KNOWING GOD

LESSON 8

Title: God Omnipotent

Text: Revelation 19:5-6

1. **Review**:
   1. The wisdom of God defined: “Choosing the best end and the best means to reach that end.” ­­––William Hendriksen
   2. God is wise because He sees everything and every fact as it is in relation to everything else.
   3. To know God is only wise is to trust His wisdom when we don’t understand the means He uses to accomplish an end.
2. **Introduction**: Revelation 19:6 refers to God as “the Lord God omnipotent.” Whenever you read of the “Almighty God” it is the same as omnipotent. God is almighty; He possess all might.
3. **Common misconceptions about the omnipotence of God**.
   1. Some skeptics have said the following in response to the declaration that God has all power:
      1. “Can God make something so big He can’t pick it up?”
      2. “Can He place two mountains side by side with no valley in between?”
      3. “Can God make a past event not to have occurred?”
   2. While most of us would dismiss such foolishness, there are some who think they have stumped God by such absurdity.

**Transition**: There are, however, things God cannot do.

1. **What God cannot do and why.**
   1. “He cannot deny Himself” (II Timothy 2:13)
   2. “…which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” (Titus 1:2)
   3. “…for God cannot be tempted with evil…” (James 1:13)
   4. God cannot do that which is inconsistent with His nature.
   5. “Things contradictory to the nature of God are not overruled by His own omnipotence. God has all the power that is consistent with infinite perfection––all power to do what is worthy of Himself.” ––Emery Bancroft
2. **What is Divine omnipotence?**
   1. God has the power to carry out His will, whatever it is.
   2. Note: God will never will anything that is not consistent with Himself. He will always give men a choice to love Him and obey or not.
   3. God willed to bring to pass His creation, so He did.
   4. Do you want to see infinite power? Read Genesis, chapter 1. God said, and it was so.
   5. We look at creation and say, Wow! What power! But remember: God can do anything as easily as anything else and His power never needs replenished because it’s infinite.
3. **God is not a higher power.**
   1. Some people believe they show great reverence if they say, “I believe in a higher power.”
   2. Angels are a higher power.
   3. Satan is a higher power.
   4. Here is one philosophers thought of God: “The absolute, the gigantic, never-resting, active world stress.”
   5. But He is not mere energy and stress––He is a personal God.
   6. All power is subordinate to Him, and God has given all power to His Son.
      1. Matthew 28:18
      2. Colossians 1:12-17
4. **What God’s omnipotence means to us practically.**
   1. Consider the omnipotent personal God dealing with mere men. (Genesis 17:1-8)
      1. God said to Abram “I am Almighty God.”
      2. Abram was 99. Notice Genesis 18:11. Sarah, have a baby? Impossible.
      3. Genesis 18:13-14. No, not impossible when the Almighty God is involved.
   2. Your God is Almighty.
      1. That means He is of sufficient power to be all that you need.
      2. Don’t look at your responsibility in the light of human resources, but in the light of God’s power.
      3. Don’t see your circumstances as hopeless and lost. Do His will and He has the power to meet all your need. Hebrews 11:6: “He that cometh to God must believe that He is…”