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Things God Just Can't Do

It may shock people, but there are quite a few things God simply can't do. It might make you swallow your dentures (if you wear dentures) just to hear this but it's true. What do I base these brazen statements upon; upon the very words of God Himself? Let me illustrate.



God is not a man. He's not a woman either. The word *man* here is mortal or human.

God can't lie or fail. The word *lie* here can be translated either lie or fail!

God can't repent (which actually means to feel sorry for someone or feel pity.)

Numbers 23:19 "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

God can't change.

Malachi 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I change not".

God can't break His covenant.

God can't alter His word once it leaves His mouth.

Psalms 89:34 "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips".

The most exciting thing about these scriptures is that these verses give us confidence in God as the unchanging power behind the promises He made to us. All of these verses can be bedrock for our faith when we stand upon a promise made by God. Y'shua/Jesus told us that everything he spoke was God speaking and that he was the same yesterday, today and forever for this very reason. He also declared that he didn't do the good works he was doing, but the Father did the works through him. Behind every act or miracle seen done by Y'shua was the unchanging God YHVH and His word made flesh!

There is a hard side to this truth as well. If God spoke consequences to a certain behavior He would have to be just as good to His word of judgment or justice. If someone broke the law he/she would most certainly feel the consequences of his/her actions. God's word is good.

When our daughter was about to reach her teen years the Lord began teaching me this lesson. He told me that my word was no good to my daughter. I was double-minded as far as what I told her. I

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Things God Can't Do.....continued



God Can't Change!!!

would threaten to punish but would not follow through with my punishments. I would bless her when her behavior was bad and gave her double messages. She began to manipulate my soul because she was aware of my wishy washy nature. I had to make my word good for both the good and the bad that I had to do to and for her. If she demonstrated bad behavior I gave her discipline that matched her behavior. If she demonstrated good behavior I gave her rewards that matched her behavior. It was difficult in the beginning and I wasn't always good at it, but eventually I retrained myself. I wanted her to be able to depend upon my word whether for her good or for her discipline. She needed to know that God was good to His word and so I did my best to demonstrate it on a natural level.

When I study the word I look for both the love demonstrated in reward and the love demonstrated in chastisement. Now mind you God doesn't make His children sick or thump them when they sin. Remember Adam in the garden? He hid from God and God had to go looking for him. God didn't thump Adam; He simply restricted Him from eating from the eternal tree of life while he was in the sin state. He also assigned an angel to guard the tree so no one would partake of it in the state of spiritual death. This is a loving God. He had already implemented His plan to save mankind. God had faith in His son. Consider the first thing God asked Adam after he discovered he knew he was naked. *Gen 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked?* God wanted to know who had told Adam he was naked. He didn't immediately accuse Adam of breaking the one commandment He had given him. He knew someone else was behind Adam's new found knowledge. What love! God had faith in Adam even when He caught him "red-handed" in the midst of sin. Our God is a good loving God and His word is good as is He. Knowing this, let us go boldly to the throne of grace when we fail, when we fall and when we have need. We can lean confidently on anything He has promised us!

Spirit Led Sons (Aka Working Out With Jeff)

Rom 8:14 "...for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Rom 8:16 "...the Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God".



I love you and I say that because I want you to know. In this present age we tend to measure everything by our physical senses. Touch, smell, taste and even what we hear. When people talk to us there are times when what they say doesn't "go in" because we don't like the sound of their voice or the level of loudness that they speak at. Driving down the road we listen to the music on the radio and drift off into some other place. Why? Because the song we are listening to causes us to remember times past in our lives. Those times might have been better than where we are at present or could have been worse and we're glad to be away from them. The thing we need to come to grips with is that all of this is happening in our souls, (our mind, will and emotions). It is not taking place in our spirit man. I would like to present some evidence from the word of God to bring out how important it is that the body of Christ really begins to understand that they are part of a spiritual world. The body of Christ must begin to be led by the Spirit of God and start walking by His direction and His alone.

1 Peter 1:22 "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit..."

Heb 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit".

