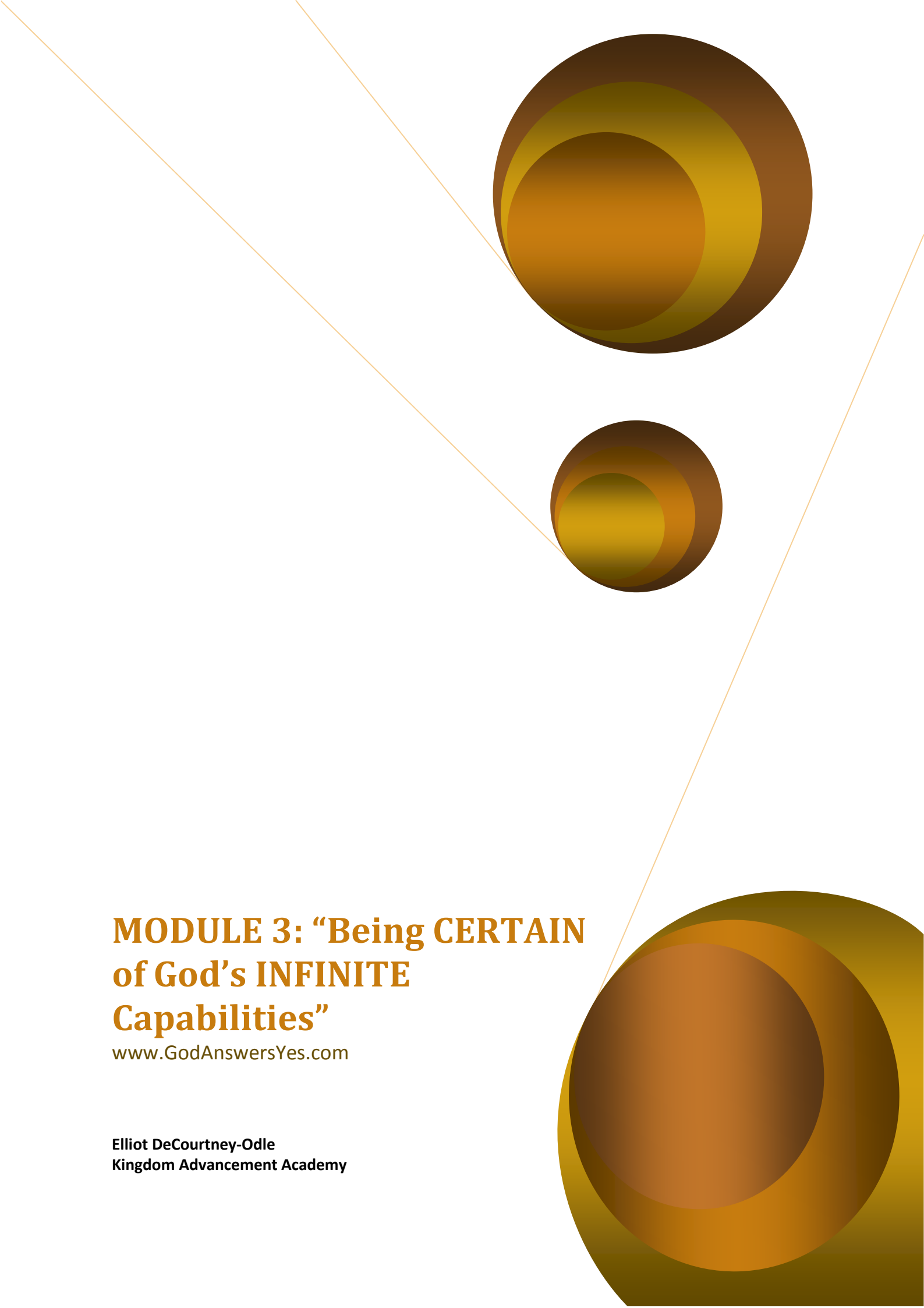




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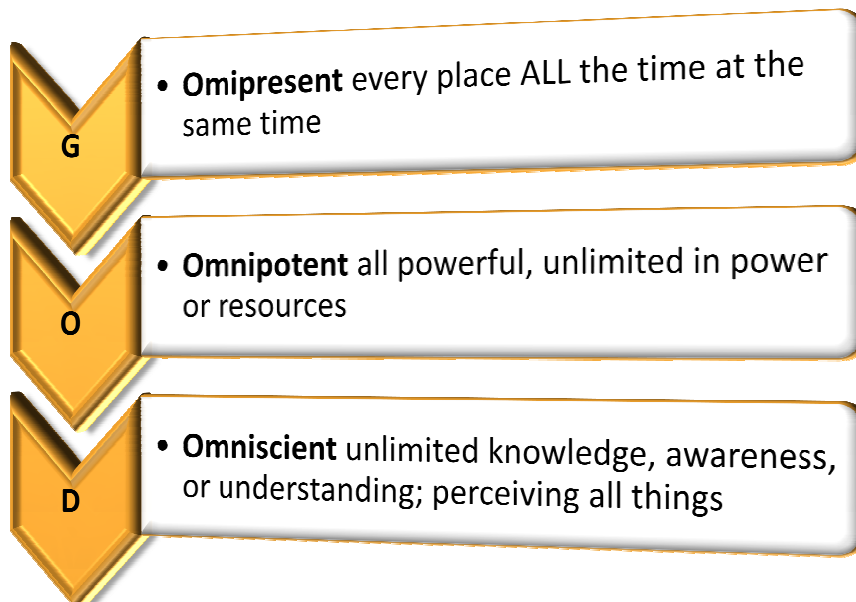
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MODULE 3 “Being CERTAIN of God INFINITE Capabilities

I LOVE this because now I get to brag about how AWESOME GOD IS!!!!!!

If you ever thought your situation was unsolvable, by the time you complete this module, you will be baffled

at why you ever thought that and secondly you will be irrevocably convinced nothing is impossible for YOU because of who God IS, you’ll find it hard to believe anything contrary to God’s Word can come to pass.



What God Did for men defies reason and scientific laws by which we THINK God is bound...

Joshua sun stood still. God made the Sun stand still. In the Sky. There is evidence of this, scientists have found hours missing in the path of the sun. Gideon 300 men defeat large army. Made an axe float. Delivered debt poor widow. Supplied food poor widow. 3 boys in fire. Lions den. Walked on water. Walked through a door. Teleported Philip.

“...men of science think that they can comprehend the wisdom of God, that which He has done or can do. The idea largely prevails that He is restricted by His own laws. Men either deny or ignore His existence, or think to explain everything, even the operation of His Spirit upon the human heart; and they no longer reverence His name or fear His power. They do not believe in the supernatural, not understanding God's laws or His infinite power to work His will through them. As commonly used, the term "laws of nature" comprises what men have been able to discover with regard to the laws that govern the physical world; but how limited is their knowledge, and how vast the field in which the

Creator can work in harmony with His own laws and yet wholly beyond the comprehension of finite beings!

Many teach that matter possesses vital power--that certain properties are imparted to matter, and it is then left to act through its own inherent energy; and that the operations of nature are conducted in harmony with fixed laws, with which God Himself cannot interfere. This is false science, and is not sustained by the word of God. Nature is