

Is Anything Too Hard For Jehovah? No. 181

Introduction.

- I. Once a little girl was sitting on her grandfathers lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She would then stroke her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, “Grandpa, did God make you?” “Yes, sweetheart. He made me a long time ago.” She then asked, “Grandpa, did God make me too?” “Yes, indeed, honey. God made you a little while ago.” Once again feeling his face and then hers, she said, “God’s getting better at it, isn’t he?” God does not actually get better. The Almighty God does everything right the first time.
- II. Once Jehovah told Abraham his wife, Sarah, would give birth to a son. Abraham was 99 and Sarah was 89 (Gen. 17:17). When Sarah overheard His announcement she laughed within herself, saying, “After I am become old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?” (Gen. 18:12). Jehovah then asked Abraham why Sarah had laughed and also asked, “Is anything too hard for Jehovah?” (Gen. 18:14).
- III. **Today let us think about this most important question.** “Is Anything Too Hard For Jehovah?” There are many religious and non-religious people who seem to think it is too hard for God to do certain things. They believe, if God exists, He is weak and finite. They do not believe in an omnipotent, all-powerful God.
 - I. **God To Keep His Promise** - Sarah thought it was too hard for God keep His promise.
 - A. She laughed when Jehovah promised she would give birth to a son.
 - B. **God made her skepticism become belief.** God miraculously intervened and though Sarah was past the age of childbearing she became the mother of Isaac.
 1. The name “Isaac” means “laughter.”
 2. He was named this because Sarah said. (Gen 21:6).
 3. Her laughter of skepticism became a laughter of joy.
 - II. **Defeat The Egyptians** - The Israelites thought it was too hard for God to defeat the Egyptians.
 - A. After the first-born of Egypt had been killed by the plague, Moses led the Israelites to the Red Sea. Pharaoh and all the chariots of Egypt pursued the Israelites. When the Israelites saw the Egyptians drawing near, they became afraid and cried out. (Exod. 14:11, 12).
 1. **They thought doom was certain.** They did not think God could deliver them from the powerful Egyptian army.
 2. **Moses** said. (Exod. 14:13, 14).

13 "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today; for

the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. 14 "The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent."

B. God instructed Moses to stretch his rod over the sea, and divide it. (Exod. 14:16).

1. Moses did as God commanded and the sea divided and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry ground.
2. But everyone of the Egyptians pursuing perished in the sea when Moses stretched his hand out over the sea causing the walls of water to collapse and return to their places. (Exod. 14:26-28).
3. God manifested He could defeat Egypt and Israel sang this triumphal song.

EXO 15:1 Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and said, "I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted; The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea. 2 "The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will extol Him. 3 "The Lord is a warrior; The Lord is His name. 4 "Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; And the choicest of his officers are drowned in the Red Sea. 5 "The deeps cover them; They went down into the depths like a stone. 6 "Thy right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power, Thy right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. 7 "And in the greatness of Thine excellence Thou dost overthrow those who rise up against Thee; Thou dost send forth Thy burning anger, and it consumes them as chaff. 8 "And at the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were piled up, The flowing waters stood up like a heap; The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 "The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be gratified against them; I will draw out my sword, my hand shall destroy them.' 10 "Thou didst blow with Thy wind, the sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty waters. 11 "Who is like Thee among the gods, O Lord? Who is like Thee, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders? 12 "Thou didst stretch out Thy right hand, The earth swallowed them.

III. **Save Men From The Fiery Furnace** - Some thought it was too hard for God to save men from the fiery furnace.

A. **Briefly relate Daniel 3:1-16.**

B. **Nebuchadnezzar** threatened to cast Shadrach, Meshach, an Abed-nego into the fiery furnace

because they refused to worship the golden image he had made.

1. These young men boldly said. (Dan. 3:17).
2. They believed God was able to deliver them.

B. They were bound and cast into the burning fiery furnace. (Dan. 3:19-22).

1. Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace and asked his counselors, “Did not we cast three men bound into the mist of the fire?” They answered they had.
2. He said. (Dan. 3:25).
3. Dan. 3:26, 27.

IV. Answer Prayer - Some today think it is too hard for God to answer prayer.

A. Many scoff at the existence of God and the idea of Him actually answering prayer. Some who believe in His existence also scoff at the power of prayer. They believe their needs, their problems are too difficult, too big, too complex for God to solve. They believe it is too hard for God to answer prayer, so they don't pray at all or if they do pray they pray with doubt.

C. It is not too hard for God to answer prayer.

1. God is Almighty and He can and will do all things that are within His will. (Matt. 19:26).
2. **The scriptures command and urge us to pray.** (Matt. 6:10; 7:7-11; Eph. 3:20; Phil. 4:6; 1 Jn. 5:14, 15).
3. Yes, God will answer our prayers. Answering prayer is easy for the great God of heaven.
4. We do not always recognize His answers or agree with them or think they are best, but God always answers and He always gives us what is best.

V. Raise The Dead - Some think it is too hard for God to raise the dead.

- A. But this is absurd. God has raised Lazarus, Jairus' daughter, Dorcas, Eutychus, His own Son, and others from the dead.
- B. In the last day he will raise all men from the dead. (Jn. 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15b).
- C. In the last day the righteous shall be not only raised, but they shall receive a glorious spiritual body. (1 Jn. 3:2; 1 Cor. 15:49-53; Phil. 3:20, 21).

VI. Change A Man - Some think it is too hard for God to change a man.

- A. Some believe they are too mean and sinful for God to change. Some think others are too mean and sinful to be changed; so they refuse even to teach them. More than once I have heard people say, “you could never convert him.”
- B. **God can, however change a man.** God through His gospel has the power to change sinners into

lovers of righteousness.

1. Corinth was a very wicked city. One of the most wicked cities that has ever existed. One would not think there would be prospective Christians there. (Acts 18:8).
2. Some of the Christians at Corinth had been fornicators. Some had been idolaters, drunkards, thieves, homosexuals, revilers. (1 Cor. 6:9, 10).
3. But **Paul** said. (1 Cor. 6:11).
4. God changed many of the Corinthians. God has changed millions of others and He can also change you and me. He can change us from children of darkness to children of light. He can change us from children of the devil to His own beloved children.

Conclusion.

- I. This change takes place when we come to Christ and are “born of water and the Spirit.” God then cleanses us and makes us His children.
- II. As His children we receive wisdom and power to become more and more like Him each day.
- III. The invitation is extended. Come and make Jesus your Savior and God your Father. Come as we stand and sing.

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