To begin with we must see what the word of God has to say about our souls. Most people in the body of Christ and in fact many of the leaders in the body have the mistaken idea that the spirit and the soul are the same thing. If they were the same why are we told that the word is given to help us divide the soul from the

Spirit Led Sons.....continued

spirit in Hebrews 4? In the Psalms alone the soul is written about 132 times. It is mentioned 38 times in the book of Proverbs, and we find soul mentioned 458 times in the entire KJV bible. We should also be aware that several times the translators put it in the form of a different word other than soul such as heart. So we can see that God wants us to understand the soul's place. Most of those 458 times it is the writer wondering why his soul is in the shape it's in and desires God to fix it or deliver him from it.

Jer 17:9 the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Our souls were created for choosing one thing or another. We in the body of Christ should always make our choices based on what we find written in the word of God. If a situation is presented to us and it demands a choice, go to the word of God to aid in the decision. If we don't chances are we will make the wrong choice and the outcome will be the curse finding opportunity to operate in our lives. However, if we make our choices based on the word of God we are promised blessing. Paul prayed that the Thessalonians "be preserved blameless spirit soul and body", you will see three parts making up one person. Paul makes a very clear distinction between soul and spirit. Now here is where it can become confusing if we don't begin to receive the truth of this. The flesh or our body is what is at war with the spirit, not the soul (Gal 5:17). With the flesh we serve sin and with the spirit we serve God. What causes this? Our souls not being washed with the water of the word. For example, when we are hungry for one particular food and we know we shouldn't eat it because of something we have learned in the word of God, do we obey the lust of our flesh or the spirit? Our choice will always be whatever is living strongest in our souls and the soul, remember, makes the choice. So if our conviction in this area is weak we will fulfill the lust of the flesh every time. Then condemnation comes from the devil because there is sin present, and if we don't get into the word to wash out the sin consciousness so we can confess it as sin we will continue in that sin and eventually die. So again I say that the soul according to the word of God is the part of man that chooses what the body will do. It is also the part of the body that chooses to say everything we say. I know all of you know a lot about what the bible has to say about what we speak. So suffice it to say here "that by our words we are justified and by our words we are condemned". Out of the abundance of the soul the mouth speaks. Again the same principle applies. When we are tempted to say a thing that is not in line with what God has already said in His word, we enter that temptation with our souls and must immediately make a choice. If we choose to say it and it doesn't line up with the word we will get whatever we say. If we choose not to say what we are being tempted to say and choose to say what God's word says we will get whatever we say. Above all we must remember there is always a way of escape! Acknowledge sin is present and confess it and He is faithful to forgive us. WHEW!! Aren't you glad of that?

We have discussed much about the soul but what about the spirit? We are new creations in Christ and it is obvious that our souls did not get made new when we were born again. The same is true where our bodies are concerned, but praise God our spirit man was made new when we "chose" to enter Christ.

I have a story I like to tell on myself that has to do with this area of study. I was 23 years old when I was born again. My soul and my body were serving sin and death for 23 years. I had 23 years experience being a sinner and I was pretty good at it. Then one day I entered Christ and was made spiritually alive and able to begin to grow as a son of God. To make a very sad long story short I didn't grow very fast. Then I found a principle in the word of God that helped me see why I went through such a long growth process. In Genesis Isaac told his eldest son Esau that, "**the elder must serve the younger**", the younger son being Jacob. The Spirit of the Lord began to reveal to me that in **me** there are these same two sons. The elder part of me was my soul and body. These two were always used to doing whatever they wanted to do. The younger part of me was my newly reborn spirit man born from above. If I, the younger part of me, would begin to take charge of my soul and not take no for an answer it would have to obey. Easy??? Absolutely not!! But I began a slow journey to rescue my soul by the washing of the water of the word. I am still at it and I have news for you guys, we will always have to do this until He glorifies us. But the more that spirit man gets in charge the less difficult it is to make the right word-based

Hobbs Folks



Discussing message.



Enjoying the spread!



Happy Family



Fellowship and food!



Cathy & Verna in the kitchen with the spoon.

Spirit Led Sons.....continued

Odessa Folks



Daniel & Buster.



Debbie & DeeAnn.



Buster & Norma.



Praying over seed sown.

choice every time. Are you up for the game of life? Will you stay in your flesh led life being a son of the devil or will you “buck up” as my dad used to say and start being Spirit led? Because as Paul wrote, **“Those that are led of the Spirit they are the sons of God”**. If you really read those words that is a very strong statement. You can do it; you must do it the entire earth cries out for the manifest sons of God. Let’s give it what it cries for; Spirit led people. I love you.

