

My God Can!

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church
Daniel 3:15, "Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?"

Here was a man, although a king, who was used to getting his own way. He thought that no one could stop his plans, because until this time no one had been able to do so. His problem was that he had not faced the living God and had no idea of his power. The idols that he worshipped were nothing and he thought all "gods" were the same. He was in for a big surprise.

When told that his idol would not be worshipped by these three Hebrews, he became enraged and ordered their deaths.

As we know the fire didn't hurt them because the Lord protected them. The king was forced to admit that the God of the Hebrews had real power and had changed the king's command. That was only one of the things that God can do.

Throughout the bible God has showed that he has the power to heal, to raise the dead, cast out demons, and do miracles according to his will. He even asked, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" **Jeremiah 32:27**. The answer is no, the Lord can do all things well. He worked in people's lives all through history and will until the end of time.

Some may say that a man cannot change his ways. He may change his habits, but inside he is still the same. Man may not change his attitude, or his heart, but God can. All of those who have been born again can testify to this. It is by the Lord's grace that a person can have a better spirit and life.

Many times doctors say that there is nothing that they can do, the patient is going to die. Yet, many people are alive and well today because God blessed them and raised them up

from the bed of sickness. One man said his doctor said that he couldn't be in his office because, "You're supposed to be dead!" He, the doctor, couldn't do anything, but my God can, and does.

Then there are those like Daniel, and the three in the fire, people in impossible situations that are delivered by the power of God. Man may say that there is no way, but God can make a way. How many times have we looked at a car that was torn to pieces but the driver walked away? A miracle? My God can deliver one as he wills it.

Whether it is sickness, a habit, a situation, or any other kind of problem when people can't see a way out of it, my God can. The Hebrews were trapped against the Red Sea with the enemy closing in on them, sure of victory. Without God there would have been no escape and the Egyptians would have had their revenge. However when no man could find a way out the Lord can, and did, by making a path through the sea.

So when Satan says who can deliver you and save you - say my God, the creator of the world, the living God can.

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JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER!

JEPHTHAH, WHO JUDGED ISRAEL FOR SIX YEARS, WHEN HE WENT TO WAR WITH THE AMMONITES, MADE A VOW UNTO THE LORD THAT SHOULD HE BE VICTORIOUS HE WOULD SACRIFICE, FOR A BURNT OFFERING, WHATEVER FIRST CAME TO HIM OUT OF HIS HOUSE, ON HIS RETURN TO IT, AFTER THE VICTORY! (JUDGES 11:30,31). IT WAS HIS ONLY CHILD, HIS DAUGHTER, WHO RUSHED OUT TO GREET HIM ON HIS RETURN. HIS DAUGHTER AGREED THAT HE HAD TO KEEP HIS VOW, BUT ONLY AFTER SHE HAD TWO MONTHS TO BEWAIL HER VIRGINITY IN THE MOUNTAINS. THIS BECAME A CUSTOM, DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS, FOR THE ISRAELITE MAIDENS TO GO INTO THE MOUNTAINS, FOUR DAYS A YEAR, TO LAMENT FOR THE DAUGHTER OF JEPHTHAH, THE GILEADITE! (JUDGES 11:40).



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