

BIBLICAL TRUTH ABOUT GOD THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson 8: God is All-Powerful

Biblical doctrine is the study of what the Bible teaches about God and other important truths. Our previous lessons have been:

1. The One True God
2. God is Three in One
3. God is Eternal Spirit
4. God is the Creator
5. God is the Sovereign Ruler
6. God is Perfect
7. God is All-Knowing (Omniscient)

MAIN TRUTH, CENTRAL SCRIPTURE, AND OUTLINE

God is all-powerful (omnipotent). He possesses all power, which He exercises at all times to perfectly accomplish His will.

(Job 42:2; Romans 9:17-24; Jude 1:24)

God's Word teaches that He is omnipotent, which means He has infinite power to work out His will. He reveals His power through His mighty works in creation, His sovereignty over the wicked, and His salvation and preservation of His people in both the physical and spiritual realms. He even uses evil to make His power known, and by His great power He saves sinners and preserves them for all eternity.

1. God's total power (Job 42:2; Romans 9:17-24)

- A. His power over creation – God humbled Job through a series of questions about His power in creation (Job 38-41). The universe and everything in it is completely dependent on God's sustaining power. By omniscience God has determined all things in eternity past, and through His omnipotence He carries out that plan to its end.
- B. His power over evil – God sovereignly ordained Job's hardships and suffering, and in them displayed His authority over the devil. Satan could do to Job only what God permitted (Job 1:12; 2:6). God is also completely sovereign over sin. Scripture tells us that God raised up the evil king of Egypt to reveal His divine power (Rom. 9:17). God's purpose in displaying His power over sin is "to make known the riches of His glory for vessels of mercy" (Rom. 9:23).

2. God's preserving power (Jude 1:24)

True believers can never lose their salvation because God's power personally preserves them to the end.

- A. His power to preserve believers from wrath – God's omnipotence means that He alone constrains Himself and does all things consistent with His own perfect character.
- B. His power to present believers blameless – God is able to present them blameless before Him. To be blameless means to be faultless. Though believers still presently sin in their fleshly bodies (Rom. 7:14-20), they depend upon God's power to make each of them blameless in the end.

MEMORY VERSES

Psalms 20:6 *Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.*

Romans 9:17 *For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.*

Jude 1:24 *Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.*

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The following notes are from *The Holy One: A Handbook of Biblical Truth about God*, a book being written by Pastor Stan with a projected publishing date in the early part of 2024.

One Almighty is more than all mighties.

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God's power is like Himself, self-existent, self-sustained. The mightiest of men cannot add so much as a shadow of increased power to the Omnipotent One. He sits on no buttressed throne and leans on no assisting arm. His court is not maintained by His courtiers, nor does it borrow its splendor from His creatures. He is Himself the great central source and originator of all power.

There is infinitely more power lodged in the nature of God than is expressed in all His works.

CHARLES H. SPURGEON (1834-1892)

DEFINITION OF GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE

The word "omnipotent" (Lat. *omni*, all + *potens*, powerful) means "all-powerful," and refers to God's attribute of infinite and unlimited power. The English word "omnipotent" is found only once in the Bible (Rev. 19:6). The related word "almighty" is found 57 times and is never used of anyone except God. The word "power" itself is used as a reference to God the Father ("the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power," Mk. 14:62).

Revelation 4:8 *And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.*

Revelation 19:6 *And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*

1. Stephen Charnock: “The power of God is that ability and strength whereby He can bring to pass whatsoever He pleases, whatsoever His infinite wisdom may direct, and whatsoever the infinite purity of His will may resolve. God’s power is like Himself: infinite, eternal, incomprehensible; it can neither be checked, restrained, nor frustrated by the creature” (*Existence and Attributes of God*, 2:13).

2. Wayne Grudem: “God’s omnipotence means that God is able to do all his holy will.... God’s omnipotence has reference to his own power to do what he decides to do.... God’s power is infinite, and he is therefore not limited to doing only what he actually has done. In fact, God is able to do more than he actually does.... However, there are some things that God cannot do. God cannot will or do anything that would deny his own character.... Thus, God cannot lie, sin, deny himself, or be tempted with evil. He cannot cease to exist, or cease to be God, or act in a way inconsistent with any of his attributes” (*Systematic Theology*, 216-217).

3. Emery Bancroft: Omnipotence is “the power of God to do all things which are objects of power, whether with or without the use of means.” In other words, God is able to do all things that are not contradictory to His nature: for example, for God to lie, to sin, or to die. “Omnipotence does not imply the exercise of all His power on the part of God. He has power over His power; in other words, His power is under the control of His wise and holy will. God can do all He will, but He will not do all He can.... Omnipotence in God does not exclude, but implies, the power of self-limitation” (*Christian Theology: Systematic and Biblical*, 82).