The Wrong Side of the Fence

Last month we dealt with double-mindedness or seeing two opposing things; God’s truth and the facts, circumstances and/or situations of life. To be in doubt is to waver or halt between two opinions, yours and God’s. This month let’s face up to our **unbelief** and learn how to rise above it. Please take time look up these scriptures and make them “flesh out” in your life by meditating on them.

Apeitheia (obstinate and rebellious disobedience) 545 Strong’s

?? Rom 11:30, 32

?? Eph 2:2, 5:6

?? Col 3:6

?? Heb 4:6 & 11

Apaistia (faithlessness-negative of faith or disbelief and again disobedience) 570 Strong’s

?? Matt 13:58, 17:20

?? Mark 6:6, 9:24 & 16:14

?? Rom 3:3, 4:20, 11:20 & 23

?? 1 Tim 1:13

?? Heb 3:12 & 19

If you’ve ever had much dealing with photography you have seen negatives. I realize that in this day of digital photography not everyone knows about negatives. A negative is basically a photograph in reverse. All the light shades are dark and all the dark shades are light. In order to make a “true” photograph you need to send light through the negative onto photographic paper. Once exposed the dark places become light and the light places become dark and voila you have your picture.

In order for us to get a “true” picture of life we have to get out of the negative flow of this world into the positive flow of God’s kingdom. This world is in a negative flow towards death and hell. We as children of the kingdom are always rowing against the stream of this world. We are always “rowing upstream”. Stop flowing in life and we’ll flow backwards with the rest of this negative world.

Have you ever camped at a really lovely spot and just hated to leave? I have. There is a spot in Montana that my dad used to take us camping year after year. We would take our little travel trailer and the six of us; dad, mom and four kids would camp out. There was a babbling brook next to the spot and it was far from civilization. My dad’s brother Kent and his family would visit us at the camping spot and we would eat trout we had caught, play our guitars, roast marshmallows and just have

The Wrong Side of the Fence.....continued

one absolutely wonderful time. If you get just a smidgen of pleasure from this short story, then you will begin to understand why I am “camping out” on *Phil 2:13* “*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure*”. Sometimes it **feels** like we are the most rebellious, worthless, inept children on the face of God’s earth. That’s why it’s good to know that GOD is working the willingness and ability to do what it **feels** like we can’t do IN US.

If you’re like me you’ve read about remarkable men and women of God. They did phenomenal feats of faith and stood strong in the face of unbelievable odds. I try to imagine myself doing such things and unbelief shows its ugly head. So I’m learning to say “**God** is working in me and in the entire body of Christ both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure”. I confess my sin of unbelief and keep my confession that “God is at work”. When I look around at brothers and sisters in the faith and see them sitting around doing nothing or believing sickness and sin have more power than God’s healing and forgiveness I say “God is working in them both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure”.

We’re told that Y’shua/Jesus is the High Priest of our confession. That means he ministers our words. Let’s see our words as pure unblemished offerings and lay them in the hands of our High Priest. We can begin to confess over the Body that “God is working in us both to will and to do of **HIS** good pleasure”. We can also confess our sin of unbelief and lay it at the cross. We have the right to allow the blood of our precious Lamb to eradicate every stupid unbelieving thought or deed we’ve ever done. We can then become strong and walk away from the negative and swim upstream to that lovely camping spot of God’s perfect will.

Jeff just added a great thought that can help us turn all our negatives into positives. “You can’t make a photograph without a negative”. Chew on that.

Updating Prayer List

I know that you all are very busy, but we’re asking you to take a few moments and sit down and respond to this article. We have compiled a prayer card box with all of your names on it. What we would like for you to do is to send us a list of your names along with the names of ALL of your loved ones. Next to each name please mark whether they are lost or saved. We want you to include children, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters and anyone else you can think of. Please include their relationship to you. We are serious about praying for you and your loved ones, but remembering all the names of your family members is tough. If you’d like to include photos; all the better! Thanks.

What’s New?

We’ve had requests for more photos and stories of what is going on in the Body so here we go. First we want to share “Thank yous” to you folks who helped us put new flooring in Alice B. Jackson’s kitchen. Her old flooring had large holes in it and was unsafe. We were also able to take some of the money that you all have sent us and buy Miss Alice a new Queen Anne chair. Alice is receiving healing from a gun shot wound to her head in 1974. She spends lots of time in the word seated in her chair. Her old one needed to be laid to rest after many years of service. We were also able to buy fabric and make new curtains to match the new floors. We love being able to find the needs in the Body and meet them together as a family. You all have made it possible for us to do lots of really exciting things and we want to keep you up to date on what’s going on. Thanks again.

