

I.VIII GOD IS ALL POWERFUL (OMNIPOTENCE): Psalm 147:5 - Shepherd School

I. OPENING RAYER: All.

III. SERMON:

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INTRODUCTION. Turn in your Bibles with me to **Psalm 147:5**. While you find your place there, let me remind you why we are studying the perfections of God.

"Thus says the Lord: 'Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.'" **Jeremiah 9:23-24**

Q. Why do you need to know, understand, and apply the Perfections of God?

A1. Because it is God's delight to be known and loved and glorified, and therefore it will lead to your delight. The more you know and love and glorify the Lord, the more happy you will be.

A2. Because God says the way to know Him is to labor to comprehend His perfections (attributes) and actions as they are revealed in the Scriptures.

Therefore, let us draw our attention to another one of the perfections of God tonight—namely, God's Omnipotence.

Q. What does it mean that God is Omnipotent?

A. Omni = "all." Potent = "having great power."

- **Psalm 147:5** "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power."
- **Jeremiah 32:17** "Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you."

Francis Turretin: "The power of God (the executing principle of the divine operations) is nothing other than the divine essence itself productive outwardly (through which he is conceived as able to do whatsoever he wills or can will). Here (before all things) this comes to be distinguished from such a power or *exousia* as implies the *right* and

authority to do anything, while the power of which we speak indicates in its conception only the force and faculty of acting."

***Power does not mean right or authority.**

THE SCRIPTURES SPEAK OF GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE IN THREE WAYS:

- 1) **POSITIVELY: Genesis 17:1** "I am God A/mighty."
- 2) **NEGATIVELY: Luke 1:37** "Nothing is impossible with God."
- 3) **COMPARATIVELY: Matthew 19:26** "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

The Omnipotence of God is clearly set forth in at least five ways:

His

- I) Creating,
- II) Preserving,
- III) Governing,
- IV) Judging, and
- V) Redeeming.

All these shine a light on the metaphorical muscles of our triune God!

I. GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE IS SEEN IN HIS CREATING POWER.

- **Psalms 33:9** "Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm."
 - **THOMAS WATSON:** "To create requires infinite power. All the world cannot make a fly."

He breathed out stars; he spoke oceans and mountains into existence; He exhaled man, beasts, and birds! Marvel at the creating power of God!

- **Q.** Do you see the clear evidence of His omnipotence as you look at creation?
 - **Romans 1:20** "For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they (even pagans) are without excuse."

Transition:

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II. GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE IS SEEN IN HIS *PRESERVING* POWER.

- **Hebrews 1:3** "[Jesus] upholds the universe by the word of his power."

What we call the laws of nature are simply the ordinary ways the Lord Jesus Christ holds all things together!

- The Greeks said Atlas held the world on his shoulders; in reality Jesus holds the universe by His might.
 - **BOSTON:** "O what a mighty power must that be that sustains so many creatures, sets bounds to the raging sea, holds the wind in his fists, and preserves a comely order and sweet harmony among all the creatures!"

USE FOR EXAMINATION

- **Q.** Do you have a high view of God's power or a low one?

Transition:

II. GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE IS SEEN IN HIS *PRESERVING* POWER.

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III. GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE IS SEEN IN HIS *GOVERNING* POWER.

I) God governs the *Elements*.

- **Deuteronomy 4:36-38** "And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power."
- **Mark 4:37-41** "37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, 'Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?' 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'"

II) God governs *Men*.

- **Proverbs 16:9** "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."
- **Proverbs 21:1** "The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will."

III) God governs *Animals*.

- **Think of the animals which boarded the ark for Noah in the book of Genesis.** How did they do that besides God's omnipotent power exercised in their government?
- **Think of the cows towing the Ark of the Covenant from the Philistines back to Israel in 1 Samuel 6.**
- **Think of Kish's donkeys in 1 Samuel that led Saul to the throne.**
- **Isaiah 46:9**
"9 I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,
10 declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose,'
11 calling a bird of prey from the east,
the man of my counsel from a far country.
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;
I have purposed, and I will do it."

IV) God governs *Angels*.

- **Daniel 4:35** All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. . ."
- Think of when Christ says that He could call ten thousands angels, yet He chose not to in order to go to the cross.

V) God governs *Demons*.

- **Matthew 8:31** "The demons begged [Christ], saying, 'If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs.'"

VI) God governs the *Wicked*.

- **(i) The LORD says to Pharaoh in Exodus 9:16,**
"But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth."

- (ii) **The LORD says to Abimelech in a dream, after Abimelech did not sleep with Abraham's wife Sarah**, "Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her" (**Genesis 20:6**).
 - **BOSTON**: "Human society would be rooted up, the whole world drenched in blood, and all things would run into a sea of confusion, if God did not bridle and restrain the lusts and corruptions of men."
- (iii) **Isaiah 37:29** "Because you (*the King of Assyria*) have raged against me and your complacency has come to my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth, and I will turn you back on the way by which you came.'"
 - **BOSTON**: The king of Assyria triumphed much in his design against Jerusalem; but how did God govern and manage that wild [donkey]!"
- (iv) **Matthew 23:26** "Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation."
 - The Lord also governed both the Jews to revolt against Rome as well as Vespasian to send Titus to destroy Jerusalem and the Temple, as Christ's judgement on Apostate Israel for their rejecting and killing Christ in 70 AD.

USE FOR EXAMINATION

- **Q. Do you think like this concerning the history of the world? Do you think like this concerning the current state of the world? Do you believe Daniel 4:35?**
 - **Daniel 4:35** "All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, 'What have you done?'"

