

The omnipotence of God

Omnipotent means all powerful. If God is not all powerful then He isn't truly God. Being all powerful is one of the key attributes of God and God alone. Many emperors, kings, and rulers considered themselves to be all powerful, until God removed them. What comfort would an all knowing, all present, absolutely benevolent God be if He weren't all powerful? He would know all about our situations, be present with us in every situation, be kind to us in every situation, but wouldn't be able to do anything about our situations. However, being omnipotent means that He has the power to bring change to our situations. And that is what brings us comfort.

Revelation 19:6 "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Revelation 19:6 "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

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.

1) He is unlike other gods

- Other gods aren't true gods at all. He alone is God and His omnipotence and their lack thereof is one of the proofs thereof.
- God Himself establishes the fact that He's the only God and that no other god exists besides Him
 - Isaiah 45:5 I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God.
- The fact of Him being the only true God is ratified by constant demonstrations of His power over other Gods
 - In Egypt the plagues were a demonstration of His power over all the gods of Egypt.
 - Exodus 8:18-19 The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God."
 - Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.
 - Exodus 18:10-11 Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people."
 - God demonstrated His power over Baal, the Canaanite god of rain and fertility, on Mount Carmel
 - 1 Kings 18:38-39 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God."
 - God healed Naaman the Syrian of leprosy although they worshipped Rimmon in Syria
 - 2 Kings 5:14-15 So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel.
 - 2 Kings 5:18 In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter."
- The Lord is supreme over all gods and authorities
 - Deuteronomy 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.
 - Revelation 19:11-16 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

2) He has power over everything

- He has power over creation and nature
 - He created all things
 - Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - He sustains all things
 - 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.
 - Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
 - He demonstrated His power over nature by becoming a man
 - Philippians 2:6-8 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man.
 - He demonstrated His power over death by raising Himself from the dead
 - John 10:17-18 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life —only to take it up again.¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."
- He has power over rulers and governments
 - Nebuchadnezzar
 - Daniel 4:32 You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.
 - God establishes and changes governments and rulers
 - Daniel 2:20-21 Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others.
 - Romans 13:1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.
- He has power over our provision
 - God provided manna, quail, and water in the wilderness – Genesis 16
 - Jesus fed five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish – Matthew 14: 13 – 21
- He has power over our lives and circumstances
 - Romans 9:20-21 Who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'"²¹ Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

3) How does God's omnipotence affect us?

- We can rest in Him knowing that He is never out of control even when circumstances seem otherwise
- We don't need to fear death as He has power over death
- We trust God for everything that happens in our country knowing that He is ultimately the ruler who can keep our government in power or depose it.
- He is our provider, sustainer, and keeper
- He is involved in our lives and nothing can happen to us without His permission
- When things look impossible, we rest in Him with whom nothing is impossible
 - Luke 1:37 Nothing will be impossible with God.
 - Matthew 19:26 With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.