

Embracing the Impossible

Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.
– Acts 2:24 –

Our modern world has wholly embraced the notion that man is the sum of all things and that human reason is the arbiter of all truth. “Science” is purportedly the prism through which we must evaluate existential reality, while the realm of human expression is little more than its relativistic extension. If it cannot be empirically proven, it must not be so, or at the very least, it is to be considered “your” truth. Popular culture is the vehicle that thoroughly distills all of this into the psyche of the masses, so successfully so that even many believers are influenced by these worldly philosophical constructs. Naturalism and hedonism are the overt and covert driving forces in terms of practical daily living of multitudes, regardless of stated creed or lack thereof.

From Genesis to Revelation, however, the Word of God calls us to a vastly different perspective. Bible-believing people recognize the natural laws of this world and the universe at large, but we do not enthrone them. Christians understand that spiritual reality trumps material actuality. God is a Spirit and holds the prerogative to upend, circumvent, confound, or conflate the natural laws and processes He created, when and where He deems necessary. And while such incursions into His universe may not be normative, they are certainly neither infrequent nor rare. This soul-deep embrace of that which is “impossible” is, in fact, the very basis of faith.

Think about it a moment. As believers, everything we hold to be true in the depths of our being is ostensibly impossible to the natural mind. From the creation of all things from nothing, to the virgin birth of a Babe in Bethlehem, to Christ’s grave-defying resurrection, to His physical ascension to the right hand of God, to His soon coming glorious appearing, to our own astounding conversion from darkness to light, to our forthcoming resurrected bodies – the Christian faith is one gigantic testimony to our Lord’s exhortation that the things that are impossible with men are possible with God (Luke 18:27).

This juxtaposition between perspectives has very real every-day consequences. When we believe in the God of the impossible, this world and its challenges become quite small. Faith is the lens through which we peer beyond the material universe, and prayer the vehicle we use to traverse the gap between. If we have faith as a grain of mustard seed, walk closely with our God, and purge ourselves from our own will, we can then say to every natural mountain in our way, “Be thou removed and cast into the sea”, and it comes to pass.

What seems impossible to you today? We have a Christ whom death could not hold, so it is certain that this current distress is no match for Him. Resolve to face it head-on in His power.

– D. Murcek