

No real difference! Refuting JW falsity”

Unfortunately, Christians have picked up on Jehovah’s Witnesses (JW) error, and so spread further error. Just one error is that JWs teach that because Christ is spoken of as ‘Mighty’, He is therefore not the same as God the Father, Who is described as ‘Almighty God’. This is as nonsensical as a linked JW error – that Christ is ‘a god’ and not ‘THE God’.

They get this rather stupid mistake from John 1:1, in which we read: “the Word was God”. They insert the tiny word ‘a’ between “Word is” and “God”. I call this error stupid because that is what it is... the word ‘a’ CANNOT be inserted as a true translation, because it does not exist in the original koine Greek – there is no indefinite article in the language! On the other hand, the definite article ‘THE’ is usually omitted simply because it is understood to be part of the text!

So, what of the teaching that ‘mighty’ is not the same as ‘Almighty’, which makes Christ a lesser god, and not God, one of the trinity? Let us see...

Now, if God-only is referred to as ‘Almighty’ and Christ ‘only’ as ‘mighty’, making Him less than God, then it stands to reason, a logical deduction, that God cannot be called ‘mighty’, for it would make Him, too, less than God! Yet, throughout scripture, we find God referred to as both ‘mighty’ *and* ‘almighty’. The first instance of ‘mighty’ in connection with God, is Genesis 49:24, which speaks of the “mighty God of Jacob”. In Deuteronomy 7:21, we find “for the LORD thy God is among you, a mighty God.”

In Psalm 50:1, Asaph speaks of “The mighty God, even the LORD...”, which again throws a mighty spanner in the JW works! In that text ‘God’ is ‘Elohiym, and LORD is Jehovah! It is so easy at times to destroy a cultish teaching! But, are the words ‘mighty’ and ‘Almighty’ different? Yes, when applied to God, they are different words, but they share the *same* meanings.

Mighty

In the Genesis text above, ‘mighty’ is ‘*abiy*’, an old poetic word for God; it also means strong – but is ONLY used to describe *God!* So, this very first usage completely obliterates the JW idea that Christ is not God, because the same word is applied in scripture to both Father and Son.

'Mighty God'... 'Almighty God'

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Another word for 'mighty, *gadowl*, means great... and, again, refers to God Himself. The word in Psalm 50 is *'el*, an old basic word used to describe any god, but in the text, to God as Jehovah, the One True God. In Isaiah 9:6 and 10:21, the word used is *gibbowr*

, but is used as an adjective, so is not particularly useful for our short study. It means strong or mighty. In Habakkuk 1:12,

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is used to refer to God as the Rock... the same Rock describing Christ, when Jesus told Peter that He alone, Christ, is the Rock on which the Church would be built. Rock=Christ=God!

Almighty

In Genesis 17:1 we have the amazing, holy command to Abram: "I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." In this text 'God' is *'el* and 'Almighty' is *Shadday*, meaning most powerful,

Shaddai

... God. The same word is used in Ezekiel 10:5. In Revelation 19:5, the word is

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. It means God, ruler of all; He who controls everything. The word

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refers to might, great power.

Revelation 15:3 says this, equating the Father and the Son: "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous [are] thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true [are] thy ways, thou King of saints." Here we see 'God' and 'Lamb' are the same; this is repeated in 21:22. ('and', *kai*, is a conjunction, so 'and' can easily mean 'also', eg God=Lamb).

So, very clearly, both God and Christ are equal, as is their power; both *share* the epithet 'Almighty' and 'mighty'. If 'mighty' is supposed to denote a lesser or non-God, then JW's have a very big problem getting over these objections.

In 2 Corinthians 6:15: "what concord hath Christ with Belial?" The text continues, by equating Christ with God, Who walks amongst His people (as Christ did). Then, that same God will be a Father to us, "said the Lord Almighty". In this text, 'Lord' is *kyrios*, which means God, the Messiah! And 'Almighty' is...

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... God.

We can easily conclude, then, that 'mighty' and 'Almighty' refer to both Father *and* Son equally. This is because they ARE equal. The argument about the words themselves is very silly and immature, showing a deliberate act of doctrinal sabotage on the part of cults, by abusing the texts and the meanings of words. Because it is such an absurdity, in reality, it deserves to be treated with contempt.

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