

What God Cannot Do

One of my favorite songs to sing with my kids is “My God is so Big, so strong and so mighty there’s nothing my God cannot do.”

He made the trees, He made the seas, He made the elephants too. There’s nothing my God cannot do. The mountains are His, the rivers are His, the stars are His handy work too. My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, There’s nothing my God cannot do.

There is a lot of truth in that song.

Jeremiah says in Jeremiah 32:17, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.”

In verse 27 God said to Jeremiah “I am the Lord, the God of all flesh, is there anything too hard for me?”

Our God is an awesome God and there is nothing He cannot do, but did you know there are some things that God cannot and will not do?

I. God cannot violate our freedom to choose:

God loves us, but He will not force us to love Him back.

In Matthew 23:37, Jesus is weeping. He says, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!”

John 5:40, Jesus said to the Jews, “You are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.”

II. God cannot lie:

Did you know that in the book of Proverbs there are 7 things that God hates and that lying is one of them?

In Proverbs chapter 6, God says He hates lying and He says it twice. Do you think that God Himself would lie – if He hates lying? This is good news for us because everything God says in His word is going to be true. Every promise God makes is going to be kept.

Heb 6:18 says, “It’s impossible for God to lie so we can hold onto His promises with confidence.”

III. God cannot tolerate sin:

Romans 3:23 says, “All have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:10 says, “None are righteous, no not one.”

Hebrews 10:4, “For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”

IV. God cannot save anyone apart from Jesus:

When John the Baptist saw Jesus approaching, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” (John 1:29).

Acts 4:12 says, “There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we can be saved.”

V. God cannot save anyone who does not believe:

Hebrews 11:6, “Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Jesus said, “if you deny Me then I will deny you” (Matt 10:33).

Not only did God give us the written word, the Word became flesh. Jesus said, “If you’ve seen Me you’ve seen the Father.”

There is no excuse for anyone to say, “I don’t believe in God.”

VI. God cannot save those who do not repent:

Luke put a lot of emphasis on repenting.

Jesus said in Luke 24:47 says, “Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

In Luke 15 we read stories that speak about the joy in heaven when a sinner repents.

2 Peter 3:9 teaches that, “God is not willing that any should perish but that all may come to repentance.”

In Acts 2:37, Peter said, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.”

Verse 41 says, “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”

Close: What are some things God cannot do?

God cannot control our choices. God cannot lie. God cannot tolerate sin: God cannot save those who do not believe. God cannot save those who are not in Christ. And God cannot save those who do not repent.