the servant of her Creator. God does not annul His laws or work contrary to them, but He is continually using them as His instruments. Nature testifies of an intelligence, a presence, an active energy, that works in and through her laws. There is in nature the continual working of the Father and the Son. Christ says, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." John 5:17."

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"But His energy is still exerted in upholding the objects of His creation. It is not because the mechanism that has once been set in motion continues to act by its own inherent energy that the pulse beats and breath follows breath; but every breath, every pulsation of the heart, is an evidence of the all-pervading care of Him in whom "we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:28. It is not because of inherent power that year by year the earth produces her bounties and continues her motion around

the sun. The hand of God guides the planets and keeps them in position in their orderly march through the heavens. He "bringeth out their host by number: He calleth them all by names by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power; not one faileth." Isaiah 40:26. It is through His power that vegetation flourishes, that the leaves appear and the flowers bloom. He "maketh grass to grow upon the mountains" (Psalm 147:8), and by Him the valleys are made fruitful. "All the beasts of the forest . . . seek their meat from God," and every living creature, from the smallest insect up to man, is daily dependent upon His providential care. In the beautiful words of the psalmist, "These wait all upon Thee. . . . That Thou givest them they gather: Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good." Psalm 104:20, 21, 27, 28." **Patriachs & Prophets**

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"No finite mind can fully comprehend the existence, the power, the wisdom, or the works of the Infinite One. Says the sacred writer: "Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea." Job 11:7-9. The mightiest intellects of earth cannot comprehend God. Men may be ever searching, ever learning, and still there is an infinity beyond.



Yet the works of creation testify of God's power and greatness. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork." Psalm 19:1.

..."The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead." Romans 1:20." **Patriachs &**

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Supplies ALL Needs...

Now MOST people's concerns almost invariably are based one way or another on their needs. You may not need anything as drastic as the examples I gave earlier. Maybe you have a bill you need to pay and NOW it may look like according to what you currently have access to, that things won't work out. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." **Phil4:19**

WE walk by faith not by sight. LIVE by faith 24/7 365! And if you aren't... NOW is a brilliant time to start! To Live by faith means to live in obedience to the requirements God has to fulfill His promises regardless of appearances, regardless of what you think obedience might cost you. You may be afraid to obey but with the abundant array of copious promises backed by heaven, you need not fear!

Don't Worry

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?... But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." **Matthew6:25-27,33**

"Be careful **for nothing**; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." **Philippians4:6** "...Be not afraid,**only** believe." **Mark 5:36!** Nothing too hard for God.

Why? Because God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," **Eph3:20.**

"...With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God **all** things are **possible**." **Mark 10:27** "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and **nothing** shall be **impossible** unto you." Matthew 17:20

"God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:" **2Cor9:8.**

God DEPENDS On Us "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that worketh in us,**" **Eph3:20.**

"...According to your faith be it unto you." **Matthew9:29.**

"...the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from **them that walk uprightly**." **Psalms84:11**

"Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel." **Psalms78:41.**

He is ABLE only believe.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Philippians4:19

Let's look at what He has, what His riches are because He PROMISED He SHALL supply ALL our needs according to it. "Gold silver"**Hags2:8** "cattle on thousand hills" "world and fullness thereof". **Ps50:10,12**

We think we need money for our needs to be met. But how many times does God show us He doesn't need man's means to meet our needs. He promised according to HIS riches. He can use anything, He can replenish anything you have used up or make things last longer. He's not limited!

Look at How God TOOK Care of the Israelites. When He brought them out of captivity in Egypt "He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes... He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night. The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river." Psalm 105:37,39-41

Look at How God TOOK Care of Elijah.

- **Elijah Broke Ravens** - He could have complained or worried. Like we do when our resource of income fails. God was now planning to use a widow to meet His need.
- But Elijah was wise enough to Notice. Changed resource. But THE source was the same.
- But it was a Test Also for the widow.

"In this poverty-stricken home the famine pressed sore, and the pitifully meager fare seemed about to fail. The coming of Elijah on the very day when the widow feared that she must give up the struggle to sustain life tested to the utmost her faith in the power of the living God to provide for her necessities. But even in her dire extremity she bore witness to her faith by a compliance with the request of the stranger who was asking her to share her last morsel with him.



In response to Elijah's request for food and drink, the widow said, "As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord of Israel, The barrel of meal shall

not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth."

No greater test of faith than this could have been required. The widow had hitherto treated all strangers with kindness and liberality. Now, regardless of the suffering that might result to herself and child, and trusting in the God of Israel to supply her every need, she met this supreme test of hospitality by doing "according to the saying of Elijah."

Wonderful was the hospitality shown to God's prophet by this Phoenician woman, and wonderfully were her faith and generosity rewarded. "She, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which He spake by Elijah." **Prophets & Kings P130-131**

Remember What Happened To The Widow's Son?

"And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

"And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. . . . And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord. . . . And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

"And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth."



The widow of Zarephath shared her morsel with Elijah, and in return her life and that of her son were preserved. **And to all who, in time of trial and want, give sympathy and assistance to others more needy, God has promised great blessing.** He has not changed. His power is no less now than in the days of Elijah. No less sure now than when spoken by our Saviour is the promise, "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." Matthew 10:41.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:2. These words have lost none of their force through the lapse of time. Our heavenly Father still continues to place in the pathway of His children opportunities that are blessings in disguise; and those who improve these opportunities find great joy. "If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Isaiah 58:10, 11.

