

**Subject: *Our Omnipotent God***

**Scripture: *Jeremiah 32:17-19, 26-27***

God's sovereignty and omnipotence must go together. To reign, God must have power, and to reign over all people, places, and things, God must have all power. The word "omnipotent" means "having all power." The word itself is found only once in the Bible:

***Revelation 19:6*** *And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*

The word "almighty" is found 57 times and is never used of anyone but God.

### **THE DESCRIPTION OF GOD'S POWER**

- **God's power is impressive** – His power is the greatest power of all. We speak of physical power, buying power, and will power. We talk about military power, manpower, and horsepower. We refer to atomic power, electric power, and hydraulic power. All of these kinds of power are limited, but God's power is unlimited. ***Luke 1:37*** *For with God nothing shall be impossible.*
- **God's power is effortless** – It is no harder for God to create all the stars in the sky than to create a blade of grass. When God made everything in six days, He just spoke the words. The Bible says that God rested on the seventh day, but that doesn't mean He was tired; it just means He was finished.
- **God's power is effective** – He can do whatever He chooses to do. Three things are needed to accomplish a task: wisdom (knowing what to do), will (wanting to do it), and power (being able to do it). We lack one or more of those three things (wisdom, will, and power) and that's why we don't get things done. God can accomplish anything because God always has all three. He knows what to do because He is wise, always wants to do what is best, and He is able to do it because He has the power.
- **God's power is sufficient** – It extends to all parts of the universe and all aspects of life. There is nothing too hard for God in the physical world, the spiritual world, the political world, or in your personal world.

### **THE DISPLAY OF GOD'S POWER**

- **God's power is displayed in creation** – ***Jeremiah 10:12*** *He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.* ***Romans 1:20*** *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.* When God made billions and billions of stars the Bible described it in five simple words, ***Genesis 1:16*** *...he made the stars also.*
- **God's power is displayed in preservation** – ***Hebrews 1:3*** *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.* All things in the universe are upheld, guided and governed by His

power. **Colossians 1:16-17** <sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

- God's power is displayed in salvation – **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. **1 Corinthians 1:18** For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
- God's power is displayed in glorification – **Philippians 3:20-21** <sup>20</sup> For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>21</sup> Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.
- God's power is displayed in judgment – **Luke 12:4-5** And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. When we think of God's power we need to think of His authority as well as His ability. We speak of "the power of attorney" to authorize someone to act on behalf of someone else. **Revelation 11:16-18** <sup>16</sup> And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, <sup>17</sup> Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. <sup>18</sup> And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

## **THE DELEGATION OF GOD'S POWER**

- God delegates power to human government – **Romans 13:1** Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. All power actually belongs to God. **Psalms 62:11** God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.
- God delegates power to angels – **Psalms 103:19-20** The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
- God delegates power to believers – **Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. **Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

## **THE DISCOVERY OF GOD'S POWER**

We should realize that God's power is at work in our lives. It is our privilege and responsibility to allow God's power to work freely and fully in us and through us.

- A prayer for believers – **Ephesians 1:15-20** <sup>15</sup> *Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,* <sup>16</sup> *Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;* <sup>17</sup> *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:* <sup>18</sup> *The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,* <sup>19</sup> *And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,* <sup>20</sup> *Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.*
- A pattern for believers – **Philippians 3:10** *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.*

Believers understand that the Lord is the source of their strength. **Philippians 4:13** *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.* Believers should respond to the omnipotence of God with faith and obedience. Abraham is our great example.

- God's omnipotence calls for our faith – **Romans 4:20-22** <sup>20</sup> *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;* <sup>21</sup> *And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.* <sup>22</sup> *And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.*
- God's omnipotence calls for our obedience – **Genesis 17:1** *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*