

Psalms 62:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power
belongeth unto God.

Analysis

God's speaking 'once... twice' indicates emphatic revelation—truth firmly established (Job 33:14). The two truths are God's power and mercy (v. 12). Power without mercy yields tyranny; mercy without power yields sentimentality. God's character unites both, demonstrated supremely in the cross where justice and mercy kiss (Psalm 85:10).

Historical Context

The rhetorical pattern of God speaking 'once... twice' parallels wisdom literature's numerical sayings (Proverbs 30:15-31, Amos 1:3), emphasizing truths that demand attention and meditation.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do God's power and mercy together shape your understanding of His character?

2. What would be missing from your theology if you emphasized either power or mercy exclusively?

Interlinear Text

אֶחָד	דָּבַר	לֵאלֹהִים:	שְׁתַּיִם	זו	שָׁמָעָתִי	כִּי	עַזְזָה
once	hath spoken	God	twice	this	have I heard	H3588	that power
H259	H1696	H430	H8147	H2098	H8085		H5797

לֵאלֹהִים:

God

H430

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 19:1 (References God): And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

Job 33:14 (References God): For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

Isaiah 26:4 (Parallel theme): Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

Job 40:5 (Parallel theme): Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

John 19:11 (Parallel theme): Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Matthew 28:18 (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Matthew 6:13 (Parallel theme): 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.

Psalms 59:17 (References God): Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

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