To His faithful servants today Christ says, "He that receiveth you receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me." No act of kindness shown in His name will fail to be recognized and rewarded. And in the same tender recognition Christ includes even the feeblest and lowliest of the family of God. "Whosoever shall give to drink," He says, "unto one of these little ones"--those who are as children in their faith and their knowledge of Christ--"a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." Matthew 10:40, 42." **Prophets & Kings p131-132**

My £100, £10 - £1,000 Experience...

This is a VITAL Lesson: That Obedience and kindness especially when it's hard to do so is RICHLY rewarded! That's a promise spoken by the Lips of GOD! And WE Need to REMEMBER That!

In fact God told Joshua to tell us, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Joshua1:8

"Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." **Deuteronomy11:19**

Case Study Roger Morneau

God is so smart He can work out any impossible situation,



"nothing is too hard for God" "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," **Ephesians3:20**. When man sinned and made Himself prisonor to Satan. God got man off the hook, even when the only way would be of great cost to Himself. God is compassionate and willing, you'll see just how deep this is in Module4.

He has Power to heal any disease... "healed them all" cripple, blind leprosy, "healing in His wings" "He is the God that heals you"

Father to the Fartherless, husband to the widow, companion to the friendless. "Heal broken hearted", Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." **John10:10** "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." **2Corinthians8:9**. And if God desires you to strengthen your faith and delay your breakthrough He promises to "give you grace sufficient to bear trial"

But when He is ready to deliver.. Wow oh my... He will spare no expense, no resource to deliver, nothing is too hard. Wind and sea obey Him after all He created them. He spoke and things obeyed Him. The things He spoke years ago are still upheld by His Word today.

Demons tremble at the sound of His name, they begged Him not to "torment" them while He was on earth, as He commands they have to submit. Satan Himself had to ask God for permission before He could trouble Job. He had to ask God to remove His protection because when it is there Satan can't do anything God will not allow.

With Him ALL things are possible, NO thing is impossible, all you need do is believe...

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." **1John5:14-15. Ask NOTHING wavering!**

"God will not suffer His Faithfulness to fail" "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." **Isaiah55:11,**

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." **Phillipians4:13** Now "Christ and Father are one". You can do all things through Christ, you can do all things through God. "according to your faith" **Matthew29:9.** "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." **Matthew16:19.** "...the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

2Chronicles16:9 through you He" is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," **Ephesians3:20.**

"When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. ³The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

⁴Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south. ⁵They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. ⁶He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." **Psalms126**



"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them." **Joshua1:5-6**

"In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

²⁷For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks. ²⁸For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. ²⁹For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

³⁰As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. ³¹For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God? ³²It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect." **Psalms18:6,19,27-32**

Protect you from anything...

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

³Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. ⁴He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

⁵Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; ⁶Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

⁷A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. ⁸Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. ⁹Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

¹⁰There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. ¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. ¹²They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹³Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. ¹⁴Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. ¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. ¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation." **Psalm 91**



So...Who Is REALLY In Control In the Affairs of Man???

We think we face impossibilities a lot of the time because we are looking at the systems, the beauraus, the governments, that oppose us, or laws which dictate we can't do things. But who are those things operated by? Kings, bosses, presidents of companies and countries. You know what they all have in common? They are all men! Why is that significant? Well **Joshua 1:5** says, "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

No man, doesn't matter who they are, what position they hold. They can not remain standing in your way. God will change rules and policies on your behalf and open doors which no man can shut and shut doors NO man can open. If God wants to do something for you. He will remove a king off their throne just so you can get His work done for Him. God will bring men to their knees or give them an ultimatum where either submission to Him or certain death are their ONLY options, if need be!

Look at Pharoah with the Israelites, He was the most harded headed stubborn dude! And He occupied the throne of the most powerful empire in the world at that time. And God showed him who was boss

and he let the Israelites go. You may think God may not value doing something similar for little old you. But God is very much interested in the minutest details of your life. Think about it, He has to be if He is keeping count of the hairs of your head. I wish I had time now but some other time I'll tell you of a story, where God changed rules and policies on my behalf, when I worked in a company that had operated the same way for years, but God caused them to change.

So when someone tries to stand in your way don't sweat it, they can not stand before you. "No weapon formed against you will prosper" **Isaiah54:17** "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a **standard against him.**" (**Isaiah59:19**). Weapons may be formed against you, God never promised that He would not allow weapons to be formed, but He has promised they won't have any chance of prospering against you, His child.

