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"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?" (Jer. 32:27).

According to the religions of men there are many things that are too hard for the Lord. They proclaim a god who is doing his best, *trying* to do this and *trying* to do that, but failing at least as often as he succeeds. Every time I hear popular religionists speak they invariably bring up something the Lord *wants* to do or is *trying to do* but can't without man's cooperation. They seem to think that the God who created the universe with a word has somehow lost control over His creation. They appear to believe that the Christ who says in (John 17:2) that He has "power over all flesh" has somehow lost that power, and now all flesh has control over Him. They speak as though they think the God that Paul said was "able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Phil. 3:21) cannot now subdue anyone without their permission.

They say Christ *wants* to save all mankind but can't because they won't let Him. Therefore according to them, the answer to the question, "Is there anything too hard for the Lord," is Yes. For one thing, saving those that He has purposed to save is too hard for Him according to them. If there was *anything* the Lord *wanted* to do and *couldn't* do, then there would be something that was too hard for Him. But the Bible plainly tells us that His hand is not shortened that it cannot save (Isaiah 59:1). It also declares that "He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest thou?" (Dan. 4:35) The true God is yet in the heavens: "he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased" (Psalm 115:3), and "He shall not fail nor be discouraged" (Isaiah 42:4).

When Sarah laughed in unbelief at the message of the Lord that she would bear a son in her old age, He asked the question, "Is any thing too hard for the Lord?" (Gen. 18:14). The answer of course is, No. God is omnipotent, and He still rules and reigns (See Rev. 19:6). His power has not diminished one iota. His council shall stand, and He will do all His pleasure. If He has spoken it, He will also bring it to pass, and if He has purposed it, He will also do it (See Isaiah 46:10). In view of such Scriptures, it is indeed strange that anyone would speak disparagingly of God. ---Elder Ralph

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