

The Attributes of God (Omnipotence)

Omnipotent: (Omni) meaning “all” (potent) meaning “power”. God has all sovereign power, rule, and authority over all of His created order.

Quotes on God's omnipotence:

“If God would concede me His omnipotence for 24 hours, you would see how many changes I would make to the world. But if He gave me His wisdom, I would leave things as they are.” (Jacques- Marie-Loius Monsabre)

“Since He has at His command all the power in the universe, the Lord God omnipotent can do anything as easily as anything else. All His acts are done without effort. He expends no energy that must be replenished. His self-sufficiency makes it unnecessary for Him to look outside of Himself for a renewal of strength. All the power required to do all that He wills to do lies in undiminished fullness in His own infinite being.” (A.W Tozer)

God's omnipotence:

- Omnipotence and sovereignty are inseparable.
- Omnipotence does not mean that God can do anything, because He can't act against His nature. He cannot lie, die, be tempted with evil, tempt people with evil, stop being God, or sin.
- There has never been a time where God was not omnipotent
- God has complete and total power and control over everything
- There is nothing too difficult for God.
- There is nothing that is harder than something else for God to perform by His power
- Nothing is outside the scope of His sovereign power (humans, governments, the universe, animals, molecules, weather, etc).
- One name for God is El Shaddai meaning “God almighty.” This is first seen in **Gen 17:1** (Abraham and the covenant of circumcision). Other verses that use the word El Shaddai include **Genesis 28:3**, **Exodus 6:3**, **Job 11:7**, **Job 37:23**, **Job 40:2**, **Psalm 68:14**, **Ezekiel 1:24**, **Ezekiel 10:5**

Can God make a rock so big; He can't move it? The answer is “no.” To answer “yes” is to say something that God doesn't have power over which is an impossibility.

Matthew 28:18 *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.*

God is omnipotent over nothing and His creation.

- God spoke the world into existence (**Genesis 1**)
 - o **Psalm 33:6** By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.
 - o **Isaiah 44:24** Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, “I, the Lord, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth ^[a]all alone,
 - o **Isaiah 40:25-26** “To whom then will you liken Me That I would be *his* equal?” says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these *stars*, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the ^[a]strength of *His* power, Not one *of them* is missing.
 - o **Jeremiah 10:12** *It is* He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.
 - o **Jeremiah 32:17** ‘Ah Lord ^[a]God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You,
 - o **John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ^{2[a]} He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
 - o **Hebrews 1:1-3**
 - o **Colossians 1:16-17** For ^[a]by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He ^[b]is before all things, and in Him all things ^[c]hold together.
 - o **Romans 1:20** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

God is omnipotent over humans, plans, governments

- **Psalm 33:9-11** For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it ^[a]stood fast. ¹⁰The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. ¹¹The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.
- **2 Chronicles 20:6** and he said, "O Lord, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You.
- **Isaiah 14: 24-27** The Lord of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand, ²⁵to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on My mountains. Then his yoke will be removed from them and his burden removed from their shoulder. ²⁶This is the plan ^[a]devised against the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations. ²⁷For the Lord of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate *it*? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"
- **John 19:11**- Pilate
- **Isaiah 43:13** "Even ^[a]from eternity I am He, And there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?"
- **Isaiah 46:9-11** "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; *I am* God, and there is no one like Me, ¹⁰Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; ¹¹Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of ^[a]My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned *it*, *surely* I will do it.
- **Job 42:2** "I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.
- **Psalm 115:3** But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.
- **Psalm 2**

His power is never lessening or weakening

- *God's power has not diminished or gotten weaker.*
 - **Isaiah 40:28-29** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. ²⁹He gives strength to the weary, And to *him who* lacks might He increases power.
 - **Psalm 102:25-27** "Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. ²⁶"^[b]Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed. ²⁷"But You are ^[c]the same, And Your years will not come to an end.

God is omnipotent in salvation

- **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- **1 Corinthians 1:18** For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who ^[a]are perishing, but to us who ^[b]are being saved it is the power of God.
- **2 Corinthians 4: 6-8** For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;
- **Ephesians 1:18-23** *I pray that* the eyes of your heart ^[a]may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the ^[b]saints, ¹⁹and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
- **2 Peter 1:3** seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us ^[d]by His own glory and ^[e]excellence.
- **Matthew 19:25-26** When the disciples heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁶And looking at *them* Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
- **1 Peter 1:5** who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- No one or no thing is able to snatch the sheep out of the hand of the omnipotent shepherd (**John 10:27-30**)

God is omnipotent in His death

- o **Colossians 2:9-15** For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,¹⁰ and in Him you have been made ^[i]complete, and He is the head ^[i]over all rule and authority;¹¹ and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.¹³ When you were dead ^[k]in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.¹⁵ When He had ^[i]disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through ^[m]Him.

God is omnipotent in His resurrection

- o **Acts 2:23-24** this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of ^[u]godless men and put *Him* to death.²⁴ ^[w]But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the ^[w]agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held ^[k]in its power.
- o **John 10:17-18** For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.¹⁸ No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”
- o **1 Corinthians 6:14** Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.
- o **Phil 3:20-21** For our ^[m]citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;²¹ who will transform ^[u]the body of our humble state into conformity with ^[u]the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

God is omnipotent over death and Hades

- o **Revelation 1:18** and the living One; and I ^[a]was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.
- o **Acts 2:24** ^[w]But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the ^[w]agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held ^[k]in its power.
- o **Luke 24:5-6** and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, “Why do you seek the living One among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but He has ^[a]risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee,
- o **1 Corinthians 15:25-26** For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.²⁶ The last enemy that will be abolished is death.
- o **1 Corinthians 15:54-57** But when this ^[u]perishable will have put on ^[u]the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory.⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- o **Matthew 16:18** I also say to you that you are ^[a]Peter, and upon this ^[b]rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.
- o **Revelation 20:14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
- o **Revelation 20:10** And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and ^[i]brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Nothing in all the vast universe can come to pass otherwise than God has eternally purposed. Here is a foundation of faith. Here is a resting place for the intellect. Here is an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast. It is not blind fate, unbridled evil, man or Devil, but the Lord Almighty who is ruling the world, ruling it according to His own good pleasure and for His own eternal glory. -Arthur W. Pink

- **Psalm 62:11** God has spoken once; Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God;
- **Revelation 1:8** “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

The omnipotence of God is comfort to the believer but is terror to the unbeliever.

We must remember that no matter what comes in our lives, no matter how bad things may seem, no matter how broken the world is, no matter how weak we are, we serve God Almighty who is omnipotent. That’s how we go to sleep every night, wake up every day, and walk through every day, remembering that He is omnipotent.