4. John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue: “God’s omnipotence describes his ability to do anything consistent with his nature.... While recognizing distinctions in God’s power, one must distinguish between faulty and biblical ways of describing them.... Scripture reveals that God in his power is (technically) able to do more than what actually occurs but that his power operates within the context of his will and all his other perfections.... So the correct distinction in God’s power is that he has theoretically absolute power to do more than what he actually does but not anything inconsistent with his essence. The only real divine power is God’s ‘ordinate power,’ that is, his ability to do everything that he had decreed he will do. Since God’s decree is the result of all his perfections, then he would only do what he has decreed he will do. Therefore, his ability is confined to what he eternally wills to do” (*Biblical Doctrine*, 177-178).

5. Steven Lawson: “God possesses all power. There is no power in the universe but that which belongs to Almighty God. His omnipotence means He is more than able to accomplish His sovereign will. There can be no successful resistance against His eternal purpose. Any lesser power used by His creatures is simply on loan from God. Everyone and everything derives its power from this one source—Almighty God.... Because God has all power, He can do any one thing as easily as He can do another thing. It is all the same to God. Whatever He does is done effortlessly, because nothing is difficult for Him to carry out. When God acts, He loses none of

His strength. He expends no energy that must be replenished. Because He is immutable, He never needs to regain any lost strength. His power always remains unchanged” (*Show Me Your Glory*, 133-134).

DESCRIPTION OF GOD’S OMNIPOTENCE

1. God’s power is infinite.

His power is the greatest power of all. It is unlimited power. We speak of physical power, buying power, and will power. We talk about military power, manpower, and horsepower. We refer to atomic power, electric power, and hydraulic power. All of these kinds of power are limited, but God’s power is beyond all limits. God’s power is infinite. He is not limited as to what He actually does and has done, but He is able to do more than He actually does. His power operates within the context of His will and all His other attributes.

Job 42:1-2 ¹ Then Job answered the LORD, and said, ² I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

2. God’s power is effortless.

Psalms 62:11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Isaiah 40:28 Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding.

It is no harder for God to create all the stars in the universe than to create a blade of grass. When God made untold billions of stars, Scripture describes it in five simple words, “He made the stars also” (Gen. 1:16). When God created everything in six days, He merely spoke the words. This is called “*fiat* creation” (Lat. “let it be”). God rested on the seventh day not because He was tired, but His work of creation was complete. His was the rest of satisfaction, not exhaustion.

3. God’s power is effective.

God can do whatever He chooses to do. Three things are needed to accomplish a task: wisdom (knowing what to do), will (desiring to do it), and power (being able to do it). God knows what to do because He is wise; He desires to accomplish His will; and He is able to do it because He has the power. Stephen Charnock writes:

4. God’s power is sufficient.

God’s power extends to all parts of the universe and all aspects of life. There is nothing too hard for God in the physical realm or the spiritual world. The fullness of God’s power is beyond human comprehension.

Job 26:14 *Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?*

Jeremiah 32:17 *Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.*

5. God's power is unchanging.

God's power is now the same as it ever was or will be. His power is undiminished, even though He delegates some power to His creatures as explained later in this chapter. God never becomes tired or weak. His power is undiminished and unaltered. We can be assured that our lives and all things rest in His capable, omnipotent hands.

Isaiah 40:28 *Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.*

6. God's power is sovereign.

God can do whatever He desires to do, and nothing can hinder Him or cause Him to do otherwise. God can do anything that does not contradict His own character or revealed will. For example, God cannot deny Himself, cannot cease to exist, cannot change in His being, purposes, or promises, cannot lie, cannot be cruel or selfish, cannot be tempted or tempt anyone to sin, and cannot do what is logically absurd (make a square circle, make a triangle with four corners, make a rock so heavy He cannot move it, etc.).

Psalms 115:3 *But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.*

Psalms 135:5-6 *For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.*

Isaiah 14:26-27 ²⁶ *This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.* ²⁷ *For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?*

Isaiah 46:10-11 *My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure... I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.*

Daniel 4:35 *And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?*

7. God's power is incomparable.

Psalms 89:6 *For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?*

Psalms 89:8 *O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?*

8. God's power is related to His other attributes.

John Snyder explains: “Without being almighty: God’s eternal choices would deteriorate into good intentions, easily frustrated; God’s mercy would become a helpless feeling of pity; God’s justice would be an optional code of ethics; God’s wrath would be a mere mask, expressed through unenforceable threats” (*Behold Your God: Rethinking God Biblically*, 88).

