

## **GOD IS: OMNIPOTENT**

A smartphone has more capability than the computer used in the first moon landing. But that system could recover all by itself - so we have a long ways to go in terms of computing power. And only one thing can do anything. Only God is omnipotent, "all-powerful." And this truth changes your daily life. Theologian Steven Lawson provides a great outline about God's all-mighty power.

**1- God's power is INFINITE** - so you can pray confidently (Hebrews 4:6) to Him for whom nothing is impossible (Luke 1:37). *"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all the host. Let all the earth fear the Lord, and let all stand in awe of Him. For He spoke and it came to be"* (Psalm 33:6). Unlimited, unparalleled, absolute power without end. Nothing is too hard for Him (Jeremiah 32:27). *"His invisible attributes, namely His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So all mankind is without excuse"* (Romans 1:18). You easily run out of your strength, but God's power has no limits.

**2- God's power is IRRESISTIBLE** - so you can rely on His promises. When Job repents in 42:2 he addresses "El-Shaddai" God Almighty and says *"I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted."* St. Augustine said "however strong may be the purposes either of angels or of men, whether of good or bad, whether these purposes fall in with the will of God or run counter to it, the will of the Omnipotent is never defeated." Psalm 33:10 says *"The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing. He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations."* In Isaiah 43:13 God declares, *"I work, and none can turn it back."*

**3- God's power is INEXHAUSTIBLE** - so you can depend upon His strength. Isaiah 40, *"To whom then will you compare Me? Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of His might, and because He is strong in power, not one is missing."* But He is not too busy running the universe to notice your needs. *"Why do you say, 'my way is hidden from the Lord?' 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. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength."* Trust Him! *"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, and mount up with wings like eagles."*

**4- God's power is INCOMPREHENSIBLE** - so you can expect to be amazed. Ephesians 3 prays, *"that according to His riches in glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, with strength to comprehend with all the saints the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of God that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."* The apostle Paul prays to *"Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us"* - the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, the power of creation and salvation. You don't peel back God's attributes like sections of an orange. God is always ALL that He is.

**5- God's power is SELF-CONSISTENT** - so you never fear His will. Because all that He does always conforms to His divine nature. You can trust Him. James 1:13, *"God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one."* Numbers 23:19, *"God is not a man, that He should change His mind."* Hebrews 6:18, *"It is impossible for God to lie."* AW Tozer says, "Omnipotence is not a name given to the sum of all power, but an attribute of a personal God. Worshipers find this knowledge a source of wonderful strength in fellowship with Him who can do whatever He wills to do, for whom nothing is hard, because all that He wills to do lies in undiminished fullness in His own infinite being." Psalm 33:20 *"we trust in His holy name."*

**6- So, how are YOU LIVING by God's power?** If you trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, you are in union with Him, indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Philippians says you are empowered by resurrection power, the almighty power of God given to you in Christ, for every situation, every circumstance of life. As you trust Him moment by moment, you make requests to Him in prayer, with thanksgiving. And as you put into practice the promises of His Word, then the God of peace and power will be with you, surpassing all understanding. As Philippians 4:13 exults, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"* because 4:19 *"God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*