

Attributes of God (Omnipotence)

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Trusting God's Power in Trying Times

Omni meaning “all” and **potent** meaning “power.”

To have power over all things (being, process, or object) in existence. It also means that God can do anything that is in agreement with His Holy character.

The omnipotence of God gives every saint a firm foundation to trust Him and confidence in His ability to keep the precious and magnificent promises in Scripture. -A.W. Pink

Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

- Have you found yourself doubting God’s ability to aid you in life’s most difficult times, which can result in a reliance on self.

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

- Isaiah here highlights God as All Powerful and provides a foundation for the faith of believers in times of great difficulty. (*Review verses 12-31 for an emphasis on God’s Greatness and Power)

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹ **but they who wait for 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.

- God empowers those that are weak while they faithfully wait (Psalm 130:5 & 40:1)
- It is important for us to combat the potential for suffering to pollute our thoughts by meditating on God’s eternal truth, which results in a renewal of the mind. (Romans 12:2)

Ephesians 3:15-21

I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and

grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- Through faith in Jesus the believer has access to incredible power (2 Timothy 1:12; Jude 24; Revelation 19:1)

2 Corinthians 2:5-9

what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

- The power that works in believers is not our own; all power belongs to God (1 Peter 5:11)

Discipleship Homework

Ephesians 1:15-23

[15] For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, [18] having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20] that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. [22] And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- Pray this week that God continues to reveal the greatness of his power
- Think on the Resurrection of Jesus and meditate on the Father's character in offering His Son
- Meditate on the exaltation of Jesus and his position

* **Bonus:** Read through Isaiah 40 and mediate on God's promise for those that wait on the LORD