

The Omnipotence of God

Elements Class: Sunday, Nov 15th
Choir Room 10:45am



ALL-POWERFUL

Supreme

Almighty

Unconquerable

Sovereign

Limitless

Infinite power

def·i·ni·tion

When we say that God is Omnipotent, we mean:

Having all power:

Possessing unlimited and infinite,
power, strength and force.

def·i·ni·tion

When we say that God is Omnipotent, we mean:

Having all actual ability:

Possessing the unlimited, infinite, sovereign
ability to use that power freely, fully and
instantly, without constraint.

def·i·ni·tion

When we say that God is Omnipotent, we mean:

Having all sovereign power:

Possessing the unlimited, infinite, sovereign **authority to use** that power freely, fully and instantly, without consent, permission or outer constraint from anything or anyone else.

Sovereignty and omnipotence must go together. One cannot exist without the other. To reign, God must have power, and to reign sovereignly, He must have all power. And that is what omnipotent means, having all power.

(A.W Tozer)

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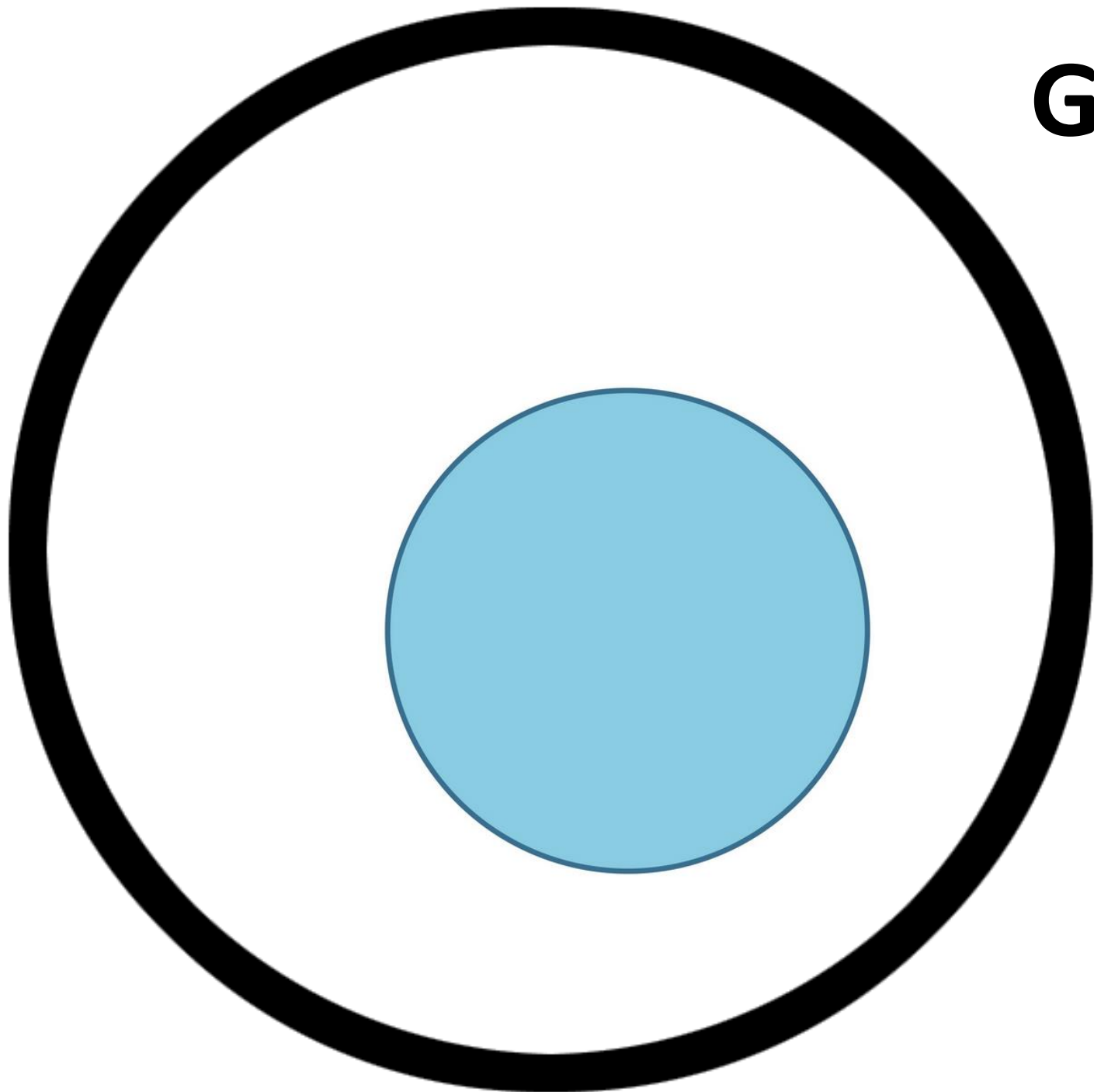
When we say that God is Omnipotent, we mean:

Having all collective power:

Possessing unlimited power and strength which is instantly, effortlessly and infinitely **beyond the collective sum** of all other beings and entities from the sum of all time at full collective strength.

