

# Our Great Hope

FINDING PEACE IN THE WONDERS OF GOD

Last Sunday we learned that God revealed Himself through His names. One of the names that God used to reveal Himself was Yahweh. Yahweh means self-existent. One of the wonders of God is that He is self-sufficient. He is utterly independent of anything or anyone outside of Himself for His existence. His life comes from within Himself. He is the source of life for everything that exists. Yahweh means self-existent. We will learn more about how God revealed Himself through His names in the future.

Today I want to talk about one of God's divine attributes. It is one of the wonders of God that causes awe.

## God Is Omnipotent!

Omnipotent simply means that He is all powerful. In other words, His power is infinite. His power is unlimited. He is so powerful He can do anything He pleases.

His omnipotence is seen from the beginning of the bible till the end.



Genesis 1:1-31

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

His power is seen in creation.

- God gave a command and the heavens and earth existed out of nothing.
- God gave a command and light existed out of nothing. The sun and the stars.

- God gave a command and the waters separated on the earth
- God gave a command and the plants and trees appeared out of nothing
- God gave a command and living creatures appeared out of nothing.

Whatever God said immediately happened. This is because God is omnipotent.

At the end of time as we know it, God will speak and everything that has existed in the heavens and the earth will pass away and be no more.



2 Peter 3:10

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.  
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Rev 21:1

21 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away....  
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Being omnipotent means....

1. God has power over governments and nations.

Psalm 22:28

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.  
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Acts 17:26

26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,  
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The Lord restrains nations or lets nations go their own way according to His plans and purposes.

Moses reminded pharaoh that he had no power over him or Israel except that which was granted to Him by God.

The major prophets reminded kings and princes that they had no power unless it had been granted to them by God. This is the story of all the major and minor prophets.

Jesus reminded Pilate that he had no power over Him unless it had been granted to him by God. (John 19:11)

God has power over governments and nations.

## 2. God has power over all other spiritual powers.

This includes all the angels of God. This includes Satan and all his angels.

- Satan's power is subject to God's power.  
Satan's attack on Job was limited to only certain actions for he was restrained by God's infinite power. (Job 1:12; Job 2:6)
- Satan and his followers could not resist the commands of Jesus when Jesus told them to leave.
- Satan will be cast into a lake of fire by the power of God and his power over mankind will be finished. (Revelation 20:10)

God has power over all spiritual powers and that includes Satan.

## 3. God has power over nature.

- The great flood
- The birth of Isaac
- The plagues of Egypt
- The birth of Jesus
- The miraculous catch of fish
- The calming of the storm
- The healing of every disease and infirmity

God has power over nature.

#### 4. God has power over death

- The transportation of Enoch and Elijah
- The resurrection of the widow's son from Zarephath
- The resurrection of Lazarus
- The resurrection of Jesus
- The resurrection of all of mankind

God has power over death

#### 5. God has power over mankind.

The scriptures say God hardened Pharaoh's heart to accomplish His plans and His purposes through him. (Exodus 4:21; Exodus 9:12; Exodus 10:1; Exodus 14:8)

The scriptures say God hardened the heart of Sihon king of Heshbon to accomplish His plans and His purposes through him. (Deut. 2:30)

The scriptures say God hardened the hearts of the kings of the land of Canaan to resist Israel to accomplish His plans and purposes through them. (Joshua 11:20)

The scriptures say God hardened the heart of the leaders of Israel and blinded their eyes to accomplish His plans and His purposes through them. (Isaiah 63:17)

The scriptures say that God chose the prophet Jeremiah before he was in his mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:4-10)

The scriptures say that God chose and called John the Baptist from the time He was in His mother's womb to accomplish His plans and purposes through Him. (Luke 1:15)

The scripture say that God chose and called Paul to accomplish His plans and His purposes through Him. (Romans 1:1)

Men boast in their free will and their ability to make of themselves whatever they aspire. We tend to be like King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. So, God took his sanity away from him for a season and he became as a wild animal.

The scriptures say that it is humorous to God that men boast in their free will.

Because God is omnipotent, the exercise of our free will is always subject to His infinite power. He can harden our hearts to accomplish His plans and purposes anytime He chooses. He can change our heart to do His will anytime He chooses. He can sustain our life, or He can end our life anytime He chooses.

Yes, we have a free will. But the exercise of our free will is always subject to God's infinite power.

God has power over mankind.

[How should we respond to God's omnipotence?](#)

- [We should fear God](#)

When Nebuchadnezzar was king of Babylon, the scriptures say this about him...

Daniel 5:18-19

18 O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor.

19 And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down.

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If God is omnipotent over our lives, we should fear Him more than the citizens of Babylon feared Nebuchadnezzar. God can do with us whatever He pleases. We have nowhere to run. He can execute us at any moment for our rebellion against Him and He can keep alive for eternity in Hell if He chooses.

The scripture says that everyone of us has rebelled against God. We have not been loyal citizens of God's kingdom. We have all been rebels.

The scriptures say we deserve God's judgment for our rebellion against Him.

The scripture says His judgment is death.

The only reason any of us is currently alive is the mercy and patience of God. Do not be deceived into believing that because you are still alive that God has forgotten your sins or that God overlooks sin.

Because God is omnipotent, we should fear God and repent for our rebellion.

- [We should find peace with God through Jesus Christ](#)

Romans 5:1

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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God saw that we could not save ourselves from His justice.

God extended His hand and made a way for His justice to be satisfied and for Him to be at peace with us.

God gave His Son Jesus to atone for our sins.

Jesus claimed He was the omnipotent God. He demonstrated repeatedly that He was God by exercising His omnipotent power.

1. Over rulers
2. Over Satan
3. Over nature
4. Over death
5. Over People

Jesus said if we would receive Him by faith we would be saved from the justice of God.

John 3:16-18

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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It is a wonder to me that an omnipotent God would empty Himself and die in order to save arrogant men from their rebellion against Him.

You should find peace with God through Jesus!

- We should focus on this wonder of God

Psalms 33:8

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

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When I focus on the omnipotence of Jesus, I stand in awe!

It impacts how I live.

How will we live if we focus on the omnipotence of Jesus?

- We will love Jesus and grow in His love
- We will pray with faith that Jesus can change anything
- We will share with others how Jesus can change them



Satan knows that if we live our life this way, we are dangerous disciples. We are dangerous to him and his kingdom.

Satan uses his knowledge of God to accuse God and to undermine His love for us.

If Jesus is omnipotent, then why doesn't He relieve my suffering or the suffering of someone we love?

God always has and always will exercise His power in harmony with His perfect nature.

When Jesus does not answer our prayers and relieve suffering, He is always carrying out His plan according to His perfect nature that is higher than ours.

Jesus is good to His people all the time even when we cannot figure out His plan with our limited understanding. We must learn to trust Him.

We learn to trust Jesus, and we learn to focus on His omnipotence by....

- Going through trials
- Reading His Word
- Singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
- Being encouraged daily by our brothers and sisters



We should respond to this truth by focusing on His omnipotence no matter what we are experiencing in our lives.

(What a Beautiful Name it is!)