Our God Is Able

Robert Harkrider · Ephesians 3:20–21

INTRODUCTION

- What this passage says is that our God is able.
- This is not a promise to encourage covetous desires. Nor is it a promise to say that we'll never have any trials or troubles or valleys in our life.
- But it is a promise to say that whatever occurs in our life, that our Lord will be there to bless us and to help us through.

1 God Is Able to Do Exceedingly Abundantly Above

Exodus 14:22; 2 Kings 4

- The children of Israel went into the midst of the sea. On dry ground. And the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
- God has the power indeed to do exceedingly abundantly above.
- Doing what God said and the way God said do it. May not have seemed reasonable, but when they did what God said, the walls fell.
- But it is when we look back at the providence of God, we can say, the Lord indeed, has used us and blessed us.

2 According to the Power That Works in Us

Ephesians 3:20; Hebrews 11:29

- In each of these cases, man had to do his part.
- But it was God who blessed, ultimately.
- By faith, they crossed the Red Sea as by dry ground.
- But when God's will is followed, he will bless his people.
- In every one of these, the power of God is involved, but it was by faith on the part of those who were being blessed by God.

3 To Him Be Glory: God's Real Purpose for Our Lives

1 Timothy 6:10; Matthew 6:33; 1 Timothy 2:4

- Our God is able and he enables us and blesses us when there is glory to him.
- It is not that God ever said, Hey, just serve me and I make you materially a wealthy person.
- What God has promised is our needs, not our greeds.
- The fact is, what God really desires for every one of us is that we be saved.
- God would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

4 When Heaven Is Our Goal

Romans 8:28; Romans 8:31–32; Romans 8:35–39

- His ultimate desire is not just here and now in this life, but his ultimate desire is that heaven be our home.
- When we have heaven as our goal, then circumstances are such that we have that peace of mind in facing all kinds of trials or situations in life.
- If God is for us, who can be against us?
- What matters is are we prepared for life after death?
- We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

5 Like Paul, We Have a Living Hope

Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 11:24–28; 1 Peter 1:3–8

- When heaven is our goal, I put the words, therefore. Like Paul, we have a living hope.
- I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- Who according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- You're looking forward to a home that is eternal, that has every blessing you could dream of.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What is your goal in life? If you were to be asked at this moment to write down, what's your plans? Ultimately, what's your real plan?**

MY NOTES