

# 2 Chronicles 20:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

## Analysis

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Jehoshaphat's prayer acknowledges God's sovereignty: 'And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?' The rhetorical questions expect affirmation - God is sovereign over heaven, rules all earthly kingdoms, possesses irresistible power, and cannot be withstood. This theology grounds prayer's confidence - if God is sovereign over all nations and irresistible in power, then He can certainly deliver Judah. Reformed theology emphasizes God's comprehensive sovereignty as comfort, not threat. Christ demonstrates this sovereignty - even crucifixion advanced God's purposes, and resurrection proved nothing can withstand God.

## Historical Context

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Facing coalition attack (c. 853 BCE), Jehoshaphat began prayer by establishing theological foundation - God's sovereignty over nations. This worldview enabled faith that God could and would deliver, producing the subsequent miraculous victory (20:22-24).

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does affirming God's sovereignty over 'all kingdoms' shape your prayers about political situations and world events?
2. What situations in your life need to be viewed through the lens that 'none is able to withstand' God?

## Interlinear Text

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And said O LORD God of our fathers H3808 H859 H1931 God  
H559 H3068 H430 H1

מֶלֶךְ זֶה בְּשָׁמָיִם  
not thou over all the kingdoms  
in heaven and rulest H4467  
H859 H3605 H4910

עַמְּךָ יְהֹוָה וְגַבּוֹן כִּי  
and might and there not power is  
of the heathen and in thine hand  
H1369 H369 H5973  
H1471 H3027 H3581

לֹא תִּזְבַּח  
so that none is able to withstand  
H3320

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 4:39** (References God): Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

**Daniel 4:17** (Kingdom): This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

**Isaiah 66:1** (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

**Acts 11:17** (References God): Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

**Psalms 47:8** (Kingdom): God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

**Psalms 115:3** (References God): But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

**Matthew 6:13** (Kingdom): And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Matthew 6:9** (Parallel theme): After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

**Joshua 2:11** (References God): And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

**1 Kings 8:23** (References God): And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: