

GOD IS ABLE

When I counsel Christians regarding a problem, I take an envelope and have them write these three words on the front: problem, promises, and performance. On the back of the envelope, I have them write GOD IS ABLE and Romans 4:21 and praise.

I explain that they should write everything about their PROBLEM. Reduce it down to one paragraph and then that one paragraph down to one sentence.

Then I instruct them to search the Scriptures for the PROMISES related to the one sentence and then to write those promises on the paper.

Finally I ask them to study those promises and to write down the PERFORMANCES that they can expect from each of God's promises and to read Rom.4:21. This should result in PRAISE (write God a thank you letter).

Let's do this exercise together with Matt.9:26-31.

- Problem (9:27) -
- Promise (9:26, 28) -
- Performance (9:29-30) –
- Praise - GOD IS ABLE (Rom.4:21) (9:31) –

Explain how the faith cycle worked in the lives of the two blind men.

Hearing
(Rom.10:17; 9:26-27)

Completing
(James 2:22; 9:29-31)

Believing
(Heb.4:2; 9:27-28)

Applying
(2 Cor.5:7; 9:28)

This lesson will study SIX ways GOD IS ABLE to perform in the believer's life according to the faith cycle.

1. God is able to save and guard completely those who believe the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom.1:16; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Eph.2:8-9; John 10:28-30).

"For I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that **He is able** to guard that which I have entrusted to Him until that day." (2 Tim.1:12; Phil.1:6)

"Hence, also, **He is able** to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." (Heb.7:25)

2. God is able to deliver the believer from every temptation to sin.

“For since He Himself was tempted in that He has suffered, **He is able** to come to the aid of those who are tempted.” (Heb.2:18; 4:15; 1 John 3:5)

“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.” (James 1:14-15; Gal.5:16)

3. God is able to supply everything necessary for every generous and righteous act of kindness (Phil.4:18-20).

“And **God is able** to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.” (2 Cor.9:8; 9:8-11)

Believers are motivated towards grace generosity because of the example given to us in grace salvation (2 Cor.8:1-5,9)

4. God is able to exceed beyond all that we think or ask in prayer.

‘Now to **Him who is able** to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.’ (Eph.3:20)

We must ask according to God’s will and without doubt (1 John 5:14-15; James 1:6-8; Mark 11:24).

5. God’s word is able to build up the believer’s soul towards faith in the inheritance of God.

“And now I commend you to God and to the **word of His grace, which is able** to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:32)

“And that from childhood you have known the **sacred Scriptures which are able** to give you wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Tim.3:15) (James 1:21)

6. God is able to keep every believer from stumbling until he stands glorified in the presence of the Lord (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in furnace (Dan.3:17) and Daniel in lion’s den (6:20-22).

“If it be so, our **God** whom we serve **is able** to deliver us.”

“Now to **Him who is able** to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy.” (Jude 24)

“He considered that **God is able** to raise men even from the dead; from which he also received him back as a type.” (Heb.11:17)