Transition:

III. GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE IS SEEN IN HIS GOVERNING POWER as He governs i) the elements, ii) men, iii) animals, iv) angels, v) demons, and vi) the wicked.

"Great is our Lord, and abundant in power." **Psalms 147:5**

IV. GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE IS SEEN IN HIS JUDGING POWER.

God's omnipotence is seen in judging unrepentant sinners.

- **Romans 9:22** "What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction."

USE FOR WARNING

Wilhelmus Á Brakel:

"Therefore, you who are ungodly should fear, for you have such an omnipotent God against you! You cannot prevail against Him. There is neither a hiding place or refuge, nor is there anyone who will be able to offer you protection against Him and deliver you out of His hand. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb 10:31). "Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty" (Isa 13:6)." — **Brakel, Wilhelmus à. The Christian's Reasonable Service . Reformation Heritage Books. Kindle Edition.**

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I. GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE IS SEEN IN HIS *JUDGING* POWER.

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V. GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE IS SEEN IN HIS *REDEEMING* POWER.

I) The virgin birth of Jesus Christ shows God's omnipotence.

- **Luke 1:35** "And the angel answered her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.'"

II) Jesus' resurrection from the dead shows God's omnipotence.

- **Romans 1:4** "[Jesus Christ our Lord] was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead. . ."

Q. *Do you struggle to believe the virgin birth or the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Consider the infinite, eternal, and unchangeable power of God and struggle no more!*

- God can more easily cause the virgin to give birth than you can blink! He can more easily raise the dead than you can wake your friend from a nap!

III) Regeneration through the preaching of the gospel shows God's omnipotence.

- **Romans 1:16** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."
- **1 Corinthians 1:18** "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
- **This is why LUTHER said**, "God put all the power in the gospel!"
 - **BOSTON**: "There is greater power exerted in [converting sinners] than there was in the creation of the world. . . God wrought but one miracle in the creation: he spake the word and it was done; but there are many miracles wrought in conversion.
The blind is made to see, the dead raised, and the deaf hears the voice of the Son of God. O the infinite power of [the LORD]! In this work the mighty arm of the Lord is revealed."

USE FOR EXAMINATION

Q. Has God worked powerfully in your life?

No one that is ransomed by Christ remains the same as they were outside of Him!

IV) Empowering Christians to be witnesses for Jesus shows God's omnipotence.

- **Acts 1:8** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- **Q.** How would your life look differently if you believed Jesus' promise of power as you proclaim the gospel to your family, neighbors, and the nations?
- **Q.** Do you open your mouth and speak the gospel of Jesus Christ as His witness to a dying world?

A witness who takes the stand without giving testimony is as useful as a book without words. Faith without works is dead; evangelism without words is a myth.

We are promised power to bear witness, therefore we must boldly open our mouths and tell of Christ's glorious gospel!

V) Guarding Christians through faith, preserving them to the end shows God's omnipotence.

- **1 Peter 1:5** "[believers] by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Are you in Christ? Then you are safely wrapped in the loving arms of

Omnipotence—none can snatch you out of His hand. He will preserve you and empower you to persevere to the end!

VI) Giving His saints resurrected bodies will show forth God's omnipotence.

- **1 Corinthians 6:14** "And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power."
- **Philippians 3:20-21** "20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

USE FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

- **Q. Are you weary and troubled?** Do you hurt? Are you sick of sinning? Do you wish to see Jesus more vividly and most clearly?

What a consolation the promise of a resurrection body is for those who are in Christ! No more weariness, no more sorrow, no more sickness, no more sinning, no more veil—you will be made perfect with Jesus and like Jesus!

USE FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Matthew 19:26 "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

WILHELMUS Á BRAKEL:

"And you, children of God, let the omnipotence of God encourage your hearts. If God is for you, who will be against you? Do you have any [physical] needs and know not how to meet them? Even if there are no means available, God has the answer. He requires no means, and if the Lord desires to avail Himself of means, He will bring them about and make them available to you. Insignificant means are sufficient for Him for He is the Almighty One. He creates light out of darkness in order that the movement of His hand may be observed that much more clearly. In all your perplexities confess with Abraham, "The Lord shall provide." Does your soul stand in need of light, comfort, a change of heart, and strength against sin? Even if you see no solution, He is able to give you the desire of your heart with one word. Seek to maintain a lively perception of the omnipotence of God. This will strengthen you in all things, causing you to take refuge with Him and be free from concern, fear, and terror. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" (Ps 91:1)." — **Brakel, Wilhelms à. The Christian's**

USE FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Consider the love of Christ, who willingly went to the cross, and every step of the way could have avoided the suffering! Instead, the Omnipotent One bled and died to redeem us!

Transition:

V. GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE IS SEEN IN HIS *REDEEMING* POWER.

"Great is our Lord, and abundant in power." **Psalm 147:5**

USE FOR EXHORTATION

Labor to understand and teach these things to those in your charge!

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USE FOR DIRECTION

Q. Do you need power to love God, love neighbor, lead your family, perform your vocational and domestical duties? **A.** Then go to our Omnipotent God in prayer through faith in Christ and ask!

Ephesians 6:10 "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

CONCLUSION.