God has power. Since God is also infinite, whatever He has must be without limit; therefore God has limitless power, He is omnipotent. We see further that God the self-existent Creator is the source of all the power there is, and since a source must be at least equal to anything that emanates from it, God is of necessity equal to all the power there is...

(A.W Tozer)



God's power



The collective sum
of the power of
everything else,
ever.



The power of God is that ability and strength whereby He can bring to pass whatsoever He pleases, whatsoever His infinite wisdom may direct, and whatsoever the infinite purity of His will may resolve. . .

(S. Charnock)

God's power is like Himself: infinite,
eternal, incomprehensible; it can
neither be checked, restrained, nor
frustrated by the creature.

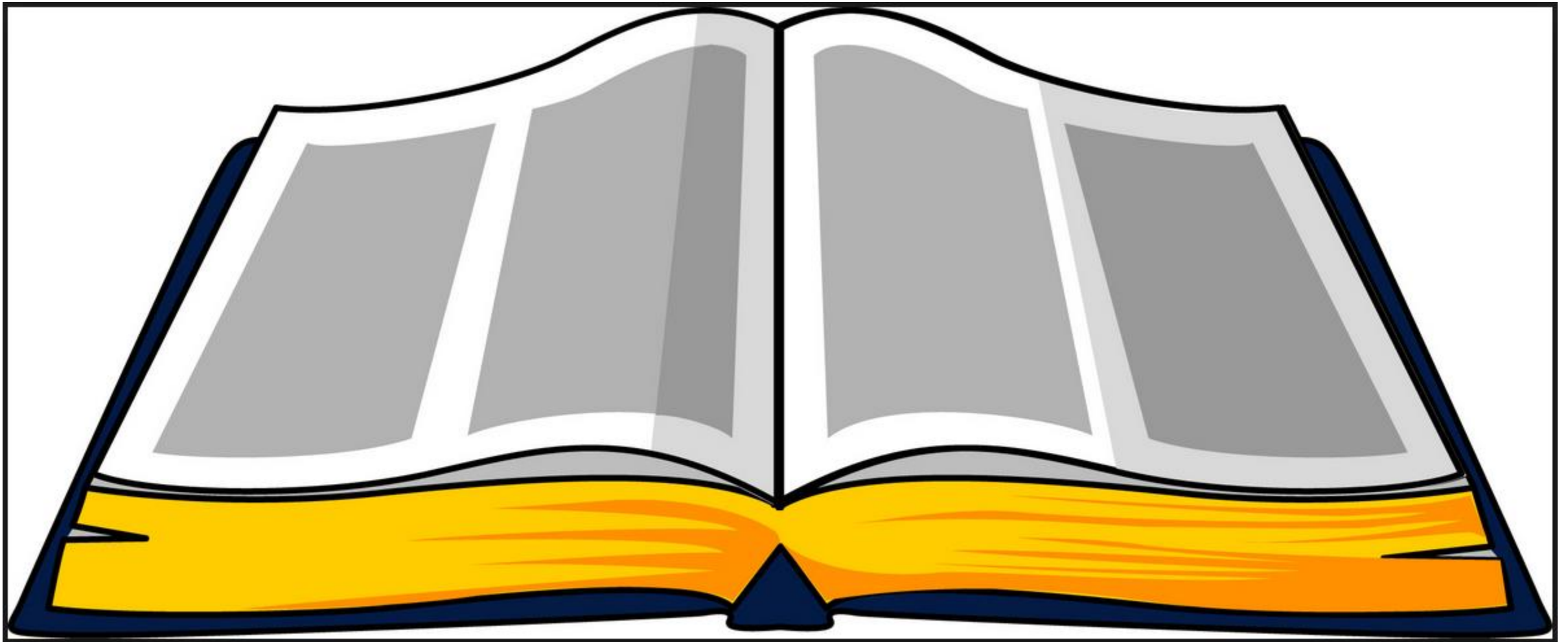
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FURTHERMORE

When we say that God is Omnipotent, we mean:

All power, strength & ability, whether actual or possible, whether found in spirit beings, nature or humanity and their inventions... have received all of their power from God.

What does the Bible say about
God's omnipotence?



“In the beginning **God created** the heavens
and the earth...And **God said**, "Let there
be..." and there was..."
(Genesis 1:1, 3)

Since He has at His command all the power in the universe, the Lord God omnipotent can do anything as easily as anything else. All His acts are done without effort. He expends no energy that must be replenished. His self-sufficiency makes it unnecessary for Him to look outside of Himself for a renewal of strength. All the power required to do all that He wills to do lies in undiminished fullness in His own infinite being.

(A.W Tozer)

“...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?”
(Daniel 4:35)

“You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. **Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.”**

(2 Chronicles 20:6)

“I know that **you can do all things,**
and that **no purpose of yours can be**
thwarted.”

(Job 42:2)

“...far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things...”