DEMONSTRATION OF GOD’S OMNIPOTENCE

God has demonstrated His omnipotence in these ways, according to John Gill: in creation; in the sustaining and support of all creatures; in the redemption of men by Christ, in things leading to it, and in the completion of it; in the conversion of sinners; in the rise and progress of Christianity, the success of the gospel, in the first times of it, and the continuance of it, notwithstanding the opposition of men and devils; in the final perseverance of every believer in grace and holiness; and in the resurrection of the dead (*A Body of Doctrinal and Practical Divinity*, 40-41).

1. God demonstrated His power in the creation of all things.

A. W. Pink comments: “Before man can work he must have both tools and materials. But God began with nothing, and by His word alone out of nothing He made all things” (*Attributes of God*, 40). This is referred to as creation *ex nihilo* (Lat., “out of nothing”). James Hervey writes: “The stately fabric of universal nature emerged out of nothing. What instruments were used by the Supreme Architect to fashion the parts with such exquisite niceness, and give so beautiful a polish to the whole? How was it all connected into one finely-proportioned and nobly finished structure? A bare fiat (Latin, “let it be”) accomplished all. Let them be, said God. He added no more; and at once the marvelous edifice arose, adorned with every beauty, displaying innumerable perfections, and declaring amidst enraptured seraphs its great Creator’s praise” (cited in Pink, *Attributes of God*, 40-41).

Genesis 1:3 *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

Psalms 33:6 *By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.*

Psalms 33:8-9 ⁸ *Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. ⁹ For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*

Psalms 89:11-12 ¹¹ *The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. ¹² The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.*

Jeremiah 10:12 *He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.*

Romans 1:20 *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.*

Hebrews 11:3 *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

2. God demonstrates His power in sustaining and maintaining all things.

“God did not create the heavens and the earth only to become a helpless, passive spectator of what He made,” declares Steven Lawson. “To the contrary, God upholds the entire created order moment by moment by His all-sustaining power” (*Show Me Your Glory*, 137).

Job 38:4-13 ⁴ *Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. ⁵ Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? ⁶ Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; ⁷ When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸ Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? ⁹ When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, ¹⁰ And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, ¹¹ And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? ¹² Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; ¹³ That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?*

Job 38:33-41 ³³ *Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? ³⁴ Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? ³⁵ Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are? ³⁶ Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? ³⁷ Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven, ³⁸ When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together? ³⁹ Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions, ⁴⁰ When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait? ⁴¹ Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.*

Hebrews 1:3 *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

Colossians 1:16-17 ¹⁶ *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

God upholds, guides, and governs all things in the universe by His power. Science observes how the power of God operates, discovers a repeated or typical pattern, and describes it as a natural law. Science recognizes, analyzes, and utilizes these laws of nature, but Scripture reveals the God who makes, upholds, and regulates them. God preserves the earth from the raging sea (Jb. 38:11; Ps. 93:3-4) and He preserves mankind from the full wrath of Satan and human depravity (Ps. 76:10).

3. God demonstrates His power in the restraining of evil.

Pink explains: “Could he (Satan) have his will, he would treat all the same way he treated Job: he would send fire from heaven on the fruits of earth, destroy the cattle, cause a wind to overthrow our houses, and cover our bodies with boils. But, little as men may realize it, God bridles him to a large extent, prevents him from carrying out his evil designs, and confines him within His ordinations. So too God restrains the natural corruption of men. He suffers sufficient outbreakings of sin to show what fearful havoc has been wrought by man’s apostasy from his

Maker, but who can conceive the frightful lengths to which men would go were God to remove His curbing hand?" (*Attributes of God*, 41).

4. God demonstrates His power in the salvation of sinners.

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

1 Corinthians 1:18 *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

"The omnipotent God is also mighty to save sinners from His wrath," contends Lawson. "In the conversion of His elect, He is able to overcome their natural resistance to the gospel and bring them to faith in Christ.... No one lives beyond the saving power of God. The Almighty can break open the hardest heart and rescue the chief of sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). Divine omnipotence can cause spiritually blind eyes to see the truth (John 9:11, 39) and spiritually deaf ears to hear the effectual call (John 5:25; 10:3, 27) (*Show Me Your Glory*, 140-141).

God's power is revealed in salvation through His works of regeneration, justification, sanctification, and gracious preservation. James Smith, pastor and predecessor of Charles Spurgeon in London, comments on God's keeping power in salvation (1 Peter 1:5, "kept by the power of God"): "God will not keep you as brutes, but as rational beings; he will not hold you in with bit and bridle, as the driver does the horse or mule, but he will lead you as beloved children, and keep you as intelligent disciples. His power is necessary. His power is pledged to you. But it is only pledged to believers" (*The Believer's Daily Remembrancer*, 125). John Gill writes: "The final perseverance of every particular believer in grace and holiness, is a proof of the divine omnipotence; it is because he is great in power that not one of them fails; otherwise their indwelling sins and corruptions would prevail over them; Satan's temptations be too powerful for them; and the snares of the world, the flatteries of it, would draw them aside; but they are *kept by the power of God*, the mighty power of God, as in a garrison, *through faith unto salvation*, 1 Peter 1:5" (*A Body of Doctrinal and Practical Divinity*, 41).

