

“He Is Able”
John 5:25-30

Introduction:

1. Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles:
 - To John 5 - Where:
 - In The First Part Of The Chapter:
 - We Saw Jesus Perform:
 - A Great Miracle!
 - When He Completely Healed:
 - A Man Who Had Not Been Able To Walk:
 - For 38 Years!
 - But - Instead Of:
 - Being Amazed At:
 - The ***Ability*** Of Jesus:
 - To Heal!
 - The Jewish Leaders There In Jerusalem Questioned:
 - The ***Authority*** Of Jesus:
 - To Heal - Because:
 - He Did It On:
 - A Sabbath Day!
2. And So - Starting In 5:17:
 - Jesus “Answered” Their:
 - Objections - By Asserting:
 - Both His ***Ability*** & His ***Authority***:
 - To Do The Work Of Healing:
 - That He Did!
 - And In 5:17-23 - Jesus Proclaimed:
 - That - He Did Not Do His Work Alone!
 - In Fact - The Work ***He*** Did:
 - Was - At The Same Time:
 - The Work Of ***God The Father!***
 - ***His*** Father!
 - And - With This Claim:
 - John Tells Us In 5:18:
 - “Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God!”
 - 3. Well - Along With His:
 - Great Proclamation - Jesus Made:
 - In 5:24 - A Great Promise!
 - A Promise Only He Could Make:
 - Because Of His Unique Relationship:
 - With God The Father - As His Only-Begotten Son!
 - That Promise Was:
 - 5:24 - “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life!” - What A Promise!
 - Jesus Didn't Come:
 - Just To Heal That Man:
 - From His ***Physical*** Need!
 - He Also Came:
 - To Heal That Man:
 - From His ***Spiritual*** Need!
 - By Offering Him Pardon For His Sin - And Even:
 - A Passport To Eternal Life!
 - 4. And - On The Basis Of:
 - His Ability & Authority - As The Son Of God:
 - He Offers The Same Promise:
 - To Anyone & To Everyone:

- Who - Hears & Believes:
 - His Word Of The Gospel!
- Now - As Jesus Was Saying These Words:
 - I'm Sure That The Jews Who Were Listening To Him:
 - Were Shocked!
 - They Were Shocked At:
 - His Proclamation & His Promise!
 - But - That Didn't Stop Jesus!
 - In 5:25-30 - Jesus Continued:
 - So That He Might Reassure Those Who:
 - *Would* Hear & Believe:
 - His Word Of The Gospel!

5. And So - With Another:

- Certain, Changeless & Consequential Truth:
 - He Said - 5:25-30 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. / For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; / And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. / Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, / And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. / I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me!"
- **IE:** Now - We All Know That - There Are Some "Promises" That Seem Too Good To Be True! Just Listen To Some Of The Claims Made By Commercials On TV & Radio! Buy This Pillow - And You'll Sleep Better! Take These Supplements - And You'll Think Better! Use This App - And You'll Live Better!
 - And Yet - The Promise That Jesus Makes:
 - To Those Who Just Hear & Believe His Word:
 - Makes An Even Greater Claim!
 - An Eternal Claim!
 - So - How Is Jesus:
 - Who Appeared In This World As A Man:
 - Able To Make This Promise:
 - As If He Were God?
 - Well - As We Will See In This Passage:
 - It Is Because:
 - ***Jesus Is Able!***
 - Not Just To *Make*, But To *Keep*:
 - His Promise!
 - And - If You Take Him At His Word!
 - And - Hear & Believe His Gospel!
 - Then "He Is Able" To Keep His Promise:
 - To You!
 - And These Verses Tell Us How:
 - "He Is Able!"

* First - Jesus Is Able To Keep His Promise:

1. *Because Of His Great Power!*

- Even As We Just Read From 5:25!
 - Because Of The Great Power:
 - Of His Word! Even As Jesus Said:
 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live!"
 - **IE:** Now - I Know For A Fact - That There Is Little Power In My Voice! I've Seen That - Even With Our Dog! Won't Listen! Thankfully - The Word Of Jesus Is Different & Truly Powerful!
 - In This Verse - Jesus Claims That:
 - He Has The Power To:
 - Raise The Dead:
 - With Just The Sound Of His Voice! That's Power!
 - And - He Wants You To Know That:

