

# The Omnipotence of God

El Shaddai is often translated The Lord Almighty. Each time we make reference to the almighty we are acknowledging His omnipotent nature. Omnipotence means unlimited authority, influence and power. When we have a complete revelation of this it changes how audacious we are in prayer. There is a way I make a request to you when I know that you can make things happen as opposed to when I am just chancing. From God's perspective, anything He desires, He has the ability to make happen. Many people desire things but don't have the power to effect that which they desire. What's amazing about His unlimited power is that it exists and is expressed in the context of His unlimited love. Throughout scripture we see that God's power is way beyond explosive energy in the universe, but He has chosen to make His power available to the weak and weary. Rom 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.* My goal today is to remind you of the surpassing greatness of the Lord Almighty.

## Isaiah 9:6

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.*

Mighty God is El Gibbor. This is one of His names and therefore a key attribute. He is a champion and warrior. He fights on our behalf. Don't be afraid of people. Embrace only Him as your source of power. There are some people with great love, but they have no power to fix things in life. But God loves you greatly and will also make a way for you.

## Is 2:22

*Stop trusting in mere humans, who have but a breath in their nostrils. Why hold them in esteem?*

## Is 31:3

*But the Egyptians are mere mortals and not God; their horses are flesh and not spirit. When the Lord stretches out his hand, those who help will stumble, those who are helped will fall; all will perish together.*

**God's omnipotence is also expressed in the context of His righteousness and justice.**

## Job 37:23

*The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power; in his justice and great righteousness, he does not oppress.*

## Eph 1:18-20

<sup>18</sup>*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,* <sup>19</sup>*and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength* <sup>20</sup>*he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.*

God gives us access to His omnipotence. Paul had to pray that their eyes were opened to the reality of this power. Many Christians will acknowledge that God is powerful but don't have the revelation that He is All-powerful. There is a big difference. Do you know the extent of His power and do you know that this power is available to you? Mighty strength here is the word *energies* in the Greek and speaks of operative power. This is power at work in us. This is divine activity in and through us. God's power is not lost in some corner of the universe but it has been made available to us who believe.

### **James 5:16b (Amplified - Classic Edition)**

*The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].*

Because He is all powerful, He is the source of all power in the universe. Everyone with power ultimately gets it from Him. They might abuse it and distort it, but He is the one who sustains all things.

### **Isaiah 40:27-31**

<sup>27</sup>*Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"?* <sup>28</sup>*Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.* <sup>29</sup>*He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.* <sup>30</sup>*Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;* <sup>31</sup>*but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

**God gives away His power to strengthen us. You can see from this passage that it's an omnipotence in the context of love.**

God does not get tired. He does not run out of energy. He does not need to go elsewhere to replenish or renew His strength because He is self-sufficient. His omnipotence must also be understood in the context of His self-sufficiency. When we pray we must not humanize God. His omnipotence means He has capacity to handle every request and never gets tired or impatient when there are more requests made.

**"An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as if there were no others."— A.W. Tozer.**

He also gives us divine energy to not grow weary of doing good, forgiving others and living for Him.

### **Col 1:29**

*To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.*

Look how much power there is in the sun which is just one of the stars. By the way, *"The number of stars in a galaxy varies, but assuming an average of 100 billion stars per galaxy means that there are about 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (that's 1 billion trillion) stars in the observable universe!"* <http://scienceline.ucsb.edu>. But for now, let's just focus on our sun.

The sun's luminosity (In astronomy luminosity is the intrinsic brightness of a celestial object as distinct from its apparent brightness diminished by distance) is about  $3.8 \times 10^{26}$  Joules a second. In terms of mass, you can think of the total energy output as about 4,000,000 tons every second. When the curvature of the Earth and the density of the luminosity that hits our planet is considered, we receive only about 4.5 pounds per second of that energy. 26 Feb 2016 (adapted from Gocamsolar.com).

### **Ps 33:6**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

Surely the same God who created all of this is more than able to strengthen your feeble knees when you grow weary. A lot of what people call power generation is really the conversion of one form of power to another. For example, with the turbine generator, it converts the mechanical (kinetic) energy of the rotor to electrical energy. But God is the source of all power. He is self-sufficient in this. Rom 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.*

**God's omnipotence is creative. It does not merely convert power, it creates that which did not exist.**

### **Ps 147:5**

*Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.*

God's omnipotence must be understood in the context of His unlimited wisdom, knowledge and understanding. In a lot of movies there are characters with great power but little knowledge. They tend to destroy a lot of things and their power is not always channelled in the right direction. As you embrace His omnipotence be comforted by the fact that He is also all-knowing.

