

# Psalm 62:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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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

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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

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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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

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<b>once</b>	<b>hath spoken</b>	<b>God</b>	<b>twice</b>	<b>this</b>	<b>have I heard</b>	H3588	<b>that power</b>
H259	H1696	H430	H8147	H2098	H8085		H5797

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God

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## 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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