

Our Omnipotent God

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General - Characteristics of God

Examples of Characteristics (Attributes) of God

Omniscient	Eternal	Loving	Gracious	Merciful
Omnipotent	Faithful	Infinite	Immutable	Sovereign
Omnipresent	Good	Wise	Trinity	Holy

Why study characteristics of God?

- **Salvation** (Eternal Life = Knowing God)
 - John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- **To glorify God** (resulting in praise and worship to God, our Savior)
- **Because God wants us to know Him better**
 - Hosea 6:6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.
- **But realizing that knowing God fully is impossible (inexhaustible)**
 - Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!
- **Knowing God better helps us to live appropriately (pleasing God)** since He wants us to be like Him – Therefore this can also be practical teaching!

What Does It Mean that God is Omnipotent?

- He has the ability and power to do anything (omni=all; potent=powerful).
- God is all-powerful and able to do whatever he wills.
- If God is infinite and sovereign, then He must also be omnipotent. He has all power over all things at all times and in all ways.
- Although such power might seem frightful, remember that God is *good*.

God's Omnipotence – Limitations?

- **Natural Limitations** - It is important to note that God cannot do anything that is contradictory or that is contrary to His nature.
 - God cannot lie
 - God cannot sin
 - God cannot deny Himself
- **Self-imposed Limitations** - Self imposed limitations include those things He has not chosen to include in His plan which he might have included as long as they were not contrary to His nature.
 - He did not choose to spare His Son;
 - He did not choose to save all people
 - He did not choose all nations in Old Testament times
 - He did not choose Esau;
 - He did not choose to spare James
 - Acts 2:12 Then he (*Herod*) killed James the brother of John with the sword.
- Though He could have done any of these things without being inconsistent with omnipotence, He did not choose to do so in His plan.
- **God cannot make wrong right.**

God's Omnipotence – Ephesians 1:18-23

- 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
- 19 and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power
- 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,
- 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.
- 22 And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church,
- 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

God's Omnipotence – Biblical Examples

- God is Omnipotent in Creation
 - Nowhere is God's omnipotence seen more clearly than in creation. God said, "Let there be..." and it was so (Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, etc.).
 - God's power is also seen in the preservation of His creation. All life on earth would perish were it not for God's continual provision of everything we need
 - The seas which cover most of the earth, and over which we are powerless, would overwhelm us if God did not proscribe their limits

God's Omnipotence – Biblical Examples

- God is Omnipotent in Salvation

- Jude 1:24-25 ²⁴Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

God's Omnipotence – Biblical Examples

- God is Omnipotent in the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension
 - John 10:17-18 17"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."
 - Matthew 26:64 Jesus said to him, "*It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.*"

God's Omnipotence – Biblical Examples

- God is Omnipotent in Understanding (Omniscience)
 - Psalm 147:5 Great *is* our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding *is* infinite.

God's Omnipotence – Biblical Examples

- Job spoke of God's power
 - Job 42:2 I know that You can do everything,
And that no purpose *of Yours* can be withheld
from You.
 - Job was acknowledging God's omnipotence in
carrying out His plans.
- Moses, too, was reminded by God that He
had all power to complete His purposes
regarding the Israelites showing His power
through the plagues.

God's Omnipotence – Biblical Examples

- God's omnipotence extends to governments and leaders as He restrains them or lets them go their way according to His plans and purposes.
- His power is unlimited in regard to Satan and his demons. Satan's attack on Job was limited to only certain actions. He was restrained by God's unlimited power
- Jesus reminded Pilate that he had no power over Him unless it had been granted to him by the God of all power

God's Omnipotence – Biblical Examples

- As God incarnate, Jesus Christ is omnipotent. His power is seen in the miracles He performed
 - His numerous healings
 - The feeding of the five thousand - Mark 6:30-44
 - Calming the storm – Mark 4:37-41
 - The ultimate display of power, raising Lazarus and Jairus's daughter from the dead – John 11:38-44, Mark 5:35-43
 - An example of His control over life and death

God's Omnipotence – Biblical Examples

- The great mystery is that this power can be shared by believers who are united to God in Jesus Christ.
 - Paul says (II Corinthians 12:9b) Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
 - God's power is exalted in us most when our weaknesses are greatest
 - It is God's power that continues to hold us in a state of grace despite our sin
 - By His power we are kept from falling
 - His power will be proclaimed by all the host of heaven for all eternity

God's Omnipotence – How do we apply it?

- Having an omnipotent God gives us a source for confidence.
- Well may the saint trust such a God! There is:
 - no prayer too hard for Him to answer
 - no need too great for Him to supply
 - no passion too strong for Him to subdue
 - no temptation too powerful for Him to deliver us from
 - no misery too deep for Him to relieve
- How do you respond to God's omnipotence?
 - I Peter 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,
- We realize that without His almighty power, we can do nothing.
 - John 15:5 I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
- We realize that with His almighty power, we can do all things
 - Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.