

## **ATTRIBUTES OF GOD Part 3**

### **Omnipotence And Sovereignty**

#### **Omnipotence**

Omnipotence means God has unlimited power to do anything consistent with His nature.

Biblical Evidence:

- The names and titles for God.
  - El Shaddai = God Almighty – Gen. 17:1
  - The Mighty One of Israel – Isaiah 1:24
  - The Mighty One of Jacob – Is. 49:26
  - King of Kings and Lord of Lords – Rev. 19:16
  - The Lord Almighty – 2Cor. 6:18
- Nothing is too difficult or impossible for God – Jer. 32:17, 27, Zech. 8:6, Mat. 19:26, Luke 1:37
- The works of God demonstrate His omnipotent power.
  - His creation of the universe – Gen. 1:1-31
  - His control over creation
    - The parting of the Red Sea – Ex. 14:13-31
    - Power over a stormy sea – Mat. 8:23-27
    - He upholds all things – Col. 1:16-17, Heb. 1:3

#### **Sovereignty**

God is the absolute ruler over everything. All beings and things are subservient to Him and dependant on Him. His will is sovereignly independent of everything outside of Himself.

Biblical evidence for God's sovereignty:

- God acts according to His own pleasure – Ps. 115:3, Dan. 4:35
- God gives an account to no one – Job 38:1- 41:34, Is. 10:15, Rom. 9:19-20
- He is pictured as the potter, His creatures as the clay – Is. 29:16, 64:8, Rom. 9:19-26
- The Holy Spirit divides spiritual gifts as He wills – 1Cor. 12:11

Example of God's Sovereignty: The life of Joseph

- Joseph sold into slavery (Gen. 37:28) and eventually imprisoned in Egypt (39:19-23)
  - While in jail he correctly interpreted the dreams of the chief cupbearer and chief baker.
- Pharaoh had a dream (41:1) and the chief cupbearer recommended Joseph to interpret it, which he did – 41:14-25

- Joseph was made ruler over Egypt, second only to Pharaoh – 41:39-42
- Joseph testifies to the sovereignty of God – 45:4-8, 50:19-20, 50:24

Closing thought: Psalm 33:18-22, John 10:27-30