

THE LORD KNOWS HOW TO GET THINGS DONE 11/3/12

Many people make the mistake of judging God's ability, by their own inability to get a response from God. There is no need to fear, nor get frustrated if things aren't going your way. God knows how to get things done and the instructions are clearly defined in the bible. A bit of faith, a willing and humble heart, the ability to learn and things start to happen.

There are certain, inescapable pressures on those who serve the Lord.

2TIM 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. *This comes in many forms... both from those who live and promote a Godless life and from the many temptations that come from a rapidly declining world. Lot is one of many very good examples in the bible. He was vexed (troubled), by the continuous worldliness everywhere he looked. There was no solution, only destruction for those in his time... our age is facing the same prospects.*

The Lord has promised a solution... despite pressures and fears.

2PET 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: *This promise is unconditional... it is a statement of fact. We only need to use faith and avoid the mistake of walking by sight. Then we will see God working in our lives.*

The Lord can only work in us by changing us into the person we need to be... one method is chastening.

JOB 5:17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: *We are corrected from our limited thinking, so the remedy may be revealed*

18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. *Weaknesses are purged.*

19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. *It is certainly coming, but there are many other things that need to be done as well.*

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth. *These are wonderful promises, but they only apply to those who allow the Lord to change them into the person he wants us to be.*

This is a simple example of the Lord chastening someone for their own benefit.

EXO 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. *God has the power to do whatever we want... we need to learn how to make it work.*

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: *Moses knew very well what God could do, but he failed to realise that he had to step forward in faith as well. Let's keep in mind that he and Aaron had used the same rod to bring about many of the plagues in Egypt, while at the same time, protecting their own people.*

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. *Use what God has given you... step out in faith and see the results. Forget past disappointments... today is a new day... you are stronger and wiser now.*

The Lord reminds us of his unique ability and position to influence our lives.

PSA 37:18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright (God knows what's coming every day of our lives... we are thus encouraged to keep going before him with our petitions): and their inheritance shall be for ever.

Let's remember what Moses sometimes forgot...

EXO 4:17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

You have the anointing of the Spirit... pray to learn its power and pray for the heart to do the will of God. You will never be disappointed if you don't forget what God has given you.