

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

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

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

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

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

וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהִים	אֲבֹתֵינוּ	הֵלֵא	אֵתָהּ	וְהוּא	אֱלֹהִים
And said	O LORD	God	of our fathers	H3808	H859	H1931	God
H559	H3068	H430	H1				H430

בְּשָׁמַיִם	וְאֵתָהּ	מוֹשֵׁל	בְּכֹל	מַמְלָכֹת
in heaven	H859	and rulest	H3605	not thou over all the kingdoms
H8064		H4910		H4467

הַגּוֹיִם	וּבְיָדְךָ	כֹּחַ	וְגִבּוֹרָה	וְאֵין	עֹמֵךְ
of the heathen	and in thine hand	is there not power	and might	H369	H5973
H1471	H3027	H3581	H1369		

לְהִתְיַצֵּב:

so that none is able to withstand

H3320

Additional Cross-References

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: