

He is Able

The hot winds blew across the arid plains threatening to worsen the drought that endangered both man and beast. "Please come over to our area with your tractor to dig a reservoir," begged a tribal follower of Jesus to the leader of the area's believer group.

"A reservoir for what?" asked Servet, the leader, incredulously.

"When the spring rains come, and surely they will come, we'll catch every bit of the water possible to be able to survive." Servet had been given a tractor by nPraxis to help the believers eek out an existence on their tribal lands, so it was a bit hard to refuse this seemingly illogical request. Though it seemed like a futile exercise of faith to Servet, he finally acquiesced to the plea for help. "I'll come with the tractor next Monday and will spend several days working with you and the other believers."

And so it was that a reservoir took shape in the midst of barren land near a remote village. "We'll pray for rain," affirmed the group. The sky was like bronze and the parched earth revealed deep cracks, but their faith was strong that God would send relief.

Several months later after the usual rainy season that had given little to rejoice over, the man returned to beg Servet to once again visit their distant village. "You won't believe what you will see," he added with a gleam in his eye. He was able to convince Servet that the trip would be worth his effort.

Upon arrival God's miracle was evident. Servet gazed in wonder at the reservoir: it was full indeed, though the rains had been meager. But even more astounding was that the body of water was teeming with jumping, gleaming fish. Edible fish! Fish with scales and fins fitting the Biblical criteria for human consumption.

"Who stocked the lake with fish?" Servet asked in amazement.

"Nobody, absolutely nobody!" was the emphatic answer.

Did God use birds to stock the reservoir? Nobody knew how the several varieties of fish got there, but their gratitude was beyond measure. In those difficult days, there had been no lack of food. Servet joined them in giving glory to God "who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

