

Series: Limitless

Title: Limiting God

Text: (Psalm 78:25-41*)

Introduction:

We serve a Limitless God: (We created words to describe)
If this is true, Why am I not Experiencing it?

Theme Verse: (2 Cor 6:11-13)

God has to Increase in Our Mind. (John 3:30)

This historical account recorded for our benefit & warning
(Ps 78:4-8)

The sins of God's own people (vs 8,11,17,18,22,32,36,37,40)

(Verse 41) *'limited the Holy One of Israel'*.

2 great principles emerge:

1. God longs to do great things for His people.
2. He is frequently prevented by the sin of His people.

1. Consider the people who are guilty of this great sin of limiting the power and work of God. (Vs 1)

Then, it was Israel; *today*, it is the church – Christians.
(2 Chronicles 7:14).

2. Consider whom it is we are limiting.

We are limiting God – the Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer of mankind, the Sovereign God.

(Matt 19:26) *whom all things are possible*
(Genesis 18:14) *nothing is too hard.*

Three word-pictures of His mighty power: (Vs 13,20,43-52)
His power is just the same today as it was: (Heb 13:8)

3. How do we limit Him?

- A. *We limit God by our DISOBEDIENCE.*(Vs 10)
(Jn 15:7,10,14) compare (John 14:15; 1 John 3:21-24)
- B. *We limit God by our FORGETFULNESS.* (Vs 11-17)
- C. *We limit God by our UNBELIEF.* (Vs 19,20,22,32)
(Matt 13:58) compare (Mark 6:5).
- D. *We limit God by our WORLDLINESS.* (Vs 33)
Our citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20),
We are called us out of the world (Jn 17:6,14,16),
We are forbidden to love the world (1 John 2:15-17).
- E. *We limit God by our INSINCERITY.* (Vs 36-37)
(Matthew 15:8-9)
- F. *We limit God by our INGRATITUDE.* (Vs 42-72)
How ungrateful (verses 42 and 54),
His signs (verse 43),
His interventions (verses 44-51),
His guidance (verses 52-53),
His provision (verse 55),
His chastenings (verses 59-72)!
Ingratitude limits God's blessing in us and through us.
- G. *We limit God by our IDOLATRY.* (Vs 58)
Let us pray David's prayer – Psalm 139:23-24.