

Eph. 3: 20-21

SUBJECT: The Exceeding
Abundantly Able God.

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Heb. 7:25

"he is able... to save"

THE Exceeding abundantly able God

Eph. 3:20,21

I God is able. abundantly able. Exceeding abundantly able. Exceeding abundantly able about all we ask & think.

- ① - Rom. 1:16 - show in billions? Stone - just extra.
- ② - Gen. 14:21,22,29 Red Sea, 2 Kings 2:8 Clarks
- ③ - Josh. 6:20 Jericho valley etc
- ④ - 2 Kings 14, out Carmel with my stone dead, thrust 2 Kings 4:7 at widow. + empty his on enough to live on.
- ⑤ - Jm. 6:1-13, Mark. 16:37. 5000 12 baskets full 2 Th. 5:6, 7 fish Jm. 21:6-4 could not drag it.

Praying a name. Bread eaten. [then already]
 ⑥ - Dying thing. In future, even into it. But today about all we ask & think.
 Mt. 26:39 would a little faith.

II IN REWARDS FOR A GOOD LIFE

① - Job 1:2 - Job 42:13

hundred fold. plus stars & 1/2.

② - 2 Th. 6:38 running race.

③ - Mt. 3:10 not know

2 Kings 17:8-16 with - do. But return!

2 Th. 21:1-4. 2 miles.

Rom. 5:20 grace more abound Heb. 7:25!

FOR OBEIENCF, FAITH, IN HIM.

II IN ANSWERING PRAYER

But I Silas Hagedorn's 2:8

Solomon II Chron. 1:12

ill. { (a) Chancey - down to the point, finally & finally he came. A little boy, 10-11 yrs, which I was talking to him at the point. Clean him up. Chancey. Standing so close, I asked, "who is this lad?" Chancey turned around, as an answer, "Why, that's my little boy." Then to him - "Son, what are you doing down here?" He little fellow burst into tears, "Daddy, I've been wanting to come. And when I saw you, I just couldn't keep back any longer. I followed you down here."

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Eph. 3:14-21

ROM 20: THE EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABLE GOD

τῷ δὲ δυναμένῳ ὑπὲρ πάντα ποιῆσαι ὑπερἑκπερισσοῦ
ἵνα αἰτούμεθα ἢ νοοῦμεν

Adv. "beyond all measure"
"in the highest degree"
1 Thes. 3:10; 5:13

TWO GREAT PRAYERS IN THE EPISTLE

1: 15-23 For spiritual illumination - for the gospel reveals
invisible as eternal things lying far beyond the frontiers of the
common thoughts of men.

3: 14-21 For spiritual strength. As we cannot know the
gospel unless it grows and divinely revealed to us, so we
cannot grasp it, receive it, hold it, implement it without the
help of God. We lay hold of it so feebly; see it so dimly.

PAUL ON HIS KNEES. of Acts 20:36

After our Lord in the Upper Room (Jn 17) and in Gethsemane, there is no
nobler sight to be seen on earth than Paul on his knees in his prison in Rome.
All the apostles bow down for him as he kneels in prayer in prayer for the
saints at Ephesus and for all the faithful in X' Jesus.

"Some walls do not a prison make
nor iron bars a cage"

not when the stone walls - iron bars - enclose as Cyprian Paul.
of 1 Tim. 2:9 "but the word of God is not bound." Neither his spirit

For man out of the body than in it, the apostle prays
what a sweep of spiritual vision, from every family in heaven down
to the little flock of painted souls at Ephesus!

PAUL BEFORE THE ANGELS.

Eph. 3:10 ἀγγέλων, ἐξουσιῶν; 3:15 "the whole family in heaven"
I Cor. 4:9 "we are made a spectacle to angels."
Language of the Greek-Roman amphitheatre, arena. } Earth, the arena
} galleries of angels
} the choir of the apostles

As Paul kneels on the floor, the dark roof above him becomes a canopy of
light
the walls of stone are become crystal
he sees all the angels, but in this sudden
exchange in their mighty dominions
cherubs shone in their dazzling glory
seraphim in their burning light

Paul in prison looks up to them - they from a thousand shining
walls, towers, battlements, palaces, look down upon him. How could
he be so bold - what did he report to his fellows?
the angels of the resurrection? the ascension? the pouring of heaven
How has God made you? of what substance? in what image?
In what language address you?
What do you know of me? of sin? of mercy if any? you is wonderfully
Do you men grow old? know death? but we did need rest? talented?
what did you do? X' tell me about us? How best we can serve God?

