

## Getting The Most from Our Relationship with God!

*Ephesians 3:20* Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us...!

God is able to do anything because God is omnipotent!

God is never short on power or ability because He's **ALL** powerful!

The only thing that limits God's ability and power when He has decided to release it is **faith, hope and love**.

*KJV Psalm 78:41* Yea, they turned (**talked**) back and tempted (**tested**) God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

The word **limited** here means to "grieve or provoke"!

How did they **limit, provoke and grieve** God?

Israel lost **faith, hope and love** for God in the wilderness?

By (talking back) speaking against God's Omnipotence saying:

*ESV Psalm 78:19* They spoke against God, saying, "**Can God spread a table in the wilderness**"?

*ESV Psalm 78:20* He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. **Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?"**

After God brought them out of Egypt with signs, wonders and miracles never seen before or sense.

After parting the Red Sea and letting them pass on dry land but **drowning their enemies in the sea**. They talked back (smack) to God!

The people began **limiting God!**

They began **provoking God!**

They began **grieving God!**

They got into the wilderness and began losing their **faith, hope and love** for God!

**By speaking against all He had done and all they had seen Him do!**

After God had **come down** and personally set them free! (**Ex 3:8**)

After God had shown up in a **big way** for them! (**Deut 26:8**)

They began to make God small—that grieved God! (**Psalm 95:10**)

They made God small after He showed them how BIG He is!

**They spake of what He **could not do** rather than the things He has done and is able to do!**

*KJV Psalm 106:7 Our fathers **understood not** thy wonders in Egypt; they **remembered not** the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.*

*8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.*

**Here it is!** This is why after being saved by God many didn't make it to The Promised Land—they didn't get the most out of their relationship with God!

Today many are saved, born again and yet never get all God has for them die and go to heaven!

*Heb 3:9-11 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.*

*10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.*

*11 So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.*

**God's Rest** is His place of victory, safety and peace. He didn't say heaven, put rest!

They didn't understand **the reason** for the miracles nor did they remember **proclaim & memorialize** His mercies (kindness).

**God wants to display His power through us, but only if we understand why He does it and remember to tell others He did it!**

God displays His mighty power so people will know of His great love for His children!

The Promised Land is a reflection of The Promiser (God)!

It's a reflection of His love for His children, to talk down, bad or negative about God's Promises prevents us from getting the most out of our relationship with God.