

Matthew 28:18-20 KJV — And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Two root words for power meaning either ability or authority, but both kinds are given to Christ. "Therefore": the preaching of the Gospel is based on that fact.

Power (ability)

Ephesians 3:20 KJV — Now unto him that is ABLE to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Power (authority)

Romans 1:20 KJV — For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Psalm 33:6-9 KJV — By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

As soon as God spoke, whatever He was creating was completed. (Ability)

Psalm 33:10-12 KJV — The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Same God with that ability, chose a people for His inheritance (sovereignty/authority)

Any attribute of God is transcendent, i.e. to the nth degree, both in ability and authority. There is no greater love than God's, there is no greater power than God's.

Daniel 4:35 KJV — And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

God has the ability to speak the world into existence, and He has the authority to run it as He pleases.

Looking at people who believed God either because of His ability or His authority

Luke 7:7-8 KJV — Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

He trusted Christ's ability because he recognized His authority.

(Aside: Jesus used Lazarus's death to teach about his own. Psalm 16:10 KJV — For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Lazarus began to stink after 4 days. But Jesus was in the grave 3 days)

In John 11, both sisters trusted Jesus's ability (to an extent, the woman in Mark 7:26 believed Jesus didn't have to be present to heal). John 11:45 KJV — Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

Jesus would use His ability to show his authority. Luke 5:24 KJV — But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Matthew 3:9 KJV — And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Same as making Adam from dust (same ability). We probably will never see this in natural sense, but it happens every day in a spiritual sense when God takes don't hearts and makes children of Abraham.

Romans 9:20 KJV — Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it (ability), Why hast thou made me thus? (Authority)

Romans 9:21 KJV — Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

God chose some unto salvation and left others in their sins for their just condemnation. One of God's attributes never offends another. If God had made men unto destruction, that would have offended His mercy and grace.

Romans 9:22 KJV — What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

God is showing His power by His self-constraint on Himself. The wicked assail His church daily.

Romans 9:23 KJV — And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Every heir of grace will see salvation before world ends.

At the end, both God's ability and authority will be on full display. Elements melting, separation of sheep and goats, new heavens and new Earth, etc.

Revelation 22:20 KJV — He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.