

Our God of Grace Is Able

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I. Paul's trip to paradise—And what he got for it

2Co 12:1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2Co 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

2Co 12:3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

2Co 12:4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

2Co 12:5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

2Co 12:6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but *now* I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that* he heareth of me.

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

2Co 12:8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

II. My grace is sufficient

A. Sufficient grace to save us to heaven

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, **grace** did much more abound:

Rom 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might **grace** reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his **grace**, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his **grace**;

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by **grace** ye are saved;)

Act 15:11 But we believe that through the **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

B. Sufficient grace to get us through now

Jas 4:6 But he giveth more **grace**...

1Co 15:10 But by the **grace** of God I am what I am: and his **grace** which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the **grace** of God which was with me.

2Co 13:14 The **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen.

III. God is able

A. With natural reasoning, we sometimes think we are not able to do some things

1. Moses in the wilderness did not think he was able

Num 11:14 I am **not able** to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me.

Num 11:15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

2. The ten spies did not think God's people were able

Num 13:31 ..We be **not able** to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.

3. King Saul did not think David was able

1Sa 17:33 And Saul said to David, Thou art **not able** to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

B. Some say God is not able

1. Sennacherib's 185,000 man army—That had an appointment with God's angel

2Ch 32:15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was **able** to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

2. To those who believe God is not mighty to save

Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and **no man is able** to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be **able** to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C. Some believe that God is able

1. Caleb—(A man who “had another spirit with him”)

Num 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well **able** to overcome it.

2. Abraham—(At a time when he was full of faith)

Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Rom 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was **able** also to perform.

3. The three Hebrew children—(When facing the fire)

Dan 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter.

Dan 3:17 If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is **able** to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

Dan 3:18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

4. Sleepless King Darius sort of believed that God was able—(He went to the den)

Dan 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?

Dan 6:21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

5. John the Baptist believed God is able

Mat 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is **able** of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

6. There were two blind men who believed God was able

Mat 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on us.

Mat 9:28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am **able** to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

Mat 9:29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

Mat 9:30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straightly charged them, saying, See *that* no man know *it*.

7. Jesus was God—And He believed He was able

Mat 26:61 ...I am **able** to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

IV. Our God is always able

A. God is able to answer prayers—Even beyond what we could have imagined

Eph 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,

B. God is able to glorify a sinner—And to get that sinner to glory

Php 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is **able** even to subdue all things unto himself.

2Ti 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is **able** to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Jud 1:24 Now unto him that is **able** to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

V. An important disclaimer—Sometimes God’s will supersedes God’s able

Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was **able** to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

VI. Through God we are able

1Co 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*.

VII. A lot of ‘abounding alls and everys’ about God’s ‘able’ and God’s ‘grace’

2Co 9:8 And God *is* **ABLE** to make **ALL GRACE ABOUND*** toward you; that ye, **ALWAYS** having **ALL** sufficiency in **ALL things**, may **ABOUND*** to **EVERY** good work:

***Abound**—(Greek perisseuo) [Strong’s Hebrew and Greek Dictionary]

—to *superabound* (in quantity or quality), *be in excess*

—enough and to spare

—remain (over and above)