

The Wednesday Word, June 22, 2016: Is His ability enough for You? - Part 1

In Christ Jesus, there is an immense strength available for believers. When His salvation first apprehended us, we began to comprehend our nothingness and entire dependence on Jesus. Even now, as His followers, we are still confronted by our weakness apart from Him. This is good, for it keeps us in a place of brokenness and dependency. It's a place where we can learn that His ability is enough.

When we consider Christ's ability, it's good to contemplate, for example, His skill at answering our prayers. We read, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think-----" (Ephesians 3:20). This is an astonishing scripture! If this gets a hold of us, it will cause us to realize that Jesus really is enough. Let's take a moment and look more closely at this verse and see what it says to us.

It begins by declaring 'Unto Him'. All prayer starts, with Him, with Jesus. He is the ultimate prayer warrior. But who is He? He is the God/Man, the Maker of Heaven and earth. He is the one to whom all power in Heaven and earth is given. Our verse next informs us that,

He is able:

Jesus is the able one. He is able to save to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:25): He is able to make us stand (Romans 14:4): He is able to establish us (Romans 16:25): He is able to help us when we are tempted (Hebrews 2:18) and He is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless in Heaven (Jude 1:24). He is enough for every situation we face.

He is able to do:

He is the one who gets things done. When He opens a door no one can shut it, when He closes a door no one can open it. He is the God of all-power who does according to His will. He is enough!

He is able to do all:

Nothing is too difficult for the Lord! He is the great and mighty God and who can withstand Him? He commands the winds and the waves to be silent and they obey. He can calm all the storms in our lives--is this enough for us?

He is able to do all we ask.

He is able to make good every promise He has ever made. We, therefore, need to get into the habit of asking! Just think of the extravagant love and power there is for us. Reflect on Romans 8:32; which tells us that we shall be freely given all things with Christ.

He is able to do all we ask and think.

This almost gets scary! He is able to do all that we think. This means that, in Jesus, there are limitless possibilities. There is an inexhaustible fullness of grace, mercy and provision which our prayers can never drain.

Spurgeon says, "Have you not, at times, been filled with great thoughts of what God might do with you? Have you not imagined how He might use you for His Glory? He can do more than you have dreamed! Turn your pleasant dreams into fervent prayers and it may yet please the Lord to make you useful to an amazing degree—so that you shall be astonished at what you will accomplish. If of a humble shepherd lad He made a David, He may do the same with you!"

He is able to do above all we ask or think.

To know that He can do all we ask or think is good enough for me, but now to be told that He is able to do above all that we ask or think is enough to make a Presbyterian shout! He is able to do more than we ask or think! Isn't it time for us to get a bigger vision of the greatness of Jesus and His ability?

As John Newton wrote,

“Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much.”

He is enough!

And that's the Gospel Truth!