Ephesians 3:20-21

"20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

III. SONG:

B r e a k (start back at 7:10pm)

IV. 1689 Confession: Ch 3. Par 1-4 (finish by 7:35pm)

V. DISCUSSION (finish by 8pm)

A Body of Divinity discussion

Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices discussion

Closing Prayer

SYLLABUS

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WEEK	Scripture	Book I <i>(read before)</i>	Book II <i>(read before)</i>	1689 Confession	Certificate Essays	Certificate Exposition
1 8/14	2 Timothy 2:1-6 Why Shepherd School + Overview					
2 8/21	Deuteronomy 18:15-22	A Body of Divinity Christ, The Mediator of the Covenant + Christ's Prophetic Office by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices A Word to the Reader, Introduction, Proof of the Point, By Presenting the Bait and Hiding the Hook by Thomas Brooks	Ch 8. Par 1-3		
3 8/28	Psalms 110:1-4	A Body of Divinity Christ's Priestly Office + Christ's Kingly Office by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Painting Sin with Virtue's Colors, By the Extenuating and Lessening of Sin, By Showing the Soul the Best Men's Sins by Thomas Brooks	Ch 8. Par 4-6	Short Essay on The Hypostatic Union	
4 9/4	Philippians 2:5-11	A Body of Divinity Christ's Humiliation in His Incarnation + Christ's Exaltation by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Presenting God to the Soul, By Persuading the Soul, By Making the Soul Bold by Thomas Brooks	Ch 8. Par 7-10		First Exposition Due
5 9/11	Galatians 3:10-14	A Body of Divinity Christ's The Redeemer by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Representing to the Soul the Outward Mercies, By Presenting to the Soul the Crosses, By Causing Saints to Compare Themselves by Thomas Brooks	Ch 11. Par 1-3		<i>*Certificate path will meet in the office during 1689 and book discussion this week to discuss sermons</i>
6 9/18	John 4:24 (Omnipresence) Psalm 147:5 (Omniscience)	A Body of Divinity The Omnipresence of God + The Omniscience of God by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Causing Saints to Compare Themselves, By Polluting the Souls Judgements, By leading Men to Choose Wicked Company by Thomas Brooks	Ch 11. Par 4-6		
7 9/25	Revelation 1:8 (Eternity) James 1:17 (Immutability)	A Body of Divinity The Eternity of God + The Immutability of God by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Presenting the World, By Presenting to the Soul the Dangers, By Presenting to the Soul the Difficulty by Thomas Brooks	Ch 2. Par 1-3		

Okay, men, grab your Bibles if you would and turn with me to Psalm 147 verse 5. The first half of that verse will be our principal text that we're looking at. And what we're really going to look throughout the rest of the scripture and try to understand and apply what God means there through the psalmist. But as you're finding your place there, Psalm 147:5, let me remind you why we are studying the perfections of God. Jeremiah 9:23 and 24, thus says the Lord, let not the wise man boast in his wisdom. Let not the mighty man boast in his might. Let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23 and 24. Let him who boasts boast in this that he understands me and knows me. So understands who I am, how I work and knows me personally and intimately through faith in Jesus Christ. So God delights to be known. So why do we need to understand, know, and apply the perfections of God? because it's God's delight to be known and loved and glorified and therefore it's going to lead to your delight to know the Lord. The more you know and love and glorify the Lord, the more happy you will be. But also because God says the way to know him is to labor to comprehend his perfections and his actions as they are revealed in the scriptures. Let him who boasts boast in this that he understands and knows me. So with that in mind, let's draw our attention to another one of the perfections of God tonight. Namely, God's omnipotence. God's omnipotence. That is that God is all powerful. So first, what does it mean that God is omnipotent? It's another way you could just say it is God is omni potent. Omni means all. Potent means having great power. So God has all power. God is all powerful. That's what we mean when we say God is omnipotent. And this is what Psalm 147:E5 says. Look at it in your own Bibles. Just that first half of the verse. This is God's word. Great is our Lord and abundant in power. Great is our Lord and abundant in power. This is God's word. Praise be to God. Jeremiah 32:17 gets at the same truth. Listen to this. Ah, Lord God, it is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. Ah Lord God, it is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. Now we need to make a clarification when we're speaking of the power of God or the omnipotence of God. And Francis Turin does a good job at that. And I'll explain what he means so we don't miss what he's getting at. He says at the beginning of his chapter in Elenctic Theology on the omnipotence of God, he says the power of God is nothing other than the divine essence itself productive outwardly. Here this comes to be distinguished from such a power as implies right or authority to do anything. While the power of which we speak when we speak of the omni omnipotence of God the power of which we speak indicates in its conception only the force and faculty of acting that's a lot of words and it's harder to hear it's easier to read but what what Turin is doing is what we all need to do when we speak of God being all powerful and when we speak of his power in general there's a distinction between God's

