

God Is Able

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I. Able —having physical power sufficient; having strong or unusual powers of mind

II. We are accustomed to a world of “not able” —And to living lives of “not able”

Gen 13:6 And the land was not able to bear them ...

Gen 15:5 ...Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them ...

Gen 33:14 ... I will lead on softly, according as the ... children be able to endure ...

Exo 18:18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

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.

Num 13:31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.

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.

III. God is able

A. The God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego is able

Dan 3:14 Nebuchadnezzar spake ... *Is it* true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

Dan 3:15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of ... musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

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.

Dan 3:19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

Dan 3:20 And he commanded the most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace.

Dan 3:21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Dan 3:22 ...because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Dan 3:23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Dan 3:24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

Dan 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

B. The God of Daniel is able

Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open ... he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Dan 6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions ...

Dan 6:17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den ...

Dan 6:18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting ...

Dan 6:19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

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.

Dan 6:22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths ...

C. The God of David is 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

1Sa 17:37 David said ... The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine ...

1Sa 17:40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

1Sa 17:43 And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

1Sa 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

1Sa 17:46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

1Sa 17:49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

D. The God of Caleb is able — (A man who “*had another spirit with him*”)

Num 13:27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it.

Num 13:28 Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there ...

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.

E. The God of the two blind men is 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 ... 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 ...

IV. A man or a little “g” god may not be able — But our BIG “G” GOD IS ABLE

A. In the wilderness, Moses was not able — But GOD IS ABLE

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

B. Neither King Saul nor David was able — But GOD IS ABLE

1Sa 17:33 And Saul said to David, **Thou art not able** ...

C. Sennacherib said God was not able — But GOD IS ABLE

2Ch 32:15 ... **no god** of any nation or kingdom **was able** to deliver his people out of mine hand ... how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

V. God is able to get us to heaven

A. 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,

B. No man, nor angel, nor anything is able to stop God from saving

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.

VI. God is able to help us right here and right now

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. 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;

C. Never forget — Through God, you 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** (*Greek--superabound*) toward you; that ye, **ALWAYS** having **ALL** sufficiency in **ALL things**, may **ABOUND** to **EVERY** good work: