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Studies in Jude

Study 22: Our God Is Able!

Text: Jude 1:24-25

“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).

The ending doxology of Jude's epistle lifts the believers' focus of faith to the glory, majesty, dominion and power of the only wise God our saviour who is able to:

1. Keep us from falling
2. Present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy

In an uncertain world stained by unfaithfulness, broken promises, inconsistencies, abuse of power and privileges etc., it is very comforting and re-assuring to know that our God in His wisdom, glory, majesty and power is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Hallelujah – we are on safe grounds in Jesus.

God's Keeping Power

“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” (Jude 1:24).

For those who positively respond to God's admonition to stay within the boundaries where His love can reach and bless (Jude 1:21), God demonstrates His power to keep them safe and secure. In Romans 16:25 God is attributed to having the “power to stablish” (i.e. establish, strengthen, impart ability to stand firm / be resolute) believers. Such impartation produces an unshakable foundation for progress, because once we know that we cannot fail, it boosts our confidence to take action and accomplish much to His glory. Ephesians 3:20 further adds that God “... is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us”. “Above all” implies divine ability to provide wisdom, guidance, protection, provision, security, healing, deliverance, dominion, victory and innumerable other things that we cannot even imagine – In short all that is required to keep us triumphant in this world as well as demonstrate the glory of God to the world (I Corinthians 10:13).

Our text specifically illustrates that God is able to:

- (i) keep us from falling (i.e. not stumbling, backsliding or falling into error) till the end (I Corinthians 1:8). Psalms 121:3 promises that God “will not suffer thy foot to be moved”, even if the believer has to travel the most dangerous and slippery path.
- (ii) Present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. This implies being without spot or blemish. When we surrender our lives to Christ, His grace cleanses us and makes us as pure and holy as He is. As pointed

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out by Paul in Philippians 1:9-10 God making us blameless is a function of our discernment, obedience and submitting to the Lordship of Jesus. He also strengthens our hearts to be blameless (I Thessalonians 3:13).

- (iii) Present us to the Father “with great joy”. Having been washed by the blood of Jesus Christ – our saviour and mediator, we become members of the divine family and are granted access to the Father with joy (i.e. no shame or fear in His presence), since God has done a work in our lives that produces His character in us.

The Believer's Response

“To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen” (Jude 1:25).

God not only saves us but is also our only source of wisdom in all issues of life (including but not limited to Salvation from Sin). Thus the believers' appropriate response is to attribute ultimate glory, majesty, dominion and power to God and worship Him with true heartfelt adoration and praise.

All of Jude's message for the believers of his time still applies to all of us today. The glorious news in all of this is that God's presence and power is solidly behind all believers who corporate with Him. As the just ended 2013 has ushered us into 2014, let us remind ourselves that no matter what lies ahead, the God who kept us all through the previous years will keep us to the very end of the way.