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The Mission Becomes Possible

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"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me

above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel."
Exodus 19:4-6

I remember watching a television show while I was growing up, where a man named Mr. Phelps assembled several people to view a videotape of a mission they would need to accomplish. Each episode would invariably begin with a voice saying to them, "Your mission, should you choose to accept it is..." I can still hear the theme music in my mind that let us know that the mission, which seemed staggering and required extreme planning, insight, and sophisticated gadgetry, would not only be accepted, but possible.

The odds were always stacked against their success, but with persistent effort, they accomplished their goal. They had the right tools at their disposal, therefore missions that came with many challenges were surmountable. The missions to them became possible.

After the Lord demonstrated His power and determination to deliver His people, Israel, from Egyptian bondage, He began to reveal His will for their lives even more. He commanded Moses to prepare the people to meet with Him at Mount Sinai. He outlined the ways in which He had been working in their lives to give them a better experience, and how swiftly He delivered them that they might become a peculiar treasure. As they obeyed His voice and kept His covenant, they would be a holy nation and a kingdom of priests. As He began to reveal Himself, the people were in awe immediately and proclaimed that they would do whatever the Lord commanded. Not many days later, the Lord spoke His holy ten commandment law and engraved it in two tables of stone, signifying its significance and perpetuity.

Many people today, have read the miserable failures of God's ancient people and choose to believe that it was simply impossible for them to accomplish His will. They suggest that the Lord knew that they could not possibly obey Him, therefore He abrogated His law and extended the grace of the New Covenant.

While it is true that in our own strength, we cannot please God, His biddings are truly enablings. The Lord made a point to reveal many Old Testament characters as His faithful followers.

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These people stood in contrast to the world around them. People like Ruth, Joshua, Caleb, Rahab, Enoch, Seth, and others like them are a testimony to God's ability to reform and consecrate sinners, making us into His peculiar treasure.

With the Lord's power within us, we are able to come forth as conquerors over sin, self, and Satan. Jesus overcame the world, and has transferred His victory to every helpless, believing sinner willing to do His will. He is able to blot out our sins, deliver us from spiritual slavery, and lovingly bring us into conformity to His will. As with the mission mentioned above, it will not be without challenges, but the Lord will be with us every step of the way. The mission to follow the Lord implicitly, which left to our own power would be impossible, has become possible.

May the Lord elevate you to the point where you believe in His power and trust Him enough to fulfill His promise to make you holy. One day soon, Jesus will gather everyone who trusted in Him together and take us to paradise. He will appear in the skies for the entire world to see and this life will become a distant memory. I look forward to that day.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6.
"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."
Jude 1:24, 25.

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