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Am I Not God?
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Why do you focus on the impossibilities of your situation when I am the God that can make the impossible, possible? Nothing is too hard for me. Instead of looking at what seems impossible focus on what is possible with me.

Philippians 3:10 (AMP)

¹⁰ [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [⁹which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]

What does it mean to be God?

Isaiah 45:18 (AMP)

¹⁸ For thus says the Lord—Who created the heavens, God Himself, Who formed the earth and made it, Who established it and did not create it to be a worthless waste; He formed it to be inhabited—I am the Lord, and there is no one else.

Hebrews 11:3 (AMP)

³ By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.

Mark 10:27 (AMP)

²⁷ Jesus glanced around at them and said, With men [it is] impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.

God is not a man!

Numbers 23:19 (AMP)

¹⁹ God is not a man, that He should tell or act a lie, neither the son of man, that He should feel repentance or compunction [for what He has promised]. Has He said and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken and shall He not make it good?

Mark 11:22 (AMP)

²² And Jesus, replying, said to them, Have faith in God [constantly].

What happens in our life if we don't acknowledge God is God?

We can use the Israelites as an example.

Numbers 21:4 (AMP)

⁴ And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, and the people became impatient (depressed, much discouraged), because [of the trials] of the way.

They limited the Holy One.

Psalm 78:41(AMP)

⁴¹ ***And time and again they turned back and tempted God, provoking and incensing the Holy One of Israel.***

The way they did it was by:

- 1) What they said

Psalm 78:19 (AMP)

¹⁹ ***Yes, they spoke against God; they said, Can God furnish [the food for] a table in the wilderness?***

- 2) Lack of trust

Psalm 78:22 (AMP)

²² ***Because in God they believed not [they relied not on Him, they adhered not to Him], and they trusted not in His salvation (His power to save).***

Faith is believing God's promises; Trust is believing in His character!

From the beginning God intended for mankind to be blessed.

Genesis 1:28 (AMP)

²⁸ ***And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.***

Blessing means: To cause to prosper, to make happy, denotes the state of prosperity or happiness that comes when a superior being bestows His favor on a person.

Whatever God has or is determines the way He will bless.

What God is:

Jehovah Sidkinu: Righteousness

Jehovah Nissi: Banner (protection)

Jehovah Rapha: Healer

Jehovah Roho: Shepherd – dedicated to our well-being – provides for our needs and wants.

Jehovah Shammuh: He is always there. Never leaves us or forsakes us.

Jehovah Shaloam: Peace-nothing lacking, nothing missing, nothing broken

Jehovah Jiriah: Provider

1 Corinthians 2:9 (AMP)

⁹ ***But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed].***

1 Corinthians 2:12 (AMP)

¹² ***Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God.***

Ephesians 1:3 (AMP)

³ *May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!*

2 Peter 1:2-4 (AMP)

² *May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is ^[a]perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and ^[b]freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, ^[c]precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

³ *For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [^[d]full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).*

⁴ *By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.*

Our belief system is expandable and collapsible.

Mark 9:23 (AMP)

²³ *And Jesus said, [You say to Me], If You can do anything? [Why,] all things can be (are possible) to him who believes!*

Faith, Love, Patience and the rest of the fruit of the Spirit expand your belief system. Fear, doubt, and unbelief constrict and collapse your belief system.

Ephesians 3:20 (AMP)

²⁰ *Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—*

If I will give you the desires of your heart you didn't even ask for, how much more will I give you the desires you do ask me for.

We can impair the blessings if we have a broken heart. Faith works by love.

We are made in the image of God. God is love. Hurts, trials, and the battering hand of life breaks our heart. Something that is broken cannot function like it was made to function.

Matthew 22:37-40 (AMP)

³⁷ *And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect).*

³⁸ *This is the great (most important, principal) and first commandment.*

³⁹ *And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.*

⁴⁰ *These two commandments ^[a]sum up and upon them depend all the Law and the Prophets.*

Isaiah 61:1-3 (AMP)

61 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound,

² To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] ^[a] and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

³ To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion—to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit—that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.

Luke 4:18 (AMP)

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],