

What is the Difference Between Natural Ability and Divine Power in the Bible?

In biblical terms, *Natural Ability* and Divine Power may seem similar but have distinct meanings. The key difference lies in their usage: *Natural Ability* refers to a capacity, something humans and creatures possess, while *divine power*—God’s supernatural ability alone.

Natural Ability

All created beings—humans, animals, angels, and even Satan—have Natural Ability, which means they have the capacity or ability to act. For example, humans have the ability to kill, deceive, or perform acts of healing (natural or medical). However, these abilities are limited to the natural realm and cannot produce supernatural outcomes.

Divine Power

Divine Power refers to God’s sovereign power to accomplish what humans cannot—such as raising the dead, forgiving sins, or saving souls eternally. Only God possesses this divine , the ultimate power that transcends natural limitations.

Examples from Scripture:

- **Life and Resurrection:** Humans have the ability to kill, but only God has the power to restore life.

“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.”
— *1 Corinthians 6:14*

- **Salvation of the Soul:** Humans and even Satan can deceive or lead people astray, but saving a soul requires divine power.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...”
— *Romans 1:16*

Who Do You Trust?

This raises the question: Do you place your trust in those who have only natural ability, or in the One who holds divine power?

- Satan can give wealth but not eternal life.
- Humans can deceive or heal, but cannot grant eternal salvation or perform miracles apart from God’s power.
- True healing, resurrection, and salvation are acts of God’s divine power alone.

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You can find more about God's power in passages like Nehemiah 1:10, Nehemiah 9:32, Mark 12:24, and Acts 8:10, where God's sovereign might is clearly demonstrated.

Fear and Trust in God's Power

Jesus teaches us whom to truly fear:

"But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell."

— *Luke 12:5*

This divine authority and power belong uniquely to Jesus Christ, who has been given all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18).

The Messiah's Divine Power

Isaiah prophesied the coming of Jesus and highlighted His divine power:

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

— *Isaiah 9:6*

Have you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If you haven't yet, consider placing your trust in the One who has Divine Power—the true power to save, heal, and give eternal life.

The Lord is coming!

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