

What God Can't Do – Sept. 15, 2021

“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” – **Matt. 19:26** **The negative is positive.**

What God Cannot Do:

1. **God can't break a promise or lie – Psalm 89:34** – “I will not break my covenant, nor alter what my lips have uttered.”
 - a. **God can be trusted to do what He says He will do.**
 - b. **Num. 23:19** – “God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?”
 - c. **Titus 1:2** – “This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began.”

2. **God can't get tired or weary or weak – Isaiah 40:28** – “Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.” (NLT)
 - a. **We can't ever ask too much of God.**
 - b. **Jer. 32:17** - “Oh, Lord God! You have made the heavens & the earth by Your great power & outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for You!”

3. **God can't be fooled – Mark 4:22** – “For there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, and nothing concealed that will not be brought to light.”
 - a. **We can't hide anything from God. He knows us.**
 - b. **Eccl. 12:14** – “For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

4. **God can't be mocked. Gal. 6:7** – “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”
 - a. **God doesn't stop His law of cause & effect.** There are principles of choice & consequence that God won't alter.
 - b. **Gal. 6:8** – “If you follow your selfish desires, you will harvest destruction, but if you follow the Spirit, you will harvest eternal life.”

5. **God can't tolerate sin. Habakkuk 1:13** – “Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.”
- a. **Because God is holy, sin separates us.** Jesus felt separated from God on the cross when He took sins of the world on Him; **absence of closeness.**
 - b. **Isaiah 59:2** – “But your wrongs have separated you from your God, and your sins have made him hide his face so that he doesn't hear you.”
 - c. **To be close to God,** get sin out of your life. Stop doing what pushes God away... what you know is wrong.
6. **God can't remember what He's forgiven – Isaiah 43:25** – “I, I alone, am the one who wipes out your wrongdoings for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.”
- a. **We know forgiveness, but not like God does it.** We can't get past: “Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a **wretch**; like me!”
 - b. **For My own sake...** Forgiving is about God, not us. God wants us near Him. He wants to be close with us.”
Context – God said: you don't call on me, ask for my help; you don't honor me, bring me offerings. **Isa. 43:24** – “Rather, you have burdened Me with your sins; you have wearied Me with your wrongdoings.”
 - c. **Jer. 31:34** – “For I will forgive their iniquities and will remember their sins no more.”
 - d. **Heb. 8:12** – “For I will forgive their wrongdoing, and I will never again remember their sins.”
 - e. **God's forgiveness is total. He said it over & over. Means it.**
7. **God can't show partiality/prejudice. Rom. 2:11** – “For God does not show favoritism.”
- a. **Acts 10:34-35** – “Then Peter began to speak: “I now truly understand that God does not show favoritism, but welcomes those from every nation who fear Him and do what is right.”
 - b. God judges everyone by the same standard; does not play favorites.
 - c. **There is no prejudice b/c of background.**

- 8. God can't be chained. 2 Tim. 2:9** – “Because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained”
- a. The truth of God can't be stamped out. It can't be held back.**
 - b.** You can kill Jesus, kill the messenger - but it doesn't stop God's message.
 - c. 1 Peter 1:25** – “But the word of the Lord remains forever.” And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.” (quoting **Is. 40:8**)
- 9. God can't abandon us. Deut. 31:6** – “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”
- a. God is always with us. We're never alone.**
 - b. Josh. 1:5** – “No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with U as I was with Moses. I will not fail U or abandon you.”
 - c. John 14:18** – “No, I will not abandon you as orphans; I will come to you.”
 - d. Jesus left saying,** “And remember that I am always with you until the end of time.” – **Matt. 28:20**
- 10. God can't stop loving us. Jeremiah 31:3** – “Long ago the LORD said to Israel: “I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.”
- a. Lamentations 3:22** – “The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.”
 - b. Psalm 136 begins:** “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.” **His Love endures forever repeats 26 times!**
 - c. 1 Cor. 13:13** – “Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.”
 - d. Jeremiah 3:12** – “Go, proclaim these words to the north, and say, ‘Return, unfaithful Israel. This is the LORD's declaration. I will not look on you with anger, for I am **unfailing in my love**. This is the LORD's declaration. **I will not be angry forever.**”

Song of Week – “You Can't Stop Jesus from Loving You” – by Zach & Rodney Ministries
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