NO man shall stand before you, because God is WITH you and if God is with you, it's them against God not you! So they don't stand a chance, they would do well to submit and let God do what He is going to do anyway. It's either make way or make your bed and lie in it!

(Sabbath Story)

God is in control, He is in control and UNSTOPPABLE, and so long as you are in obedience to Him, He has permission to fulfill all His promises in your behalf. He can heal any illness. He can take a powerful person out their position, He can promote you to wherever He wants FROM wherever you are. He can bring you before great people. He can meet your needs, in famine, with no visible means of doing so. He can deliver you out of trouble when 185,000 men are coming against you. He can make a barren women's womb fruitful. People can give you poison to drink and it won't have any effect on you... He can do exceeding abundantly above all you can ask Him to do or even think of asking Him to do AND not only is He able. He is willing. He said, "Ask and you SHALL receive... and everyone that asks RECEIVES" **Matthew7:7**

So... Why have I been harping on about what God did for others and for me. What about you? What about God doing things for you? How is all this ACTUALLY going to help you?

I showed you all this because I want you to realise or at least be reminded, nothing NO- THING is out of God's reach to perform! It's nice to know the person in possession of all that power; With the greatest track record of ALL time in being true to His Word, who NO man can stand against, is on YOUR side! And is WILLING to help you, so HIS WORK GETS DONE. And by the way, He does not take kindly to people messing His children around. You are the apple of his eye.

I show you all those examples because He is willing TO DO THIS FOR YOU!

But in order for all these things HE IS capable of doing to happen on your behalf, as you endeavour to be about His business. YOU need to look at the one thing all the people who experienced what we call the miraculous had in common! One word, "**obedience!**"

Why is that so important? Simple... God is limited to what He can do for you in direct proportion to your faith to obey Him. If you look in the "Hall of Fame" in the Bible in the 11th Chapter of Hebrews there were all willing to obey regardless of consequences to themselves.

Yes some of them were delivered in a myriad of miraculous ways. And there were others who had the honour of sealing their victory in death. So Why would God allow them to die when He is FULLY able to deliver?

You have to remember God's top priority at the moment is the salvation of mankind. He is not willing that any perish. And through the death of the martyrs willing to die for Christ, MANY people witnessing with their own eyes these deaths, were WON to Christ! Because they were so impressed by the convictions of those martyrs. So the martyrs' death served a greater purpose than if God had delivered them from the jaws of death.

But although they sealed their fight of faith with their death; at the hands of the enemy, at the very end. These martyrs all had many experiences of miracles, deliverances up until that time. God will not allow anything to happen before your appointed time, until your work is done. So long as you remain obedient.

Look at Jesus! The pharisees tried to do away with Jesus several times before they actually succeeded. Man will NOT have His way unless God allows it. They only got to Jesus when God had withdrawn His hand. Up until then, when they tried to kill Jesus he would just walk right through the midst of them and there wasn't a thing they could do about it!

So think about this... once God has decreed something, that's it, it's a done deal. His Word stands, His promises to you stand now as they did for those who stood on God's promises in Bible times. That's why God says to us Be still and know, I'm God. Nobody can do anything to stop Him.

Isaiah 14:24, 26-27 says, "The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand... ²⁶This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. ²⁷For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"

Look what King Nebuchadnezzar had to say about God, God had placed Him as the most dominant kingdom in earth's history, Nebuchadnezzar thought it was by His own power that He got where He was. But God is the one who put Him there, nothing happens with God allowing it.

I won't go into why God let a Heathen King become the dominant empire in the world in the first place right now. But the point here is this king thought He was the bee knees and his magnificence got him where he was.

But **Psalms 75:5-7** says, ⁵Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. ⁶For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. ⁷But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another."

God Can Do What HE Wants, He said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "...know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

³⁰The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

³¹While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. ³²And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.



Then Nubuchadnezzar realised in verse 35 that God is in fact right. He said, "all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? **37** Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to humble." **Daniel 4:25,30-32,35,37**

You remember when Nubuchadnezzar decided to build an image for all his subjects to bow down and worship? Everybody had bowed and some of us may have said I'll bow so I don't get in trouble and then repent later. That's inquiry and we know what that means.

