

The Omnipotence of God

Intro: Everyday we experience and depend upon great sources of power. Think of the vast potential of a hydroelectric dam with its generators and how it provides electrical power for large regions of our country. Think of the great power of a rocket that propels the mammoth cargo of a the space shuttle into outer space. Think of the great power in the atom that is harnessed for destruction in the atomic bomb.

Such displays of power, as great as they are, are not the greatest power sources in our world. The world itself is a dynamo empowered by the omnipotent God who created the entire universe in one awesome display of power.

God's omnipotence is seen in the creation

The creation of the world would seem to us to be the ultimate act of power.

Every time we take a thoughtful look at the world about us we ought to recognize the awesome power of God.

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. (Romans 1:20)

The world is a dynamo that had to be jump started and kept operating from beginning. Who provided the power harnessed in every atom?

God's omnipotence is affirmed in His revelation

God's omnipotence is made known in the names used to refer to Him

Two names for God inherited from the ancient Semitic religion—"El" and "Elohim". They call attention to God's strength or might.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

"Elohim, which by its plural form brings out the fullness of power in God and makrs an approach to the idea of omnipotence" (TDOT)

When God revealed himself to the patriarchs He made Himself known as "El Shaddai" (God Almighty)

"I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless. (Genesis 17:1)

Another term commonly used for God likewise indicates His great power—"Yahweh Sabaoth" (the Lord of hosts).

And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:3-5)

Such texts call attention to God as a great King leading a vast number of angels.

In the NT God is referred to again by the Greek term "pantokrator" (all powerful).

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8)

God's omnipotence is made known in the statements made about Him.

'Ah Lord God! Behold, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by

Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Thee, (Jeremiah 32:17)

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37)

God’s omnipotence is made known in the concrete displays of His power.

In the creation and the control of nature

By awesome deeds Thou dost answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation, Thou who art the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea; Who dost establish the mountains by His strength, Being girded with might; Who dost still the roaring of the seas, The roaring of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples. And they who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Thy signs; Thou dost make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy. (Psalm 65:5-8)

There are no laws of nature; there are only laws of God that nature obeys!

In governing the processes of history

and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes. (Daniel 4:25)

In the whole process of redemption

Consider how God’s omnipotence has worked in the redemption of men (from the deliverance of Israel, to the conquest of Canaan, the miracles of Jesus and his disciples, our own resurrection from the dead at the last day). God’s redemptive plan has been marked by one miracle after another.

What God’s great power means to His people

Some verses stressing God’s power

Assures that we can become all that He purposed

Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, (Ephesians 3:20)

Assures that we will be protected by God unto the day of our salvation

who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:5)

Assures our resurrection and transformation into Christ’s likeness at the last day

who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. (Philippians 3:21)

Other verses stressing God’s ability...

Assures that all that we have committed to God will be kept by Him

For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day. (2 Timothy 1:12)

Assures that we will always have what we need to do God’s work

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

(2Corinthians 9:8)

*Assures that God's judgments will be met out according to His will
There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to
destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor? (James 4:12)*

Conclusion: What great encouragement the omnipotence of God should give us!