

The True and Living God - of Infinite Power
Jeremiah 32: 6-44

Introduction

- A. The text describes one of the most critical times in the history of Judah. Jerusalem was under siege — and God announced the city would fall! In the midst of the chaos Jeremiah the prophet is told to buy a field and have it publicly declared — as an evidence that God was all-powerful and would bring His people back to their land.
- B. To understand the omnipotence of God we must keep in mind the unity of His attributes — and their infinite quality. He is all-powerful as the God of truth, love, and holiness.

I. The Meaning of Divine Omnipotence.

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.
Jeremiah 32:17

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of ail flesh, is there anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:27

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

Comment: These texts refer to three'' areas which illustrate the infinite power of God: creation, providence, and the Incarnation. As we consider these three we see how God's power is related to wisdom, to a plan, to love, to authority, and to righteousness. It is not just sheer power.

To say it simply: God's omnipotence means He can do anything He wants to do. However, God always acts in harmony with His character and His plan. This is the key — the relationship of power, character, and plan.

II. The Instruction Regarding Divine Omnipotence.

A. The Old Testament Illustration.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, 0 Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, 0 king. But if not, be it known unto thee, 0 king, that we will not serve thy god, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Daniel 3:16-18

Comment: These three captives had everything to gain by obeying the king. But they were believers and had chosen to worship only God. They were set free in the midst of the fire and were not burned. This miracle points to the power of God — and is filled with instruction for us.

1. These men knew the will of God — do not worship idols.
2. These men knew God could deliver them — His omnipotence.
3. These men wanted God's will — whatever the cost may be.
4. Since it was God's will to magnify Himself by their deliverance He protected them by His infinite power.

B. The New Testament Illustration.

And lest I should be exalted above measure ... there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me ... And he (God) said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness II Corinthians 12:7-9

Comment: To enable Paul to develop his spiritual potential and to know the fullness of divine grace — God permitted him to have a thorn — some physical problem which made him vulnerable to Satan. In the weakness which this caused Paul — he was supported by God's unlimited power — and could grow and serve more fully.

We are instructed as we see how Paul did not rebel, how he maintained his dedication, how he responded by faith, and how he wanted the will of God without reservation. Too often we beg God for some minor blessing — unmindful of His great plan — and then when it is not given — we turn away from Him in doubt.

III. The Promises Regarding Divine Omnipotence.

A. God is able to keep His Word.

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able to perform. Romans 4:21

Comment: This is the testimony of Abraham and Sarah. They believed God, in spite of doubts, and knew He had the power to fulfill His Word. We must make such decisions of faith if we are to walk with God.

B. God is able to save to the uttermost.

Wherefore, he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7:25

Comment: This text means that God's omnipotence is revealed in the redemption He has provided in Jesus Christ. That provision is unlimited because God's power is unlimited.

C. God is able to make all grace abound toward us.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. II Corinthians 9:8

Comment: To the degree that we are surrendered to God's will, and want the will of God, to that degree we will know the experience of divine power in daily life. This is not earning the grace of God — but simply learning how to live in harmony with His will — as Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and the Apostle Paul.

Conclusion: **It** may help us to summarize the instruction in these passages.

1. God is all powerful and works in harmony with His character and plan.
2. God has made His will and plan clear in the Bible. (I Cor. 10:31)
3. We must want and seek the will of God — no matter the cost.
4. Only then can we know God is working powerfully with us in the area of our daily growth and service for Him.