

## **GOD IS ABLE**

When I counsel Christians regarding a problem, I take an envelope and have them write these three words on the front: problem, promises, and performance. On the back of the envelope, I have them write GOD IS ABLE and Romans 4:21 and praise.

I explain that they should write everything about their PROBLEM. Reduce it down to one paragraph and then that one paragraph down to one sentence.

Then I instruct them to search the Scriptures for the PROMISES related to the one sentence and then to write those promises on the paper.

Finally I ask them to study those promises and to write down the PERFORMANCES that they can expect from each of God's promises and to read Rom.4:21. This should result in PRAISE (write God a thank you letter).

Let's do this exercise together with Matt.9:26-31.

- Problem (9:27) -
- Promise (9:26, 28) -
- Performance (9:29-30) –
- Praise - GOD IS ABLE (Rom.4:21) (9:31) –

Explain how the faith cycle worked in the lives of the two blind men.

**Hearing**  
(Rom.10:17; 9:26-27)

**Completing**  
(James 2:22; 9:29-31)

**Believing**  
(Heb.4:2; 9:27-28)

**Applying**  
(2 Cor.5:7; 9:28)

**This lesson will study SIX ways GOD IS ABLE to perform in the believer's life according to the faith cycle.**

- 1. God is able to save and guard completely those who believe the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom.1:16; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Eph.2:8-9; John 10:28-30).**

“For I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that **He is able** to guard that which I have entrusted to Him until that day.” (2 Tim.1:12; Phil.1:6)

“Hence, also, **He is able** to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” (Heb.7:25)

**2. God is able to deliver the believer from every temptation to sin.**

“For since He Himself was tempted in that He has suffered, **He is able** to come to the aid of those who are tempted.” (Heb.2:18; 4:15; 1 John 3:5)

“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.” (James 1:14-15; Gal.5:16)

**3. God is able to supply everything necessary for every generous and righteous act of kindness**  
(Phil.4:18-20).

“And **God is able** to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.” (2 Cor.9:8; 9:8-11)

Believers are motivated towards grace generosity because of the example given to us in grace salvation (2 Cor.8:1-5,9)

**4. God is able to exceed beyond all that we think or ask in prayer.**

“Now to **Him who is able** to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.” (Eph.3:20)

We must ask according to God’s will and without doubt (1 John 5:14-15; James 1:6-8; Mark 11:24).

**5. God’s word is able to build up the believer’s soul towards faith in the inheritance of God.**

“And now I commend you to God and to the **word of His grace, which is able** to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:32)

“And that from childhood you have known the **sacred Scriptures which are able** to give you wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Tim.3:15) (James 1:21)

**6. God is able to keep every believer from stumbling until he stands glorified in the presence of the Lord (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in furnace (Dan.3:17) and Daniel in lion’s den (6:20-22)).**

“If it be so, our **God** whom we serve **is able** to deliver us.”

“Now to **Him who is able** to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy.” (Jude 24)

“He considered that **God is able** to raise men even from the dead; from which he also received him back as a type.” (Heb.11:17)