

We Cannot Put Limits On God

Moses turned to the Lord God and said, "Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made themselves gods of gold. Yet now if You will, forgive their sin. If not, please blot me out of Your book which You have written." The Lord said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, him will I blot out of my book" (Exodus 32:31 to 33).

These verses are the first scriptural reference to God's Book of Life. The Lord has written down the names of every person who has ever lived on earth, and that amounts to billions of people. Those who consciously turn away from God, has their names blotted out of His Book of Life. The Lord has another book where He writes down every deed every person has done, plus every word they have spoken, and on Judgement Day those books will be opened and people will be judged according to what they have done and said while on earth. 'He who overcomes will be dressed in white garments and I (Jesus) will in no way blot his name out of the Book of Life, and I will confess his name before my Father and before His angels' (Revelation 3:5). 'I (John) saw the dead, the great and the small standing before the (Great White) Throne and they opened books. Another book was opened which is the Book of Life. The dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books according to their works' (Revelation 20:12). "I (Jesus) tell you that every idle word that men speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36 & 37).

To keep a written record of every person who has ever lived on earth, and everything they did and said would take a vast amount of time. No only does the Lord keep a written record of all humanity, He also rules and runs the whole of heaven, the whole universe and the vast reaches of space, He rules over the whole earth and every other thing on it such as animals, birds, the elements and the sea. 'For by Him all things were created; in the heavens and on the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created by Him and for Him. He was before all things and in Him all things exist and are held together' (Colossians 1:16 & 17). 'Worthy are You our Lord and God, the Holy One, to receive glory, honour and power, for You created all things, and because of Your desire they exist and were created' (Revelation 4:11). 'The Lord has established His throne in the heavens. His Kingdom rules over all' (Psalm 103:19). 'Seek Him who created the Pleiades and Orion (the universe). He turns the shadow of darkness into the morning and makes the day, dark with night. He calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth (we call this process evaporation and rain). The Lord is His name' (Amos 5:8). 'Aren't five sparrows sold for two coins? Not one of them is forgotten by God. The very hairs of your head are all numbered, therefore don't be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows' (Luke 12:6 & 7).

The Lord still keeps watch over all the people who have died. They have not vaporised into nothingness but are still there awaiting judgement. When Jesus first rose from the dead, He spent three days in hell preaching to people who had died hundreds of years earlier. 'Jesus went and preached to the spirits in prison who before were disobedient, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, while the ship was being built' (1 Peter 3:19 & 20). The Lord keeps control of the whole spiritual realm – a realm we cannot see but is nonetheless very real. 'God did not spare angels when they sinned but cast them down to hell, and committed them to pits (cells) of darkness to be reserved for judgment' (2 Peter 2:4). 'Angels who did not keep their first domain but deserted their own dwelling place in heaven, He has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness (in hell) for the judgment of the Great Day' (Jude 1:6). 'He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea (Jesus walked on the water). He makes the Bear, Orion and the Pleiades (the universe) and the chambers of the south (hell, which has chambers, rooms or cells like a prison). He does great things past finding out; yes, marvellous things without number' (Job 9:8 to 10).

The thing we need to comprehend and fully appreciate is the fact that the Lord does all this simultaneously. He is everywhere at once, going about the business of ruling the heavens and the earth and everything under the earth – all at once. He is omnipotent and omnipresent – everywhere at once and doing everything at once. God has absolutely no limitations. He can do all things and nothing is impossible with God. When the Lord puts His creative mind to it, He is able to create a new universe, a new earth and He can make a fully established city come straight down out of the sky. 'I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth have burned up and the sea is no more. I (John) saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride adorned for her husband' (Revelation 21:1 & 2).

The only limit God has is in the minds of people – their own unbelief. Jesus said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 8:26). "You of little faith, why do you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31). When people say God cannot do something, it is only because they cannot accept that He can literally do all things. We know that the Lord created everything there is in heaven, the universe, the whole earth and even hell, so it is a little foolish to suppose God has 'lost' some of His power. It is our unbelief that limits God and Jesus experienced that when He was on earth. 'Jesus did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief' (Matthew 13:58). 'Jesus marvelled because of their unbelief' (Mark 6:6). 'Jesus was revealed to the eleven disciples as they sat at the table and He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart' (Mark 16:14).

If we will accept that God is all-powerful and is able to do whatever He says He can do, then we will see miracles. We need to change our human way of thinking and embrace the Lord's way. We need to let go of doubt and unbelief, and allow God to clothe us with His faith. 'If God clothes the grass of the field which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, He will much more clothe you, you of little faith' (Matthew 6:30). The Lord has filled us with His Holy Spirit and it is the Holy Spirit Who empowers us to believe for the impossible. We need to grasp and lay hold of the fact, that the Holy Spirit Who works in us is the same Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God Who created the heavens, the universe, the earth and everything else. 'The earth was shapeless and empty. Darkness was on the surface of the deep. The Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters' (Genesis 1:2). 'Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the Power that works in us' (Ephesians 3:20). Jesus said, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes" (Mark 9:23).

Amen and God bless you.

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