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All Power Belongs to God!

Scripture: Revelation 1:8 - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

What is the meaning of "**all power belongs to God**"? The power of God is often understood as the divine, supernatural ability or authority that God possesses. This name for God points to His eternal strength. Demonstrated In His Works. No greater power is conceivable than the creation of all things out of nothing. The Lord can do something about every situation. He can perform miracles, orchestrate events, or change the human heart. Power belongs to God. It is his. Along with His omnipotence (complete power) the Bible affirms God's omniscience (complete competence) and is in control over all things. God has supreme power and has no limitations. God not only has all power; He exercises His power with flawless competence. Examples of this can be seen in the Bible, such as **God creating the world**. Though He sets limits on all of creation, He Himself is limitless in strength, wisdom, love, holiness, miracles, healing, deliverance, the ability to transform lives and the ability to perform His sovereign will.

The Lord God is the beginning and the end. God the Father is the eternal Lord and Ruler of the past, present, and future. Without him you have nothing that is eternal, nothing that can change your life, nothing that can save you from sin. Even in the **Book of Revelation** of Jesus Christ which was shown unto his servant, John wrote to the "seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come" (Revelation 1:4). He also mentions about the four beasts and "*they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come*" (4:8). All beings in heaven and earth will praise and honor God because he is the Creator and Sustainer of everything. They acknowledge the supremacy of God and that they were redeemed and have their crowns by His blessings (4:10-11). The sevenfold ascription of God (7:12).

Revelation 21:6 says, "*And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*" God will finish the entire plan of salvation by inviting the redeemed into a new creation. The water of life is a symbol of eternal life. Jesus used this same image with the Samaritan woman (John 4:7-14). It pictures the fullness of life with God and the eternal blessings that come when we believe in Him and satisfy our spiritual thirst. Christ invites anyone to come and drink the water of life. **The Gospel is unlimited in scope—all people everywhere may come. Salvation cannot be earned, but God gives it freely. We live in a world desperately thirsty for living water, and many are dying of thirst. But it is still not too late.**

Acts 1:8 promises, "*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*" The power that God gives us through the Holy Ghost who lives within us is accessed through faith. **Our 'active' faith is what releases His power.** When the Holy Ghost comes upon you, you will experience an explosion that will change your whole life and, through you, help to change the world. It's really tremendous.

These are two reasons God has given us this power: First, He gives us power to be like Him so that we are free from sin, because sin makes us like the devil; for the scripture says He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. Secondly, Jesus gave us power to continue His ministry to do good and heal all who are oppressed by the devil. Jesus tells us, "*Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you*" (Luke 10:19). Also, God wants to give you His power so that you can experience the fullness of joy and promise of peace that comes from a life cleansed by the blood of Jesus and fueled by the goodness of God. Philippians 4:13 says, "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*" **To live in God's power is to remind yourself of His promises.**

Jesus is the fulfillment and culmination of God's revelation through the centuries. When we know Him, we have all we need to be saved from our sin and to have a perfect relationship with God. **Jesus Christ is the complete expression of God in a human body.** The power that brought the universe into being and that keeps it operating is the very power that removes ("purges") our sins. No sin is too big for the Ruler of the universe to handle. **Read:** Romans 8 and it will tell you how to walk in the power of God.