

The Omnipotence of God and Skeptics

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Prelude:

- I. Do you believe that God is omnipotent?
- II. What does it mean that He is omnipotent?

Persuasion:

- I. The Bible teaches that God is omnipotent.
 - A. Gen 18.14
 - B. Job 42.2
 - C. Jer 32.17, 27
 - D. Matt 19.26
- II. How skeptics challenge the omnipotence of God.
 - A. "Can God create a rock so heavy that He cannot lift it?"
 1. This is a logical contradiction.
 2. God is not bound by gravity.
 - B. "Can God make a square circle?"
 1. This also is a logical contradiction.
 2. If He could, could the skeptic recognize one?
- III. How do we answer these and other challenges?
 - A. Beware of overemphasizing one attribute of God over another, e. g.,
 1. We cannot so focus on His grace that we forget He is a God of wrath.
 2. We cannot so focus on His wrath that we forget He is a God of grace.
 - B. The Bible also says God cannot lie
 1. Tts 1.2
 2. Heb 6.18
 - C. Therefore, He is a God of truth.

1. Contradictions are not truth.
2. Therefore, He cannot make contradictions, for that would be a lie.