### **HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD**

Text: Ephesians 3:19-20:

<sup>19</sup> And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

<sup>20</sup> 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 . . .

The beginning of the Book of Genesis reveals God as All Powerful. Throughout the following Books, He is revealed more and more as the God of the impossible Who is

unlimited by circumstances, obstacles, people, natural laws, time, or space! The Bible shows us Who God is, and what He has done and can do.

We have little value or none at all to place upon the opinions or ideas of man unless they are in accordance with The Word of the Lord. God has revealed Himself and His mighty acts, and who is puny, peanut-brained man to say what God can or can't do? The God of the Bible is the God of miracles. Take the miracles from the Bible, and you have nothing left — no God.



Human reasons, unassisted by divine revelations, will always attempt to put limitations on God according to the limitations of their thinking.

In the beginning...God formed the world just by speaking it into existence. His spoken Word made all things on earth and under it to come into being. He formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

The biggest liar in the world whispered sweet words of temptation and of doubt into



the mind of Adam and his wife. Their disobedience cost them their joy, liberty, and peace. A curse followed, and is still on the human mind and heart — blinded to the life of God thru the ignorance that is in them because of the blindness of their heart.

Many do not like to retain God in their knowledge. God turns them over to a reprobate mind to believe a lie and be damned to those who reject the truth. Many invent gods of their own — wood, stone, the sun, moon, stars.

Unless you believe in The God of miracles, you do not believe in The God of the Bible. Think of it – wasting your whole lifetime serving a dead god!

God, to a Christian, is the Heavenly Father — a personal God who loves, helps. He works for and with His children. He saves them and He heals their bodies. A god that does not save, speak, work, sanctify, heal, or fill with his power, as the God of the Bible declares, is not the God of the Bible, but a dead god.

Jeremiah 33:3: Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

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

Malachi 3:6a: For I am the LORD, I change not;

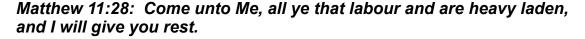
The God of the Bible is alive! Here, Jesus speaks in **Revelation 1:18**:

I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of Hell and of death.

The God of the Bible is All Powerful, or He is not God, and someone else is God. Limit God and you have no God.

Sinner, the God of the Bible knows you are lost. He came to seek and to save you. Do you fear

the future? Search the Word, let faith fill your heart, and let Jesus be your Saviour. His peace and love will cast out all fear. Are you are filled with unrest? Read His words in the following verse:



Do you need Joy - - "**My Joy I gave you.**" Sick? He will heal you. Need victory in soul, defeated one?

1 Corinthians 15:57: But thanks be to God, Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Satan has fed many of you so full of unbelief! This is a characteristic of these last days — many departing from the faith.

Luke 18:8: When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?

Many Churches are dry, cold, dead, and empty. Why? Laodecian apostasy has crept in —- man trying to bring God down to the conception of the human mind, man's level. Ever learning, never being able to come to the knowledge of the Truth:

Hebrew 13:8: Jesus the same, yesterday – today – and forever.

1 Thessalonians 1:5: For our Gospel came not unto you in Word only, but also in Power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

Deny this power, and you deny the preaching of the Cross which is the power of God to salvation:

John 1:12: But as many as received Him [Jesus], to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name:

- 1 Corinthians 2:4-5:
- <sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
- <sup>5</sup> That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

God, working with them, confirmed His Word with signs that followed. Faith without works is dead, being alone. Real faith gets results. Anyone saying the power of God died out with the apostles is the devil's preacher. No wonder many do not preach the Gospel of power. They either lost it or never experienced it.

Play around with rags of doubt, and weeds of unbelief will grow in your heart. Profess but not possess the true heart-felt salvation and grow in Grace, follow leadings of the Lord, and just play church, and you will wind up in Hell.

You can know that you have passed from Death unto Life. Do you really know Christ as your Saviour, God as your Father, and the Holy Spirit as your Baptizer and Comforter? Friend — get the real thing! You can *know that* you have passed from Death unto Life.

You can know the God of power from the Book given by God, telling you much about Him; by the Spirit who will reveal Him to you, by seeing what He has done in those who know Him, and by seeing His power in healing and answering prayer.

