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the Door of the Sheep.
- <sup>8</sup> All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the Sheep did not hear them.
- <sup>9</sup> I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

If anyone climbs up some other way, even the ways we have mentioned, the same is a thief and robber and the door of mercy will be forever shut to them. There is no salvation from our sins except through the Lord Jesus

and Him alone.

Do you believe this? Then act on your faith.  $\mathsf{COME} - \mathsf{RIGHT} \ \mathsf{NOW} - \mathsf{TO} \ \mathsf{THE} \ \mathsf{SAVIOUR}.$  He's waiting for you.

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