



I have committed to Him until that Day."

(Romans 16:25) *"Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel ..."*

(John 10:29) *"My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."*

◆ **God is able to _____ us to be like _____,**
(Philippians 3:21) *"who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself."*

◆ **God is able to help us live the _____,**
(Hebrews 2:18) *"For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted."*

(Jude 1:24) *"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,"*

◆ **God is able to give us _____ for every _____ and _____**

(2 Corinthians 9:8) *"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."*

God is able to do _____ He _____,
(Ephesians 3:20-21) *"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, {21} to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*

(Genesis 22:8) *".. "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." .."*

(Hebrews 11:17-19) *"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ...{19} concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense."*

(Genesis 45:5) *"But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life."*

(Genesis 45:8) *"So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; ..."*

(Genesis 50:20) *"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."*

(Isaiah 40:31) *"But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."*



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Been Thinking About . . . Unfairness, by Mart De Haan

Life isn't fair. Good things happen to those who don't deserve them. Helpless children suffer for their parents' mistakes. Some who work hard are cut down prematurely by accident or disease. Others who hardly work inherit the wealth of someone else's sacrifice. Nothing under the sun is fair. Time and chance seem to happen to all (Ecclesiastes 9:11).

To the natural eye, the rule of life seems to be the luck of the draw. Some are born into wealth and influence. Others start their journey with weak bodies, troubled families, and economic slavery. Our suspicions, if true, lead to heavier matters. If life is not fair, it seems inevitable that we must also believe that God is not fair, that He doesn't care, or that He has started something that even He cannot do anything about.

We are not the first to doubt God's sufficiency or goodness. The author of the 73rd Psalm felt his faith crumbling under the weight of unfair circumstances. He was overwhelmed by the injustice of it all, until in the sanctuary his faith was renewed. "Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You" (v.25). Nothing changed but his perspective.

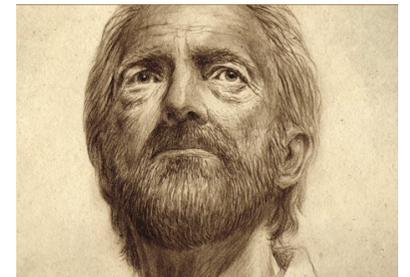
In one of the oldest books of the Bible, a man named Job pressed our argument for us. In all of the suffering he endured, Job wrestled with heaven over the inequalities of life. And when God had finished speaking, Job was left speechless and comforted (Job 41-42).

What God did not do was give Job the answer of the 73rd Psalm. The Lord did not remind Job that He would use eternity to comfort those who had trusted Him. Nor did the Lord blame Satan for sponsoring all the terrible things that had happened to Job, his wife, and his children.

Instead, God took Job to the forest. He took him to the ocean. To the mountains. To the shadow of His presence in nature.

With only a few words, the Lord of creation showed Job the work of His hand. It is as if the Lord of the heavens gave Job flowers and said, "If I could make a flower, or a horse, or the stars . . . do you think I could make a mistake with you?"

Father, please do for us what we can't do for ourselves. Lift our focus from our losses to what You have given. Let us see that what You do now and will do forever is infinitely greater than anything You have withheld.





Soaring: Trusting the God of Wisdom and Power



(Job 9:4) "God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. ..."

(Job 12:13) ""With Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding."

(Psalms 147:5) "Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite."

(Isaiah 26:3) "You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You."

We can make two statements about our trust in God that will give us peace:

1. I can trust God because He has the _____ to ALWAYS make the best _____, Job 38:4, 12, 16, 24, 31, 36, 39:1, 26, 27, 40:2, 4, 5, 8, 42:2, 6

(Daniel 2:20-23) "Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His.

{21} And He changes the times and the seasons;

He removes kings and raises up kings;

He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. {22} He reveals deep and secret things;

He knows what is in the darkness,

And light dwells with Him. {23} "I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, And have now made known to me what we asked of You, For You have made known to us the king's demand.""

Daniel 2:20-23 teaches five facts about God's wisdom:

- ◆ It is associated with God's _____, verses 20,23
- ◆ It determines the _____ of the _____, verse 21
- ◆ It determines the _____ of men, verse 21
- ◆ God is the _____ of all _____, verses 21-22
- ◆ It _____ what men cannot, verse 22

(Romans 16:27) "to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen."

(1 Timothy 1:17) "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

(Jude 1:25) "To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen."



(1 Corinthians 1:25) "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

(Romans 11:33-36) "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! {34} "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" {35} "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" {36} For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."

(Psalms 104:24) "O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. ...;"

(Proverbs 3:19) "The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;"

(Ephesians 1:7-8) "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace {8} which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,"

(Proverbs 8:22) ""The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old."

(Isaiah 31:2) "Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster, And will not call back His words, But will arise against the house of evildoers, ..."

(Psalms 139:1-2) "O LORD, You have searched me and known me. {2} You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off."

(Psalms 139:6) "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it."

(Revelation 15:3-4) ".."Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! {4} Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.""

(Revelation 19:1-2) ".. "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! {2} "For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.""

(Colossians 2:3) "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."



2. I can trust God because He ALWAYS has the _____ to bring His _____ to pass,

A New Testament survey of God's ability shows God's power in 7 awesome ways:

- ◆ **God is able to _____,**
(Matthew 3:9) ""...! For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones."
- ◆ **God is able to _____ and _____,**
(James 4:12) "There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. .."
- ◆ **God is able to _____,**
(Matthew 10:28) ""... fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."
- ◆ **God is able to _____,**
(2 Timothy 1:12) ".. I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what