authority and his right and God's power. So having authority is not the same as power. And you know this in your everyday life. You may have the power to do something but you don't have the authority because it's not your place. So you can have the power to do something but not the authority. Or you can have the authority to do something but you don't actually have the ability or the power to actually carry it out. So when we speak of God being all powerful, we're not talking about his sovereignty. We're not talking about his divine rights or authority over all creation. We're talking about his actual power exercised in action. Does that make sense? So God is omnipotent. We're not talking about sovereignty, about his rights. We're talking about his working out his power and how he operates, how he works in the world. So that power does not mean right or authority. Those are distinguished. And the scripture speaks of God's omnipotence in three different ways. This is all still by way of introduction. The scriptures speak of God's omnipotence, his being all powerful in three ways. The scriptures speak of his power positively in a positive sense. Like Genesis 17:1, I am God Almighty. That's a positive statement. I am God Almighty. So his omnipotence is phrased in the scriptures, revealed through the scriptures in a positive sense. It's also revealed in a negative sense. Not negative like his power is bad. Negative in this sense. Luke 1:37. Nothing is impossible with God. That's a negative statement that reveals his omnipotence. So the positive statement I am God almighty or Psalm 147:5 great is our Lord and abundant in power abundant mean that's a positive word so it's a positive revelation of it then it's revealed negatively meaning what that means therefore since God is all powerful nothing is impossible with God and the scriptures also reveal God's power what we call comparatively so we have the positive affirmation of the denial of something. Nothing is impossible with God. And then God reveals his omnipotence comparing his power to other things. Like Matthew 19:26, with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. So in that sense, God is revealing his omnipotence by comparing the limits of man and that we are not omnipotent. God designates power to us and gives us power, but we're not omni potent as he is. And so he reveals it comparatively with man. A rich person getting saved is impossible. That's the context. Who then can be saved? If it's difficult for rich people to enter the kingdom of heaven says, well, with man, this is impossible. But with God, all things are possible. So positively, I'm God Almighty. Negatively, nothing is impossible with God. Comparatively with man this is impossible but with God all things are possible. Look again at Psalm 147:5. Great is our Lord and abundant in power. What does the psalmist mean? And or maybe a better way to ask it is how can we properly understand the fact that God is omnipotent, all powerful. And the answer is this. The omnipotence of God is clearly set forth in five ways. Five main things that I'm going to point you to in the scriptures so that you can consider them. Consider what the scripture says and then see, oh, this is how God makes manifest. This is how God reveals him being all powerful. So these five ways are his creating power, his preserving power, his governing power, his judging power and fifthly his redeeming power. So the set forth in at least these five ways in scripture so we can understand the

omnipotence of God creating preserving governing judging and redeeming power. So as we look at these five these are like five different lights this is a metaphor like five different lights through the scriptures that shine down on God and show us his metaphorical muscles. This is how powerful the Lord is. And this is how you see what God means when he reveals through the psalmist, great is our Lord and abundant in power. So first consider with me the creating power of God. God's omnipotence, him being all powerful is clearly seen in his creating power that he created everything out of nothing. Ex nihilo is the Latin phrase which means from nothing of nothing. God didn't have any material by which he made things. He spoke and material came to be. So you can see his power. And the psalmist in Psalm 33:9 says this, "Let all the earth fear the Lord. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him." Why? Because he spoke and it came to be. He commanded and it stood firm. Why should all the earth fear the Lord and all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of the one true God, our triune God? Because he spoke and it came to be. He commanded and it stood firm. Thomas Watson says to create requires infinite power. Not create in the sense that we can use the word create. We only create in a sense that is called fashioning. But you and I can't actually create substance. Everything is a fashioning of something that already actually exists. We can't make something out of nothing. But God did. He breathed out stars. He spoke oceans and mountains into existence. He exhaled man, beasts, and birds. God and his creating power. It reveals his omnipotence. So I ask you to just think about everything that exists. This building, we didn't create any of this yourself, what you're sitting on. We didn't create any of it. God created that matter, that material, and he spoke it into existence. So do you see the clear evidence of God's omnipotence? Just as you look at all of creation, you should. And that's why Paul says this in Romans 1:20. His invisible attributes, namely his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world in the things that have been made. So *they* (meaning pagans; even unbelievers) are without excuse. Everything has been clearly perceived namely even God's eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world by everyone that has ever existed. God created all of this out of nothing. God created this. So everyone is without excuse. And Paul goes on to say this is why he indicts even unbelievers. It says they're without excuse. They know through what we call natural revelation through God revealing himself through creation his divine his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived. This is why he goes on to say this is why it's so wicked that they don't worship him and they don't give thanks to him. They are without excuse. Everyone who exists knows that God the one true God created everything. He has made his eternal power known. God's omnipotence is seen first of all in his creating power. Great is our Lord and abundant in power. But God's omnipotence is also seen secondly in his preserving power. We are not deists. We do not believe that God created the world and just created it in such a way that it all just runs. Like the deists in the crudest way I can put it, the simplest way I can put it, believe that God created everything but wound it up like a clock and it just

runs. And so God isn't actively engaged in that view of thinking in preserving every single thing. And we deny that altogether. So God's omnipotence is seen in his creating power, but it's also seen in his preserving power. And that the sun rises every day and sets every night and the seasons change. All of that is Jesus upholding the universe by the word of his power. That's Hebrews 1:3. So God's omnipotence is seen in all the millions of things that you probably like me take for granted. Most of the time that everything is upheld that you and I don't just disintegrate that the universe doesn't collapse in on itself that everything is preserved. So what this means and how you need to think properly about the way the world works, the way the universe works is not that the laws of nature were created by God and designed and God just like wound it up like a watch and let it go and the laws of nature all function. That's how not how you should think about it. What we call the laws of nature are simply the ordinary ways the Lord Jesus Christ holds all things together. So this is this is important to think through and just marvel at that the things that atheists say well these are the laws of nature these are the things that just are and they think it just happens like this by chance in some sense but we know that Jesus upholds the universe by the word of his power and so what we ordinarily and it's fine to call them the laws of nature so far that you actually understand and tell people like no that's just the ordinary way that Jesus upholds the universe by the word of his power and what a miracle is something that defies even the laws of nature when Jesus walks on water or raises a dead man or floats up to heaven before his disciples we like all those things that defies the laws of nature all that is is for that moment Jesus is not upholding the universe by the word of his power in the way he ordinarily does. And so the laws of nature are we would say like that defies the laws of nature. It's like well what you call that is just the ordinary way he upholds everything. But a miracle is when even what we call the laws of nature are defied in some sense, but it's just Jesus doing things differently than he normally does it. And that is what we call that's a miracle that that happened. But it's just it's not so crazy as that. It's just he's doing things differently than he ordinarily does. The Greeks said Atlas held the world on his shoulders. But in reality, Jesus holds the universe by his might. Thomas Boston said, "Oh, what a mighty power must that be that sustains so many creatures, sets bounds to the raging sea, holds the wind in his fists, and preserves a comely order and sweet harmony among all the creatures?" So, do you have a high view of God's omnipotence or a low one? That's what I want you to just examine yourself. Audit your own heart. Do you have a low view of God's omnipotence or a high one? When you think of how things ordinary work, the laws ordinarily work, the laws of nature. Do you think, well, yeah, that's just the laws of nature. Or Jesus upholds the universe by the word of his power. This is he is intricately involved every second of every day. And if for a millisecond he wasn't upholding the universe by the word of his power, everything would collapse. Everything would disintegrate. God's omnipotence is seen in his preserving power. Great is our Lord and abundant in power. But not only that, God's omnipotence is seen also in his governing power. There's the third main light that shines to help us

