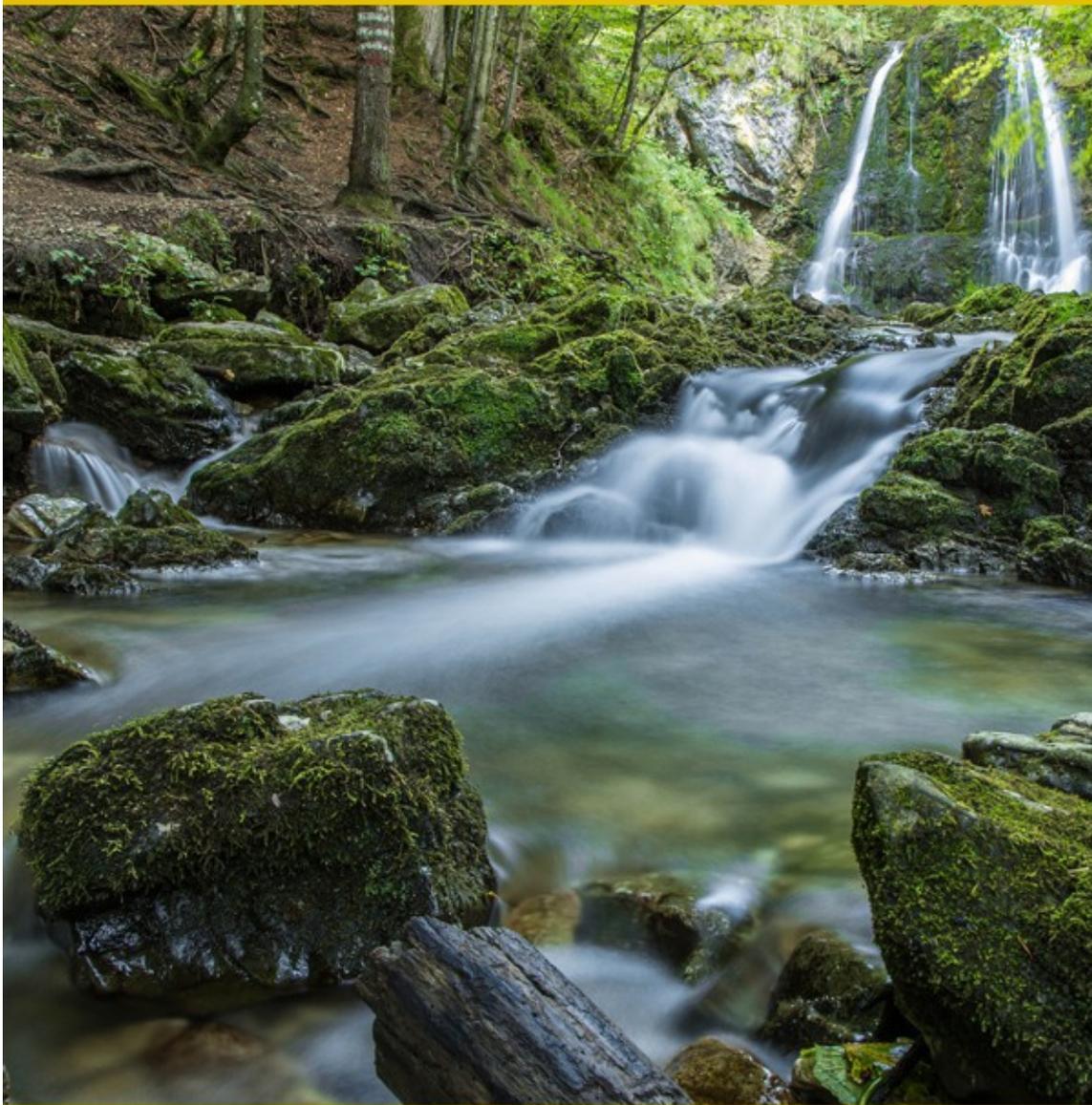


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## With God All Things Are Possible

### Mark 9:23-24:

-23: Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.

