

GOD AND YOU
Philippians 4:19 (vss. 11-13; 18-10)

INTRODUCTION

- A. It is always good to study the power of God and His ability, but many times He works through human agencies.
 - 1. Philippians 2:13
 - 2. Mark 16:20
 - a. God preached and confirmed, but He did it through humans.
- B. This morning we want to study the ability of God with the goal to see how His ability is joined with our ability.
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 3:9
 - 2. We can hinder God's ability by our unwillingness to be used by Him.

I. 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8, "Able to make all grace abound."

- A. Even though God is able to make all grace abound, we must still appropriate that grace.
 - 1. Paul had earlier begged them not to receive God's grace in vain, chap. 6:1.
 - a. The grace of God – Salvation!
 - 2. God could not make grace abound if they did not use it. James 2:17
- B. 1 Corinthians 15:10
 - 1. Paul received God's grace, but he also labored and became a laborer together with God.
 - 2. If we receive from God and refuse to help others in need, God's grace will not continue.

II. EPHESIANS 3:20-21, "Able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think."

- A. What a great declaration of what God can do.
 - 1. Yet, in the same breath it says, "according to the power that works within us."
- B. There are many things that God can do, that He does through His saints.
 - 1. He is able to save the world, but He has placed that power in the good news. Romans 1:16
 - a. Paul says, 2 Corinthians 4:7.
 - b. Romans 10:13-14. What if we don't do it?

III. HEBREWS 2:18, "He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted."

- A. Because Christ is a perfect High Priest, He is able to come to our aid and extend comfort.
 - 1. But we must help. Galatians 6:2
 - 2. Christ can give aid and comfort through His saints. Romans 15:1
- B. Jesus can aid them, but we too must extend the support and spiritual strength that we can give.

IV. JUDE 24-25, "Able to keep you from falling [stumbling]."

- A. God can keep us from falling.
 - 1. But note Paul's warning, 1 Corinthians 10:12.
- B. 1 Corinthians 10:13.

1. God provides the way of escape, but we must use it.
 2. Peter exhorts us. 2 Peter 1:10
- C. God can do great things, but He does them through us.

V. PHILIPPIANS 3:21, “*Able to subject all things to Himself.*”

- A. We become conquerors, not by merely trusting Christ’s power to subdue, but by working with Him. 2 Corinthians 2:14 [*through us*]
- B. Paul recognized God’s power worked in him to subdue all things and he said, 2 Corinthians 3:5.
 1. However, he also knew that he was responsible for doing his part. Philippians 4:13

VI. HEBREWS 7:25, “*Able to save forever.*”

- A. God has the ability to save.
 1. Yet, He doesn’t save those who refuse to obey. Hebrews 5:8-9
- B. Even though God saves, we are told, Acts 2:40.
 1. Philippians 2:12

CLOSING

- A. Don’t ever doubt God’s ability, for “with God, all things are possible”, Matthew 19:26.
- B. Don’t neglect that which God has committed to you.
- C. Don’t forget that when you set out to do God’s will, you are a fellow worker with Him. You can accomplish what He wants you to do.
- D. So much of our energy is spent on things of this world. Those verses looked at focus on salvation!
- E. Therefore, believe as though God only can save and obey as though only you can do it.