Our job is to obey God's commands regardless of what we think might happen. We know our reward for doing so is sure. The key is obedience not the result of obedience. Trust God. He is able AND willing to deliver you. And this was the experience of three gentlemen, young gentlemen at that!

I have a quote to read to you about that experience, it is rather long and I mean long, but it's so exciting I just read it this morning and I thought I have to add this in to this module,

It's taken from **Prophets & Kings p506-513**, "Not all had bowed the knee to the idolatrous symbol of human power. In the midst of the worshipping multitude there were three men who were firmly resolved not thus to dishonor the God of heaven. Their God was King of kings and Lord of lords; they would bow to none other.

... The king commanded that the men be brought before him. "Is it true," he inquired, "do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?" He endeavored by threats to induce them to unite with the multitude. Pointing to the fiery furnace, he reminded them of the punishment awaiting them if they should persist in their refusal to obey his will. But firmly the Hebrews testified to their allegiance to the God of heaven, and their faith in His power to deliver. The act of bowing to the image was understood by all to be an act of worship. Such homage they could render to God alone.

As the three Hebrews stood before the king, he was convinced that they possessed something the other wise men of his kingdom did not have. They had been faithful in the performance of every duty. He would give them another trial. If only they would signify their willingness to unite with the multitude in worshiping the image, all would be well with them; "but if ye worship not," he added, "ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." Then with his hand stretched upward in defiance, he demanded, "Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?"

In vain were the king's threats. He could not turn the men from their allegiance to the Ruler of the universe. From the history of their fathers they had learned that disobedience to God results in dishonor, disaster, and death; and that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, the foundation of all true prosperity. Calmly facing the furnace, they said, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to

answer thee in this matter. If it be so [if this is your decision], our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king." Their faith strengthened as they declared that God would be glorified by delivering them, and with triumphant assurance born of implicit trust in God, they added, "But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

The king's wrath knew no bounds. "Full of fury," "the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego," representatives of a despised and captive race. Directing that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than its wont, he commanded the mighty men of his army to bind the worshipers of Israel's God, preparatory to summary execution.



"Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego."

But the Lord did not forget His own. As His witnesses were cast into the furnace, the Saviour revealed Himself to them in person, and together they walked in the midst of the fire. In the presence of the Lord of heat and cold, the flames lost their power to consume.

From his royal seat the king looked on, expecting to see the men who had defied him utterly destroyed. But his feelings of triumph suddenly changed. The nobles standing near saw his face grow pale as he started from

the throne and looked intently into the glowing flames. In alarm the king, turning to his lords, asked, "Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? . . . Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

How did that heathen king know what the Son of God was like? The Hebrew captives filling positions of trust in Babylon had in life and character represented before him the truth. When asked for a reason of their faith, they had given it without hesitation. Plainly and simply they had presented the principles of righteousness, thus teaching those around them of the God whom they worshiped. They had told of Christ, the Redeemer to come; and in the form of the fourth in the midst of the fire the king recognized the Son of God.

And now, his own greatness and dignity forgotten, Nebuchadnezzar descended from his throne and, going to the mouth of the furnace, cried out, "Ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither."

Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came forth before the vast multitude, showing themselves unhurt. The presence of their Saviour had guarded them from harm, and only their fetters had been burned. "And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them."

Forgotten was the great golden image, set up with such pomp. In the presence of the living God, men feared and trembled. "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego," the humbled king

was constrained to acknowledge, "who hath sent His angel, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God."

The experiences of that day led Nebuchadnezzar to issue a decree, "that every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill." "There is no other god," he urged as the reason for the decree, "that can deliver after this sort."



In these and like words the king of Babylon endeavored to spread abroad before all the peoples of earth his conviction that the power and authority of the God of the Hebrews was worthy of supreme adoration. And God was pleased with the effort of the king to show Him reverence, and to make the royal confession of allegiance as widespread as was the Babylonian realm.

... By the deliverance of His faithful servants, the Lord declared that He takes His stand with the oppressed, and rebukes all earthly powers that rebel against the authority of Heaven. The three Hebrews declared to the whole nation of

Babylon their faith in Him whom they worshiped. They relied on God. In the hour of their trial they remembered the promise, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Isaiah 43:2. And in a marvelous manner their faith in the living Word had been honored in the sight of all. The tidings of their wonderful deliverance were carried to many countries by the representatives of the different nations that had been invited by Nebuchadnezzar to the dedication. Through the faithfulness of His children, God was glorified in all the earth.

