

WHAT GOD CANNOT DO

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Mark 6:5: And He could there do no mighty work, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

Recorded by divine inspiration are the words:

Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Ephesians 3:20a: Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

The Lord omnipotent reigneth! Jeremiah declares this of his God as recorded:

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

Isaiah tells how:

Isaiah 40:22: It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the Heavens as a curtain,

Psalms 147:4-5:

⁴ He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite.

Yet, there are some things God cannot do. What are they? First, we must observe that the limitations are only in the moral realm, and not in the material or physical world.

He who made water stand up to let the children of Israel cross the Red Sea; He who fed them with manna from His pantry; made water come out of the jaw-bone of an ass; withheld rain at the request of the prophet Elijah; closed the mouths of lions to preserve the life of His servant, Daniel; He is still limited. What can God not do?

1. **He cannot endure hypocrisy.**

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HYPOCRISY!

2. **He cannot look upon sin with approval.**

Habakkuk 1:13: Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not 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?

Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. Look at what it cost Him at Calvary. What is the final doom it brings to the unrepentant?

3. **God cannot lie.**

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

This is the basis of comfort to every Christian. If God cannot lie, you are going to Heaven; if He can, then you go to Hell. He said, Repent, be born again, have a pure heart and you shall see God. He cannot take you without it; but He who cannot lie will take you, upon your obedience.

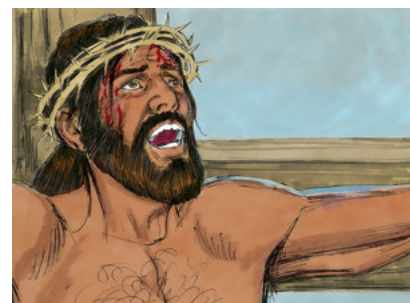
4. **God cannot save sinners against their will.**

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

5. **God cannot see our sins through the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth from all sin.**

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

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



6. **God cannot have 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?

7. **God cannot punish the righteous for the wicked.**

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

8. **He cannot do miracles and the supernatural for those who do not believe in Him.**

Jesus was hindered and stopped from doing His mighty deeds that He was willing and wanting to do because of their unbelief. The channel through which His power surges is our faith line. Unbelief closes the channel. He is unable to help us, even though He longs to do so.

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They had limited the Holy One of Israel because of their unbelief. Faith says:

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

What a difference when Job says:

Job 42:2: know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

It is painful to see a bird or beast in a cage or chained in a zoo. It is more saddening to see a man with noble aspirations and high ideals, yet bound by prejudices, jealousy, or filthy habits. One of the saddest things I have seen is a man who sees the dream of a lifetime go up in smoke, and can do nothing about it. It is sad to see a marriage break up, when the one who loves their



mate can do nothing about it as they watch another steal their life's companion.

What is most tragic and distressing is to see the illimitable God, who has the power to do anything, yet be hindered from doing what He longs to do for his children, all because of their unbelief. This is the situation the Holy Spirit introduces us into with the Children of Israel in the wilderness where they ask the insulting question: "Can God...?" Here is what the Spirit spoke: "They spoke against God saying: "Can God?"

Unbelief!

Those who say, "Can God send a revival" or "Can He heal?" "Can He deliver from drugs or drink?" are like King Nebuchadnezzar who asked,

"Daniel is thy God Whom thou servest continually able to deliver thee from the lion's mouth?"

Daniel's answer came quickly and clear:

Daniel 6:21-22: O king, live forever, my God hath sent His angel and delivered me out of the lion's mouth.

Paul said in ***Philippians 4:19:***

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



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