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Who is God
and

Why Does it Matter to Us?

The Omnipotent God

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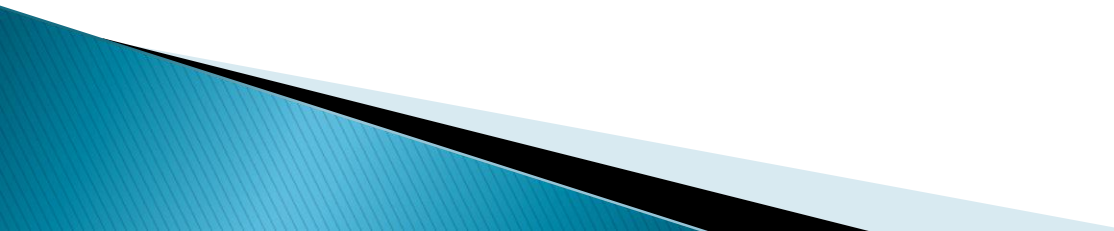
Think of the greatest demonstration of God's power.

Creation of the universe?

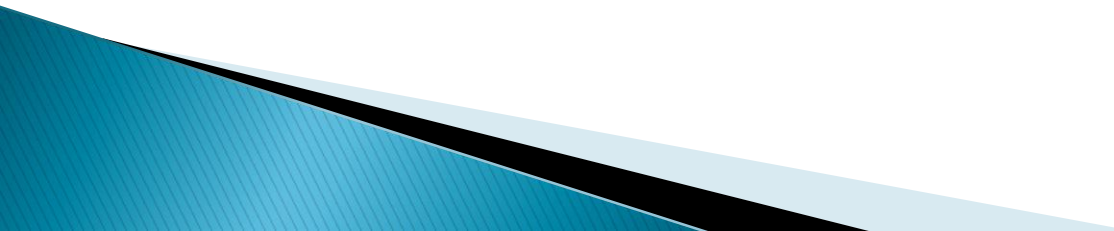
The Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the crushing of Satan?

The final destruction and recreation of the universe?

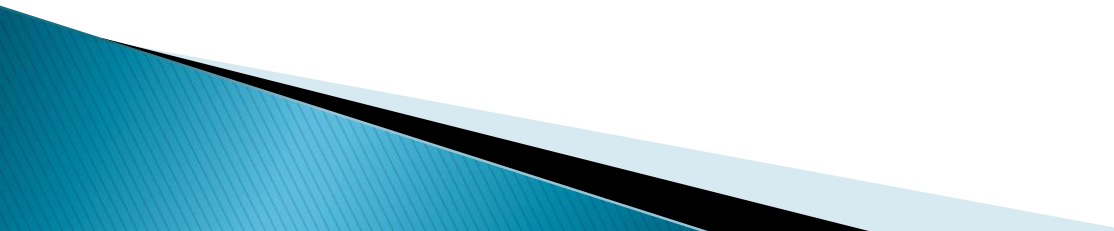
Job 26:14, "Behold, these are the fringes of His ways."



Omnipotence

- ▶ Having all power
 - ▶ Having infinite power
 - ▶ Having all authority
 - ▶ God is not as powerful as He needs to be; He is as powerful as anyone can ever be
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Names of God related to His omnipotence

- ▶ Elohim
 - ▶ Almighty
 - ▶ Lord of Hosts
 - ▶ Lord God Almighty
 - ▶ Consuming Fire
 - ▶ Arm of the Lord
 - ▶ Creator
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Holy Spirit

Isaiah 31:3

Now the Egyptians are men and not God,
And their horses are flesh and not spirit

▶ Revelation 20:7–9

- ▶ “⁷When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,
- ▶ ⁸and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.
- ▶ ⁹And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and...”

“...fire came down from heaven and devoured them.”

Psalm 106:8

“Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name, that He might make His power known.”

Why did God want to make His power known?

