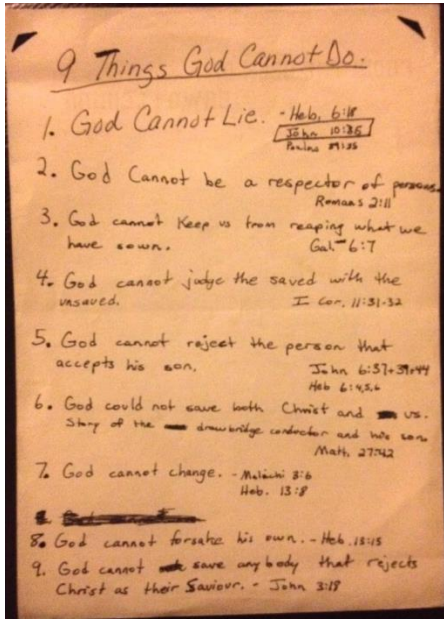


THINGS GOD **CANNOT** DO

(AND WHY THAT'S GOOD FOR US)

INTRODUCTION



A long time ago . . .

Too often, we tell people (including our kids) falsehoods about God.

_____ has placed boundaries on Himself—and each one of those is good for us.

At the heart of this issue is _____.

Do we really trust God to do what He said He will do?

Do we trust God to not do what He said He will not do?

This series will look at those things that God has said he cannot (or will not) do—and how each one of those restrictions, limitations, and boundaries is _____ for us.

KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES

1. To recognize the limitations that _____ places on Himself
2. To understand more fully God's wisdom in His own restrictions on Himself
3. To see God's _____ evidenced in His nature
4. To grow in our ability to articulate God's nature to others
5. To trust God more
6. To be at _____ with and love God more for who God is and who God is not

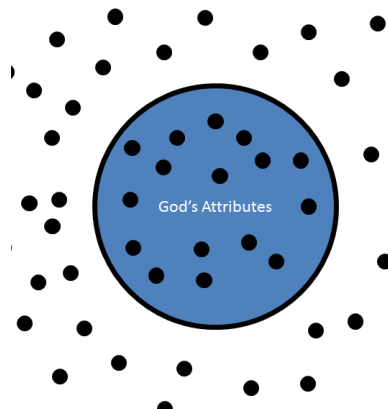
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THIS WEEK: GOD CANNOT FORSAKE HIS OWN

Deuteronomy 31:6: Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5: Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

God is the ultimate when it comes to hanging around. God just will not let us go.

Psalms 139:7-10: Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

God _____ abandons His own.

_____ Himself gets in on this promise as well in **John 6:39:** This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. **John 10:28:** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

Romans 8:38-39: For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 49:15: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

Not only will he not leave us, forsake us, or abandon us, He will not _____ us.

MEMORY PASSAGE

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MEMORY PASSAGE REVIEW

Deuteronomy 31:6

INTRODUCTION

God cannot lie

The opposite is God can _____ be truthful.

God is Truth.

Everything God does, says, or decrees is Truth.

Numbers 23:19: "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

Hebrews 6:18: that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

Titus 1:2: In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began

THIS WEEK: GOD CANNOT LIE

CONCEPT OF TRUTH

Context: Ultimately, this is the only argument to have with anyone: [What is Truth?](#)

TRUTH IS THE GODHEAD

All members of the Trinity are involved. God the Father is Truth. God the Son is Truth: **John 14:6:** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. God the Holy Spirit is Truth: **John 4:24:** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

TRUTH IS THE GOSPEL

John 8:32: And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

1 John 1:8: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

PASTORS ARE SEEN AS TEACHERS OF THE TRUTH

Throughout church history, only the church had access to the Truth, but the Reformation was the return of _____ to the Truth.

2 Timothy 2:15: Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

God is not only the source of Truth, God _____ Truth.

ATTACKS ON THE CONCEPT OF TRUTH:

How are you doing on the truth meter?

APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. God is, was, and shall always be the _____ source of Truth
2. We are created in His image
3. We should be truthful in _____ we do

PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Believe every Word God has given you
2. Be truthful in everything you say and do
3. _____ on the Truth

HOW CAN I BE MORE TRUTHFUL?