see God's omnipotence. It's seen in his governing power. And there are multiple things to make note of here. I'll point out six things to you concerning God's governing power. First, God governs the elements. God governs the elements. This includes things like the weather. God governs every bit of that. Listen to Deuteronomy 4 36-38. because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence by his great power. This is speaking of the Lord redeeming his old covenant church out of slavery, out of the house of bondage, out of the house of slavery. And he says he did it by his great power. Well, just think of what God did in governing all of the elements and sending those plagues upon Egypt to set his people free. He's showing forth his great power and at the same time showing how impotent, how *unpowerful*, not powerful the false gods of the Egyptians were. So God governs the elements. You can see this even clearly when in Mark 4, Christ is on the ship or on the boat with his disciples. Listen. A great windstorm arose and the waves were breaking into the boat and so that the boat was already filling. But he, Jesus, was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the sea and said to the sea, "Peace, be still." And the wind ceased. And there was a great calm. Those words in the Greek indicate that the sea was raging through the storm and Christ rebuked the sea and it became immediately as still as glass. It's not as if the storm stopped and then the waves were still kind of going and then slowly they came back. But when Christ rebuked the elements, he rebukes the storm and says even to the sea, sit down and shut your mouth. That's the force of the peace be still. He rebuked a hurricane and the sea became like glass. And you can see why the disciples said this. Well, he first he said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this that even the wind and the sea obey him?" They saw the omnipotence of God in the God man Jesus Christ. It says they were filled with great fear. It's there's three different words for fear used there back to back in the Greek to show that they were terrified in the presence of the Lord Jesus because he just rebuked a hurricane on the Sea of Galilee and the sea became like glass. It's like *Mega Phobia Phobos*. It's like they were mega fearfully afraid is the Greek. They were terrified because who is this that even the wind and the sea obey him. So God's omnipotence is seen in his governing power through governing the elements. But it's also seen in the fact that God governs men, individuals. God governs men. Proverbs 16:9 says, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." The heart of man plans his way. You want to go a certain way, but the Lord establishes your steps. And some people say, "Well, that's not necessarily God omnipotently governing men." Well, how about Proverbs 21:1? The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord. He turns it wherever he will. The king's heart is a stream of water and the hand of the Lord. He turns it wherever he will. God's omnipotence is seen in the fact that he governs the elements and he governs men. And next, God also governs animals. God also governs animals. I confess that every time I go hunting, that's my prayer. that the

Lord would make me content even if I don't kill a deer or see anything. But I asked the Lord to bless me, not because I deserve it, but because of Christ that he would bless me. And I remember those times in scripture, it's like, God, you can make a deer walk in front of me. So, I'm just asking you to do it and I'll give you all the glory if you do it. Because think of the animals which boarded the ark for Noah in the book of Genesis. How are they possibly going to do that besides God's omnipotent power exercised in their government? Think of the cows. If you remember this in 1st Samuel 6, the Philistines have the ark of the covenant and all these uh judgments of God are coming upon them. So they put the ark on the back of some cows to figure out is this because we've taken the ark from the Israelites and then God providentially and showing his omnipotence. The cows come right back to Israel and carry the ark right back there showing God's omnipotent power and even governing the animals. Think of Kish's donkeys, Saul's dad, Kish. Think of the donkeys that go missing and that Saul goes on this long journey and that is the process by which God got him before the prophet and even up to the throne to be the king that the people desired in Israel. God governs animals. Listen to Isaiah 46:9. He says, "I am God and there is no other. I am God and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done. saying, "My counsel shall stand and I will accomplish all my purpose." You remember what he says next? Calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken. I will bring it to pass. I have purposed and I will do it. So God's omnipotence is seen in his governing the elements, men, animals, and also fourthly in his governing of angels. God governs angels. Listen to Daniel 4:35. Nebuchadnezzar says, "All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth." God governs not only men, but God governs angels as well. Think of when Christ on his way to the cross says in rebuke of Peter, when Peter tries to save him by the sword, cuts the ear off Malchus, the high priest's servant, he says, "Put your sword away." Said, "Do you not think I could appeal to my father and call 10,000 angels?" Like, why would Christ say that? Because he governs angels. He does whatever he wants. He governs men. He governs angels. He governs the elements and he governs animals. But he also not only governs what we in theology we call good angels but also bad angels which we call demons. God governs demons. This is why in Matthew 8:31 when Christ comes to the man who lives amongst the tombs and is always cutting himself and he's in chains and he has a legion of demons. They say my name is Legion for we are many. You remember the scene? They plead with Christ and say it says Matthew writes the demons begged Christ saying if you cast us out send us away into the herds of pigs. The demons begged Jesus. Why? Because he governs demons. His omnipotence is seen in that. But something that is a little bit more difficult for I think modern western evangelicals to comprehend is this last this sixth thing I'll make note of concerning God's governing omnipotence is that he governs the wicked. God governs the wicked. The Lord says to Pharaoh in Exodus 9:16, "For this purpose I have raised you up to show you my power so that my name may be