We are still at work to get the two cars in our yard to their rightful owners. One is in need of a clutch and the other needs a head gasket. We want to get these projects done as their completion means that someone else is able to go do the work of the Lord rather than be dependant on others for transportation.

Alice’s Floor Before/Afte



Tiles removed!



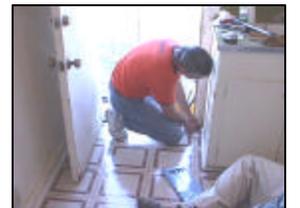
Half done.



Help from a brother.



Kitchen with flooring!



Jeff adds trim.

What's New?.....continued

On The Way to New Mexico



Jeff removing blown tire.



Messed up Trailer.

Our adopted son LJ is due to be out of prison within 80-105 days. He will be coming to live with us in Gardendale. We all have many adjustments to make with his arrival and we ask for your prayers. He has been in prison for so long that every day will be a new adjustment for him. Learning what he needs and walking in perfect love will be our challenge. We are praying that he will have favor wherever he goes, both with men and with God. We also need a larger home with offices to be able to meet his needs as well as the needs of the ministry. We have full confidence that God has seen these needs long before we had a clue and has been preparing a place for us. Our heart is to be debt free in all we do, so please pray in the direction of God's will outside of going to man for help.

At the end of March we were headed to New Mexico on our regular route. We both felt like we should stay home, but as is the way of humans we said nothing to one another thinking it was a distraction from the enemy. En route (just 15 minutes into the trip) we lost a brand new tire on our travel trailer. It tore up the trailer as well as leaving a huge black mark on the side of the trailer. Discouragement hovered over us both, but as Jeff changed the blown tire and headed home we were both lifted up in prayer. We headed home and called ahead to our scheduled appointments to cancel because Jeff wasn't sure the second tire was in good enough shape to continue all the way to our destination. Our host in Roswell promised to carry on without us at the scheduled meeting. Not long after she called and told us that an evangelist had committed to preach at the meeting! The Lord had undertaken to make sure the folks in Roswell would have fellowship and would be blessed among themselves! This was a huge answer to prayer and we thank God. What satan meant for evil God turned to a blessing.

Passover

We are just weeks away from Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Hebrew calendar 5764: sunset April 5, 2004 - nightfall April 13, 2004). These two biblical events are types and shadows of real heavenly events. We trust that as each of you study them and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the spiritual truths in each, you will come to a closer relationship with the Lord. Having more and more understanding of truth rather than believing in things taught after the "traditions of men" is empowering.

I will be working on creating this year's Hagaddah or Passover Service Seder in the days to come. Each year it is a delight to hear what the Father is saying to us through the Pesach service. We hope that each of you will either hold a Seder in your own home or find one to attend. Before attending the service, take the time to seek Abba Father and His will in what you are to learn this year. Preparation is always good and the more you prepare the more you come away with.

It's great to take what you learn initially and then make your own family Hagaddah, so consider making your own after you've seen an example elsewhere. Look for Messianic Hagaddahs so that Y'shua and the Holy Spirit aren't left out. If you choose to use Jewish Hagaddahs look and listen closely for the Father to reveal what He wants you to hear. However you celebrate Passover 5764, may you be blessed with spiritual wisdom and understanding and grow in this year.

Chag Semeach! (Happy Holy Days!)

Accepting Offerings

We wanted to be sure and thank all of you that do send your hard earned money to help us do all that we do. There is absolutely no way that we could continue without your financial support. We are able to go to many cities sowing spiritual truths into man people's lives and God is certainly good to His word. "He who sows spiritually into another's life should reap carnal or naturally from those that receive that spiritual truth. Even this newsletter is considered by us to be spiritual seed sown. It

Hey you all,

We covet your prayers of protection as we drive from one town to another. We do need you everyday and even if you don't see us please don't hesitate to pray or call us if the Lord lays something on your heart. We are NEVER to busy to pray or to be prayed for. We are a body and we don't live to ourselves or die to ourselves. What you suffer we suffer and visa versa.

We love you and always look forward to hearing and speaking to you. You are important to the Body wherever you are and whatever you are doing.

