

Grace Mail

There are times in life when we need reassurance of either who God is or of His ability to do what He has promised. Scripture is filled with men and women who also needed reassurance and who received it from the Lord. Reading about these people is comforting because it reminds us that we are not alone. The passage we will consider today provides reassurance that God will do what He has promised.

God Can Do It! – Numbers 11:23

“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Has the LORD's arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not.’”

In this account the Israelites are complaining because of the lack of meat. The Lord tells Moses that He will provide meat for a whole month. Moses is skeptical as to how God will perform this promise. Our text is God's response to Moses. This response gives us two very important considerations whenever we doubt and need reassurance. The first consideration is put by God into the form of a question. For our purposes today, we will slightly rephrase it.

Has God Lost His Power?

This is what God asks Moses. The point here is that Moses knows God's power. He has seen it displayed over and over and over again! From the burning bush to the Red Sea crossing, from the ten plagues to the poisonous snakes; Moses has experienced the power of God! God's question in light of this present trouble is very simple. “Moses, have I changed?” Scripture reveals very clearly that God doesn't change. Because of His past faithfulness we can be fully confident that He will be faithful in the future! If the sun rose today, if we are breathing, if all the systems that sustain life are still in place; then God has not lost His power! No matter what we face He is more than able to handle it! That brings us to our second consideration.

God Keeps His Promises

If we were to skip ahead in the narrative, we would find that God did exactly what He said He would. This is the uniform testimony of Scripture. God always keeps His promises. If we want to see if God will do what He has said, all we have to do is wait and we will see it. There has never been a time in the past when God has failed and that time will never come in the future.

When we need reassurance we need to remember that God has not lost His power and He has never failed to keep a promise. These realities provide strength and assurance that what God has promised, He will perform. He has promised peace when we give Him our troubles, strength when we rely on him, and His presence through both the calm and stormy seas of life.

God can do it. He has not lost His power and He always keeps His promises. May we wait on Him and find Him always faithful.