

God's Omnipotence

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Omnipotence means all powerful. When we talk about God's power, we generally say that "there is nothing He cannot do." However, though it does not take away from His power, God cannot lie, be unfair, change, cease to exist, deny himself, and as one preschooler told Debbie once, "He can't make my breakfast!"

Though God's lovingkindness and holiness are mentioned more, His power is seen throughout the Bible (i.e. Creation, flood, exodus, Joshua's sun that stood still, Jesus and the storms, Lazarus, and many more.)

But what does him omnipotence mean for us today? A problem many believers have with God's power is that they perceive that it was for someone else. Some even perceive that it should be mostly for their wants. And many unbelievers assume that since they don't see God's power in their lives personally, He does not exist.

I have found over the years that God's power is displayed when He fulfills our needs and best desires when they fall within His plan. Since God must always be just (fair) and righteous (do what is right) for everyone in the world, His power is displayed via His sovereign plan and His lovingkindness (steadfast love.) For our faith to grow, we must understand how and when God's power will be available for us. When I did not see God's power, it just meant that it was not best for me and others at the time or other circumstances that I am unaware of hindered the timing. We just must rest in God being omniscience (all-knowing) and sovereign (in control) when things don't happen on our time table.

Yes, we sing "My God is so Great" to teach our preschoolers about God's power. No, He can't make our breakfast BUT we can't have breakfast without Him! Be intentional to not only teach your little ones about God's attributes but also model it so they will understand the right definition of each attribute. If you model fear and doubt, they will pick up on that. If you model faith and trust, they will learn that too. Remember they define your words by your actions. I pray that you are resting fully, each day, in God's power fulfilled by His loving kindness, justice, and righteousness. If you struggle with fear and doubt, you can talk to God about your weaknesses. Remember, in your weakness, He is strong!

"Great is our God and mighty in power." Psalm 147:5