proclaimed in all the earth." God governs the wicked. And all throughout that, we've got Pharaoh hardens his heart and then God hardens his heart. Why? Showing his omnipotence that he even governs the wicked. No one is in a state to where God says, "I wish they were a believer so I could govern them." That's not how he works. He even governs the wicked. And the Lord says to Abimelech in a dream, this is in Genesis 20. After Abimelech did not sleep with Abraham's wife, and he says, "Well, I didn't sleep with her because of my integrity of heart." And then this is what the Lord says to Abimelech, a wicked king. Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Abimelech says, "I'm a good guy. I didn't sleep with Abraham's wife." And the Lord says, "Yeah, I know. And it is I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore, I did not let you touch her." Thomas Boston in pointing out the fact that God even governs the wicked says human society would be rooted up, the whole world drenched in blood, and all things would run into a sea of confusion if God did not bridle and restrain the lusts and corruptions of men. God even governs the wicked and limits the wickedness that he even permits them to do. It is I who kept you from sinning against me, he tells Abimelech. Consider Isaiah 37:29. This is to the king of Assyria. Because you have raged against me and your complacency has come to my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth, and I will turn you back on the way by which you came. This wicked king is coming to destroy Jerusalem. But it was not time for Jerusalem to be judged. And so the Lord says, "I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth and I will turn you back on the way by which you came." He governs the wicked. You can think of even when the Persians or the Medes or the Babylonians conquer Israel in the old covenant. God is using wicked kings to come and conquer his people in Israel because he had promised them if you break my covenant you will not get to live in this land and you'll be carried off. So even works in the minds and the hearts of Nebuchadnezzar and other wicked kings to exercise his judgment even on his people. Boston said the king of Assyria triumphed much in his design against Jerusalem. But how did God govern and manage that wild donkey? Except he didn't say donkey because he was in the 1700s and he was a Scotsman. You can imagine what he said. Matthew 23:26, Christ says to his apostles, "Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation." He promises that apostate Israel will be judged. And the Lord governed both the Jews to revolt against Rome a few years before AD70. This is the Lord governing even the wicked. The Jews had by and large rejected Christ. And Christ had promised that he was going to judge them for being covenant breakers. And this is why Vespasian and Titus come in and destroy Jerusalem and the temple. Titus comes, Vespasian sends him, but they come and destroy Jerusalem and the temple. So you've got apostate Israel and you've got wicked Rome. And both of them are being governed in such a way to fulfill what Christ had said would come upon that generation for rejecting and crucifying Christ. That's what happened in AD70. And it wasn't it wasn't just as though Titus comes in because he's like we got to get rid of these Jews in Jerusalem. It's called the Jewish revolt and the Jewish war because they started

waging war against Rome. And so these wicked men start waging war against Rome. God's governing all things, even the wicked. And then God governs the Romans to come and say, "Okay, we've had enough. We're going to destroy your city. We're going to destroy your temple." And the only people that really survived by and large were the Christians who fled from Jerusalem. But this is these are just a few examples from scripture how God even governs the wicked and his omnipotence is shown forth in those ways. So he governs the wicked, demons, angels, animals, men and even the elements. God's omnipotence is seen in his governing power. Great is our Lord and abundant in power. But fourthly, the fourth main thing that we need to notice is that God's omnipotence is seen in his judging power. God's omnipotence is seen in his judging power. It's seen in judging unrepentant sinners for their sins. Just listen. I'm I'm trying to not take any liberties, but just show you the things that are said in scripture that God reveals. This reveals my power. This reveals my omnipotence. This is why the judgment of the wicked, unrepentant sinners is something that shows forth and helps us see his omnipotence. Romans 9:22. Just one verse, you can hear it very easily. Paul says, 'What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction. God in judging unrepentant sinners, he has endured with them with much patience. They are vessels of wrath and desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power. God's power shines forth in his judgment of the wicked. Listen to what Wilhemus Á Brakel says about this this warning. We should definitely use that truth for a warning. He says, "Since God shows forth his omnipotence in judging," he says, "you who are ungodly should fear, for you have such an omnipotent God against you. You cannot prevail against him. There is neither a hiding place or refuge, nor is there anyone who will be able to offer you protection against God and deliver you out of his hand." Then he quotes Hebrews 10:31. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. And he also quotes Isaiah 13:6. Howl ye, for the day of the Lord is at hand. It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. God's omnipotence should make unrepentant sinners who refuse to turn to Christ for salvation should make them tremble. Just like Á Brakel says, you cannot prevail against him. And this is not the necessarily the primary thing we say when we're evangelizing, but when you're talking to someone who hates Christ and is fighting against Christ, something loving to tell them was, "Friend, you will not win. You cannot win against the all powerful, all-holy God." He has promised to judge those who remain in their sins and refuse to go to the Lord Jesus Christ. So use that for warning. You ungodly should fear for you have such an omnipotent God against you. So turn to Jesus Christ and be saved. God's omnipotence is seen in his judging power. Great is our Lord and abundant in power. But lastly, the fifth main thing I want to draw your attention to is that God's omnipotence is seen in his redeeming power. Not just in his judging of the wicked, but his omnipotence is seen in his redemption of his elect. Seen in his redeeming power. Think with me. The virgin birth of Christ shows God's omnipotence.