- The Hour Of His Power:
 - Is Arriving!
 - He First Tells Us About:
 - The “Hour” In Which:
 - The Physical Resurrection Of The Dead Will Take Place!
 - So - Even Though This Is In The Future:
 - It Is Still On Its Way!
 - **IE:** Arrival Sign At Airport - Flights - On Time / Delayed / Canceled - More & More!
Not This Event! Still Right On Time!
 - And - Jesus Says That:
 - It Is *His* Word:
 - That The Dead Will Hear! And:
 - It Is *His* Word:
 - That Will Bring Them To Life!
 - But - Then He Also Wants Us To Know That:
- The Hour Of His Power:
 - Has Arrived! Already!
 - “The Hour Is Coming, And Now Is!”
 - Now - How Can There Be:
 - Something:
 - That Is Coming, But Already Is?
 - Jesus Is Speaking:
 - About Two Different Levels Of Reality!
 - A Physical Level:
 - That Is Bound By Time! And:
 - A Spiritual Level:
 - That Is Timeless!
 - And - What Jesus Will Do:
 - To Those Who Are Physically Dead:
 - In The Future!
 - He Can Do Right Now:
 - For Those Who Are Spiritually Dead:
 - In Their Trespasses & Sins!
 - He Can - By Just The Power Of His Voice:
 - Bring You To Spiritual & Eternal Life!
 - And - This Is The First Reason:
 - Why Jesus Is Able To Keep His Promise To You:
 - That If You - 5:24 - “Hear His Word & Believe On Him That Sent Him, You Have Everlasting Life!”
 - Jesus Is Able To Keep His Promise:
 - Because Of The Great Power:
 - Of His Word!
 - And - If You Believe His Word Today:
 - Then - Keep Trusting Him & His Promise!
 - Don’t Let Anyone:
 - Dissuade You Or Cause You To Doubt!
 - And Then - Live Your Life:
 - In The Power Of His Word!
 - His Word Can Still Change You & Others! Believe It! Let It!
 - Jesus Is Able To Keep His Promise To You:
 - Because Of His Great Power!

* Second - Jesus Is Able To Keep His Promise:

2. *Because Of His Great Possession!*

- As We Find Next In 5:26!
 - Because Of His Great Possession:
 - Of Life! Even - “Life In Himself!”
 - “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself!”

- **IE:** When I Worked As A Banker - I Can't Tell You How Many Times A Customer Would Come In With An Overdrawn Account! For Various Reasons - Some Legitimate / Others Excuses! But - The Truth Is - You Can't Spend What You Don't Have! You Can't Give What You Don't Have!
 - In This Verse - Jesus Claims That:
 - He Possesses The Very Life:
 - That He Promises To Give:
 - To You When You Believe In Him!
 - And So - He First Reminds Us:
 - Of The Doctrinal Truth That:
 - God The Father Possesses Life!
 - "In Himself!"
 - This Means That:
 - God Possesses Life:
 - Inherently! That Is - Life Is:
 - Part & Parcel Of His Nature!
 - God Does Not Get His Life From Any Other Source!
 - Instead - He Alone Is:
 - The "Fountain Of Life!" (Psalm 36:9)
 - Because - As David Proclaimed In Psalm 18:46:
 - "The Lord Liveth!"
 - God Alone Possesses Life Inherently! Also:
 - God Possesses Life:
 - Infinitely!
 - Life Is Something That God The Father:
 - Has & Will Never Lose!
 - His Life Is Infinite:
 - In Its Depth & Fulness!
 - His Life Is Infinite:
 - In Its Breadth - Because:
 - It Is Forever!
 - God Alone Possess Life Inherently & Infinitely!
 - And Yet - Jesus Says That:
 - God The Father "Has Given" The Same Life:
 - He Possesses - To His Son!
 - So - Jesus Further Reveals That:
 - The Son Of God Possess Life!
 - "In Himself" - As Well!
 - In The Same Way & At The Same Time!
 - Here Is Another Clear Assertion:
 - By Jesus - About His Equality:
 - With God The Father!
 - As The Father Has Life:
 - "In Himself" - Inherently & Infinitely:
 - So He Gave It:
 - To His Son!
- Now - Even Though - There Is Still:
 - Great Mystery In These Words:
 - It Is This Truth:
 - By Which Jesus Has The Power:
 - To Keep His Promise To You!
 - So That - When You Believe:
 - In Jesus & His Word:
 - You Have Everlasting Life!
 - Jesus Has The Power:
 - To Keep His Promise:
 - Because He Actually Possesses:
 - The Life He Offers!
 - Even - "In Himself!"
 - Have You Trusted In Jesus Christ:

- To Be Your Savior From Sin?
 - Have You Accepted His Claims, His Cross, And His Call?
 - If Not - Why Not Today!
- And Then - Live:
 - According To *Your* New Possession:
 - Of *His* Life!
 - Galatians 2:20 - "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me!"
- Jesus Is Able To Keep His Promise To You:
 - Because Of His Great Power!
 - Because Of His Great Possession!

