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I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Jeremiah 32:17 “‘Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.” 27 “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?”

Quote: “As God hath a will to resolve what He deems good, so has He power to execute His will.” A.W. Pink

The “power of God is that ability and strength whereby He can bring to pass whatsoever He pleases, whatsoever His infinite wisdom may direct, and whatsoever the infinite purity of His will may resolve.... As holiness is the beauty of all God’s attributes, so power is that which gives life and action to all the perfections of the Divine nature. How vain would be the eternal counsels, if power did not step in to execute them. Without power His mercy would be but feeble pity, His promises an empty sound, His threatenings a mere scarecrow. God’s power is like Himself: infinite, eternal, incomprehensible; it can neither be checked, restrained, nor frustrated by the creature.”¹

Upon rehearsing examples of God’s great might, Job said, “Indeed these are the *mere edges of His ways*, And *how small a whisper we hear of Him!* But the thunder of His power who can understand?”² Likewise, the prophet Habakkuk wrote of God’s Shekinah glory. “His glory covered the heavens, And the earth was full of His praise. His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, *And there His power was hidden.*”³ The glory of God was *hidden* in that which caused men to tremble and fall prostrate in awe! “So inconceivable, so immense, so uncontrollable is the power of Deity, that the fearful convulsions which He works in nature conceal more than they reveal of His infinite might!”⁴ Of this power, Nebuchadnezzar said, “All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’”⁵

The Scriptures are filled with descriptions and evidences of God’s power. “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.” “He alone spreads out the heavens, And treads on the waves of the sea.” “He walks above the circle of heaven.” “Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind.”⁶ Other than in the creation of all that is not Himself and in the virgin birth and resurrection of Christ, one of God’s greatest displays of power came in His rescue of Israel from Egypt. In Exodus 6, God rehearsed to Moses what He would do and bolstered His promises with “I am the LORD.” The ninth display of His power was darkness, a direct affront to the power of Egypt’s sun god, Ra. God told Pharaoh. “But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, *that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.*”⁷ From Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 we see the grand design of God Whose attributes insure that His great glory is proclaimed everywhere.

God is Omnipotent!

Describing his vision of the throne room of God, John wrote, “Then a voice came from the throne, saying, ‘Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!’ And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, *‘Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!’*”⁸ We can only anticipate being in the presence of the Almighty, witnessing His power and blending our voices with the choir of saints and angels. Until then, let us offer tribute “to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”⁹

¹ S. Charnock ² Job 26:14 ³ Habakkuk 3:3b-4 ⁴ A.W. Pink ⁵ Daniel 4:35 ⁶ Ps.33:6; Job 9:8; 22:14; Ps.104:3 ⁷ Exodus 9:16; Romans 9 ⁸ Revelation 19:5,6 ⁹ Eph. 3:20-21

Isaiah 46:9-10 “...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 that are not yet done, Saying, *‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’*”