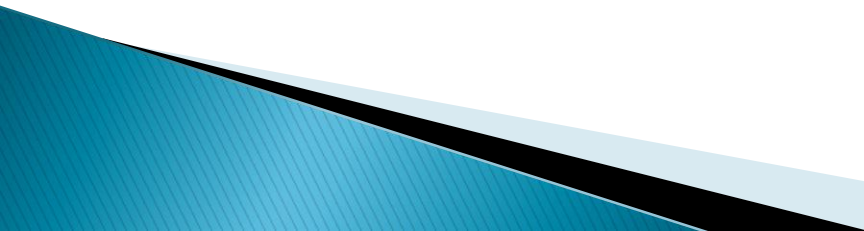
So that we might worship and glorify Him.

So that we might know the power that is available to us.

So that we might look to Him in trust and obedience.



Great Evacuations

- 480 BC when 100,000 people left Athens because of the approaching Persian army
 - 3.75 million people in British cities starting in September 1939 due to World War II
 - 14 million Chinese in July 1998 because of flooding
 - 2.5 million residents fleeing the Houston area from Hurricane Rita
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Colossians 1:13

“For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son”

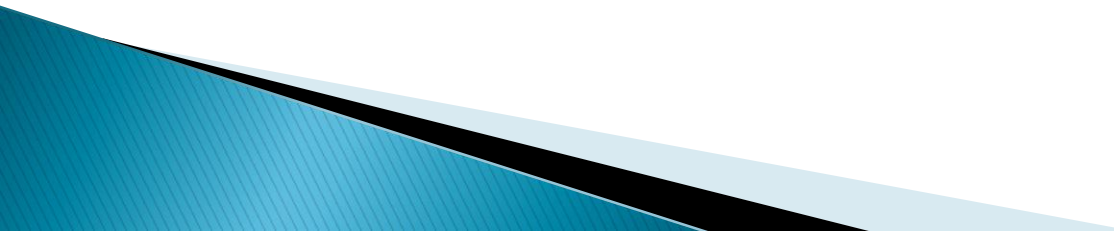
Sin is conquered

Romans 5:20

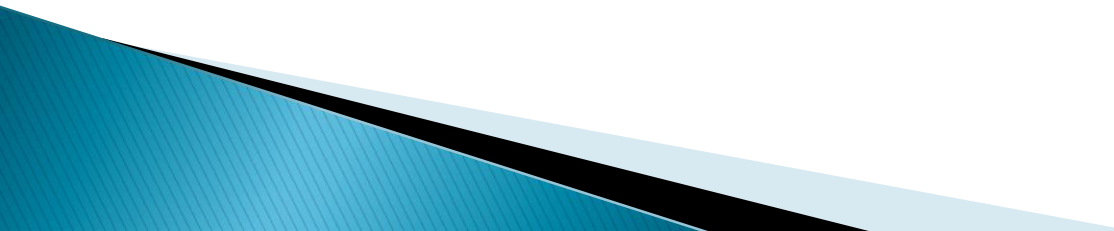
“where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.”

2 Timothy 1:7

“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.”



How do we obtain this power?


- ▶ Prayer
 - ▶ Transforming our minds (Romans 12:2) from defeatism and justification to victory and righteousness
 - ▶ Stepping out of the boat to do what is right
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Jeremiah 32:17

“Ah Lord 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”

Ephesians 3:20–21

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,
²¹to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”



Our salvation is protected by the power of God

- ▶ 1 Peter 1:3–5
- ▶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- ▶ ⁴to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,
- ▶ ⁵who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Our ultimate response to God's power

Psalm 21:13

“Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength;
We will sing and praise Your power.”

What does God's omnipotence mean to us?

We can trust God in tough circumstances

God can accomplish great things in our lives

God's omnipotence means that numerous people who are enslaved to sins such as alcohol or drugs are able to quit and never return.

God's omnipotence means that people who were terribly hurt by someone are able to forgive and move on with their lives.