* Third - Jesus Is Able To Keep His Promise To You:

3. *Because Of His Great Prerogative!*

- Which Jesus Tells Us About In 5:27!
 - Because Of His Great Prerogative / Privilege:
 - To "Execute Judgment!"
 - "And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man!"
 - **IE:** For Most Observers Of The US Supreme Court - This Last Session - Has Been One Full Of Important Decisions - But - How Does A Person Get The Authority To Become A Supreme Court Justice - For Life? Its Not Automatic! Takes A Lifetime Of Judicial Education & Experience - And That's Only The Beginning! Then - Nomination - Hearing - Votes!
 - And Yet - In This Verse - Jesus Makes Another Claim - Similar To What He Said In 5:22:
 - That God The Father:
 - Gave Him The Eternal Right & Authority To Be:
 - The "Judge Of All The Earth!"
 - And - Why Did God The Father:
 - Give This To His Son - Jesus?
 - 5:27 - "Because He Is The Son Of Man!"
 - Now - This Phrase - "Son Of Man" - Is:
 - The Favorite Description:
 - That Jesus Used:
 - Of Himself!
 - But - Where Did It Come From?
 - And - Why Did Jesus Use It?
 - And - How Is It The Reason For His Authority To Judge?
 - In The Old Testament Book Of Ezekiel:
 - "Son Of Man" Is The Phrase:
 - That God Used To Call:
 - Ezekiel - As His Prophet!
 - Found Over 90 Times!
 - But - As A Prophet:
 - What Was His Responsibility?
 - To Reveal God's Word To His People!
 - And So - This Would Be One Reason:
 - Why Jesus Used "Son Of Man" To Refer To Himself!
 - Because - He Too - Was:
 - God's Prophet To This World!
 - But - Jesus Was:
 - God's Final Prophet To This World!
 - Which Means That:
 - Jesus Is The Conclusive Revealer:
 - *Of* What Is True & What Is Right!
 - And That Is Why:
 - The Father Gave Him Authority:
 - To Judge!
 - The Father Trusts His Judgment:
 - And - So Can You!

- But Then:
- In The Old Testament Book Of Daniel:
 - “Son Of Man” Is Used Only One Time!
 - And - In Daniel 7:13 - It Is Used:
 - To Describe The One Who Is:
 - Given An “Everlasting Dominion” By God - The “Ancient Of Days!”
 - In Daniel’s Vision:
 - 7:13-14 - “I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. / And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed!”
 - And This Too - Is Why Jesus Used:
 - “Son Of Man” To Refer To Himself!
 - It Was To Identify Himself:
 - As The Messianic Ruler:
 - Promised By God To His People! So Now:
 - Jesus Is The Conclusive Ruler:
 - *In Truth & Righteousness!*
 - And What Deuteronomy 32:4 Says Of God Is True About Jesus:
 - “He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he!”
 - And - This Too Is Why:
 - God The Father Gave Him:
 - Authority As Judge!
 - Jesus Is The Conclusive Revealer:
 - *Of Truth & Righteousness!* And:
 - Jesus Is The Conclusive Ruler:
 - *In Truth & Righteousness!*
- And Now - Jesus Has The Power:
 - To Keep His Promise To You!
 - So That - “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved!” (Romans 10:19)
 - Jesus Is Able To Keep This Promise:
 - Because Of:
 - His Powerful Word!
 - His Possession Of Life! And:
 - His Prerogative & Authority:
 - To Give His Life To You:
 - When You Just Believe In Him!
 - And - If This Is True For You Today:
 - Then - Are You Living For Jesus:
 - As The Supreme Ruler & Lord & Judge:
 - Of Your Life?
 - Submitting & Surrendering:
 - Every Area Of Your Life:
 - To Him?
 - Your Actions / Affections / Attitudes!
 - But Then - We Also Find In These Verses:

* A Fourth Reason - How Jesus Is Able To Keep His Promise - And That Is:

4. *Because Of His Great Plan!*

- In 5:28-29 - Jesus Tells Us More About This Plan!
 - “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, / And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation!”
- When Jesus Told The Jews:
 - “Marvel Not At This!”
 - He Was Probably Dealing With The Objections Going On:
 - In Their Minds - Even As They Were Standing There:

- Looking At & Listening To Him!
- “You” Have This Power - Through *Your* Word?
- “You” Have This Possession - Of Life - In *Yourself*?
- “You” Have This Prerogative - To Be *Our* Judge?
 - “You?” - But - Jesus Continued!
 - Because - Whether You Believe His Words Or Not:
 - God’s Plan Is Working Itself Out In Time!
 - And One Day - You & Everyone Else Will Know The Truth:
 - Of His Words!
- And So - He Goes Back To The Plan:
 - That He Already Referred To In 5:25!
 - A Plan - That Is Nothing New!
 - A Plan - That Was Recorded In Scripture Years Before!
 - God’s Plan To:
 - *Raise* The Dead:
 - By The Power Of Jesus’ Word! And:
 - God’s Plan To:
 - *Judge* The Dead:
 - By The Authority Of Jesus As Judge!
- In Daniel 12:2 - This Plan Is Given:
 - “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt!”
 - So - The Focus Of Jesus:
 - Is On The Future, Physical Resurrection Of The Dead!
 - When - *All* The Dead:
 - “Shall Come Forth!”
 - From Wherever Their “Tombs” Might Be! (God Knows!)
 - And - According To His Great Plan - There Will Be:
- Reward For The Good!
 - 5:29a - “They That Have Done Good” - Will “Come Forth” - “Unto The Resurrection Of Life!”
 - Now - This Does Not Mean That:
 - You Can Be Saved:
 - By Just Doing Good Works!
 - Already - Jesus Made His Promise:
 - To Those Who:
 - Hear & Believe His Word! (5:24)
 - And - Other Verses Make This Clear!
 - Romans 4:5 - “But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness!”
 - Titus 3:5 - “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us!”
 - Here - Jesus Is Talking About:
 - The Good Fruit:
 - That Will Come From:
 - Your Life When You:
 - Have Faith In Him & His Word!
 - Even As He Tells Us:
 - In Matthew 12:35 - “A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things!”
 - So - If You Truly Believe:
 - There Will Be This Kind Of Fruit!
 - And - Jesus Will Reward You:
 - For The Fruit Of Your Faith:
 - In Him!
 - But Then - Also According To His Great Plan:
 - There Will Be:
- Retribution For The Evil!
 - 5:29b - “They That Have Done (Habitually Practiced) Evil” - Will “Come Forth” - “Unto The Resurrection Of Damnation / Judgment!”

- So - Even Though:
 - Good Works Won't Save You!
 - Evil Works Will:
 - Condemn You!
- And That Is Why Jesus Also Says:
 - In Matthew 12:35b - "And an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things!"
- This Is God The Father's Great Plan:
 - For Jesus - As The Judge Of All The Earth!
 - His Judgment Will Be:
 - Fair & Impartial & Based On:
 - The Works You Do!

Conclusion:

1. So - When You Stand Before Jesus One Day!
 - And - You *Will* Stand Before Jesus One Day!
 - Whether You Believe It Or Not:
 - Time Will Tell!
 - But - When You *Do* Stand Before Him:
 - It Will Be Because:
 - Jesus & His Father:
 - Are In Complete Harmony:
 - In His Work Of Judgment!
 - This Is Why In 5:30:
 - Jesus Says - "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me!"
 - Jesus Basically Reiterates What He Said:
 - Back In 5:19-20!
2. But - When You Stand Before:
 - Jesus As Your Judge:
 - If You Believe In Him:
 - He Has The Power:
 - To Keep His Promise To You!
 - The Same Promise:
 - He Made To Nicodemus:
 - Back In John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life!"
3. So - Keep Trusting In:
 - This Great Promise Of Jesus!
 - **He Is Able** To Keep It!
 - Be Encouraged By:
 - The Power Of His Word!
 - His Possession Of Life!
 - His Prerogative To Judge! And:
 - His Plan To Reward You One Day:
 - With The "Resurrection Of Life!"
4. And - On That Great Day:
 - Your Faith Will Be Made Sight!
 - But - In The Meantime:
 - Keep Living Your Life:
 - In The Light:
 - Of His Promise!

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