FOUR
THE FIVE PETITIONS IN THE PRAYER

1. 3:16 "strengthened in the inner man"
 - No power in external things to a church. must be an inward power.
 - of faith who has power with God and men. the power of prayer.
 - if this power is felt in the heart, never over-awed by difficulties, dangers
2. 3:17a "that Christ may dwell"
 - not just on holy, a day - but dwell, all the time
3. 3:17b "rooted, grounded..."
 - Two figures - top root of a tree - agricultural ^{mixed this metaphor?}
 - foundation of a house. architectural ^{but a language, the soul}
4. 3:18, 19a the dimensions, God's house
 - Higher than the sky - deeper than space - farther than earth, vast
5. 3:19b. "filled with the fullness of God"

OUR ABLE GOD.

ὄψω ἐκ περιπόρου A Dr. Contraitis, although his own. No
language able to contain the thought of the spirit. Corin words phrase.
So abundantly able, exceed measurement description. How able?
 a. the ocean able to bear up a ship ^{Crossed Pacific Ocean time. 1750 3 days.}
 b. the sun able to light up a room
 c. the Mississippi able to provide drink water for a chief
 So God: able of life - Rom 22:17
 " " banquet table. not just a morsel, ...

We are not to depend upon our resources but upon God's.
 Attainment, we cannot reach, heights, we cannot sound heights
 we cannot encompass. Our great strength, yield before them. But God.
 a. a mountain I cannot move. But God touches the mountains
 and they smoke, go up like incense before him.
 b. you see a stone I cannot roll away. Heavy rocks, watched.
 what shall I do? So up the hill wearily, hopefully? But God, the
 stone is rolled away. The angels, God.

So our work in the world.
 Our efforts is little - the force, institution, paganism is great
 Our instrumentality is not equal to the task.
 (a) Instrumentality, must state
 But God holds closely the vessel things of the world to meet
 We are the instrument in His hands: it is He who works.

3:20 "ASK"

NO LIMIT TO PRAYER.

Never rise from our knees, saying: "I have been presumptuous; perhaps I have asked more than God can give"
In redemption - who would have asked for your atonement?
In sanctification - "the Holy Spirit?"

In adoption - who would have asked for something?
of. "make me as one of the angels" ^{the Lord rewards}
"No. it is for bread?" ^{angels feed. Forget to reward}
"Then bread be given you" ^{have a banquet}

In death - a resurrection.
In resurrection - who would have asked for a new heaven, earth?
Our prayers too many boundaries; limited by us, ourselves.
We should pray our prayers. No spiritual appetite, horizon.
of. "I will pray" ^{Israel II K. 13: 14-19} ^{pray as Eliza. W. did too.}
"three answers when we should expect our prayers."
"We try small ways to the wall, God have but a will."
Not for myself things - as you to answer - as our desire? - but for God, etc.

3:20 "THINK"

Even thought cannot attain to the power of God to bless.
In measurable. God can do more than you have dreamed.

a David out of a shepherd boy
an Amos out of a gatherer of myrrour fruit
a Cephas out of a Syrian bar tender
a Paul out of a Saver of Tarsus.

a fountain out of a rock in a desert land
Bread from heaven when famine reigns on the parched wilderness
Deliverance from the fiery furnace and the mouths of lions.
Prison doors opening? this our accord.

And for us in glory I Cor. 2:9

OUR PART - AMEN.

- the young - "amen"
- the strong - "
- the weak - "
- the church militant here - "amen"
- the church triumphant there - "
- the Lord - you "amen"

OUR PART - AREA 800
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