

Introduction:

A few weeks ago, I had a lesson giving some of the "Cannots of The Bible." The list was - Cannot Serve Two Masters At The Same Time; Cannot Put Your Hand To the Plow While Looking Back; Cannot Fellowship Light and Darkness at The Same Time; God Cannot Be Tempted with Evil; and, Unless One is Born Again, He Cannot Enter the Kingdom of God. In these cases, the word cannot is used in a negative way. There are cannots which are actually positive. It is good these cannots are true.

I) God Cannot Be Contained in a Building

And the temple which I build will be great, for our God is greater than all gods. 6 But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a temple, except to burn sacrifice before Him? 2 Chronicles 2:5-6

Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, for He has given King David a wise son, endowed with prudence and understanding, who will build a temple for the LORD and a royal house for himself! 2 Chronicles 2:12

A) Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem

1. God's presence was in the temple but His presence is everywhere.

*Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me. Psalms 139:7-10*

2. Idolatry equated an image, a temple with being the God Himself, and His home.
 - a. Man has often “humanized” God
 - b. One problem is God is not a man, He does not think as a man, he does not have weaknesses as man.
3. Our God is bigger than the heavens and the earth.

B) This is good

1. As the children’s song says “My God is so big”

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
He made the trees
He made the seas
He made the elephants too
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
The mountains are his

2. God is all powerful, all knowing, and He knows everyone.

19 Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” 2 Timothy 2:19

3. There are times we might see this as scary and alarming, but it means He able to hear our prayers and come to our aid.
4. He is able to provide what we need when we need it through His Divine providence.

II) God Cannot Lie

Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, 3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior; Titus 1:1-3

A) This is a fundamental principle about God which is good.

1. God does not make false promises.

So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. 1 Kings 8:20

2. This can be interpreted as good or bad. This means God will punish those who He has promised to punish.

Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all the good things have come upon you which the LORD your God promised you, so the LORD will bring upon you all harmful things, until He has destroyed you from this good land which the LORD your God has given you. Joshua 23:15

B) God does not lie, keeps His word

1. Concerning our salvation. Our studies in Peter and John shows we

can know the will of God.

2. What good is it to know God's will if He goes back on His word, changes His will.
3. We know Jesus is the Son of God because God declared Him to be His Son.

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" Matthew 17:5

4. We know Jesus will return, we will be judged by His word, and heaven awaits those who are faithful. To believe anything else is to believe God has lied to us in the Bible.

III) We Do Not Have a High Priest Who Cannot Sympathize

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

A) Jesus is our High Priest

1. He is perfect, having never sinned.
2. Enters the most Holy Place in heaven on our behalf.
3. As human He felt the trials of life and death.

18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. Hebrews 2:18

B) Being able to sympathize, understand our plight.

1. How many times we think God does not understand what we are going through?
2. He does not know the pain we are experiencing?
3. As our High Priest Jesus can plead our cause because He knows.

IV) We Have a Kingdom Which Cannot Be Shaken

See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." 27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:25-29

A) Going back to Mount Sinai when God spoke to Moses.

1. The mountain shook and the earth trembled.

18 Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. Exodus 19:18

2. As awesome and scary as that was, to be in God's presence, we have something greater.

B) The Kingdom of Christ

1. One where we can approach God boldly.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

2. This kingdom will stand until Christ returns.

Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 1 Corinthians 15:24

3. It is a Universal kingdom, one which man cannot defeat.
4. This is good as members of this kingdom.

V) If This Cup Cannot Pass From Me

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." Matthew 26:36-39

A) The cup of suffering on the cross

1. Jesus knew what He was about to endure.
2. If there was no other way, He would take up that cross.

B) It was good He died for you and me

1. Otherwise we would have no hope.
2. What if He had not died on the cross? God's plan of salvation would not of been completed, man would have triumphed over

God, Satan would have won

3. We are blessed because Jesus took up the cup of sorrow and death.