

From Impossible to Possible Part-8

We began this series “From Impossible to Possible” 7 weeks ago in order to know God, stretch our faith & go out & “do the stuff”!

Got a story about when my wife was at a women’s conference in Atlanta & I was in Lake Placid pastoring Grace Community Church around 1984....

We began this series with **Matt. 19:26**, *“With God all things are possible.”* Though mankind can do many things – go to the moon, plumb the depths of the deepest sea, do heart transplants, invent super computers & Artificial Intelligence, human effort has its limits. But Jesus said in **Mark 9:23 NKJV**, *“If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”*

Heb. 12:27 TPT *“Now this phrase “once and for all” clearly indicates the final removal of things that are shaking, that is, the old order (or “things that have been made”), so only what is unshakable will remain.” 28. Since we are receiving our rights* to **an unshakable kingdom** [Dan. 7:17-18**] we should be extremely thankful (NKJV “let us have grace”) and offer God the purest worship that delights His heart as we lay down our lives in absolute surrender, filled with awe (NKJV “godly fear”).” Aramaic can be translated “We have received grace to serve & we please God in awe & tender devotion” [submission].”*

***TPT note:** “The Gk. word *paralambo* is often used in classical Greek literature for heirs who have the “**rights of succession**” (to a throne).”

****TPT: Dan. 7:17.** *“These four great beasts represent four **empires** (“kings” or Aramaic: “kingdoms”) that will rise to power over the earth. 18. But after them, the holy ones, **the most high ones***, will receive the kingdom and possess it*

*forever. Yes, forever and ever!” TPT note: *Or “**exalted ones**.” The Aramaic is clearly plural, thus, “*most high ones*.” Some linguists see this as a “plural of majesty” that could be translated in the singular “*the holy ones of the Most High*.” However, in every other reference to God in Daniel chs. 2-7, the phrase “*Most High*” is singular. Indeed, God’s saints today have been raised up to sit in the heavenly realms with Jesus Christ:*

Rom. 8:30 TPT *“Having determined our destiny ahead of time, He called us to Himself and transferred his perfect righteousness to everyone He called. And those who possess His perfect righteousness he co-glorified with His Son!”;*

Eph. 2:6 TPT *“He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, & we ascended with Him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ.”; NKJV* *“And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”* **SFLB note: “Sit together...in Christ Jesus:** “Three “*togethers*” in vv. 5 and 6 note our union with Christ (1) in His Resurrection, (2) in His Ascension, and (3) in His present rule at God’s right hand. From this place of partnership, He grants that we share in the present works of His kingdom’s power (**Col. 1:13-14 TPT** *“He has rescued us completely from the **tyrannical rule** (or “*authority*”**) of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom realm of His beloved Son.”* ****WW Mk. 3:15 Power, exousia:** “One of four power words, (*dunamis, exousia, ischus, and kratos*), *exousia* means the authority or right to act, ability, privilege, capacity, delegated authority. Jesus had the *exousia* to forgive sin, heal sickness, & cast out demons. **Exousia is the right to use dunamis, “might.”** Jesus gave His followers *exousia* to preach, teach, heal, and deliver (**Mk. 3:14-15 NKJV** *“Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might*

send them out to preach, **15.** and to have **power** to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.”), & that authority has never been rescinded (**John 14:12-14 NKJV** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. **13.** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14.** If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”). Powerless ministries become powerful upon discovering the *exousia* power resident in the name of Jesus and the blood of Jesus.” From impossible to possible, we must believe & do it!;

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Col. 3:1-2 TPT “Christ’s resurrection is your resurrection too. This is why we are to yearn for all that is above, for that’s where Christ sits enthroned at the place of all power, honor, and authority! **2.** Yes, feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm and fill your thoughts with heavenly realities, and not with the distractions of the natural realm.”;

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Rev. 3:21 TPT “And to the one who conquers I will give the privilege of sitting with Me on My throne, just as I conquered and sat down with My Father on His throne.”).

TPT note: “Every believer is a “*holy one* [saint]” and one of the “*most high ones*” who receive the kingdom of God.”

The Righteous King

Heb. 12:29 TPT “For our God is a holy, devouring fire!” “The Aramaic can be translated “*consuming light*.” See also **Deut. 4:24; Deut. 9:3 NKJV** “For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a **jealous** God.” **SFLB note:** “**Jealous** indicates an active zeal for righteousness that arose from God’s holiness. Because of this, God could tolerate no form of idolatry.”

Dwelling with an All Consuming Fire

Isa. 33:14 TPT *“Sinners in Zion are afraid, and the godless are gripped with panic, saying, “Who can dwell with such an all-consuming fire? Who can live in the presence of the never-ending flame?”* **15.** *Only those who walk with integrity and speak what is true, who despise even the thought of cheating the poor, and do not accept a bribe, nor plot violence, nor contemplate doing evil (or “[who] shut their eyes from seeing evil [harming others])” –* **16.** *They will live safely on the heights and make their safe place the mountain strongholds, with bread in steady supply and water assured.”* **TPT note on v. 16:** “This verse refers to those who are enthroned with Christ and seated with Him in the heavenly realm. They receive a supernatural supply of revelation-bread and living water. Their eyes are fixed on their beautiful King, not on themselves or their ministries.”

17. *“In this high place, your eyes will see the king in His stunning beauty and gaze upon His broad domain.”* **TPT note:** “This is the King of Glory, the King of kings. No earthly king is in view here.”

Years ago while pastoring in Canada, my wife and I went to a conference where prophet Bobby Connor was speaking. He spoke of having a vision of being in Heaven, and standing before two huge doors. Fire was all around. The doors were pulled open and he walked in the footsteps of another – those of Jesus. The footprints were on fire, and that cleansing fire transferred into Bobby: “We are far too familiar with a God we do not know.”

The Precious, Powerful, Purifying Blood of Jesus

I believe that the LORD wants to transfer His purifying fire into us. **Selwyn Hughes** in “**Purity – Not a Popular Thought**” writes regarding **Acts 5:19** HCSB, where it says, “*He made no distinction between us [the Jews] and them [the Gentiles], cleansing their hearts by faith.*”:

“What does our Lord mean when He uses the word “*pure*”? “*Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God*” (Mt. 5:8). The word “*pure*” (Greek “*katharos*”) means a heart that is clean or clear. Unfortunately, purity does not seem to be popular in contemporary Christianity. The emphasis nowadays seems to be more on spiritual gifts. Few, generally speaking, want to know how to experience the blessing of what our text today calls a heart purified by faith.”

If that’s you tonight, call out to God, something like this: “Dear Father, from the depths of my being I cry out make me clean. I have come so far with You – how can I turn back now? I’m a candidate for both power and purity. Wash the stain of sin clean out of my life through the precious blood of Jesus. Give me the deep inner cleansing I need today. For Jesus’ sake.

Amen.” **Jesus’ blood will wash away sin’s stain that pollutes & defiles.**