

## **SOME THINGS GOD CANNOT DO**

**Malachi 3:6**

**(Not entirely original with me)**

**Introduction:** No doubt God is totally sovereign in all things and is infinitely greater than anyone can imagine. God made all things, rules all things according to His own will and pleasure. Any god whose word cannot be trusted, whose power can be resisted, whose purpose turned aside is not God at all. The God of the Bible, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ is the God the believer knows, loves and worships and is totally sovereign. With all this greatness, there are some things which God just cannot do.

### **I. GOD CANNOT CHANGE OR BE CHANGED**

1. Malachi 3:6; James 1:17
2. God cannot change His Being.
3. God cannot change His Purpose.
4. God cannot change the objects of His love.

### **II. GOD CANNOT LIE**

1. Titus 1:2
2. If God has said anything, promised anything or threatened anything, one can count on it.
  - God cannot lie and God promised eternal life to some people before the world was ever created.
  - To whom was the Promise made? To Christ (2 Timothy 1:9)
  - For whom was the Promise made? Those who believe in Jesus Christ.
  - What was the Condition of the Promise? Christ's obedience.

### **III. GOD CANNOT SAVE A SINNER WITHOUT A SUITABLE SACRIFICE**

1. Hebrews 9:22
2. God cannot forgive sin without blood atonement and atonement cannot be made without a suitable sacrifice and that sacrifice must be:
  - Innocent
  - One of man's nature.
  - A person of Infinite Merit.

### **IV. GOD CANNOT TAKE ANYONE TO HEAVEN WHO IS NOT PERFECTLY RIGHTEOUS IN HIS SIGHT**

1. Matthew 5:20; Hebrews 12:14
2. God cannot behold iniquity. God requires perfect holiness and Jesus Christ is the sinner's righteousness, holiness and sanctification. (Romans 5:19)
  - Therefore it is imputed Righteousness.
  - Therefore it is imparted Righteousness

## **V. GOD CANNOT SEND ANYONE TO HELL WHO HAS TRUSTED THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

1. Isaiah 53:11; Romans 8:1, 34; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 9:23
2. God cannot twice demand payment, once from the Lord Jesus Christ and then again from the sinner.
  - The wisdom of God won't allow it.
  - The love of God won't allow it.
  - The goodness of God won't allow it.
  - The justice of God won't allow it.

## **VI. GOD CANNOT SAVE A SINNER APART FROM THE HEARING OF THE GOSPEL**

1. 1 Corinthians 1:21-24; James 1:18; 2 Peter 1:23-25
2. God is sovereign and can do anything He wants to, but God cannot lie, He cannot do that which is contrary to His Word.
  - God cannot do that which He has said He will not do.
  - God cannot not do that which He has said He will do.
  - God has said that the Gospel of Christ is His ordained means of communicating saving grace to dead sinners.
    - God will not save anyone apart from the hearing of the Gospel.
    - God will not save any one by the hearing/preaching of a false gospel.
    - Galatians 1:6-8
  - *"...Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God..."*

## **VII. GOD CANNOT FAIL TO SAVE ANY SINNER WHO TRUSTS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S OWN DEAR SON**

1. John 3:16, 36
2. God, who cannot lie, has promised eternal to every believer.
  - Faith in Jesus Christ is the fruit of redemption and regeneration.
  - Faith is the evidence of redemption and regeneration.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. God is God and can do whatever He wills.
2. God wills that His Son Jesus Christ be the substitute for the sinner and that the blood of His Son, Jesus is enough to cleanse the most filthy sinner and that whosoever believes in His Son shall have eternal life.
3. God cannot go against what He has declared and set in order.
4. God is God and there is none other than Him.
5. Have YOU believed in God's Son, Jesus Christ? Have YOU trusted the Son of God?