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God is great, God is good: The Omnipotence of God.

Word:

God has spoken once, twice have i heard this: that power belongs to God. Also to You O lord, belong mercy and lovingkindness, for You render to every man according to his work. Psalm 62:11-12

There are a lot of people today that live defeated lives — both people in church and outside the church. This is because they do not know God. Most people are content to know that God is “up there” and only talk about God when we go to church. During the week, from Monday to Saturday we live our lives as if we are independent of God. There is also a tendency for us to compartmentalize God — talking only about Him when it comes to salvation but forgetting Him when it comes to matters involving family, money, our jobs and other aspects of our lives. We think that we are more than capable of handling our other problems forgetting that God, our God is a limitless God. He is after all the Almighty God — all knowing, all powerful. But Daniel 11:32 reminds us that ***the people who know their God will be strong, and carry out great exploits.***

The earth is but a speck in the vast universe that our almighty God has created. He created not only the universe, the galaxies . . . but He also created us. This is how great our God is, how big our God is. Colossians 1:16 ***says It was by Him that everything was created: the heavens, the earth, all things within and upon them, all things seen and unseen, thrones and dominions, spiritual powers and authorities. Every detail was crafted through His design, by His own hands, and for His purposes.***

Have you ever wondered in amazement at our great and omnipotent God?

Psalm 115:3 ***Our God is in heaven doing whatever He chooses. This is our God. He is almighty. He is omnipotent.***

Sometimes we tend to question God, thinking that we have the right to do so. Believing that He owes us an explanation, that we have the right to know and understand. But in reality God does not owe us anything, He does not have to tell us anything — we are merely a part of His creation. And yet because our God, this all-powerful, all-knowing God is also full of love and mercy. . . has chosen us to be His children. And because we are His children, He gives us the benefit of understanding Him and His will for us through His word.

Daniel 4:35 ***says all the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the people of the earth. No one can hold back His hand and say to Him “What have you done?”***

J. Vernon McGee says *This is God’s universe, and God does things His way. you may have a better way, but you don’t have a universe.*

Sometimes we wonder why God allows certain things to happen — we ask why He allows calamities to happen, accidents to happen, diseases. . . we ask why God did not make our spouses like this or that. . . we question God. We all came to one point in our life that we questioned Him and believed that we could do better. . . but God is god and He owns everything that He created. . . and we are part of that creation. And even though our belief is that we can do a better job that God is doing. . . we have to remember that we are not the creator and we are not god. Let us find solace in the knowledge that He is God, that He is all knowing, that He is all powerful. . . and still He loves us and has our best in mind for us. We can recognize this and find comfort that God is righteous and just.

Similarly Jeremiah said in 32:17 ***Ah Lord (Adonai) God (Yahweh) Behold You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for you.*** Adonai pertaining to God’s greatness and Yahweh meaning God does not change. He’s greatness is the same from eternity past into eternity future. He is steadfast and constant.

There are only three things that God cannot do.

1. He cannot condone sin.
2. God cannot sin. God cannot lie.
3. God cannot change.

Whatever God says in the beginning will continue to be true till the end of time, in fact God says in the bible that heaven and earth will pass away but My word will not (Matthew 24:35). No matter what we do, if God said that it will happen, it will happen.

God says in Jeremiah 32:27 ***behold i am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?***

Sometimes we ask —why does God not give me what i want if nothing is too hard for Him? We rant that God is unfair and does not care about what i want. . . did we ever consider that maybe the reason why God is withholding that is because He has something better in store for us.

We have to constantly remember that God is great and God is powerful. . . but also that God is good.

Have we ever truly understood the goodness of God?

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If God was only powerful and not good. . . then we should be afraid of God? But our God in all His power and might has only good intentions for us. It is not in His plans to cause us pain and hurt. he is not there to bully us. . .but rather He is there to take care of us. So instead of cowering in fear, we should rejoice in His goodness.

Exodus 3:14 says ***“And God said to Moses, “ I AM WHO I AM”. And He said, ‘thus you say to the children of Israel, “I AM has sent me to you.” What does this mean “I AM”?***

When God called Moses, Moses was in the desert, He was a fugitive, He was a murderer. And yet God chose him to deliver His people out of Egypt. Moses had so many objections and God repeatedly reminded him — God said He is the I AM.

What does I AM then mean? This is the “isness” of God. The very essence of who God is. The tense of the verb never changes — it is always in the present tense.

No matter what circumstance we are in right now — God IS god. If He showed His greatness and power to Abraham, He can still do that to us today.

God IS the I AM. He is Jehovah - Jireh. He is the great provider.

He is Jehovah-Mekaddishkem. The Lord who sanctifies.

He is Jehovah - Nissi. The Lord my banner.

He is Jehovah - Rapha. The Lord that heals.

He is Jehovah - Rohi. The Lord is my shepherd.

He is Jehovah - Sabaoth. The Lord of hosts.

He is Jehovah - Shalom. The Lord is peace.

He is Jehovah Shammah. The Lord is there.

he is Jehovah Tsidkenu. The Lord of righteousness.

He is the I AM.

Hebrews 13:8 says God is the same yesterday, and today and forever.

Who is God in your life?

When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He did not only carry our sins but He carried all our burdens. And yet everyday we continue to carry this burden. . . and we continue to insist to carry this burden — but the bible tells us that these burdens are no longer ours but they belong to the I AM. IN whatever situation we are in, no matter what difficulties or trials we have. . . God is the I AM. . . and He says all our burdens belong to Him.

There are three things that God is NOT:

1. He is not incompetent.
2. He is not forgetful.
3. He is not indifferent.

We continue to live each day as though we are in charge of our lives. Our life is God's business. We are His business. Every little aspect of our lives is His business. He knows how many hairs we have on our head. He has taken into account every little thing. He knows our every need.

And yet we continue to question Him? We continue to disregard Him in our lives? We continue to doubt His love and His mercy? Psalms 8:4 says "what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" And despite our unworthiness. . . it is God in all His love and mercy who has reached out to us and given us the way back to Him. He gave us Jesus Christ so that we could be restored to Him. He has called us to be His children.

Jeremiah in Lamentations said it best ***But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never eases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*** Lamentations 3:21-23

Works: Journaling task

1. I AM. What does this mean? How do you feel about this?
2. Reflect: Have I experienced the goodness of God in my life.