-24: And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

This verse comes at the conclusion of a passage when a father brought his son to Jesus' disciples for healing, but his disciples were unable to help. The reason the disciples were not able to administer healing was not because they had any lack of believing, but rather the responsibility for the child's healing rested solely with the father of the child who had a lack of believing faith. That man had someone to blame when Jesus' disciples failed, but Jesus was able to see the bigger picture and knew that the man himself had to have believing faith; thus Jesus said to him, *If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth*. Then, after some instruction in believing clearly outlined in verse 23, the man *straightway* started believing, and asked for help, not for his son's condition but for himself because he began to realize that in order for his son to be delivered, he being the father of that incapacitated child needed to do the believing for his son (see also Mark 9:17-18).

When people are not taught about believing from the Scriptures or have never considered that "with God all things are possible," the natural response of disappointment for not receiving the desires of their heart is to blame others around them, or to accuse the Bible as being the fault for their own lack of believing faith. This is the case with the father above; his son was not helped when the disciples tried to offer assistance, and then this father attempted to cast all of his skepticism onto Jesus when he said, "if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us" (Mark 9:22). However, Jesus, who is the Word (John 1:14) immediately recognized the

problem and handed the father's own "if" directly back to that father, emphatically stating, *If {IF!} thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

When this father recognized that he could believe for his child, then a miraculous event occurred in his life and he received the blessings that followed with his son being completely healed. With believing faith in the promises of God, anyone can rise up from the sea of doubts to be successful.

Like the father in this biblical example, we who go to the Scriptures can discover the answers to help bolster our own believing faith, for when we are looking to the Word of God for help and assistance, we will be "Looking unto Jesus {who is} the author and finisher of *our* {believing} faith" (Hebrews 12:2), just as the father in the passage discovered.

We find that in the Word of God, Jesus has given us his name to use in prayer, and as we do, we will be invoking his powerful name to help transform our ifs, wishes, hopes, and dreams into positive, assertive, and powerful believing faith — and thus into reality before our very eyes.

With our believing faith, we can believe that "with God all things are possible," and this belief will bring glory to God, and deliverance with blessings into our lives.

**John 14:13-14:**

-13: And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name {Jesus Christ}, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

-14: If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

Notice in verse 14, the first word is *If*. Jesus also returns to us the same *if* the father was given in the example above. *If* we ask God for help in Jesus Christ's name in our prayer, there is divine power in our request because Jesus promises, "I will do *it*." Jesus most certainly will help because today *if* we pray in the name of Jesus Christ to receive answers to our prayers, then the result of our prayers must follow; as Paul taught, "my God shall

supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus {by using his name in prayer}" (Philippians 4:19).

Well, *if* believing faith and prayer worked nearly two-thousand years ago when Jesus walked, then it still works today.

*If* we believe in his powerful name, then miraculous things can begin to work because we still have the same God that existed back then (Psalms 90:2), Jesus is still alive (Revelation 1:8, 18), and people, believers like you and me are still here to believe in the same gracious Word (see I Thessalonians 2:13 below), and with God all things are still possible.

Jesus said in John 15:7, "If {IF} ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." This is how to turn all of our *ifs* into absolutes, or in Jesus' words, *it shall be done unto you!*

Hebrews 4:2 explains, "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith {believing faith} in them that heard *it*." Just using the name of Jesus Christ in prayer is not the only component to successful praying, but to also combine our believing faith with our prayers — these are the necessary ingredients for receiving the desires of our hearts.

Even though the father of the child in the account above had Jesus Christ before his very eyes to explain believing, we today have been given the Word of God and Jesus Christ's name to help augment our believing faith. We may activate our believing faith in Jesus' name when we have a need in our life, and he promised *that will I do*. This is when prayer works effectively as Jesus taught, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7).

### **I Thessalonians 2:13:**

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

When we hear the Word of God, believing that we are receiving His Word, the Word itself begins working within us *effectually* (energetically) because we have a fulfilling faith. When our believing God's Word is energized, our believing will increase so that we may receive the promises contained in the Word.

