

DON'T FORGET, WHEN THINGS ARE LOOKING TOUGH...

“HE IS ABLE!”

- IN THE TIME OF TRIAL, HE IS ABLE TO DELIVER US

If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.” (Daniel 3:17, NKJV)

There is no trial that He cannot bring us through (Isa. 43:1-2). Trials are the way that He can purge sin from our lives, but when they seem too big to handle, He can make a way of escape. (1 Cor 10:12). He says, *Is there anything too hard for the Lord?* (Gen. 18:14) and no trial is too big, if we call out to Him for help (2 Chron. 20:12). He is able to save to the uttermost (from the worst of situations, Heb. 7:25)

- IN THE TIME OF TEMPTATION, HE IS ABLE TO HELP US

“Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.” (Heb. 2:17–18, NKJV)

His ministry as our Great High Priest, is to help us in our time of need, (Psalm 46:1). Even when we believe not, yet He remains faithful. (2 Tim. 2:13)

- IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY IN OUR HEARTS, HE IS ABLE TO KEEP US FROM FALLING.

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,” (Jude 24, NKJV)

When we need the assurance in our hearts that we will keep true to Him or that our faith will fail, He reminds us through His Spirit that we belong to Him. *“I am my Beloved’s and His desire is toward me”* (Song of Solomon 7:10). We are preserved in Jesus Christ (Jude 1) and *“nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ”*, Romans 8:37. He is able to keep us (2 Tim. 1:12) and will not leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5)

- IN THE TIME OF FINANCIAL STRAIN, HE CAN PROVIDE THE MEANS SO THAT WE CAN STILL GIVE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8, NKJV)

God can provide for us when we are willing to be channels of blessing. He will provide for our needs so that we can take care of the needs of others. The widow of Zarephath was a prime example, (1 Kings 17:13-14; Matt. 6:33)

- IN THE TIME OF SKEPTICISM, WHEN WE THINK THAT SOMEONE WILL NEVER BOW THE KNEE TO THE LORD IS GOD IS ABLE TO HUMBLE

“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.” (Daniel 4:37)

King Nebuchadnezzar was a tough person to humble, but God did; Manasseh was a tough king, causing Judah to err and quite possibly the one responsible for Isaiah’s death, but God humbled him (2 Chron. 33). Those who walk in pride, God can bring to their knees, if He chooses to do so.

There are so many things that He is able to do – able to subdue all things to Himself, (Phil. 3:21) able to raise children unto Abraham from stones (Luke 3:8) and to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, (Eph. 3:20). When

things get tough, don't forget...GOD IS ABLE!

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