

FIVE THINGS GOD CANNOT DO – Victor Knowles

*Jeremiah 32:17 "Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. **Nothing is too hard for you.***

*Jeremiah 32:27 "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. **Is anything too hard for me?***

1) God cannot lie (Heb. 6:18; 1Titus 1:2).

*Hebrews 6:18 God 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.*

*Titus 1:2 a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, **who does not lie**, promised before the beginning of time,*

- a) Therefore, all that He has promised is true.
- b) We can place our complete trust in His Word.
- c) We can know the truth and be made free, John 8:32. *Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

2) God cannot be tempted with evil

James 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

- a) Deity is not attracted by iniquity.
- b) Hellishness is repulsive to holiness.
- c) Purity abhors defilement

Titus 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.

3) God cannot tempt man

James 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me. For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

- a) God tested man in the garden of Eden while Satan tempted them.
- b) A test is to get you to do good; a temptation is a seduction to do evil.
- c) All good things come from God.

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

- d) God sometimes allows temptations to come to us (Job 1:8-12).
- e) But, He knows when to step in

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

- f) And He knows that all things work together for good to them that love Him
Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

4) God cannot change

Mal 3:6 "I the LORD do not change.

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

a) His Word does not change

Matthew 5:18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

b) Man's change (repentance) will change man's destiny

Jonah 3:10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

Psalms 34:15-18 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; v16 the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. v17 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. v18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

5) God cannot save those who do not obey

Hebrews 5:8-9 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered v9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

a) He wants all to be saved (John 3:16)

b) But, can He save those who do not obey?

Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.