- Everyone has the revelation of God within them since they are created in the image of God
- You have the Holy Spirit within (a source of discretion)
- Spouse: Men, listen to your wives
- Say less, but let what you say be all Truth

Be careful not to allow your expression of something true not to be given in love. **Ephesians 4:15:** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ

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Philippians 1:6: being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ

THIS WEEK: GOD CANNOT FAIL & GOD CANNOT LEAVE THINGS UNFINISHED

There is a lot in our lives that can make us feel unsteady or unsure as we travel the path that God has placed before us. Our faith and hope should remain always in the Father.

Deuteronomy 4:31: (for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them. His _____ never fail!

1 Chronicles 16:34: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy *endures* forever. His goodness never fails.

Jeremiah 10:12: He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion. His _____ and _____ never fail.

Philippians 4:19: And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. His provision never fails He will provide for His _____.

Jeremiah 29:11: For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. His plan will never fail.

_____ is not wrong. It may be the very thing that leads us back to Him.

A. W. Tozer: Just how good are God's promises? Just as good as the _____ of the One who made them.

1 Chronicles 28:20: And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—*will be* with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

God is not weak! He will never change, never waiver, never fall short; He will never fail.

Moses was able to free his people, because God cannot fail. When God has a plan, it will not go _____.

Remember that our _____ may still be _____. God is working on, in and through our lives

1 Corinthians 15:4: and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures

Jesus rose from the dead; He conquered death. This was His plan, He did not fail or leave His plan unfinished.

APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. God has a plan and purpose for you
2. God will never give up on you

PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. _____ that He never fails
2. Pray for strength to trust Him in all things
3. Give thanks that He is still working on us

MEMORY PASSAGE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV): Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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MEMORY PASSAGE REVIEW

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

INTRODUCTION

God loves _____.

God loves everyone _____.

THIS WEEK: GOD CANNOT SAVE WITHOUT FAITH

Acts 10:34-35: Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him."

Ever had a day where you liked one child more than another? One neighbor? One co-worker?

God does not play _____

Revelation 5:9: And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation

Revelation 7:9: After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

ALWAYS HAS BEEN THIS WAY

Genesis 3:21: Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Genesis 6:1-9

Genesis 15:1-6

ALWAYS WILL BE THIS WAY

The standard to be His child has always been faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. The only way not to _____ is to have faith.

Hebrews 11:6: But 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. The only way to _____ God is through faith.

Romans 5:1-2: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. The only way to have _____ with God is through faith.

WHY THIS IS GOOD FOR US

Consistency breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. We have hope because of _____.

APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. Faith has always been, is, and will always be required for salvation
2. Without faith, _____ is the result
3. With faith, _____ is the result

PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Put my faith in Jesus Christ
2. Tell others about _____
3. Tell others about _____

MEMORY PASSAGE

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Acts 10:34-35:

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Today's truth allows _____ to exist

THIS WEEK: GOD CANNOT CHANGE

THEOLOGICAL WORD OF THE DAY: IMMUTABLE

Hebrews 6:18: *that by two immutable [not transposed, _____, unalterable] things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.*

Westminster Shorter Catechism: What is God? God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and _____, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

WHAT DOES NOT CHANGE?

His _____

Psalm 89:34: *My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.*

Psalm 119:89: *Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.*

Matthew 24:35: *Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.*

His Existence & _____

Psalm 102:26-27: *They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.*

Psalm 145:13: *Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.*

His _____

Righteous: **Psalm 119:142**: Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, And Your law *is* truth.

Wakeful: **Romans 6:9-10**: knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

Psalm 121:4: Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Isaiah 40:28: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

Merciful & Compassionate: **Lamentations 3:22**: *Through* the LORD's mercies [*chesed*] we are not consumed, Because His compassions [a mother's cherishing of a child in the _____] fail not.

Faithful: **2 Timothy 2:13**: If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

James 1:17: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ *is* the same [literally, himself] yesterday, today, and forever.

Malachi 3:6: For I *am* the LORD, I do not _____; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

WHY THIS IS GOOD FOR US: WE ARE NOT _____

APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. God is the universal _____
2. God's holiness and immutability work together for good for us . . . forever

PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Enjoy the freedom that results from constancy
2. _____ Him for His immutability