



With God All Things are Possible

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We have all experienced mental prisons. These prisons are wretched and tormenting. For most, no matter what is done, escape seems impossible. The feelings of self-defeat accompanying a lifetime of prison escape attempts are negative, defeating, and most wretched.

(Mat 19:26 KJV) But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Consider the following two perspectives for 'impossible;' Man's and God's. Due to his own successes, failures, and life's experiences, man may think a particular task possible or impossible. Escape from anxiety, panic, lack of self-worth, worry, and fear is possible, for with God all things are possible.



(1 Cor 10:13 KJV) There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Are you worn out from banging your head against what seems impossible? There is only one way to escape—through an understanding of God's Word.

(Rom 15:4 KJV) For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning,

that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

What happened when God's Word was understood? Tremendous things transpired as the Old Testament believers understood and believed God's Word. These things were written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. When days seem dark, when the "common to man" pressures of life abound, there is hope. There is a way to escape. Side by side, temptation and a way to escape exist. The promise of God exists. The promise; "that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Have hope. There is escape, release, and freedom from every prison.

(Neh 8:10-12 KJV) Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for

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whom nothing is prepared: for *this day is holy* unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength. {11} So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved. {12} And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

In this record of Nehemiah and the building of the wall, we see fantastic truths. In the midst of impossible odds, they made great mirth. They made great mirth because they understood the words that were declared unto them. Great mirth accompanied their understanding of God's Word. The joy of the Lord is always present when God's Word is understood. They understood and believed. The joy of the Lord gave them strength. It broke down the walls of despair, fear, sadness, lack of self-worth, and hopelessness. New mental walls, a fortress built upon the understanding of God's Word began to be

erected. Its building blocks were the declared Word of God, joyful strength, great mirth, and great understanding. The making of great mirth was their evidence of the same. They dared to believe and evidence forth their understanding of God's Word. Only by way of the understanding of God's Word may man's impossible viewpoint be changed to God's "for with God all things shall be possible." Only through understanding God's Word may man's impossible viewpoint be changed to God's "way to escape."

(1 Chr 28:19-20 KJV) *All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern. {20} And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.*

The theme of godly understanding carries throughout God's Word. A wonderful example is how God made King David to understand in writing. David helped gather the building materials and Solomon built the most magnificent temple ever built. With God's understanding in their lives, they were able to do the impossible. Strength, courage, the doing of impossible tasks, fearing not, dismayed not, understanding that God will not fail or forsake, these are all part of understanding God's Word. Only through understanding God's Word can the impossible be reversed and invalidated. Only through understanding God's Word can all things be possible. Mental prison bars melt into the ground, and liberty begins. It took understanding for David and Solomon to believe and build the temple.

(1 Ki 3:3 KJV) *And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.*

(1 Ki 3:5 KJV) *In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and*

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God said, **Ask what I shall give thee.**

(1 Ki 3:9-13 KJV) Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? {10} And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. {11} And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; {12} Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. {13} And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

Solomon loved God and his Word. As king, he knew that without an understanding of God's Word, he could not take care of God's people. He went through the motions, sacrificing, burning incense, walking according to the same statues that David his father walked. He went through the motions doing everything correctly, but he lacked understanding. God gave him a wise and understanding heart. Not only that, but God also gave Solomon riches and honor.

What one thing, when believed and understood, shatters torment, breaks down despair, dissolves doubts, annihilates self-condemnation and every other mental prison bar? With the understanding of God's Word, every plant that God's Word has not planted will be rooted up. Think of mental prisons as thoughts being rooted up and thrown away. Great mirth and playing before the Lord, strength, courage, fearing not, not being dismayed—these knock down wretched prison bars.

(Phil 3:21 KJV) **Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his**

glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

The excellence of God's power comes from God. God will change our vile bodies, so that it may be fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body.

(1 Cor 15:52-54 KJV) **In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. {53} For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. {54} So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.**

What is the one thing that, when believed and understood, that will shatter torment, break down despair, dissolve doubts, annihilate self-condemnation and every

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other mental prison? Did you know that the entire body of Christ, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, will be changed? Every body will be changed. Every bit of five senses glorying in appearance, glorying in nobility, strength, glorying in intellect, glorying in wealth, fame, brains, looks, skin color, body type, self-righteousness, will be gone. Every bit of judgment, condemnation, defaming, every base thing, every despised thing, every corrupt thing, every shame, and every bit of lack of self-worth will be gone in the twinkling of an eye, swallowed up in victory. In an instant, death will be swallowed up in victory. Swallowed up! In an instant, for all of us, in the twinkling of an eye, the victory. Our response? Our full of joy and rejoicing response is to take a sip of victory and bask in godly thankfulness for understanding this victory.

Thank you and God bless you abundantly.

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