**Matthew 19:24-26:**

-24: And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

-25: When His disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

-26: But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

These verses are sometimes used to try and prove that if you are rich, then heaven is not the place you will end up unless you give all your money away, but this could not be further from the truth. Jesus was referring to a rich man who put all his trust in his money, for him "money answereth all things" (Ecclesiastes 10:19), meaning that he believed money could solve every problem that came up, yet with all this money he could not obtain true friends, love, peace of mind in the true joys of life or eternal life, these are free gifts of God. The Word of God instructs us to put our trust in Him, "And the LORD shall help them and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him" (Psalms 37:40).

There is nothing wrong with having money or being rich. In fact, it is God Who gives believers the "power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18). *Wealth* is often incalculable, such as having companionship, love, a family, close friends, food, and a warm place to lay our heads at night — these are all intangibles that cannot be calculated, yet they all are invaluable varieties of *wealth*.

Not only does God give us *power to get wealth* but He also gives us *power to enjoy* any and all the *wealth* we receive. Often people with money are so busy acquiring, stockpiling, investing, and protecting it that they never

seem to have any time left to enjoy it; however, God's will for us is to enjoy our lives with all that He gives.

**Ecclesiastes 5:19:**

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; *this is the gift of God.*

Wow, to be happy, joyful, and wealthy is a *gift of God*, yet this is almost an unheard of concept in today's world, especially for all too many Christians. This *gift* does not necessarily mean that God will cause you to be rich beyond your wildest dreams, but He certainly wants you to have enough stuff to enjoy the more abundant life. We read earlier, *my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus*, and this is still true right now in the continuous present tense. There is nothing wrong with having money or being rich, as God's will is for His children to have all of their need supplied — abundantly.

Jesus uses the *eye of the needle* analogy to refer to people who place all of their trust in their own wealth rather than trusting in God to be their sufficiency in this life (II Corinthians 9:8), as Jesus further expresses in Mark 10:24: "how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!" This verse should have been used during the Inquisitions when some people were lead to believe that they could buy a seat in heaven via plenary indulgences, or a get-out-of-purgatory-free card, or a "help their deceased relatives with an escape-hell" pass. But earthly riches will not get anyone into the kingdom of God, and though some will *trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God*, Jesus says it will not work, and Peter also said to Simon the sorcerer, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money" (Acts 8:20). We cannot buy what God freely gives, but we can believe to receive what God's Word promises He will give.

The greatest things in life are free. A man may sell his soul, but he cannot buy eternal life, overflowing joy, inner peace, or true love, and he cannot pay to have his spiritual needs supplied, or purchase the fullness of God, and true happiness. These are all gifts of God! We can stand in total awe of

these gifts, and thoroughly enjoy them, for they far surpass any monetary value.

Jesus said it is, *easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle*, but he did not say this was impossible as has been suggested by some. Now how can a *camel pass through the eye of a needle*? The *eye of the needle* story sounds totally impossible or impassable. Nevertheless, it is not, as Jesus just said *with God all things are possible!*

We are now going to look at the concepts in this story of the *eye of the needle* to glean some tremendous truths. When we get to the bottom of this passage, we will make our way to the pinnacle of some underlying truths that will help us soar with the free eagles, rather than trudging along with the knotty-kneed camels.

**Isaiah 40:31:**

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength;  
they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and  
not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

The *eye of the needle* does not refer to a sewing needle with a teeny oval hole at one end. Jesus was hypothetically referring to *them that trust in riches*, and thus they have placed all their trust in the hopes that the wealth they possess could open all doors, doors that would otherwise be closed to those who have little. However, the Word of God instructs us to put our trust in God through Christ Who opens doors - *if* and when we believe and utilize the powerful name we have been given - the name of Jesus Christ. Revelation 3:7 reveals, "he {Jesus Christ} that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth." So as we walk with Jesus in our hearts, we are walking with him who has the passkey.

You see, in the Biblelands there was always a smaller door within the larger, two-story "gates of the city," and this smaller door could open at night, and this smaller, inner door was named the *eye of the needle*. When a weary traveler approached a city at night, the gates were always closed but he still could enter through the narrow doorway. However, if he showed

up with a camel that was loaded up with boxes of goods his camel had to unload its burden before entering because a camel would barely fit through the smaller door. Camels were usually piled up high and wide and there would be no way to enter the city without first unloading. Sometimes the *eye of the needle* was referred to as a “bottleneck” or “needle’s eye,” because the shape of this inner door was designed to fit the shape of camels and this kind of door is what Jesus was referring to in his teaching of the *eye of the needle*. One could walk their camels into the city and carry in the camel’s burden; however, some people were just too darn stubborn to unload their burden (or the burden of the beast) to have access.