Romans 1:20: For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His Eternal Power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

God reveals Himself to Moses and to Pharaoh by miracles. God is everything to us that we let Him be.

Exodus 10:2: And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and My Signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.

Some Christians take so little time to seek to know the Lord and His Word. They take two or three verses from the Bible and then go on in weakness. The Bible is the Big Book of God. God is Love — the most powerful force in the world next to Truth. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Get the Truth, then you get Faith, and Faith turns God loose.

John 14:6: Jesus saith unto him, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me".

God will perform a personal miracle in your life. Believe in His Word about His love in sending Jesus, His Son, to die for your sins. He will set you free from sin, satan, and self.

God will heal you. Spiritual laws step to natural laws. They do not destroy natural

laws, just go beyond them. They are not in conflict with them. All this means is that natural laws are in obedience and subjection to the Creator. God is not only the God of nature, but He is God over nature. How foolish to believe that He is prisoner in the universe He created. God is not limited by anything He has made.

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From the time the message of Jesus came to Mary, to the end of His earthly life, He is a miracle. He turned water into wine, stilled the tempest, created money in a fish's mouth, etc.

Christianity was born in the cradle of miracles. Unless you believe in miracles, you cannot be saved and will die in your sins, because the miracle of the Virgin Birth is the key to the Gospel. If you do not believe this, you make God a liar and you do not have faith for salvation. Accepting the Virgin Birth is the very seed of the belief that all things are possible. On this, and on the resurrection of Jesus, hangs the whole of the Gospel. And by the same miracle power Jesus is coming to take His Blood-washed church home.

The modern church takes the sinner, whitewashes, cultivates, doctrinizes, reforms, and socializes him, but in his heart the sinner still feels like an imp. He needs the New Birth. Our bodies live by breathing, our soul by believing; we are justified by faith which cometh by hearing. By grace are ye saved, thru faith.

Romans 10:17: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Ephesians 2:8: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the Gift of God:

Faith brings all God's promises within reach. All promises of God are yea and amen to us in Christ Jesus. What has He promised? Your faith in God puts the miracle power of God to work for you.

2 Corinthians 1:20: For all the Promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the Glory of God by us.

**Text:** The Abundant Supply. This verse is the keynote to God's power, ability, and resources in the purpose that God is able to make all grace abound toward you and save unto the uttermost.

2 Corinthians 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:

Hebrews 7:25: Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

The great condition of the release of divine glory is the channel — the children of God are the channel. There can be no flow without an open channel. Many of the lives of Christians are clogged up with the result that they feel dried up, powerless to resist evil, the devil, and fleshly lusts. God's store house is full, and the provisions are for us in this life. We do not need them when we are dead.

The churches are full of half-hearted, weak-kneed members, always lamenting their deplorable, weak state, but doing nothing about it. Let us look at this text of spiritual power:

**Ephesians 3:20-21:** 

<sup>20</sup> Now unto Him Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, <sup>21</sup> Unto Him be Glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Deuteronomy 33:25b: ...as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

This speaks of **Abundant Strength**.

The limitation in seen in:

Ephesians 3:20b: according to the power that worketh in us.

We are storage batteries for the power of God, not the powerhouse. We must be re-powered and recharged oftentimes. The more the charge, the more we turn the power of God loose. This power comes by reading, studying, and memorizing the Word of God, along with spending time in His Presence.

#### God is able to do . . . :

#### Psalms 121:2-3:

- <sup>2</sup> My help cometh from the LORD, which made Heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He Who keepeth thee will not slumber.

## **How Great is Your God?**

# Deuteronomy 3:23-24:

- <sup>23</sup> And I besought the LORD at that time, saying,
- <sup>24</sup> O Lord God, Thou hast begun to shew Thy servant Thy greatness, and Thy mighty Hand: for what God is there in Heaven or in earth, Who can do according to Thy Works, and according to Thy Might?

Deuteronomy 5:24: And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us His Glory and His Greatness, and we have heard His Voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

The question that determines the success of living in the Spirit is being made free from sin.

Romans 6:22: But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto Holiness, and the end Everlasting Life.

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