

God is Able
Revive! Ladies' Day Away
Morning Session 1

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Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

— Ephesians 3:20-21 NASB

ABLE

According to dictionary.com, the definition of able is:

able (adjective)

1. having necessary power, skill, resources, or qualifications; qualified:

- able to lift a two-hundred-pound weight; able to write music; able to travel widely; able to vote.

According to the Strong's concordance:

Able - dunamai (Greek) means to be able or to be of power

- גִּבּוֹר (Hebrew) pronounced: ghib-bore'

- adjective: strong, mighty
 - noun: strong man, brave man, mighty man
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If you are able to do something, then you have that ability. But, before we look at God's abilities, let's look at who God is.

We find this out by going to the Word of God, the Bible. The Bible is our dictionary for defining God. It's our sole resource.

There are many passages in the Bible that have the phrase "God is" in them. We'll use some of these for our clues.

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GOD IS:

- Creator - (Gen 1:1, John 1:3)

—In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

—He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. (referring to Christ)

- I Am - (Ex 3:13-15)

— Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

- a Consuming Fire, a Jealous God (Deut 4:24, Heb 12:29)

—For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

—for our God is a consuming fire.

- a Compassionate God (Deut 4:31, Ps 116:5)

—For the Lord your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

—Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; Yes, our God is compassionate.

- God of gods, Lord of lords, great might, awesome (Deut 10:17):

—For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.

- Eternal, a Dwelling Place (Deut 33:27)
 - “The eternal God is a dwelling place, And underneath are the everlasting arms; And He drove out the enemy from before you, And said, ‘Destroy!’*
- Strong Fortress (2 Sam 22:33)
 - “God is my strong fortress; And He sets the blameless in His way.*
- Gracious and Compassionate (2 Chron 30:9)
 - “For if you return to the Lord, your brothers and your sons will find compassion before those who led them captive and will return to this land. For the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate, and will not turn His face away from you if you return to Him.”*
- Just (Job 5:1)
 - [God Is Just] “Call now, is there anyone who will answer you? And to which of the holy ones will you turn?*
- a Righteous Judge (Ps 7:11)
 - “God is a righteous judge, And a God who has indignation every day.*
- Our Refuge and Strength (Ps 46:1)
 - “God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.*
- the King of the earth (Ps 47:7)
 - “For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a skillful psalm.*
- Helper (Ps 54:4)
 - “Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is the sustainer of my soul.*
- Stronghold (Ps 59:9,17)
 - “Because of his strength I will watch for You, For God is my stronghold.*

- a God of deliverances (Ps 68:20)
—God is to us a God of deliverances; And to God the Lord belong escapes from death.
- The Judge (Ps 75:7)
—But God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another.
- a Sun and Shield (Ps 84:11)
—For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- Jealous and Avenging (Nahum 1:2)
—A jealous and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies.
- The Lord our God is one Lord (Mark 12:29)
—Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord;”
- True (John 3:33)
—He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true.
- Spirit (John 4:24)
—God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- the One who justifies (Rom 8:33)
—Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies;

- Faithful (I Cor 1:9, 1 Cor 10:13, 2 Cor 1:18)
 - God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*
 - No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.*
 - But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no.*
- Holy (I Cor 3:17)
 - If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.*
- The Head of Christ (I Co 11:3)
 - But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.*
- a God of Peace (I Cor 14:33)
 - for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.*
- Light (I John 1:5)
 - This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.*
- Love (I John 4:8, 16)
 - The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*
 - We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

GOD'S RESOURCES

What belongs to God?

- Interpretations (of dreams) - Genesis 40:8
 - *Then they said to him, "We have had a dream and there is no one to interpret it." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell it to me, please."*
- I do - Job 33:6
 - *"Behold, I belong to God like you; I too have been formed out of the clay."*
- The shields of the earth - Psalm 47:9
 - *The princes of the people have assembled themselves as the people of the God of Abraham, For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted.*
- Power - Psalm 62:11
 - *Once God has spoken; Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God;*
- Christ - 1 Corinthians 3:23
 - *and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.*
- Beasts and Cattle - Psalm 50:10
 - *"For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills."*
- The world and all it contains - Psalm 50:12
 - *"If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and all it contains."*

GOD'S ABILITIES

What is God able to do?

Create

Genesis 1:1

—In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Deliver

Daniel 3:17

—If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

Make children from stones

Matthew 3:9

and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.

Heal

Matthew 9:28

*When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus *said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this (heal the blind)?" They *said to Him, "Yes, Lord."*

Destroy

Matthew 10:28

Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Protect

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (God is able to keep us from being separated from His love)

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Establish

Romans 16:25

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ

Give Abundant Grace

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

Far More

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Guard

2 Timothy 1:12

For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

Give Wisdom

2 Timothy 3:15

and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (The Word of God is able)

Rescue

Hebrews 2:18

For since He Himself (Jesus) was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted. (Jesus Christ is able)

Judge

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (The Word of God is able)

Save Christ from Death

Hebrews 5:7-8

In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Save Us Forever

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Raise the Dead

Hebrews 11:19

(Abraham) considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

Save Our Souls

James 1:21

Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. (The Word of God is able)

Paul sums it up in Romans when he writes:

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.” - Romans 11:33

Therefore, my theme for 2015 will be God is Able.

- I have only tasted a sampling of what His Word has to proclaim about Him and it has left me in awe and hungering for more.
- I have just begun to KNOW who my Father is and it has left me wanting to spend more time with Him.
- I have just begun to PERCEIVE His endless resources to me and I can no longer be miserly with my requests.
- I have just begun to STAND TALLER because I am His daughter and will not be threatened by whatever man can say or do to me.
- I have just begun to SEE MY SIN as a rebellion against the Only True Holy God and I cannot bear to do this to Him.

COMMITMENT

I ask you to join me in living out this theme of "God Is Able" in your own life this year.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." - Matt 5:6

If that is your request today, I ask you to bow before Him in prayer, knowing that He is abundantly able to answer you.

BENEDICTION

Jude 1:24-25

Now to Him who *is able* to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.