A walled city symbolized God’s presence and His protection. Just as a camel needed to be unloaded of its burden, Jesus was implying that trusting in God is how people, even rich people, release their own burdens in this life and this trust allows God to watch over them. “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

In the walled city, there would be safety for themselves, their camels, and all of their supplies if they were willing to unload the camels. Yet some would rather “trust” in their own abilities and resources as in the *eye of the needle* story. They would rather stay outside all night and keep all their stuff out there with them and simply pay someone in the morning to do the unloading for them (*money answereth all things* — for them). Thus, if they stayed out of the city all night long they would be taking their chances against the bandits of the night. This is why Jesus says, with man on his own, things may seem impossible (and sometimes even frightening), but where there is trust and believing faith — then there is confidence and safety, for *with God all things are possible*.

**Nahum 1:7:**

The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

To answer the question in Matthew 19:25 (above) that the disciples asked Jesus: “Who then can be saved” – the answer is – those who *trust* in God’s

Word are those who *can be saved*, for they are known of God! I Timothy 6:7 reads, "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." Let me pose this question to you - since *we can carry nothing out*, then how can we have something on the other side when we enter the kingdom of God and eternal bliss? Certainly not as the Pharaohs of Egypt practiced by loading up all their stuff into tombs / pyramids (supposed time machines), because all that stuff has been plundered on this side of heaven and most of the loot was ransacked by grave robbers and spent or placed in museums. The answer is actually quiet astounding. We simply send them ahead of time. But how? By believing and trusting in the Word of God today. You see, it is "the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Peter 1:23), and as we believe the everlasting Word, the Word itself will richly sustain and reward us in eternity, as James 2:5 details. So as we can see, the Word of God is much more valuable than we sometimes even grasped.

**James 2:5:**

Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor {*humble*} of this world rich in faith {believing faith}, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

We who are "humble" before God and *love* Him will become *rich* in believing faith, and this wealth of believing faith is something God prizes and rewards, to the end that we may receive great abundance now (on the inside, in the abundant fellowship with both God and Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 1:9, I John 1:3), and throughout eternity because we are *heirs of the kingdom* (Titus 3:7, I Peter 1:4). God chose us (II Thessalonians 2:13), and we may humbly accept these graces of God upon our lives, believing that we indeed are "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17). Having the Scriptures in our hearts will help aid our walks with God in the present tense, plus it is a great way to plan for our eternal future, setting aside a little nest egg for the eternal later.

**Matthew 6:20:**

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal:

When we believe the Word, we are tapping into spiritual power, and by placing the words that Jesus called spirit and life (John 6:63) into our minds and hearts, they will return eternal dividends, for the Word will last us even into the next life and reward us throughout eternity. We have been called, "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (I Peter 1:4), and our *inheritance* will be there when we arrive, for it is *reserved in heaven*.

We certainly can store up treasures now that will be there on the other side, waiting for our arrival by our believing God's Word today, and this is not only when, but also why, *with God all things are possible*.

**Psalms 119:162:**

I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil {a great treasure}.

The Word itself in the Bible is called a "great treasure," a treasure that is not only priceless but lives and abides forever. By believing the everlasting Word, we will be enjoying rewards for eternity, and eternity will last longer than we can imagine forever is, and as the Psalmist confessed, "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Personally, I would not mind being that *doorkeeper* who has stockpiles of rewards that I could use for my days off! And as II Peter 3:8 states, a "day is with the Lord as a thousand years!" Talk about taking a lengthy vacation, wow, it will actually be fun to return back to the door again and say, oh, I don't know, but something like "Goood Morning Jesus."

**Psalms 84:9-12:**

-9: Behold, O God our shield, and {we will} look upon the face of thine anointed {Jesus Christ's *face* in heaven}.

-10: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

-11: For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that

walk uprightly {in other words, “with God all things are possible”}.

