

Thursday Devotional

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“Because God rules all the places where you live, he is able to deliver his promises to you in the very circumstances where they are needed.” – Paul Tripp (New Morning Mercies)

How often do you feel weak and powerlessness? Do you ever feel like the world is just passing you by and you cannot do anything about it? Do you wake up in the morning feeling your aches and pains? Do you watch the news sometimes and feel like the world is destroying itself? Well thankfully we have hope! Hope not in this world or in ourselves but hope in the One whose almighty power is sovereignly in control. Today we are looking at the attribute of God’s almighty power (omnipotence).

What does it mean that God is all-powerful or almighty? Simply put, because of who God is, in His very nature, God can do whatever is according to his will and his promises. In Matthew 19:26 we see Jesus proclaim, *“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”* God shows this power in creation, providence, and redemption of his people.

Go read Genesis 1-2 and see the power of God in creation, how he spoke and how it was created. Look at each day and see God’s power in each day of creation. But after creation God did not stop there. As Hebrews 1:3 points out, *“he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”* The same God that created the universe is the same God who is upholding, preserving, and sustaining this world. Psalm 121:4 describes God as never *“slumbering”*. I do not know about y’all but I need sleep each and every day. I wake up and still need more sleep. But think about this, while you sleep God is still holding you and this world together. He is doing this according to his wonderful providence and with his almighty power. Even now in this virus, wars, disunity, plagues of locusts, and other various things going on, God by his omnipotent power holds it all together. Lastly, God shows his power by redeeming sinners. Romans 1:16 declares that *“it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”* The power that rose Jesus from the dead is the same power that changes our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. Our hope is found in our God who makes great promises and who has great power to fulfill those promises. As Jeremiah 32:17 tells us, *“Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.”* Let us find rest in this today.

For further study: Job 38:1-7; Ephesians 1:15-23