



What do we mean when we say God is Omnipotent?

- It means that God has all authority and power?
Job 9:4; Psa 75:7; Dan 4:35
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- **What is meant by the saying that God has all authority?**
- God has the right and position to rule: Ex 15:8; Deut 4:39:32:8; 1Ks 19:15; Psa 22:28; 93:1,2;

His right to rule is established by the perfections of His nature... Not by the sheer power he contains nor the force of His will Ex 34:5-8

- No one else could be trusted with the authority to rule over everything. Rev 5:1-10 God also created the laws by which every part and piece of the creation as well as the individuals and groups will operate. Prov 8:22-31
- Each of God's Laws hems in those within the universe and supports His authority.
- God also created the consequences of every violation of His laws.
- God also created every power or energy which drives, moves, energizes the objects of His universe. Act 17:26; Gen 1:11

- He has structured the universe so that His authority is upheld in all areas
- All powers; All laws: One cannot escape from God's authority Rom 1:18
- Nothing can take the place except that God gives or has given his permission for it to take place. Matt 10:29; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6; 1 Sam 16:14; 1 Kings 22:19-23
- There is not a king or ruler who does not receive permission to rule by God: Rom 13:1 Pro 8:15 Jn 19:11

Objection: How could an evil ruler receive permission to rule by a righteous God?

- Because of the sinfulness of the people.
- Because of a lack of watchfulness Rom 13:11; 1 Thess 5:1-8
- In order to purify God's people 1 Pet 4:12,13
- In order to highlight God's mercy Rev 3:9 2 Cor 4:7-12; Exodus 8-12
- In order to spread the gospel Acts 23-31; 8:1-4
- One either obeys God's laws voluntarily enjoying the benefits and relationship with God or obeys God's laws in rebellion reaping the consequences living in darkness. Judges 3:1-4; 12; 4:1; 6:1; 13:5

What does God's authority mean to me?

- 1. It means that I must obey God either to my benefit or my detriment.
- 2. The Devil can not ultimately win. Rev 12:7-12; 20:1-3, 10
- 3. We should spend our time learning the rules for the universe God has placed us in
- 4. The humiliation to which Christ submitted himself comes into even greater relief. Phil 2:5-10

- 5. I should look to God for reasons for what is taking place in my life James 1:2-5
- 6. I can trust God's authority because it is not a result of His sheer power. Jam 1:17; Ex 34:5-8
- 7. I can leave all vengeance and bitterness with God for evil done to me. Rom 12:19; Luke 23:34
- 8. All authority in the universe has been handed over to the Son and He has allowed us to use that authority to accomplish the will of God. Matt 28:18; John 14:12,13

If Omnipotence means that God has all authority and all power

- **What do we mean when we say that He has all Power?**
- All power means complete and total power is available to God in every moment in every way and in every area. Rev 19:6 He can do anything that is consistent with who He is. He will not and does not do things that are inconsistent with His being.

What are the areas that God's complete and total power can be broken down into for examination?

- Linguistic Power: Gen 1-2; Matt 4:4; 5:18 John 6:63
- Power over nature Psa 107:25; Matt 8:23-27; Luke 1:37
- Spiritual power Matt 10:28; Luk 11:20
- Mental power Psa 147:5
- Volitional power Isa 46:10; Dan 4:35 2 Pet 3:9 Jeremiah 27:5
- Emotional power Eph 3:18; Isa 40:28; Jer 31:3; Rom 9:22
- Physical power Job 42:2; Gen 1:1 Nahum 1:3; Isa 40:12-27
- Indirect power 1 Sam 2:6
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- Miracles of the second order John 2:7-11; 2 Sam 5:23
- Acts of providence

Where is this complete and total power of God seen in a direct way?

- In creation Gen 1:1; Rom 1:20
- In regeneration: Isa 50:2; 59:1,2
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- In Miracles of the first order Exodus 5:14
- In Immediate revelation John 14:26
- In Inspiration... 2 Tim 3:16

What other clues do we have that God is all powerful?

- He is called El Shaddai or God Almighty
- All His acts are done without effort Isa 40:28-29
- **Are there things which God can not do?**
- Approve or participate in evil Hab 1:13
- Deny Himself 2 Tim 2:13
- Lie Heb 6:18
- Be tempted or tempt to evil James 1:13
- God can not nor does not try to accomplish things which are absurd or logically contradictory.

What does the fact that God is all Powerful mean to me?

- I should fear (reverence) Him Prov 1:7
- His power comes against me when I am wicked 1 Pet 5:5
- God's power chastises those who don't believe in Him Rom 1:18-20 1 Pet 5:5
- It is very foolish to fight God Psa 2:4,5
- God allows the believer to use both His authority and His power Eph 1:18-23; Matt 18:20
- In the face of temptation... Rom 6:11,12
- In the face of corruption: John 17:15,16
- In the Face of opposition to the Gospel... Acts 1:8
- In the face of opposition to the will of God Matt 21:21,22
- Every knee will eventually bow before the Lord Jesus Phil 2:10