
Sermon Notes

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Unlimited Power Job 26, Ephesians 3:20

Power Belongs to God

- ❖ *Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God* (Psalm 62:11)
 - God has unlimited power, authority and influence
 - God has the ability and strength to bring to pass whatever He deems good
 - whatever pleases God, God does
- ❖ God is the source of all power whether atoms, energy, life, dynamite, storm, magnetic attraction, human strength and ability, including powers of intellect, spirit, and soul
- ❖ We can do very little... God can do whatever He wills
 - what little power we do have comes from God and belongs to God
 - God delegates power to His creation, but God never relinquishes His power
- ❖ Even the little power Satan has, comes from God
 - Luther: "The devil is God's devil."
 - Satan is a roaring lion, but he is a lion on a chain

Job's Observations About God's Power

- ❖ In Job 25, Bildad celebrates God's power and wisdom
 - there are no limits to the Lord's armies
 - compared with God, people don't measure up to be any bigger than a maggot or a worm
- ❖ In Job 26, Job tells Bildad he's not ignorant, he knows all this about God's power and a whole lot more!
 - God's power is not limited to what goes on in heaven
 - God's power extends to what takes place on the earth
 - God keeps track of the dead including people whose bodies have turned to dust
 - God sustains creation and controls light and darkness
 - God controls the wind and what goes on in the lowest parts of the ocean
- ❖ But, as great as all that is, Job says, "Add it all up and you only have a small 'whisper' of God's power." (v. 14)
 - the "fringes" or vaguest outline of God's power
 - whatever thoughts you have of God's power fall far short of the reality of the Lord's omnipotence

Infinite Power

- ❖ God's power has no limits or boundaries
- ❖ Nothing is hard for God
 - God does all things effortlessly

- nothing/no one stands in God's way
- God wills something and it is done (Jeremiah 32:17, 27)
- ❖ The fact that God's power is infinite gives tremendous incentive for us to pray to God boldly and persistently
 - nothing is too hard for God to do
 - no one is too hard for God to save
 - God has the power to break the hardest heart, open the blindest eyes and unstop the deafest ears

Irresistible Power

- ❖ No one can thwart, resist or undermine God's purposes (Job 42:2; Isaiah 14:27, 43:13)
- ❖ God does not depend on human action to achieve His will
 - God effortlessly prevails over human rebellion and Satanic resistance
 - even if the whole world, Satan and all demonic powers were aligned against God, it would still take no effort for God to prevail
- ❖ Nothing can stop God: evil and death WILL NOT win

Inexhaustible Power

- ❖ God's power does not diminish over time
 - God never has more or less power than He has always had
 - God describes His inexhaustible power: Isaiah 40:28-29

- ❖ Through His inexhaustible energy, the Lord gives strength to His people (Isaiah 40:30-31)
- ❖ *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* (Philippians 4:13)
 - if God has called you to something, God will work in you to strengthen you and give you His power to complete your assignment

Incomprehensible Power

- ❖ God's power is beyond our ability to understand it (Ephesians 3:20)
 - the unlimited power of God raises people who are dead in sin to life
 - only by God's power can the Lord call us to Himself
 - What's your problem?

Personal Reflection

1. Have you known people who have exhibited extreme hostility toward the gospel? How can a consideration of God's omnipotence provide encouragement when you pray for or witness to them?
2. How does knowing that the little power you have has been delegated to you by God affect the way you invest and use it?
3. Where do you feel most weak and in need of God's power at this time? Read Isaiah 40:30-31 and cry out to God to receive His strength to do whatever it is He has called you to do.