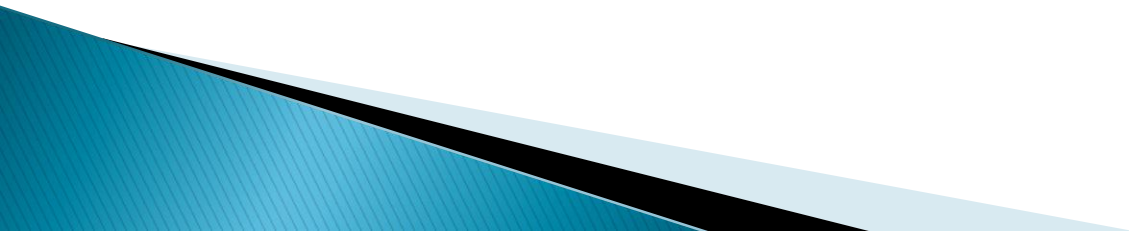
God's omnipotence means that people who are depressed or have terrible self-worth are able to walk in confidence and victory.

Because God is omnipotent we can echo Paul from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

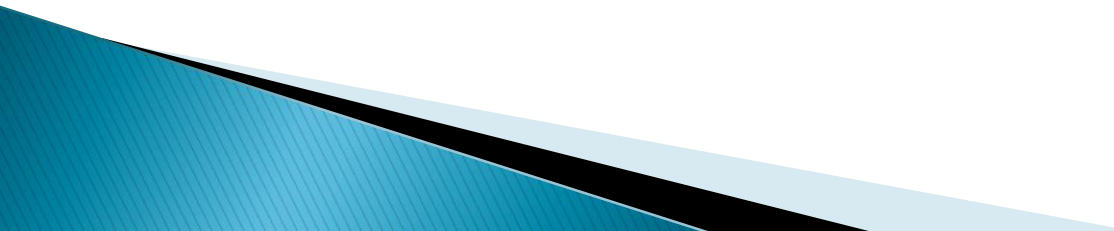
We can trust in His promises

- ▶ Isaiah 41:10, “Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand”
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 12:9, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness”
- ▶ Psalm 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold”

**The future will be exactly as He
says in the Bible**



Discussion Questions

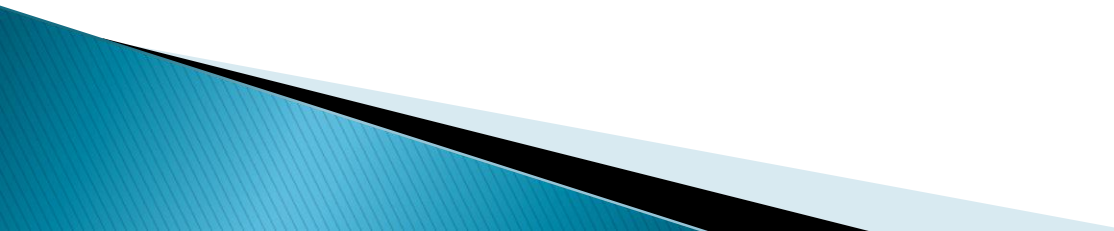
- 1) In addition to the ones discussed above, what are some other assurances that God's omnipotence means to us?
 - 2) If God is so powerful then why does He appear so helpless during some of history's greatest tragedies such as the Holocaust, World Wars, and a number of genocides?
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3) What does it mean to make God our foundation? That sounds good, but how do we do that? How do we in a practical way build upon God's foundation and not on sand?

4) Why is it important to learn more about God's attributes? Isn't it enough just to know that God loves us?

5) If God can do anything that He wants to then why can we read in the Bible about people doing the opposite of what God wants them to do? Why does not He just force them to do what He wants?

6) If God can do anything then why did He have to become a man and die for our sins? Why could He not just decide to forgive anyone that He wants to without having to have gone through all of that in the Gospels?



7) Does not God and Satan do constant battle with God winning sometimes and Satan winning other times?

8) Why do we not see more of God's miraculous power today?

Situation

Kathy had a rough childhood. She was raised solely by her mother who was verbally abusive. There was always just barely enough food available and oftentimes in the winter the heat was turned off because of non-payment. At an early age Kathy would get drunk a lot to help her cope with this misery. When she was 20 years old Kathy got saved and threw herself wholeheartedly into knowing and serving God. But overcoming her dependence on alcohol has proven to be difficult and she often relapses. What counsel might you give to Kathy to help her out particularly regarding God's omnipotence?