(Ephesians 1:21-22)

“...by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions 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.**”

(Colossians 1:16-17)

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, **"Legion"; for many demons (5,000-6,000) had entered him. They were begging Him not to command them to go away into the Abyss.** Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and the demons implored Him to permit them to enter the swine. And **He gave them permission....**
(Luke 8:30-32)

How

Should



AFFECT

me



#1 As a believer,
the omnipotence of God should
build my faith...
knowing that I can have full
confidence in God's ability to
guarantee the outcome.

“...with respect to the promise of God, he (Abraham) **did not waver in unbelief** but **grew strong in faith**, giving glory to God, and **being fully assured** that what God had promised, **He was able also to perform.**” (Romans 4:20-21)



#2 As a believer,
the omnipotence of God should

limit my fear...

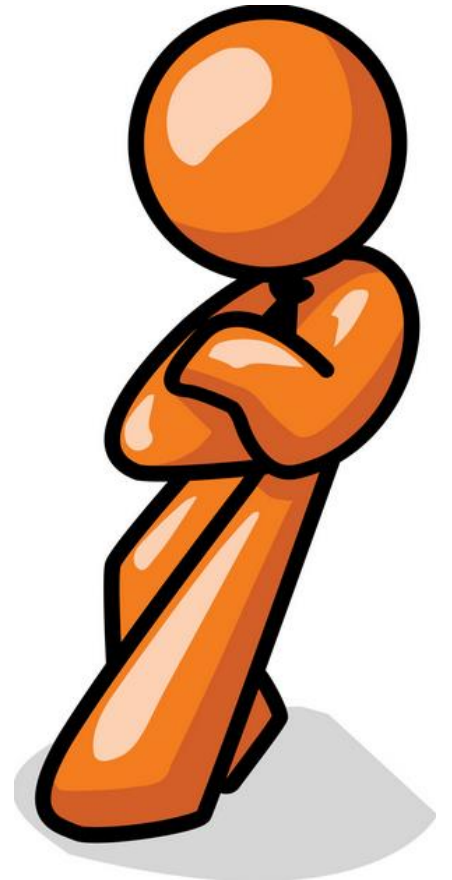
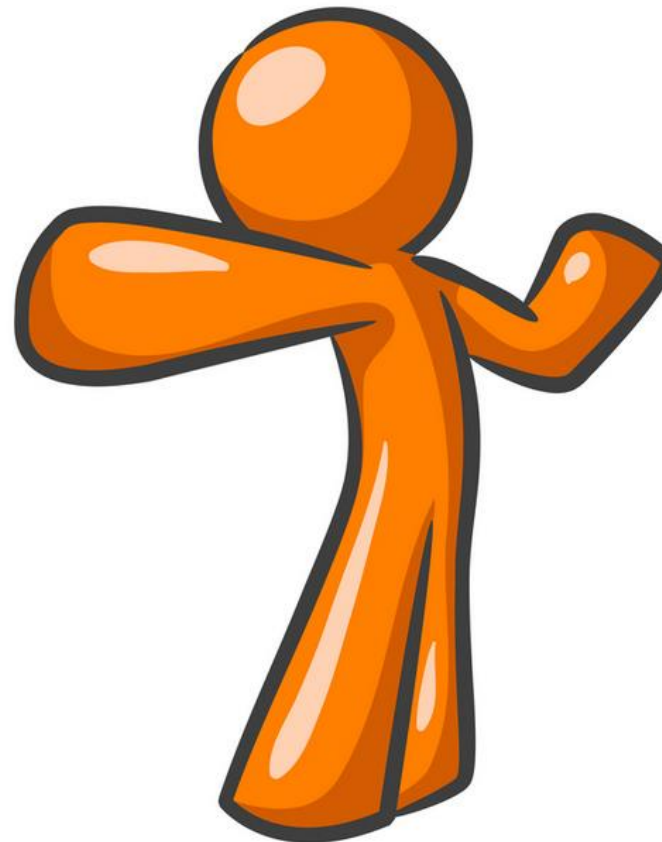
knowing that God is in full
control of all the events in all of
human history.

“So **do not fear**, for **I am with you**; **do not be dismayed**, for I am your God. **I will strengthen you** and help you; **I will uphold you** with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)



#3 As a believer, the omnipotence of God tells me that there is **purpose to be found...knowing that behind all of life's calamities** is a God who was fully able to prevent it, therefore must have a good purpose in it and will sustain me through it.

“...we know that **in all things** God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called **according to his purpose.**” (Romans 8:28)



#4 As a believer, the omnipotence of God tells me that all things will be **made right in the future**...knowing that **everyone will stand in the courtroom** of a fully just, fully able to convict & fully powerful to vindicate God!

God **will bring into judgment** both the righteous and the wicked, **for there will be a time** for every activity, a time to judge every deed. (Ecclesiastes 3:17)



#5 As a believer, the omnipotence of God tells me that I must adjust my expectations, goals & prayers to **factor** in God's power ...knowing that he can and will do far more than I can **comprehend**.

“...to Him **who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power** that works within us, to Him be the glory... (Ephesians 3:20)

