

God Is Able
Mark 2:1-5

We forget sometimes WHO we are SAVED by, WHO we are SUPPORTED by, WHO OUR GOD IS! Five times the Bible records the PHRASE “GOD IS ABLE”:

- Matthew 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
- Luke 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
- Romans 11:23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.
- Romans 14:4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.
- 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

So as we remember that last verse, look at our text. We see a man is sick of the palsy. He is paralyzed.

1. God Is Able To Help Us In Our General Needs

1. Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
2. Don't mix up Need and Want. Need is a condition requiring, it is a must, to have supply or relief. Want is to desire or wish for (something).
3. Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
4. You may say “Well I had this or that happen, and GOD didn't supply my need!” Wait a minute, perhaps He did and we mistook His provision and wasted it on a want! THEN, when the NEED arose, we had squandered what He in His mercy and grace had provided.
5. Remember the Fish with the Tax money in its mouth? (Matt. 17:24-27) how about the Axe Head that was accidentally lost in the Jordan River? Did not God make the Iron Swim? (2 Kings 6:6). Did He not Feed the 5,000 (Matt. 14:13-21) God IS able to HELP us in our Day to day needs!

2. God Is Able To Help Us In Our Grave Needs

1. Mark 2:9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?
2. 10 times Jesus said in the Gospels thy faith “hath made thee whole” or similar statements.
3. We must BELIEVE, TRUST that GOD IS ABLE. Matthew 9:28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

4. Well DO YOU AND I BELIEVE? Remember WHO WE SERVE AND WHAT HE DID!
 1. God Created IT ALL!
 2. God Parted The Red Sea.
 3. Jesus Gave Sight to the Blind
 4. He healed the Crippled.
 5. He cleansed the lepers
 6. He raised folks from the Dead
 7. He cast out Demons!
 8. He healed the sick.
 9. He walked on Water
 10. He calmed the Storm
5. This man who was Paralyzed, was BROUGHT to Jesus' Presence. I see a few things here.
 1. The Paralytic was a blessed man and didn't know it. Why?
 2. He had 4 FRIENDS WHO HAD FAITH.
 3. They cared enough about him to GET HIM TO JESUS!
 4. They broke up the Roof (of Peter's House) – what a scene!
 5. They broke up “a church meeting.”
 6. They lowered him into the presence of Christ.
 7. Then Jesus met TWO OF HIS NEEDS!!!
6. What about YOU this morning? Are you also a Paralytic?
 1. Are you Paralyzed by Fear?
 2. Are you Paralyzed by Doubt?
 3. Are you Paralyzed by Sin?
 4. Are you Paralyzed by Indifference?
 5. Are you Paralyzed by Pride?
 6. Are you Paralyzed by Depression?

3. God ALONE Is Able To Help Us In Our Greatest Need

1. Look! Did Jesus IMMEDIATELY HEAL THE PARALYTIC? NO. HE FIRST MET THE MAN’S GREATEST NEED!!!
2. Luke 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
3. If God is able to PHYSICALLY turn a rock into a Child of God. (Not saying Abraham is God) and God is able to make the Rocks PRAISE HIM (Luke 19:40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.) WHY I AM SO GLAD GOD WAS ABLE TO TAKE A SIN HARDENED STONE COLD LOST SINFUL WICKED EVIL HEART LIKE MINE AND BUST IT OPEN WITH TE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF CHRIST AND SAVE AN OLD SINNER LIKE ME!!!
4. God IS ABLE TO FORGIVE YOUR SINS!!
 1. Not ME – the Preacher
 2. Not Your Parents
 3. Not Your works
 4. Not Your looks
 5. Not Your money
 6. Not Your boss
 7. Not Your children
 8. Not Your Spouse
 9. Not the Pope or Priest
5. Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.