The angel answered Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the son of God. This is when Mary says, "But I'm a virgin. How could these things be?" And he says, "The power of the most high will overshadow you." The virgin birth of Christ shows God's omnipotence. And by the way, the virgin birth of Christ is without that. We don't have any hope for a representative that is untainted by original sin. We don't have a perfect man in our place. But Christ not descending from David's line by ordinary generation, but by the power of the most high is how Christ is born. Not with a sin nature. Second, Jesus resurrection from the dead shows God's omnipotence. Not only the virgin birth, but also Christ's resurrection. Listen to what Paul says in Romans 1:4. Romans 1:4. Jesus Christ our Lord was declared to be the son of God in power according to the spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead. Who can rise from the dead? Who can raise themselves up from the dead? Who dies and comes back? No one. And so that's why he's saying he was declared to be the son of God in power. He is who he claimed to be. He is the God man. He is the son of God according to the spirit of holiness by and this is how he was declared clearly in power to be the son of God that he arose from the dead just as he said. So I ask you, do you struggle to believe the virgin birth or the resurrection of Jesus Christ? If you do, you just don't understand who God is. Consider the infinite, eternal, and unchangeable power of God. And you don't have to struggle with anything like that. You struggle with miracles. People with that struggle with any kind of miracle that happens just don't understand who God is. God is omnipotent. Nothing is impossible for him. He can do whatever he wants, whenever he wants. God can more easily cause the virgin to give birth than you can blink your eyes. God can more easily raise the dead than you can raise your brother from a nap. Consider the omnipotence of God. Nothing is impossible. So the virgin birth shows God's omnipotence. The resurrection of Christ shows God's omnipotence. And furthermore, regeneration through the preaching of the gospel shows God's omnipotence. The fact that anyone is saved, that anyone has ever turned from their sins and embraced Christ Jesus promised or accomplished in the old covenant or the new is a is an evidence of God's omnipotent power. Because it's not simply that you've got to convince someone intellectually that they've sinned and they need a substitute and Christ is that substitute. It's way more difficult than that. People are dead in their trespasses and sins. By nature, we are enemies of God. In our flesh, we are at enmity with God. And so, when God regenerates someone, that's evidence. It's showing forth God's all power, his omnipotence. And this is how the apostles even speak of the gospel being preached. And the ordinary way that God causes new life to come to someone and they actually do turn from their sins and trust Christ is just through the ordinary proclamation of the gospel. We proclaim the gospel and God shows forth his omnipotence and taking a dead sinner and making them alive in Christ and they come to faith in him. Romans 1:16, I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the what? The power of God for salvation for all who believe. It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. 1 Corinthians 1:18, the word of the

cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. This is why Luther said, "God put all the power in the gospel." There's no power in the law to convert somebody. There's no power in the law to help you live a life of holiness. The law directs you, but it's no fuel. It's simply a map. And Luther was fond of saying, "God put all the power in the gospel. Our job is to proclaim it, and God shows forth his mighty arm of power in regenerating once dead sinners." Boston says there is greater power exerted in converting sinners than there was in the creation of the world. This is what he means. He says God worked wrought but one miracle in the creation. He spake the word and it was done. But there are many miracles wrought in conversion. The blind is made to see. The dead is raised. The deaf hears the voice of the son of God. Oh the infinite power of God in this work the almighty arm of the Lord is revealed. Consider the omnipotence of God in raising you spiritually from the dead. The only reason you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ that you admit you are a sinner. You bank all your hopes for justification, for sanctification, for glorification on the Lord Jesus Christ. just that that seems like of course I do. How would I not? How could I not? I can't see it any other way. It's Christ only Christ and I'm so thankful for him. That's a miracle. Ordinary people don't do that. But those whom God has worked his omnipotent power on through the ordinary proclamation of the gospel, they come alive. And so I ask, has God worked powerfully in your life? Can you look back and say he has caused me to be born again and if he hadn't through his omnipotence regenerated me sovereignly then I would have no hope. Fourthly, concerning God's omnipotence being seen in his redeeming power, empowering Christians to be witnesses for Jesus shows God's omnipotence. Empowering Christians to be faithful witnesses in word and in deed, but especially in word shows forth God's omnipotence. He says in Acts 18, "You will receive what? Power. When the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." So God's omnipotence is seen in how he empowers Christians to continually proclaim the gospel. Even a lot of times in spite of unbelievers not wanting to hear it or like Paul in his missionary journeys, if you go look through Acts, I mean most of the time Paul's Paul goes into a city and proclaims the gospel and they beat him up or put him in prison. One time he goes and proclaims the gospel and they stone him and the only reason they stop throwing stones at him is because they think he's dead. And when he wakes up, he goes back into the city and keeps preaching the gospel. Like that shows God's power through the Holy Spirit in empowering Christians to be faithful witnesses even when a lot of times the unbelieving world doesn't even want to hear it and hates us for it. So in empowering Christians to be witnesses for Jesus that shows God's omnipotence. Fifthly, concerning God's redeeming power, guarding Christians through faith, preserving them to the end shows God's omnipotence. The fact that you are still trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, that you've not abandoned him, that you've not apostatized, that shows forth God's omnipotence. He's guarding you through faith. He is the one who is sustaining your faith in him. You're going to wake up a believer tomorrow because of God's power. Not just it's

