

FIVE IMPOSSIBLE THINGS

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INTRO: There is nothing too hard for the Lord—He is a miracle-working God—and all things are possible with Him (Luke 1:37: *For nothing is impossible with God*). But the Bible reveals certain things that *are* impossible for God. What are they?

1. It is impossible for God to lie

- a) **Heb. 6:17-19:** *¹⁷Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of His purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, He confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.*
- b) **Tit. 1:2** - God cannot lie
- c) **John 8:44:** *...the devil... there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

2. It is impossible for God to change

- a) **Mal. 3:6:** *I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.*
- b) **Heb. 13:8:** *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*
- c) This revelation “anchors” our faith and makes it firm:
Heb. 6:17-19: *¹⁷Because God wanted to make the **unchanging nature of His purpose** very clear to the heirs of what was promised, He confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸God did this so that, by **two unchangeable things** in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹We have this hope as an **anchor for the soul, firm and secure.***
- d) We must be very careful not to allow deceptions into our thinking about God’s nature and character:
James 1:16-17: *¹⁶Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. ¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

3. It is impossible for God to do wrong

- a) **Deut. 32:4:** *He is the Rock, **His works are perfect**, and ALL His ways are just. A faithful God who **does no wrong**, upright and just is He.*
- b) God is always right, just, and fair—He makes NO MISTAKES—everything He created was “good” (Gen. 1) and “He has done all things well” (Mark 7:37)!

4. It is impossible for God to fail

- a) **Josh. 23:14:** *Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that **not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed**. Every promise has been fulfilled; **not one has failed**.*
- b) **Ps. 33:11:** *But the **plans of the LORD stand firm forever**, the purposes of His heart through all generations.*
- c) **Dan. 4:34-35:** ³⁴ *...Nebuchadnezzar... praised the **Most High**... His dominion is an **eternal dominion**... ³⁵ *All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. **No one can hold back His hand** or say to Him: “What have You done?”**
- d) God is UNSTOPPABLE! He has never lost a battle and HE NEVER WILL! (God’s “unfailing love” 32x in the O.T.)

My God Is Still the Same (Song by Sanctus Real)

*Just ask the waves, if they are stilled at the mention of His name
They'll say my God is still the same
Ask the walls, if they still fall at the mighty sound of praise
They'll say my God is still the same*

*When did He break His promise? When did His kindness fail?
Never has, never will, My God is still the same
When did He lose His power? When did His mercy change?
Never has, never will, My God is still the same*

*Just ask the words, you prayed in desperation if they're heard
They'll say my God is still the same
Ask the grave, if it's strong enough to keep hope in its chains
It'll say, “God is still the same,” Yeah!*

*Not once did He ever stop moving, not once has He ever let go
Not once did He ever stop proving, our God is in control*

5. Jesus told His disciples that nothing would be impossible for them... **IF THEY BELIEVED!** So, there *is* **one thing that is impossible for us:**
- a) **Heb. 11:6:** *And **without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.***
 - b) When we doubt, we are not anchored—we are tossed around by circumstances and we cannot receive ANYTHING from the Lord:
James 1:5-8: *⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶But when he asks, **he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷That man **should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;** ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.***
 - c) God is a God who can be trusted completely—He can't lie, fail, or make a mistake—He will never change!
 - d) Therefore, He expects us to trust in Him—that is how we can please Him. (Who else can forgive you, give you hope, eternal life, and immortality?)
 - e) Surrender your life to Him in faith today. **PRAY...**