

How Big Is Your God Part 3

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Review

- God's Self-Existence, Transcendence, Eternalness...
- **Point in whole series** — Is your God Big enough to **Worship Passionately, Love Intimately, Trust Confidently, Obey Faithfully, Proclaim Fearlessly?**

If He's NOT, you need a fresh, biblical revelation of Who He Is — because the True and Living God is worthy of your Passionate Worship, Intimate Love, Confident Trust, Faithful Obedience, Fearless Proclamation!

- Today — **God's Omnipotence, God's Omniscience...**

God's Omnipotence — All-Powerfulness, All-Mightiness

- **Genesis 17:1**
When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless."
- **Revelation 19:6**
And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"
- **from first to last** — He's Almighty, Omnipotent God, He rules and reigns!
- **Latin-** word *Omni* is *all*, word *potent* is *powerful*
- **Anglo-Saxon-** name *Almighty*, used 57 times, only of God; used most in book of Job, 31 times

Application — in the midst of your suffering, He never ceases being Almighty God!

Five observations about God's Power

Power belongs to God; therefore, His power is eternal

- **Psalm 62:11**
God has **spoken once, twice I have heard** this: that power belongs to God.
 - power belongs to God, very source of power, does as He wills
- **Romans 1:20**
For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,
 - God's power is eternal, God's power was present prior to creation, God's power caused creation — look at creation and behold

Application — *because God is the Source of eternal power, there is never a time when He will have more or less power than He has right this second!*

God's power is never depleted or diminished

- **Isaiah 40:25-28**

“To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; Not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary...

- “rested” after creation — doesn’t *rest* imply a use of power that caused depletion and required recovery? NO, *rest* means ceasing from work, NOT recovering from depletion

- **Hebrews 4:10**

For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

Because of the awesomeness of God's power — nothing is “hard” for God!

- *hard* is a human term based on the degree of difficulty of the person performing the task — what’s hard for one person could be easy for another
- since God is the very Source of eternal power — that has created everything, there’s nothing that can arise out of His creation that is hard for Him to do
- “*God can create a sun, star or galaxy as easy as He can lift a robin from its nest.*”¹
A.W. Tozer
- **Jeremiah 32:17**
Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

God's power holds everything together

- **Hebrews 1:1-3**

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 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 at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

- Jesus is upholding all things by the word of His power

- **Colossians 1:17**

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

¹ Aiden Wilson Tozer, *Attributes of God: Deeper into the Father's Heart*, (Wingspread Publishers, 2007), 84

- all things — every atom, proton, neutron, electron etc., held together, compacted together, in Him

**Since everything was made by Him, for Him and through Him —
no wonder He upholds it all by the word of His power
and it all consists in Him!**

- **2 Peter 3:10**

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.

- when Jesus returns...
- the elements — atomic elements, building blocks of the universe, the ordered arrangement of things...
- will melt — to be unloosed, no longer held together... what a day that will be...
- *“... the active power of God is behind the mysterious strong force that holds every atomic nucleus together... were God to merely relax His grasp on the universe every atom would come apart “by fire” (that is, by nuclear fire). God dynamically sustains the universe, including the atoms themselves. They are ‘stable’ only because force from the spiritual realm is being supplied into the physical nuclear binding fields.”²
Lambert Dolphin Mathematician UCSD, Physicist, Electrical Engineer, Stanford*

God’s power is shared

- **Isaiah 40:29-31**

He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

- **Acts 1:8**

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- **Ephesians 3:20**

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...

- **2 Timothy 1:7**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- **2 Peter 1:3**

As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue...

Application — there’s power for the weak, to be witnesses, to do exceedingly abundantly, power over fear, power for all things... through knowing Him, the real Him, Omnipotent Him!

² Lambert Dolphin, *Physics and the Bible: What Holds the Universe Together*, (Koinonia House Inc., 1997)

God's Omniscience — All-Knowingness, Knowledge can't increase

- **Psalm 147:5**

Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

- infinite understanding, unbound, without borders or limits

IMPORTANT — God never asks a question to gain knowledge, its always to demonstrate His intimate involvement with mankind. “Adam where are you?” “Sodom and Gomorrah”

- **Psalm 139:1-6**

O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

- God knows every intimate detail of our lives
- to Jeremiah — before I formed you, I knew you, before born, sanctified and ordained you to be a prophet. Jesus said, very hairs on head are numbered!

God knows everything about everything and everyone, that includes you!

Combining Omnipotence and Omniscience

If God is **Almighty** but NOT **All-knowing**,
our needs could slip through the cracks!

If God is **All-knowing** but NOT **Almighty**,
we could be left to our own power!

Great news — *God is both Almighty and All-knowing, therefore, we can rest in the fact that He is aware of everything that concerns me — AND has the power to see me through, so that everything will work together for my good as I seek Him, trust Him, and obey Him!*

Discussion Questions

1. Is your God big enough to Worship Passionately? In ALL circumstances?
2. Is your God big enough to Love Intimately? Enough to want to spend time with Him?
3. Is your God big enough to Trust Confidently? You KNOW He will always take you through?
4. Is your God big enough to Obey Faithfully? That you WILL follow where He leads?
5. Is your God big enough to Proclaim Fearlessly? That you desire to tell others about Him?

Before the Throne: Worship Night

Wednesday, October 12th — 6:30 — Sanctuary