



Part 2: God is Able | March 19 & 20, 2011

Main Point: If you want to really connect with the God of heaven and earth, you will have to pray with conviction to the God who is ABLE!

Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (All scripture references are TNIV unless otherwise noted.)

#1 God is ABLE!

God is able to do whatever needs to be done in this world, and that includes your life. No problem can stop Him. No obstacle can thwart Him, no circumstance can worry Him. God is greater than our circumstances.

Ephesians 3:14-15 For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

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#2 No cosmic bystander

He is active and involved in His universe.

James 4:2b-3 You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with the wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasure.

God is bigger than your imagination, and NOT just a little bit bigger.

Ephesians 3:20a Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,

We tend to limit God to human power. And we live in a culture that is pushing Him off to the sidelines as a cosmic bystander.

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#3 Bible shows God is able

Genesis 1:3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

The entire physical universe came into being because God simply WILLED it to be so. It was no strain whatsoever on God to do this! The Bible says He is able to suspend the laws of nature at any time. That's how big He is.

God's power is not just over nature. He is able to bring deliverance from the seemingly impossible situations we face. And His power never diminishes!

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

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#4 God on our side!

Ephesians 3:16-17a I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Ephesians 3:17b-19a And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-

God is not just powerful, He is loving. He is not capable of being unloving.

The question is: Are you going to pray with conviction? Whatever you are carrying personally, whatever is your deepest need or longing, our God is ABLE!

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PRAYER RESOURCES:

- Revolution on Our Knees by David & Kim Butts
- The Papa Prayer by Larry Crabb
- Prayer Coach: For All Who Want to Get Off the Bench and Onto the Praying Field by James L. Nicodem