

"TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM"

7. Nature of God: His Omnipotence

Perhaps God's power is the attribute that is most obvious to us. Everywhere we look we see the results of His power.

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable."

(NKJV, Psa 145:6)

This verse declares the power and majesty of Almighty God. Even the title, "Almighty God" is an acknowledgement of His omnipotence.

What is Omnipotence?

The prefix "*omni*" denotes "*all*", and "*potence*" is "*power*", so omnipotence means "*all powerful*". It also implies with it an attribute of uniqueness. If there were more than one "all powerful" being then by definition they wouldn't be "all powerful". So God's omnipotence demonstrates that He is unique.

(NKJV, Psa 71:19), "Also Your righteousness, O God, is very high, You who have done great things; O God, who is like You?"

(NKJV, Isa 43:13), "Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?"

Here we see that the uniqueness of His omnipotence means that He is in total control. There is no one else, in the physical or spiritual realm, that has power sufficient to alter God's plans. He has the power to keep His plan "on track".

God demonstrates His omnipotence by doing things that man cannot.

(NKJV, Job 40:15,19), "Look now at the behemoth, which I made along with you; He eats grass like an ox... [19] He is the first of the ways of God; Only He who made him can bring near His sword."

Here God reminds Job that He created the behemoth that is so powerful that only He God is powerful enough to control it. But as time marches on, the technological advances of mankind has given it the false perceptions that it is attaining a level of

power that is unique to God. The goal of cloning humans is seen as reaching the point of being like God. (a god ironically that they claim does not exist!)

But cloning is not creating life but copying it. The desire to imitate the creation of life is typical of the enemy. His purpose is to "prove" that God is not omnipotent...that there are others with similar power.

God's Power is best revealed when we are weak.

(NKJV, 2Co 12:9), "And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Just as in the OT with Gideon and his small army, God's power is showcased when we are brought through a trial to victory and it is painfully obvious that it wasn't our own power and effort that made it happen. If a bodybuilder lifts a 100lb weight over his head people would not think much of that feat... but if a 98lb weakling lifts that same 100lb weight, THEN it becomes something to marvel at!

The Lord uses us as "conduits" of His omnipotence.

(NKJV, Phi 4:13), "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

We have the assurance that the Lord will give us the power we need to do the things that we need to do. There is no limit to the power that we can receive, so there is no task too large for us to handle.

Group Discussion

- In Hebrews 11 (known as "*The Hall of Faith*") there are numerous examples of having victory in life by faith in God's power. Knowing all of this, why do we still sometimes doubt that God's omnipotence will be sufficient? Why do we feel the need to "do it ourselves"?
- How has God demonstrated His omnipotence in your life recently?