SERVING A GOD OF "MUCH MORE"

(Ephesians 1:3-14 and 3:20-21)

INTRODUCTION

(2 Chronicles 25:5-9) "the man of God answered, The Lord is able to give you much more than this"

(Matthew 6:30) "... will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

"Much" - a lot; plenty; a great heap; a plethora; abundance.

"More" - added to what you already have; to pile on; increase the lot; extension.

1. DO NOT DOUBT WHAT GOD CAN DO

- 1) (Genesis 18:14) "Is anything too hard for the Lord"
- 2) (Jeremiah 32:17) "There is nothing too hard for You."
- 3) (Numbers 11:23) "the Lord said to Moses, Has the Lord's arm been shortened?"
- 4) (Matthew 19:26) "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
- 2. (John 10:10) "... I have come that they might have life" that's "much"

"and that they may have it more abundantly" - that's "more"

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Jesus said to them, (Mark 8:36) "For what it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Matthew 1:21) "... you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

3. (1 Corinthians 10:13) "No temptation has overtaken you except as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able" - "much"

"but with the temptation will also make the way of escape" - that's "more"

4. (Ephesians 1:3-14) (v3) "blessed us with every spiritual blessing" - that's "much"

(v4) "chose us in Him" (v5) "adoption of sons in Him" (v7) "redemption" and "forgiveness of sins" (v11) "in Him we have obtained an inheritance" (v13-14) "sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise" "the guarantee"

Later in the letter, Paul writes: (Ephesians 3:20) "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think" - that's "more"

5. (Romans 5:6-11) (v9) "Much more" (v10) "much more" (v11) "And not only that"

In these verses, apostle Paul tells us "God demonstrates His own love toward us"

"Christ died for us" "having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him" "we were reconciled to God" and "we also rejoice"