

Predictable Versus Available
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The power of God is unpredictable; but it is also available, as we see in Daniel 3.

It appears that there is a gap between unpredictable and available that we cannot bridge. Perhaps it is the case that biblical faith is the "weighting" of available over unpredictable.

Daniel and his 3 famous comrades were willing to face life or death on that foundation. And perhaps, it is the case that risk and the excessive fear of it is the "weighting" of unpredictable over "available."

If this is just so, then why bother with the exercise of faith? "Weighting" must be an evaluation of the differential between the two, a very personal evaluation. Scripture indicates that the Lord watches this human act of "weighting" and its relation to behavior.

"Weighting" occurs during crisis, hardship, suffering, pressure, danger, disappointment, even the routine. The distinct impression from Scripture is that the Lord casts his "weight" with those who choose available over unpredictable; choose Biblical faith over fear of risk.

Consider: Genesis 16, 22; I Samuel 12-14; Matthew 8; Luke 1, 24.

"Weighting" should be thought of as integral, or that which makes for a whole, complete or fundamental circumstance. Acts 7 is an extensive elaboration of this principle.

The question is this: Is the power of God superfluous, or is it essential to human existence?