

14. God Is Omnipotent.

With God nothing shall be impossible. *Luke 1, 37.*

God can do and does whatever He purposes to do. At His word the universe appeared. His word upholds all things. His breath bestows life. At His nod nations are destroyed. He directs the hurricane and the lightning. Sun, moon, and stars obey His commands. Millions of powerful angels fulfil His every wish. God is almighty. How could He be God if He did not possess all power, if He did not rule over all, but were inferior to some one? The idols invented by man are powerless. "But our God is in the heavens; He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased." What He designs He effects; what He promises He performs. Saying and doing are not two things with Him. He Himself said to Abraham: "I am the almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect."

Therefore we Christians look up to God as the Giver of all temporal and spiritual goods; even our life and its maintenance is a boon which the hand of the Almighty has conferred upon us. And we rightly believe that no evil can befall us without His holy will or sufferance. God's power can prevent it. Nothing can oppose His majestic power. And when we are in great distress, we think of God's omnipotence. We call upon Him in the day of trouble and firmly believe that He can help us, yea, exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. No situation is so serious as to baffle Him, no trouble so great as to find Him void of means to deliver us. Therefore we Christians do not despair in our sufferings and tribulations, but always rejoice in our Lord, the Almighty, and sing with Asaph in the 77th Psalm: "I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and He gave ear unto me. Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God that doest wonders." *And this almighty God is our Father in Christ Jesus and loves us* and has given us most precious promises.

Prayer.

O Thou omnipotent God, almighty and powerful in heaven and on earth, Thou art so mighty and powerful that Thou wouldst be able instantly to destroy the whole world with a single word of Thy mouth or with a single stroke of lightning, if Thou didst desire to deal with us according to stern justice. But we bend our knees and humbly beseech Thee to cease from Thy fierce wrath, which is kindled against our sins like a fire. Have compassion upon us, spare us, lift up Thy face upon us, and be gracious unto us for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dismayed!
For I am Thy God and will still give thee aid:
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

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