

**Subject: *Thine is the Power***

**Scripture: *Matthew 6:13***

The last part of the Lord's Prayer is similar to the prayer of King David when he dedicated all the materials for the building of the Temple. ***1 Chronicles 29:10-11***<sup>10</sup> *Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.*<sup>11</sup> *Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.* David prayed this before turning over the throne to his son, Solomon.

On this Father's Day, I want to remind all fathers that your greatest and most lasting influence on your children is by your walk with the Lord and your prayers.

We hear a lot about power in the world today. There is buying power and political power and horsepower. We hear about the power of the courts and the power of Congress. But we need to think more about God's power. *Thine is the power.* The Bible says that power belongs to God.

In Scripture, the word translated "power" may authority or ability. ***Romans 13:1*** *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.* The word here, *exousia*, means "authority." All authority belongs to God and He delegates it to human leaders.

The word for power in *Matt. 6:13*, is *dunamis*, from which we get our word "dynamite." It is the same word found in ***Romans 1:16*** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.* The word *dunamis* means force, strength, or ability. God can do whatever He wants to do. Nothing is too hard for Him. Nothing is impossible with God. Three Bible words describe God's awesome power: "He is able." Just listen to these verses that speak of God's incredible power:

***Nahum 1:3*** *The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power...*

***Psalms 145:10-11***<sup>10</sup> *All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.*<sup>11</sup> *They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;*

***Psalms 147:5*** *Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.*

Martin Luther once said, "Your thoughts of God are too human." When we pray "Thine is the power, we should remember that prayer can do anything God can do, and God can do anything. The only thing that lies outside the reach of prayer is what is outside the will of God.

*You are coming to a King; great petitions with you bring;*

*For His grace and power are such, you can never ask too much.*

**1. God has the power to CREATE.** ***Romans 1:20*** *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: God merely spoke and created everything. He made everything out of nothing. What power!*

***Psalms 33:9*** *For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*

***Jeremiah 10:12*** *He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.*

***Jeremiah 32:17*** *Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:*

**2. God has the power to CONTROL.** The power of nature is subject to His absolute control. *Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.* We have seen some powerful thunderstorms in recent days. God is in control of the weather. *Psalms 148:8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:* The forecasters are mistaken when they refer to “Mother Nature,” when in truth it is “Father God” who is in control. *Colossians 1:16-17*<sup>16</sup> *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*<sup>17</sup> *And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

**3. God has the power to COMMAND.**

*Ecclesiastes 8:4 Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?* He has the right to give orders and enforce His laws. He gave the 10 Commandments. They are not the 10 suggestions. When He gave us the Great Commission, Jesus said *Matthew 28:18 All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* Do as I tell you. If you are not following His commands, you are not a disciple. *Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*

**4. God has the power to CONVERT.**

He is the only One who can change us and make us new. *2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* He loves us just the way we are, but He doesn't leave us the way we are.

**5. God has the power to COMPLETE.**

God finishes what He starts. He makes good on all His promises. *Romans 4:20-21*<sup>20</sup> *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;*<sup>21</sup> *And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.* A person may have the best of intentions to finish a job, but either he runs out of time, money, or strength, and the job remains unfinished. *Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:* Salvation is of the Lord.

**6. God has the power to CONDEMN.**

*Luke 12:4-5*<sup>4</sup> *And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.*<sup>5</sup> *But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.* William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, said: “The chief danger of the 20<sup>th</sup> century will be religion without the Holy Spirit, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, and heaven without hell.”

We hear a lot about civil rights and minority rights and worker's rights and patient's rights, and even gay rights, but what about God's rights? God has the right to judge sin. He has the power to carry out His judgment and punish sin in the lake of fire. *1 Corinthians 6:9-10*<sup>9</sup> *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,*<sup>10</sup> *Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

When we break God's moral law, the Ten Commandments, we are guilty. God must punish sin. All sin will either be punished in Hell or pardoned in Christ. It doesn't

matter whether someone “feels guilty” or not. The fact of his guilt remains. It doesn’t matter whether someone agrees with God’s moral law or not. He is still guilty of breaking God’s law and stands condemned until he flees to Christ for pardon.

### **7. God has the power to COMFORT.**

It is a real comfort to know that God can do whatever we need Him to do. He can do miracles. He can answer prayers. He can save sinners. *Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him...* He can strengthen the weak. *Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.* He can empower us to serve Him. *Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.* He can make all things work together for our good.

What if you could change anything about your life right now, what would it be? What would be the number one thing you would ask God to change? Would it be your marriage, your children, or your parents? Would it be your job or your finances? What about YOU? The most important thing is for God to change you and make you the person you need to be. He has the power to change you, if you have the desire to be changed.