Important are the lessons to be learned from the experience of the Hebrew youth on the plain of Dura. In this our day, many of God's servants, though innocent of wrongdoing, will be given over to suffer humiliation and abuse at the hands of those who, inspired by Satan, are filled with envy and religious bigotry. Especially will the wrath of man be aroused against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and at last a universal decree will denounce these as deserving of death.

The season of distress before God's people will call for a faith that will not falter. His children must make it manifest that He is the only object of their worship, and that no consideration, not even that of life itself, can induce them to make the least concession to false worship. To the loyal heart the commands of sinful, finite men will sink into insignificance beside the word of the eternal God. Truth will be obeyed though the result be imprisonment or exile or death.

As in the days of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, so in the closing period of earth's history the Lord will work mightily in behalf of those who stand steadfastly for the right. He who walked with the Hebrew worthies in the fiery furnace will be with His followers wherever they are. His abiding presence will comfort and sustain. In the midst of the time of trouble--trouble such as has not been since there was a nation--His chosen ones will stand unmoved. Satan with all the hosts of evil cannot destroy the weakest of God's saints. Angels that excel in strength will protect them, and in their behalf Jehovah will reveal Himself as a "God of gods," able to save to the uttermost those who have put their trust in Him."

So How Can YOU Make This Practical?

Making Yourself Qualified for God's Doing ALL He is Capable of on YOUR Behalf



Determine right now to live a lifestyle of obedience in EVERY area of life in as MANY places as possible. If you do that and master a lifestyle of obedience, no matter what. You give God permission to fulfill His promises in more and more areas of your life. If you discover something in scripture you aren't in line with, GET in LINE!

This is what Matthew6:33 and Psalms 84:11 and Psalm1 Deuteronomy28, Deuteronomy30:19 tell you are the key to seeing God's blessings unleashed in your life.

"...the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from **them that walk uprightly.**" **Psalm84:11**

"...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." **Matthew6:33**

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Satan is limited, as big as He thinks he is. Satan had to ask God for permission to mess around with Job. God won't permit Him to deal as He wishes all the time "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

1Corinthians10:13.

"Neither wicked men nor devils can hinder the work of God, or shut out His presence from His people, if they will, with subdued, contrite hearts, confess and put away their sins, and in faith claim His promises. Every temptation, every opposing influence, whether open or secret, may be successfully resisted, "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6.



"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers. . . . And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" 1 Peter 3:12, 13. When Balaam, allured by the promise of rich rewards, practiced enchantments against Israel, and by sacrifices to the Lord sought to invoke a curse upon His people, the Spirit of God forbade the evil which he longed to pronounce, and Balaam was forced to exclaim: "How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied?" "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!"

When sacrifice had again been offered, the ungodly prophet declared: "Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a King is among them." "Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!" Yet a third time altars were erected, and again Balaam essayed to secure a curse. But from the unwilling lips of the prophet, the Spirit of God declared the prosperity of His chosen, and rebuked the folly and malice of their foes: "Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee." Numbers 23:8, 10, 20, 21, 23; 24:9.

The people of Israel were at this time loyal to God; and so long as they continued in obedience to His law, no power in earth or hell could prevail against them. But the curse which Balaam had not been permitted to pronounce against God's people, he finally succeeded in bringing upon them by seducing them into sin. When they transgressed God's commandments, then they separated themselves from Him, and they were left to feel the power of the destroyer.

Satan is well aware that the weakest soul who abides in Christ is more than a match for the hosts of darkness, and that, should he reveal himself openly, he would be met and resisted. Therefore he seeks to draw away the soldiers of the cross from their strong fortification, while he lies in ambush with his forces, ready to destroy all who venture upon his ground. Only in humble reliance upon God, and obedience to all His commandments, can we be secure.

No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer. Especially should we entreat the Lord for wisdom to understand His word. Here are revealed the wiles of the tempter and the means by which he may be successfully resisted. Satan is an expert in quoting Scripture, placing his own interpretation upon passages, by which he hopes to cause us to stumble. We should study the Bible with humility of heart, never losing sight of our dependence upon God. While we must constantly guard against the devices

of Satan, we should pray in faith continually: "Lead us not into temptation." **The Great Controversy**
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