

Our God be Praised

Jude 1: 24-25

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

After Jude has given us such a disturbing message concerning these false teachers that have crept into the churches, he finishes with a great word of encouragement. He tells them what they need to do, as we saw last week. Now he tells them what God will do for them.

So much of life seems to be out of our control because it is out of our control.

And although the path that we end up taking in life probably will not be the path we have chosen. Yet God will get us to the end of the journey. And He will bring us through successfully.

All of the apostles were brought to the successful end of their journey. But the roads they traveled were filled with pain and sorrow. They could only do what they could do and leave the results to God.

We can read the stories of many of the great saints of history and see that they faced trials.

Peter said: 1 Peter 1:3-9: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,⁹ receiving the end of your faith -- the salvation of your souls. NKJV

Let us look at this passage this morning, resting in the confidence that we can have in our great God.

I. He is Able

A. Now to Him who is able

1. Even governments cannot do what they want, because they are not able.
2. The idea here is of power, power to accomplish something.

3. The ancients worshiped power.
 - a. They worshiped as gods the powers they saw around them.
 - b. The sun had power, the rivers had power, the rain had power.
 - c. The whole system of the Greek gods was based on an order of power.
 - d. But when God showed up in history, He claimed to have power over the powers others thought of as gods.
 - e. Deuteronomy 3:24 (NKJV) 24 'O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds?
 - f. Joshua 4:23 for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over,
 - g. Isaiah 40:26 26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.
 - h. Jeremiah 27:5 5 'I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are on the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it seemed proper to Me.

B. To keep you from stumbling,

1. That may not seem important to young people but it becomes more important as you get older.
2. But he is speaking of spiritual stumbles.
3. They are more dangerous than physical stumbles.
4. John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.
5. Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? NKJV
6. Romans 14:4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make

him stand. NKJV

7. 2 Timothy 4:18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen! NKJV

C. And to present you faultless

1. Ephesians 5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. NKJV

D. Before the presence of His glory

1. Even as we stand before Him, we will have pure white robes that represent the righteousness that God has given us.
2. We are accepted before a holy and righteous God for He has imputed the righteousness of His Son to our account.

E. With exceeding joy

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II. To God

A. Our Savior,

1. Him and not we ourselves.

B. Who alone is wise,

1. Man's wisdom is but childish foolishness in God's sight.
2. We marvel at the things we have discovered in science but so foolish not to honor the one who formed everything that is.

C. Be glory

1. To Him belongs all glory and honor, praise and adoration.

D. And majesty

1. Majesty instills humility in those who behold it.
2. But even the majesty of Solomon has no comparison with God.
3. The greatest king is like a beggar in rags compared to Him.

E. Dominion

1. Men may grab for power, but all dominion belong to God.
2. Notice what the greatest king that ever lived said after god humbled him. Daniel 4:34-35 (NKJV) 34 And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar,

lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation. 35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

- F. And power
 - 1. The right to rule.
- G. Both
 - 1. Now
 - 2. And forever.

III. Amen.

Jeremiah 16:19 O LORD, my strength and my fortress, My refuge in the day of affliction, The Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable things."