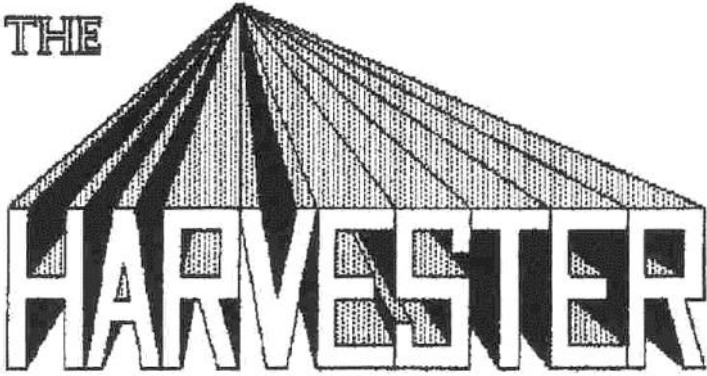


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"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2)

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GOD IS NOT LIMITED

Part One

Why do we treat God as if He has the same limits that we have as humans? We should never put God "in a box" so to speak when it comes to His power and abilities. If God does not accomplish something, it is not because of His lack of power to do so. It is because He chose not to accomplish it, and it was not His purpose to do so. In part one of this article, these two truths will be explored: "God Has No Beginning or

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End" and "God Has Infinite Power, Knowledge, and Understanding". Most of these scriptures will be presented without much comment since they are pretty much self-explanatory.

God Has No Beginning or End

Evidence of this is given in the following verses:

- * **Genesis 1:1** *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"*
- * **Revelation 1:8** *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."*
- **Isaiah 46:9** *"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,"*

Jesus was with God from the beginning and remains constant which is demonstrated in these verses:

- **John 1:1-4** *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men."*
- **John 1:14** *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*
- **Hebrews 13:8** *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."*

God promised the hope of eternal life to us before the world began (Titus 1:2).

God Has Infinite Power, Knowledge, & Understanding

These truths are shown in the following verses:

- **Psalms 147:5** *"Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite."*
- **Romans 11:33-36** *"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."*
- **Isaiah 55:8-11** *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."*
- **Isaiah 59:1** *"Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nei-*

ther his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:"

- **Genesis 18:14** "Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."
- **Jeremiah 32:17** "Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:"
- **Hebrews 3:4** "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God."
- **Psalms 50:10-12** "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof."
- **Psalms 139:7-13** "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb."
- **Hebrews 7:25** "Wherefore he is able also to

save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

- **Colossians 1:13-18** "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."

While these verses clearly demonstrate the power, knowledge, and understanding of God, how often do we forget or ignore these truths and proceed to give God advice on what to do, how to do it, and why it needs doing? We too often talk about what we have and what we have accomplished when we know in our heart that every good thing we have comes from God and every good thing we have accomplished is only because God allowed us to and gave us the means to accomplish it.

Where does that leave you (and me)? As great and powerful as God is, He loves even you (and me). Once that we realize the power of God, how can we access it in our life?

While humans do not perform miracles today, God can and does perform miracles everyday! Next month part two of "God is Not Limited" will continue as we examine the "Prayer of Faith" and "Christians are the Light to the World for God and Jesus".

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1. What sin did Noah commit after he began to be a "man of the soil?"
2. What bird did God provide to the Israelites for meat in the wilderness?
3. Who ran from Mount Carmel to Samaria faster than Ahab could drive his chariot?
4. The field that Judas purchased with his betrayal money was called Aceldama, but as what was it also known?
5. Who looked after the coats of the men who stoned Stephen?

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QUESTION: Does a Christian really need to be concerned with matters of conscience?

ANSWER: Yes, matters of conscience should be considered in our Christian life. Notice that 1 Corinthians 8:7 refers to violating one's own conscience.

Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. (1 Cor. 8:7)

While 1 Corinthians 8:10-12 and 1 Corinthians 10:28-29 refers to the conscience of another being "defiled" by our actions which may influence others.

For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. (1 Cor. 8:10-12)

But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:

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Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience? (1 Cor. 10:28-29)

Paul spoke of his "good conscience" in Acts 23:1 and "a conscience void of offence toward God" in Acts 24:16. Along with "charity out of a pure heart" and "faith unfeigned." Paul states in 1 Timothy 1:5 that "the end of the commandment" is "a good conscience."

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