

God Can

III: Our _____ for Today: v6-8

Our hope for today comes from God's past workings in our lives.

A. we can have _____ in God

- Jesus said in Mark 11:22 – ... ***Have faith in God.***
 - Psalm 62:8 tells us - ***8Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.***
 - Jesus said in John 14:1 - ***1Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me***
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B. _____ to mind His past works: v7b

Do you strive to remember the mountains that He has moved for you? Do you strive to remember the power He has given to you when you were weak? Do you strive to remember what you were BEFORE you came to know Christ and then compare it to what you are right now?

C. _____ Out His commandments v7c

It is God's desire that we live a life according to His Word.

- Jesus said - John 14:15 - ***If ye love me, keep my commandments.***
- John 15:10 - ***If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.***

One of the reasons people ask Can God instead of God can is because their own disobedience has served to hinder their fellowship with Christ.

Are you a Can God ... or a God can Christian?



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Psalm 78:12-20

Psalm 78 gives us a glimpse of a time in Israel's history when they had allowed doubt, discouragement, and disappointment in God to permeate their hearts. This is revealed in that 3 times in verses 19 and 20 they challenge God by asking 1) *can God furnish a table in the wilderness?* 2) *can He give bread also?* And 3) *can He provide flesh for his people?*

While there may always be moments of doubt, discouragement, and disappointment in our life, God never desires for these things to drive our relationship with Him. Rather, He tells us ... *the just shall live by faith ... but without faith it is impossible to please Him.*

This morning, let's look at how we can go from asking, Can God to declaring, God can!

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I: The _____ of the People

Whenever we ask, Can God— there is a fundamental, underlying problem with our faith. And that was the general condition of Israel’s heart thru this time in their history.

A. they were _____: v20, 41

They had faith that God would deliver them but they did not have faith that God would sustain them.

B. they were _____: v11, 42

God had had proven Himself to them. He had proven Himself to be all powerful and in control, time and again. He did wonderful miracles to get them out of Egypt. He provided for them as they traveled in the wilderness. They ate the food of angels; He miraculously took care of their enemies who occupied the land that He promised to give them. Yet, they were forgetful of the mighty power, presence, promises and provision of God.

C. they were _____: v17-19

By asking "Can God?", they proved their ignorance of God’s power and love for them. And our text reveals that they were foolish because they were not content with God’s provision.

The faithless, forgetful, and foolish Christian can never go from Can God to God can so long as these problems of the heart remain in their heart.

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II: The _____ From God

One of the most marvelous attributes of God is that He keeps His promises, which are given to us to help us maintain hope and confidence in Him.

A. God’s _____ promises to Israel

His promise to Noah

His promise to Abraham

His promise to David

His promise to us regarding our salvation!

God’s help involves His ...

B. _____: v4, v12

Throughout their history, Israel witnessed first hand the miraculous performances of God. Imagine seeing the Red Sea parted; imagine finding manna from heaven every day for 40 years; imagine millions of quail coming into your camp right after you complain to God that you are tired of manna; and imagine seeing the cloud by day and fire by night, guiding you—knowing that the very presence of God was there.

God’s help involves His...

C. _____

Again, throughout their history, God had proven that He was stronger than every obstacle they faced. He was more powerful than Egypt, more powerful than the Amalekites, and greater than their thirst and their hunger.
