

The Omnipotence of God

Job 26

- ² “How you have helped him who has no power!
How you have saved the arm that has no strength!
- ³ How you have counseled him who has no wisdom,
and plentifully declared sound knowledge!
- ⁴ With whose help have you uttered words,
and whose breath has come out from you?
- ⁵ The dead tremble
under the waters and their inhabitants.
- ⁶ Sheol is naked before God,¹
and Abaddon has no covering.
- ⁷ He stretches out the north over the void
and hangs the earth on nothing.
- ⁸ He binds up the waters in his thick clouds,
and the cloud is not split open under them.
- ⁹ He covers the face of the full moon²
and spreads over it his cloud.
- ¹⁰ He has inscribed a circle on the face of the waters
at the boundary between light and darkness.
- ¹¹ The pillars of heaven tremble
and are astounded at his rebuke.
- ¹² By his power he stilled the sea;
by his understanding he shattered Rahab.
- ¹³ By his wind the heavens were made fair;
his hand pierced the fleeing serpent.
- ¹⁴ Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways,
and how small a whisper do we hear of him!
But the thunder of his power who can understand?”

Defined

Omni: All Potens: powerful, mighty

Is anything too difficult for the LORD? (Genesis 18:14)

You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You... (Jeremiah 32:17)

...with God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26)

God's Always Carries Out His Will

Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps. (Psalm 135:6)

For the Lord of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for his stretched-out hand, who can turn it back? (Isaiah 14:27)

Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, “My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.” (Isaiah 46:10)

Then Job replied to the Lord: “I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.” (Job 42:1-2).

all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?” (Daniel 4:35)

What God Cannot Do

God, who never lies... (Titus 1:2)

... it is impossible for God to lie... (Hebrews 6:18)

...if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself. (2 Timothy 2:13).

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. (James 1:13)

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. (1 Corinthians 14:33)

"The power of God is not diminished when it is said that he cannot die, and cannot sin; for if he could do these things, his power would be less. A being is rightly called omnipotent, from doing what he wills, and not from suffering what he does not will." - Augustine

The Power of God and the Ability of Man

And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?” (Matthew 8:27)

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20)

A Prayer

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:18-23)