Hugs,

Jeff, Cerise & Chorney

Offerings.....continued

costs quite a bit to do what we do at present and again thank you for continuing to give into our lives. Because of your obedience we pray every one of your needs be met by His riches in glory my Messiah Y'shua/Christ Jesus.

We do appreciate your love.

Jeff and Cerise Welter

Millers in Capitan lose home to fire. Pray for Kimmy as she was burned on her face, head, arms and legs (3rd degree). They have need of several items. Call if you might be able to help.

Getting To Know You

After a phone call from a friend I realized that we really only know folks by the amount of information they reveal about themselves. I can only know you in proportion to the degree you reveal yourself to me. If you don't trust me you may only relay information that you safe in sharing. Folks that think they know me are occasionally surprised when they really get to know where I came from, what my life was like as a child and what I've done with my life since childhood. It isn't that I have hidden anything, but that they have only been exposed to so much information about me.

Fear of rejection keeps humans secretive about what's really going on in their hearts and minds. Fear of abandonment or betrayal will equally keep humans locked away. It isn't that we have to share every little tiny thing about ourselves to one another. In fact we're told in *2 Cor 5:14-17 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.* Our goal is to know each other after the Spirit and quit judging one another after the flesh.

We need to remember that we are a body made up of many different members. Everything we do or say impacts every other person in the body. *Rom 14:7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. AND 1 Cor 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.* Sure lots of folks remain hermits throughout their lives, but that doesn't mean that the things they are going through (if they are part of the body) don't have an impact upon us all.

If you consider the love of God for us you realize He really risked all to reveal Himself to us in such a personal way. By taking on the form of flesh and limiting Himself to human abilities He sacrificed all. How He did it is beyond our comprehension, but if we really look at what Abraham said when he was about to sacrifice his son Isaac we can get a little glimpse into the love of our Father. In Genesis 22:8 Abraham spoke these words "Elohim yireh lo haseh". God (plural) will provide himself a lamb or member of the flock. There are so many ramifications with this statement. (No pun intended here.) Most of us have heard the song "Jehovah Jireh" and know He is our provider. If you look at the Hebrew transliteration you can see a familiar word "yireh". It has be changed to Jireh in the popular gospel song. God, through Abraham was again revealing Himself to us as the Provider of everything. What we really need to get a revelation is that it is He who does the work. John 14:10 "...but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works". It really takes the pressure off of us when we understand this.

The Father is speaking to all of us to allow ourselves to be knit together. It takes a lot of courage to open yourself up to others. It takes the love of God to be transparent and open before one another. We are endeavoring to get to "know you" after the spirit. We are all wrapped with flesh and that makes the knitting a challenge, but when we can get past our weaknesses and see the love in each other we will be complete in Christ. I will leave you with this scripture and this exhortation. 1 Thess 5:12-13 ***And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.***



Rubble after the fire.



Another view of rubble.

The Lord has blessed them with a double-wide to replace their home, but all the contents were lost. We will keep in contact with them to find our specific needs and pass them on as we are updated.

Continue to pray for Kimmy as she was just recently released from the burn unit after several skin graft surgeries.

The Body was there for them throughout this tragedy and we will relate miracles as we can.

Love ya, Jeff & Cerise



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Jeff & Cerise's April 2004 Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SABBATH
Godwin's # 432-367-0873	Evan's # 505-392-2167	McCutcheon's # 505-625-1525	Hofeldt's # 505-521-4961	1	2	3 Rest, study & pray day!
4	5 Erev Pesach Passover Begins	6	7 Prayer Day Odessa Meeting #18 Antebellum, Godwin's 7-9PM	8	9 Hobbs Meeting 2632 N. Jade, Evan's 7-9PM	10 Rest, study & pray day!
11 Resurrection Day!	12	13	14 Prayer Day	15	16	17 Rest, study & pray day!
18	19	20	21 Prayer Day	22 Rosh Chodesh	23 Roswell, NM	24 Roswell Meeting 2401 N. Grand, McCutcheon 2-4PM
25 Ruidoso, NM	26 Ruidoso, NM	27 Capitan, NM	28 Alamogordo, Tularosa, Las Cruces	29 Las Cruces Meeting, 5404 Moon Shadow Hofeldt's 7-9PM	30	Wednesdays we take prayer requests. 432-550-7642

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