

The Omnipotence of God

To say that God is omnipotent is to say that He is All-Powerful.

God's power enables Him to do all that His holy will desires.

God's power is only limited by His character. For instance, God cannot sin.

God cannot lie, (Titus 1:2, Heb 6:18). God cannot deceive. God cannot fail.

God cannot be tempted, (James 1:13).

None of the attributes of God exist alone. Omnipotent does not mean power that exists alone.

God cannot violate His own character. That means when God uses or displays His power, that power is perfect. God's power is a holy power. God's power is a righteous power. Loving power.

Power is so closely associated with God that one of His OT names speaks of power – *God Almighty*.

Power is also so closely associated with God that when Jesus was on trial for His life, He told the Jewish High Priest – *You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power*. Mark 14:62

Something to remember when you give consideration to the attributes of God – our defeated enemy the devil is none of these things. The devil is not eternal; he is not supreme; he is not immutable nor omnipotent. The ultimate power of the universe resides with God and God alone.

Three ways in which God's power is demonstrated:

1) Creation

Ps 19:1-3

God's omnipotence is responsible for the created world coming into existence.

God's omnipotence is also responsible for the created world staying in existence.

Col 1:16-17

2) Salvation

Here's the starting point of God saving people.

This is where God must begin when He draws a person to Himself.

>Rom 3:10-12 No one seeks God is a powerful statement

>Rom 3:18 There is no fear of God

>Rom 3:23 All have fallen short

And yet...2 Cor 5:17 and 1 Cor 12:3 clearly show God's work in salvation.

3) Sanctification

Psalm 51:10

The word "create" is the word bara. This word bara is only used of God in the Old Testament.

God alone does the work of inner transformation in people.

Philippians 1:11 expresses the goal of sanctification:

filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.

Home Group Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think of when you think of God's power?
2. Has there ever been anything that you are somewhat convinced that God cannot do?
3. Did this message on God's power clarify anything for you or deepen your appreciation for God in any way?
4. Of the three ways in which God's power is revealed that Pastor Karl discussed, which of those three surprised you? Challenged you? Which do you see evidence of in your life? Look up and read some Scripture that Pastor Karl referred to in each of those three areas, then engage in your conversation.
5. What does the idea that you have access to God's power do for you?
Read Ephesians 6:10 and discuss as a group what that can mean for you today.