When you know how powerful a vehicle is, it affects how you drive. You know whether you can overtake or not because of the turbo power of the vehicle you are driving. Many Christians today have no idea how powerful the God Almighty is and it shows in their lifestyle and prayers or lack thereof.

### **Dan 4:34-35**

*At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honoured and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"*

Ancient Kings have had to acknowledge God's power in the context of His sovereignty and aseity. In essence, because of His omnipotence He has the power to assert His will if He wants to. One of the vehicles for this is actually our prayers. Many people mistakenly think God actively carries out all the time what He wills, but He has actually chosen to co-create with us believers through our prayers. If this were not the case then why does Jesus ask us to pray, "They will be done." This means we have a role in establishing His will through our prayers. If our prayers didn't make any difference then why would Jesus ask us to pray in such a manner.

**Mt 6:10**

*your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

There are places in the world today where God's will is being asserted and dimensions of heaven are manifesting because the saints are praying this prayer. I want the fullness of His omnipotence to manifest in and through my life.

**Ezek 22:30**

*"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.*

**Do you truly believe that as you break out of passivity and begin to pray, God can and will assert His will into your situation?**

You can have wonderful power stations; Medupi, Majuba, Kendal, Kusile and others, but the power generated is of no use to you if you always have cable theft in your neighbourhood. Prayer is the main conduit God has chosen for inviting His omnipotence into our life situations. For many people their prayer cable needs replacement.

**Dan 2:20-22**

<sup>20</sup>*"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. <sup>21</sup>He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. <sup>22</sup>He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.*

Man cannot demote that which God has promoted. Glue is powerful to the degree to which things cannot become unstuck once again. In the same way, God is powerful because no one can undo that which He has desired to establish. When you understand this then you won't be a *one-hit wonder*. God's omnipotence has a sustaining effect, both for the universe and also for your promotion. Col 1:16-17 *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. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

**Everything is held together by His word.**

**Heb 1:3a**

*The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.*

**John 1:3**

*Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

All men will have to give an account of themselves to God. Have you become so intimidated by man thinking that God cannot do anything about them? God has established you. If His favour is upon you, what can man do to you?

**Isaiah 26:4-5**

<sup>4</sup>*Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal. <sup>5</sup>He humbles those who dwell on high, he lays the lofty city low; he levels it to the ground and casts it down to the dust.*

**Isaiah 43:13**

*Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"*

**Isaiah 14:27**

*For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?*

**Job 42:1-2**

*"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.*

Someone can only reverse your situation if they are more powerful than the God who established you. Paul understood this.

**Rom 8:31**

*What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

According to Newton, an object will only accelerate if there is a net or unbalanced force acting upon it. The presence of an unbalanced force will accelerate an object - changing its speed, its direction, or both its speed and direction. <https://www.physicsclassroom.com/>. I want to make sure that in my life I keep on embracing more of His power to move me in His direction.

**God's omnipotence means that all things are possible.** The boundaries of what is possible begin to shift greatly.

**Mt 17:20**

*He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*

This scripture shows me that the realm of impossibility becoming possible has not been limited to God. That's why Jesus says, "Nothing will be impossible FOR YOU."

**Mt 19:25-26**

*When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

Are there some people out there that you think can never get saved? God is mighty to save. Are there situations that you think you will never be delivered from? He is mighty to rescue. His power is for salvation, deliverance and freedom.

**Heb 7:25**

*Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*

**Luke 1:36-37**

<sup>36</sup>*Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For no word from God will ever fail."* Angels are sent to do the bidding of His word so this angel knows what he is talking about.

**Jer 32:27**

*"I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"* God Himself acknowledges that nothing is too difficult for Him. It is all easy for Him because He is all powerful.

**Is 50:2**

*When I came, why was there no one? When I called, why was there no one to answer? Was my arm too short to deliver you? Do I lack the strength to rescue you? By a mere rebuke I dry up the sea, I turn rivers into a desert; their fish rot for lack of water and die of thirst.*

God is taking us to a place where doing the impossible is the norm because we are in Him. Acts 26:8 *Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?*

**God's omnipotence means that He has power to do numerous things simultaneously.**

**Job 5:9**

*He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.*

**Are you limiting the number of miracles He can do in your life? Are you limiting the speed with which He can do things in your life? It is easy for Him.**