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(Stephen Charnock, 1628-1680)

"All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back His hand or say to Him--What have You done?" Daniel 4:35

The power of God is that ability and strength whereby He can bring to pass whatever He pleases, whatever His infinite wisdom may direct, and whatever the infinite purity of His will may resolve. As holiness is the beauty of all God's attributes; so power is that which gives life and action to all the perfections of the divine nature. How vain would be the eternal decrees, if power did not step in to execute them. Without power--

His mercy would be but feeble pity,  
His promises an empty sound,  
His threatenings a mere scarecrow.  
God's power is like Himself--infinite, eternal,  
incomprehensible; it can neither be checked,  
restrained, nor frustrated by the creature.

As His essence . . .  
is immense--not to be confined in place;  
as it is eternal--not to be measured in time;  
so it is almighty--not to be limited in regard of action.