

IF HE ...

Is your heart today heavy, gripped with fear and doubt?
As, from your present problems, you just can see no way out –
Hemmed in by what seems a hopeless situation,
But, have you ever stopped to factor God into the equation?

If He keeps this world spinning day after day,
And manages the whole cosmos, so that naught goes astray;
If He handles with ease mind-boggling complexities,
Do you think He'll be stumped by your present difficulties? Ps 104:5-9
Jer 32:17

If He sent a strong wind the Red Sea to divide,
So that the waters formed a solid wall on each side,
Making a dry path for the Israelites, where there just was no way –
Cannot the same Way-Maker do exactly the same today? Ex 14:21-31

If He heard and heeded when His ancient people cried,
And manna from heaven and water from a rock supplied,
He still knows and still cares about your deepest needs today,
And don't you believe He can meet them – in the most surprising way?! Ex 16:2
Ex 16:4, 35 & 17:6

If Jericho's walls unyielding were flattened to the ground
With just a shout of the people and the trumpet sound,
Cannot the Omnipotent just as easily clear
That towering obstacle which your heart fills with fear? Josh 6:20

If this planet and universe, and not one atom less,
He spoke into existence out of sheer nothingness,
Just stop and consider what His creative power can do,
When He has something to work on – the unique, special YOU! Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1-3

If He wrought a miracle with some fishes and bread,
Whereby untold multitudes were abundantly fed,
Do you think He can't multiply and greatly expand
The seeming 'little' you have – once you place it in His hand? Mt 14:15-21

If with three little words He calmed the angry sea,
When He spoke 'Peace, be still' out on the Galilee,
Do you think the elements He can't still control,
Or bring you through the storms that batter your life and soul? Mk 4:35-41

If the Gadarene demoniac He set free and made whole,
Bringing peace and release to this sorely troubled soul,
He who death and hell conquered, the Victor holds now their
keys, Mk 5:1-15
2 Tim 1:10; Rev 1:18
And, from the chains that enslave, He still gloriously frees. Jn 8:36

If He forgave erring Peter, after He'd wept bitterly, Mt 26:69-75; Lk 22:31-32
Then re-commissioned him for service, and used him mightily, Acts 2:14 & 41
If you'll come in contrition, He'll hear your heartfelt cries, Pr 28:13
And will forgive and restore, equip and re-energise.

If the author of much of the New Testament
Once the Church persecuted, with murderous intent; Acts 7:58 – 8:3
If a fierce Christ-hater His fearless champion became, Acts 21:13; 2 Tim 4:7-8
Cannot God's transforming power, e'en today do the same? 2 Cor 5:17

If God made a donkey talk, and an axe head float, Num 22:28-30; 2 Kgs 6:5-7
And had the Apostle Peter walk on water from his boat; Mt 14:28-29
If He shut lions' mouths, Daniel to keep safe and sound Dan 6:16-23
The laws of nature His power can suspend, defy, confound.

If Abraham and Sarah bore a child in old age, Gen 21:1-2
And men came alive and unharmed from a furnace's fiery rage; Dan 3:19-27
If the very sun in the skies at His command stood still, Josh 10:12-14
Can aught in earth or heaven thwart His plans and will?

When all hope seems lost, and deliverance improbable,
Remember God specialises in things thought unsolvable; Jer 33:3
Through waters, through the fire, through ways thought uncrossable Is 43:2
Many have come with the God with Whom all things are possible; Mt 19:26

When God is all we have, 'tis never a hopeless place, 2 Tim 4:16-17
So commit your cause to Him, and fervently seek His face – Job 5:8-9; Jam 5:16
Able to do exceeding abundantly more than we think or ask, Eph 3:20
For there's nothing too hard for Him, and no impossible task. Gen 18:14;

Lk 1:37
He's still the God of wonders, whose miracle-working power Ps 77:14
Can effect drastic change, even in this day and hour;
Yet faith and unbelief *both* in our hearts can reside – Mk 9:24
To what You *still* can do, LORD, please open our eyes wide!

Your peace, power and presence, and Your promises never change, Mal 3:6
Yet, as we ponder these truths, can we somehow find them strange?
Forgive our small faith and small asking, and our timid hesitation, Jam 4:2b
And teach us to *come boldly*, Lord, with *great expectations*! Heb 4:16;
Eph 3:20