



Don't Limit God

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It is very easy to limit God. This often occurs through carnality, unbelief, familiarity, offence - and these are generally characteristics of a heart that is not steadfastly right with God. The scriptures below, show two examples of how these happened in Bible days, and provides valuable insights that could help us avoid such repeating in our lives. **God's power is the same yesterday, today and forever, but we can fail to benefit from it through limiting God!**

"And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence. 54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? 56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? 57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. 58 **And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief**" (Matthew 13:53-58).

"For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: 6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: 7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: 8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; **a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.** 9 The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. 10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; 11 **And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.** 12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of

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their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. 13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap. 14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire. 15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths. 16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers. 17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness. 18 **And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.** 19 **Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? 20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people? 21 Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel; 22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:...** 36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues. 37 **For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant.** 38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. 39 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again. 40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! 41 **Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.** 42 **They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.** 43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan" (Psalms 78:5-22, 35-43).