

God is Almighty

Genesis 17:1

“I am God Almighty.”

God Almighty in the Hebrew is *El-Shaddai*. It could perhaps mean “God, the Mountain One,” either highlighting the invincible power of God or referring to the mountains as God’s symbolic home (see Ps 121:1). It was the special name by which God revealed himself to the patriarchs (see Ex 6:3). *Shaddai* occurs 31 times in the book of Job and 17 times in the rest of the Bible. (CSB)

This verse is a part of God addressing Abraham that Abraham and Sarah were going to have a son despite their old age. They had not trusted God to keep his promise by having Abraham fathering a child with Sarah’s maid as the supposed Abraham heir.

In another situation concerning miraculous child birth we find in Luke 1 the birth of Jesus to virgin Mary and the birth of John the Baptist to aging parents ending with Luke 1:37: **For nothing will be impossible with God.**

A Rich Young Man had come to Jesus saying “what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” Jesus first goes through the commandments to check on the man’s performance concerning of these laws. The young man claims full-compliance. When the man’s riches become a barrier, the young man goes away sorrowful. When Jesus’ disciples wonder about who then can be saved, Jesus answers: **But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”**

God demonstrated his almighty power when he created the world. He still preserves it and upholds all things by the Word of His power as stated in Hebrews 1:3:

There is a strong comfort when we have a strong and powerful friend. We have one who is able to more than we ask or can think.

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father thank for the assurance that you can do everything necessary that will keep us in the saving faith that you instilled in us. Amen