

# How Firm is Your Foundation?



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**Lesson Seven**

## **The Omnipotence of God.** Omni = All Potence = Power **God is all powerful.**

As we study the attributes of God, we begin to see how all these attributes work together and depend on each other. And this is particularly true of God's omnipotence, his power.

- His immutability depends on his power. He has the power not to change.
- His omniscience works with his power. He has the power to do what he wills to do.
- He has the knowledge to direct his power. His power is never out of control.
- His power would be repressive without goodness and wisdom.
- His wisdom and goodness would be fruitless without his power.
- Without power his mercy would be just feeble pity.
- Without power his promises would be empty words.
- Without power his declarations/threatenings would mean nothing.
- God is too good to will anything that is not good.
- He is too wise to make a mistake.
- He has all power so that he can never be defeated in his will.

Power is God's attribute that gives life and action to everything else that he is.

God's power is not acquired, and it does not depend on anything outside of himself.

**Job 38:4 – 6:** "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.<sup>5</sup> Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? <sup>6</sup> On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup> while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?"

Power is one of God's names.

**Mark 14:62** (ESV): And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

He is called Almighty in the New Testament, Ed-Shaddai (God Almighty) in Old Testament.

He is able to do that which he will not do but is possible to be done.

**Matthew 26:53-54:** Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"



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## God's power in creation

**Psalms 89:11 -12:** The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.<sup>12</sup> You created the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at your name.

**Psalms 33:6:** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

He created the world without any tools or materials--“ex nihilo”—out of nothing.

**Genesis 1:1:** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

If you believe this first verse in the Bible, you should have no problem believing the rest of the Bible.

**Romans 1:20:** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

**Romans 4:17:** As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

**Isaiah 44:24:** “This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth by myself.

## From *Is Atheism Dead?* By Eric Mataxas, P. 36-37:

“It (the fine-tuned argument) is simply that there are certain things about our universe—and about our planet—that seem to be so extremely perfectly calibrated that they can hardly be coincidental. . . One classic example has to do with the size of Earth, which just happens to be exactly what it needs to be in order for life to exist here. . . If our planet were smaller or larger by even the smallest of margins, life here could not exist. When we see how many things must be just so—and then just *happen* to be just so—we cannot help but wonder if perhaps mere coincidence isn't enough to account for it.”

“The more time passes, the stronger it (the fine-tuned argument) gets, because science discovers more and more examples of it. . . As the decades have passed and science has uncovered scores and scores and then hundreds of such examples of perfect fine-tuning, the odds become far too astronomical to dismiss as luck or coincidence. . . Even the most hostile atheist must at least wonder whether it is all precisely as it is precisely because it was intentionally designed to be that way.”

## God's power in preservation

**Hebrews 1:3:** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

**Colossians 1:17:** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15 – 20 is an extensive praise of Jesus Christ.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.<sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,<sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**Psalm 36:6:** Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.

He holds the sea within its boundaries, so that it does not overflow the earth.

**Job 38:8 – 11:** “Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb,<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness,<sup>10</sup> when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place,<sup>11</sup> when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt’?”

#### God’s power in government and over nations

He restrains the malice of Satan.

**1 Peter 5:8:** Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

**Psalm 75:7:** It is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.

Satan would devour us all except that God restrains him. Pharaoh, for all his power, was but God’s instrument by which the divine power was made all the more manifest.

**Exodus 9:16:** But I have raised you (Pharaoh) up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

**Exodus 15:3 – 6:** The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. <sup>4</sup>Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup>The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup>Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered the enemy.

#### God’s power in redemption

**1 Corinthians 1:24:** ...but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

God’s way of salvation was determined by his infinite wisdom and accomplished by his infinite power.

- His infinite power was required in order to effect the conception of his Son in the womb of the virgin.
- The incarnation is evidence of his power. He was fully God and fully man.
- The miracles Jesus did were evidence of God’s power.
- His resurrection was evidence of God’s power.

Even today his power is evident in the fact that nothing can stop the gospel from going forward. The very fact that people—like you and me—have accepted the gospel is evidence of God’s power in us because the faith we have to believe the gospel is a gift of God.

**Ephesians 2:8-9:** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

God empowers people to preach the gospel and that preaching is used by God to bring those he has chosen to salvation. God’s power appears in the fact that he plants grace in the hearts of people, so that we even want to renounce ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live soberly.

- God enables us to resist temptation.

**1 Corinthians 10:13:** No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

#### God's power in keeping us

**1 Peter 1:3 – 5:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

**John 10:28-29:** I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

**John 17:11 – 12a:** I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me.

#### God's power in using us

**2 Corinthians 4:7:** But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Whatever power we may have witnessed in our own lives or the lives of others is the power of God that he has chosen to give us.

- If you have ever had power over sin, it is because God gave you the power.
- If you have ever had power to persuade others to accept Christ, the power is from God.
- If you have ever had an answer to a prayer, it is not the power of your prayer, but the power of God that chose to answer your prayer, which was according to his will.

**1 Peter 4:11:** If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

**Ephesians 3:20:** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

The prophets and apostles who performed miracles did so by God's power.

**Ephesians 3:7:** I (Paul) became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

**Acts 3:12:** When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

### God's power in judgment

Consider the flood. The entire human race with the exception of Noah and his family was swept away. Pharaoh and all his hosts were impotent when God released the Red Sea upon them.

**Romans 9:22:** What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction?

### What God cannot do

Some things cannot be done because they are impossible in their own nature.

Some things are impossible to the nature and being of God.

Some things are impossible because God has ordained it so to be.

**What difference does it make in your life that your God is omnipotent—all powerful?**

If you are born again, it is because of the power of God.

**2 Corinthians 5:17:** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Think of what you would be if God had not changed you and made you new. We are protected by this salvation we have.

**2 Peter 1:3 – 4:** His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup>Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Because God has divine power, we have everything we need to live a godly life.

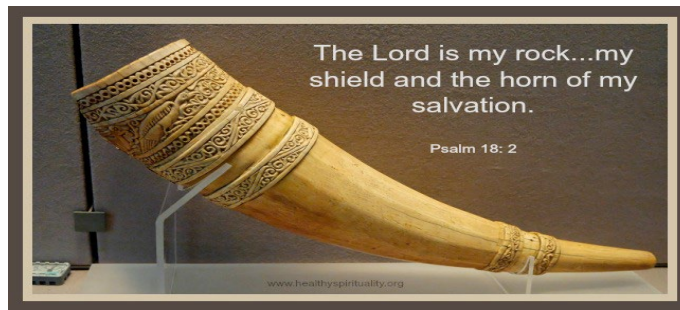
When we really get it into our hearts and minds that the God we serve is all powerful, we should have a different perspective of our chaotic and increasingly-evil world. We have a fortress and our fortress is God himself.

**Psalms 18:2:** The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.



A stronghold during the time of the Israelites was a natural stone high place or mountain that was protective and a place of safety. There are many caves visible high on the cliffs above Ein Gedi similar to the ones David may have hidden in.

The raised horn is a common biblical symbol of victory, especially of being rescued from oppression. The horn of salvation symbolizes not only strength to help, but victory over sin.



We have a stronghold, a hiding place, a fortress where we can retreat and find protection from whatever the enemy is hurling at us.

**Psalm 46:1:** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**Psalm 27:2-3:** When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

Who or what are you fearful of today? What is besieging your heart? Can you/will you claim this truth—that though war break out against you, you will be confident because you have God as your refuge, your fortress, your hiding place. You have an omnipotent God. He is able to save you from your fears. Run into him and be safe.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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