

God is Omnipotent

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Selected Scripture

We have studied that God is omnipresent and omniscient; we now consider the third attribute beginning with *omni*. It is the omnipotence of God. The fact that God is All-Powerful and possesses all power. There is no greater power in the universe than God and that which belongs to Him.

There can be no successful resistance against His eternal purpose. Any power of any other creature is on loan from God. All power is derived from God.

If God is not omnipotent, He would be unable to accomplish His eternal will. When God acts, He loses no strength. He forever remains omnipotent. His energy does not need replenishment (He is immutable). His power forever remains unchanged.

I. God is All-Powerful

- A. God's power is evident in the first verse of Scripture, **Genesis 1:1**, *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*
 - 1. God = *Elohim*. It is in the "majestic plural." It represents a singular God, yet His mightiness is plural or abundant
 - 2. El – God; the strong One.
 - 3. The intensive or majestic plural indicates His abundant power to accomplish His will.
- B. *El Shaddai*, another name for God, means "Almighty God."
 - 1. Shaddai – means "mountain" Pictures God standing on a mountain as the Almighty One.
 - 2. This is how God appeared to Abram, **Genesis 17:1**, *When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,*
 - 3. Isaac called him, "*God Almighty*" **Genesis 28:3**.
 - 4. God declared to Jacob in **Genesis 35:11**, "*I am God Almighty.*"
- C. Other declarations of His power
 - 1. **Isaiah 45:18**, *For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the Lord, and there is no other.*
 - 2. **Jeremiah 10:6**, *There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might.*
 - 3. **Daniel 2:20**, *Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.*
- D. His name is Power!
 - 1. **Matthew 26:64 (ESV)** — **64** *Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."*
 - 2. **Revelation 4:8**, *And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"*

II. God is All-Creating

- A. God spoke everything into being *ex nihilo* meaning "out of nothing." (**Genesis 1:1**, **Ex 20:11**)
- B. The Psalms attribute all creation to God
 - 1. **Psalms 33:6**, *By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.*
 - 2. **Psalms 89:11-13**, *The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. 12 The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name. 13 You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.*
 - 3. **Psalms 102:25**, *Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.*
- C. Hebrews declares His creative power.
 - 1. **Hebrews 1:10-12**, *And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; 11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a*

garment, 12 like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

D. In Isaiah and Jeremiah

1. **Isaiah 48:13**, *My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together.*
2. **Jeremiah 27:5**, *“It is I who by my great power and my outstretched arm have made the earth, with the men and animals that are on the earth, and I give it to whomever it seems right to me.*

III. God is All-Sustaining

A. Simply, God upholds all that He has made without lifting a finger; without effort.

1. **Hebrews 1:3**, *“...he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”*
2. **Isaiah 40:26**, *Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.*

B. God preserves and directs all that He made

1. **Psalms 148:5–6**, *Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. 6 And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.*
2. **Job 37:6**, *For to the snow he says, ‘Fall on the earth,’ likewise to the downpour, his mighty downpour.*
3. **Job 37:10–12**, *By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen fast. 11 He loads the thick cloud with moisture; the clouds scatter his lightning. 12 They turn around and around by his guidance, to accomplish all that he commands them on the face of the habitable world.*

C. In the New Testament, it is revealed that Christ is the commissioned Sustainer from the Father.

1. **Colossians 1:17 (ESV) — 17** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
2. **Hebrews 1:3**, *“...he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”*

IV. God is All-Controlling

A. God directs history and the affairs of humanity sovereignly.

1. **Ezra 1:1**, *The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:*
2. **Daniel 2:21**, He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;
3. **Daniel 4:32** *The Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.”*

B. Jesus proclaims His sovereign power.

1. **John 19:11**, *Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.”*
2. **Revelation 17:17**, *For God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.*

V. God is All-Victorious

A. The omnipotence of God causes Him to be always triumphant in the face of opposition. (**Ex 15:3-4,6**)

B. The Psalmist reminds us of God’s ultimate and assured victory (**Psalms 2:1-4**)

C. **Psalms 98:1; Proverbs 21:31, 1 John 4:4.**

VI. God is All-Saving

A. God is able to save doomed sinners (**Matthew 19:26**, *But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

B. **John 5:25**, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.*

C. **John 10:3**, *The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

D. **John 10:27**, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

E. Ephesians 3:20-21; Eph 2:1,5,

VII. God is All-Strengthening

A. **John 15:5**, *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

B. Acts 1:8; 2 Cor 12:9; Eph 3:16; Col 1:11; 2 Tim 1:7