not like the deist thing like the deist believes that God creates a world, winds it up like a clock, and it's going to go. Well, some people have that kind of view with God saving a sinner, too. It's like once saved, always saved. Like that's a really poor way to communicate the assurance a believer has. It's not simply once saved always saved. It's not simply if saved always saved. That's like a that's like a watering down of the truth of God's word. And it can communicate helpful things, but I think it's more confusing than anything because it's not like God saves a sinner, makes them a saint, and like winds up the clock. And it's like, "Okay, you're a Christian now." like no matter like just go. No, he is guarding that person by his sovereign power every step of the way for the rest of their life. Listen to what Peter says in 1 Peter 5. Believers by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. By God's power, you're going to persevere to the end. Not by your own might, not by your cleverness, not by the help that you're going to get from Christians around you, not by your church, not by your pastors. Ultimately, God uses all of those things as instruments. He uses those as means by which you are preserved. But ultimately, it is by God's omnipotence. You are being guarded through faith for a salvation, meaning for your glorification, ready to be revealed in the last time. If you are in Christ, you are safely wrapped in the loving arms of omnipotence. No one can snatch you out of his hand. He will preserve you and empower you to persevere to the very end. So guarding Christians through faith and preserving them to the end shows God's omnipotence. And lastly, the last thing I'll point you to in our consideration of God's omnipotence and especially in his redeeming power is that God's giving his saints resurrected bodies will show forth his omnipotence. He's going to give every Christian a new glorified resurrected body. No more sin, no more sadness, no more sorrow, no more faithlessness, only righteousness, only health, only joy with Christ forever. Listen to this. This is why I say it shows forth God's omnipotence, his power. 1 Corinthians 6:14, God raised the Lord Jesus and will also raise us up by his power. When God gives saints resurrected bodies in the end that will show forth his omnipotence. Let me encourage you. If you are weary and troubled, if you hurt, if you're sick of sinning, if you wish to see Jesus more vividly and most clearly, then what a comfort the promise of a resurrection body is for those who are in Christ. That day is coming. No more weariness, no more sorrow, no more sickness, no more sin, no more veil. You will be made perfect with Jesus and like Jesus by the omnipotence of God. Also, you need to be encouraged in this way. With man, this is impossible. As Christ says concerning rich men entering the kingdom, with man, this is impossible. But with God, all things are possible. So, what do you look at in your life that you need to do or you want to see that would be a God-glorifying thing to happen, but it just seems like that's impossible. No, with God, all things are possible. Listen to Á Brakel again at length. Children of God, let the omnipotence of God encourage your hearts. If God is for you, who can be against you? Do you have any physical needs and know not how to meet them? Even if there are no means available, God has the answer. He requires no means. And if the Lord desires to avail himself of means, he will bring

them about and make them available to you. Insignificant means are sufficient for him, for he is the almighty one. He creates light out of darkness in order that the movement of his hand may be observed that much more clearly. In all your perplexities, confess with Abraham, the Lord shall provide. Á Brakel says, "Does your soul stand in need of light, comfort, a change of heart, strength against sin? Even if you see no solution, he is able to give you the desire of your heart with one word. Seek to maintain a lively perception of the omnipotence of God. This will strengthen you in all things, causing you to take refuge with him and be free from concern, free from fear, free from terror. Psalm 91:1, he that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. Á Brakel saying that this considering seriously he says maintaining a lively perception of the omnipotence of God will strengthen you in all things and cause you to take refuge with him and be free from concern, free from fear, free from terror. Also, let me give you this encouragement. In considering the omnipotence of God, consider the God man who has all power, who can do whatever he wants, whenever he wants. And consider that he set his face like flint to go to Jerusalem. He was arrested. He was beaten. He was falsely tried. He was slandered. He had the flesh ripped off his back. He had the crown of thorns put on his head. He carried his cross until he collapsed. He laid there and allowed them to nail him to the tree. And then he hung on that tree for hours under the wrath of God the Father for your sin. And at any moment he could have stopped it. Christ was never out of control. And that if you understand omnipotence and then you understand what Christ did on the cross in his passion, that will help you most clearly see the love of Christ for his people. He stayed. He stayed for you. He stayed for me. That is encouragement that we need. God's omnipotence is seen in his redeeming power. Great is our Lord and abundant in power. And let me give you before we close, let me just give you an exhortation. Now, I I screenshotted the main points of this outline and I'm going to send it to our signal group, but I want to encourage you to labor to understand and teach these things to those in your charge. Labor to understand how God's omnipotence shines forth. It's seen in his creating power, preserving power, governing power as he governs the elements, men, angels, animals, demons, the wicked. His omnipotence is seen in his judging power, and in his redeeming power, even through the virgin birth, the resurrection of Christ, regeneration, empowering Christians to be witnesses, guarding Christians through faith, and giving his saints resurrected bodies. All these things show forth God's omnipotence. Now, let me give you just one direction. I'll ask a question. Do you need power? You need strength? Are you tired? Are you weary? Do you have things in front of you that are like, I don't know how I'm going to do this. I think that's kind of how most of us men should be most of the time. I have so many duties and a high calling and a lot of responsibilities. I don't know how I'm going to have the strength to do this. Go to your omnipotent God through prayer, through faith in Jesus Christ and ask him for power. The omnipotent one will surely empower his saints to walk in those ways that he has prescribed. So if you need power, go to the omnipotent one through faith in Jesus. Now I'm going to pray Ephesians 3:20 and 21 to close us and then

Colton will come up and sing. This is my concluding prayer. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think according to the power at work within us. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Let's sing *Before the throne of God above*. We have an omnipotent savior in Christ Jesus.

Praise him now:

VERSE 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great high Priest who's name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

VERSE 2

When satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
my sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me

CHORUS

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the One / Risen Son / of God

VERSE 3

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I am
The King of Glory and of grace
One in Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Amen. Let's pray. Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name in all the earth. May every knee bow and every tongue confess this truth that Christ is king, the omnipotent God of all creation. We thank you for all that you have done for us today and all you're doing and all that you've yet to do in your power. Father, we love you and praise you. It's in Jesus name we pray. Amen.