-12: O LORD of hosts, blessed is {*blessed* — will be} the man {and woman} that trusteth in thee.

In the examples above, we have looked at a man who had a great need to have his son healed, and he was taught the law of believing that delivered great results to him and his son. Then we looked at those who may be able to supply many of their needs with their own wealth, and yet even they need to humble themselves to receive the eternal blessings of God in their lives. It is always a question of whether or not we have trust in God, believe His Word, and apply the name of Jesus Christ in our prayers to deliver the greatest results into our lives, thereby paving a blessed life and a future life of blessings.

Jesus said in John 10:9, “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” This is a part of “the simplicity “that is in Christ” (II Corinthians 11:3), who taught us that, “strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:14). You see, in reality, Jesus is the *eye of the needle*, for Jesus is *the door*, Jesus is *the way, which leadeth unto life*, and “through Jesus,” believers will *find it*, and they *shall be saved*, “the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23)! This is why the Scriptures teach us that when man by his own merits trusts in his own abilities to supply his every need, things might seem impossible, temporal, or fleeting away. However, where there is trust and believing faith in God, in His Word, and in the name of Jesus Christ, then *with God all things are possible*.

## A Bonus Chapter

### Being Rich Toward God

If we were to take a survey, asking, “What was the main purpose for the coming of Jesus Christ?” We would receive dozens of answers and most of the answers would be good, but none would be as great as the actual words which Jesus himself spoke, “I am come that they {believers} might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly” (John 10:10). The more abundant life that Jesus came to give is available because he has already given himself completely so that we today might receive the more abundant life. However, today the more abundant life is barely known, scarcely believed, nor really enjoyed by the Christian.

The word for “life” in John 10:10 means life in all its fullness. Jesus came that we may experience the fullness of our God-given eternal life in every category of our lives in the present tense.

#### **I John 5:13:**

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

To “believe on the name of the Son of God,” is quoted twice above to doubly empathize our continued believing in everything the name of Jesus represents, including the abundant life, which he came to give.

When we become saved, we receive eternal life; this God desires that we know and thoroughly understand — that our eternal life is already in progress.

We have eternal life now, not when we get to heaven, but now. “Beloved, now are we the sons of God” (I John 3:2).

After receiving our salvation, the more abundant life may become manifested in our lives proportionately to our believing in the Scriptures that we have received.

Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life" (John 6:63); thus the more humble we are to believe the Word of God, the more of the spiritual life we may enjoy. James 2:5 records: "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor {humble} of this world rich in faith {believing faith}, and heirs of the kingdom." We who are humble before God will become rich in believing faith to the end that we may receive. God chose us; all we really can do is humbly accept the graces of God upon our lives, believing we indeed are heirs of God.

**Luke 12:20–21:**

-20: But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee {the day of his judgment}: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? {The material things he worked for his whole life.}

-21: So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

In Luke above, we have the conclusion of a parable that Jesus used to expound on a concept he was teaching: "for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). Rather the true abundance of a man or a woman's life is measured by how rich we are toward God's Word. God already has chosen us to be rich in believing faith, yet man within himself must decide whether or not he will be "rich toward God," whether or not he will have a relationship with Him Who called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light (I Peter 2:9). "Which thou hast provided" in verse 20 above shows us that this man in the parable was not rich in believing, but rather he was rich in his own sufficiency, he never really had any believing faith in God to care for him.

The parable above never happened; rather, Jesus used it as a teaching example to accentuate that the more abundant life rests proportionately in one's own believing. When we believe the living Word, we effortlessly will

become “rich toward God” and we will then be enjoying the more abundant life.

**Hebrews 11:6:**

But without faith {believing faith} *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he {God} is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

We cannot buy eternal life or the gifts that accompany salvation. Jesus said in Matthew 16:26, “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” There is nothing on this earth that any man could possibly give in exchange for salvation because it took the actual life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to purchase redemption and salvation for humanity, and now it is freely ours by our believing on the completed work of Jesus. Accepting the work of Christ on our behalf is being rich toward God.

## **Benediction:**

### **Mark 9:23:**

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

### **Luke 18:27:**

And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

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