

The Omnipotence of God

- God is all powerful. God can do anything.
- *Genesis 1:1*. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- *Isaiah 46:9-10*. Remember what I accomplished in antiquity! / Truly I am God, I have no peer; / I am God, and there is none like me, / who announces the end from the beginning / and reveals beforehand what has not yet occurred, / who says, 'My plan will be realized, / I will accomplish what I desire,' (NET)
- *Genesis 18:13-14*. The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child when I am old?' Is anything impossible for the LORD?..." (NET)
- Read Isaiah 40.
- Other passages: Numbers 11:18-23; Job 42:1-2; Psalm 19; Psalm 104; Isaiah 14:27; Jeremiah 32:17; Matthew 19:26; Romans 1:20.
- Is there anything that God cannot do?
- God cannot perform the illogical. God will not do what is against his own nature.
- God is able to keep the promises he made.
- God is able to solve any difficulty.
- God is able to protect us.
- Why does God not act in some situations the way we would like him to act, when he has the power to do so? Romans 9:22; Exodus 9:13-16; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.
- Can any purpose of God be thwarted? Is everything that happens God's will? If God is all powerful why does he allow things to happen that are contrary to his will? Are there degrees of God's will? God's moral will is that humans won't sin. God's sovereign will is what he ultimately brings about in the world.
- God saves us (puts us right with him so we can spend eternity with him). He then sanctifies us (makes us holy so we can be in his presence).

Application: Salvation

God promises salvation (from death) to those who follow him. Would he be able to promise this, or guarantee the outcome if he was not all powerful?

Application: Sanctification

God is able to sanctify us because of his power. Colossians 1:9-14; Romans 8:20-30.

Application: God's Plan for the World

God will ultimately do all that he purposes. He is sovereign and has the power to rule as he chooses. Psalm 2.

- *Job 42:1-2*. Then Job answered the Lord: / "I know that you can do all things; / no purpose of yours can be thwarted; (NET)
And to return to earth, destroy evil and reign eternally.
- *Acts 1:10-11*. As they were still staring into the sky while he [Jesus] was going, suddenly two men in white clothing stood near them and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come back in the same way you saw him go into heaven." (NET)
- Revelation 21:1-4.