Ephesians 3:20-21 ²⁰ *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,* ²¹ *Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

Philippians 2:12-13 ¹² *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.* ¹³ *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

5. God demonstrates His power in the resurrection of Christ and glorification of His people.

Ephesians 1:19-21 ¹⁹ *And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,* ²⁰ *Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,* ²¹ *Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.*

Philippians 3:10 *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.*

Philippians 3:20-21 ²⁰ For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: ²¹ Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

6. God demonstrates His power in judgment.

Jeremiah 32:17-19 ¹⁷ Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee: ¹⁸ Thou showest loving kindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name, ¹⁹ Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Jeremiah 32:26-28 ²⁶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, ²⁷ Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? ²⁸ Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

Ezekiel 22:14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.

Luke 12:4-5 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Romans 9:22 What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.

Revelation 11:16-18 ¹⁶ And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, ¹⁷ Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. ¹⁸ And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.

Habakkuk 3:4 refers to “the hiding of his power.” Pink notes that we behold only “parts of his ways” in creation, providence, and redemption. He adds: “There is infinitely more power lodged in the nature of God than is expressed in all His works... So inconceivable, so immense, so uncontrollable is the power of Deity that the fearful convulsions which He works in nature conceal more than they reveal of His infinite might” (*Attributes of God*, 39-40).

DELEGATION OF GOD’S OMNIPOTENCE

Psalms 62:11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

God possesses all power from which He delegates some of it to human beings and angels. Pink states: “Not a creature in the entire universe has an atom of power save what God delegates. But God’s power is not acquired, nor does it depend upon any recognition by any other authority. It belongs to Him inherently” (*Attributes of God*, 39).

1. God delegates power (authority) to human government.

Romans 13:1 *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*

2. God delegates power (authority) to angels.

Psalms 103:19-20 *The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. The angel of the LORD killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers (2 Kg. 19:35).*

3. God delegates power (authority) to believers.

Matthew 28:18-20 *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

God provides power for His people to do all things that He desires them to do. This power is available only through their union with Christ.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE

1. We should trust God confidently.

Psalms 115:9-11 ⁹ *O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.* ¹⁰ *O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.* ¹¹ *Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.*

Romans 4:20-22 ²⁰ *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;* ²¹ *And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.* ²² *And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.*

Pink writes: "Well may the saint trust such a God! He is worthy of implicit confidence. Nothing is too hard for Him. If God were stinted in might and had a limit to His strength we might well despair. But seeing that He is clothed with omnipotence, no prayer is too hard for Him to answer, no need too great for Him to supply, no passion too strong for Him to subdue, no temptation too powerful for Him to deliver from, no misery too deep for Him to relieve" (*Attributes*, 42).

2. We should obey God completely.

Genesis 17:1 *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*

Philippians 2:12-13 ¹² *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. ¹³ For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

3. We should pray to God constantly.

Ephesians 3:20-21 ²⁰ *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, ²¹ Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

The knowledge of God's omnipotence is most comforting and reassuring for Christians because He is powerful to do all that He desires and promises to do. However God's omnipotence should terrify unrepentant sinners because no one can ultimately resist His will or escape His judgment.

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW AND MEDITATION

1. Can God's power ever increase or decrease? Explain why or why not.
2. Why are God's wisdom, will, and power all necessary in accomplishing His works?
3. Since God is omnipotent is there anything He cannot do?
4. How is God's omnipotence related to other attributes such as mercy, justice, and wrath?
5. In what ways does God demonstrate His power?
6. What is the greatest demonstration of God's power?
7. Does God keep all power to Himself or does He delegate power to others?
8. How should God's omnipotence affect our personal lives?
9. Is there ever a valid reason to question or doubt God's power?

Well may the saint trust such a God! He is worthy of implicit confidence. Nothing is too hard for Him. If God were stinted in might and had a limit to His strength we might well despair. But seeing that He is clothed with omnipotence, no prayer is too hard for Him to answer, no need too great for Him to supply, no passion too strong for Him to subdue; no temptation too powerful for Him to deliver from, no misery too deep for Him to relieve. "The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps. 27:1).

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To openly defy Him who is clothed with omnipotence, who can rend in pieces or cast into hell any moment He pleases, is the very height of insanity.

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