

Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another
in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



Who is God? What is He like? Can He be known? These are the most important questions in the universe. The good news is God has answered these questions by revealing Himself through His attributes. The most important thing we can do in the universe is grow in our knowledge of God. We have been created by God to know God. For the season of Lent our devotions will be on knowing God through His attributes.

Omnipotent

Omnipotence means that God is in total control of Himself and His creation. The power of God is infinitely greater than all the power in the known universe. His power is absolute, whatever He wills to do He can do. And if He doesn't do something, it isn't because He can't. It takes God the same time and effort and energy to create a galaxy and a daisy. In fact, God's power is effortless, He never breaks a sweat to do everything He does.

Scripture on Omnipotence of God

***Nehemiah 9:6** You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.*

***Job 11:7-9** Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty?*

⁸ *It is higher than heaven—what can you do? Deeper than Sheol—what can you know?*

⁹ *Its measure is longer than the earth and broader than the sea.*

***Psalms 33:6, 9** By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.*

***Isaiah 44:24** Thus says the Lord, who formed you from the womb: “I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself.*

***Jeremiah 32:17** Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.*

***Daniel 4:34-35** His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;*

³⁵ *all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth;*

and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

***Matthew 19:25-26** When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

Romans 1:20 For 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.

Ephesians 3:20-21 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.

Philippians 4:13, 19 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 1:16-17 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, ... all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Hebrews 1:3 He upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Hebrews 2:14–15 Through death he [destroyed] the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver[ed] all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Song

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God art present there.

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Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Holy Father, you are omnipotent, ruling and reigning over all the universe, over all that is in it and over us. There is none who is like you among the gods, none who is majestic in holiness, splendor, power and authority. There is none who can only speak and it is accomplished.

You are not only the creator of the universe, but also the sustainer of the universe and all that is in it. Truly in you we live and move and have our being. You do more than we ask or imagine and all the good things around us are from you. You make a way where there seems to be no way. You expand possibilities beyond our dreams. We can pray in the certainty that nothing we ask according to your will is beyond your ability to grant. As John Newton's hymn about prayer says, "Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring, for His grace and power are such none can ever ask too much."

In the midst of life's difficulties and troubles we so quickly forget who you are and what you can do. Our challenges shrink our imaginations and shorten our horizons. We forget that you can make the impossible come true, in ways that bring you glory.

Forgive our short-sightedness. Remind us of your power. Pardon us for thinking that it is all up to our own resources. Please forgive us, O Lord, for we often forget how powerful you are. You are the ruler of time, yet we think we rule our lives. We are sorry for creating images of you that are smaller than reality.

Help us to know and trust your power, if not fully comprehend it, that we might rest secure in the knowledge that nothing can alter your loving purpose toward us and your creation.

May this knowledge of your power remind us that no prayer is too hard for you to answer, no need too great for you to supply; no temptation too powerful for you to deliver from, no misery too deep for you to relieve. Remind us that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, the same power that spoke the universe into existence, is available to us.

Make our hearts joyful and glad and ready to worship the God who has made Himself known to us and loves us with an everlasting love. If you are for us, who can be against us. Let your omnipotence be the source of our peace, hope, confidence and security. In Jesus name, Amen.