

**The Almightyness of God**

Passages: As listed in the lesson.

*Memory Verse*

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.” (Isaiah 40:28)

<b>Knowledge of God’s Will [God’s Word]</b>	<b>Knowledge of God [God’s Divine Nature]</b>	<b>Good Works [Behavior]</b>
1. God is omnipresent. 2. God is omnipotent. 3. God is omniscient.	1. God is omnipresent. 2. God is omnipotent. 3. God is omniscient.	1. Constantly feed our minds with the word of God. 2. Seek out and cultivate awareness of God’s presence. 3. Walk with those who fear God.

*Overview*

**Events and Spiritual Teachings**

- A. God Is Omnipresent
- B. God Is Omnipotent
- C. God Is Omniscient

**Life Application:** Be a God-Fearing Person

**Memory Verse**

**Conclusion:** When we are aware that we are in the presence of a holy, just, majestic and almighty God, we have the fear of God. When we fear God, we can then have sense of awe and respect for the majesty of God.

## *Spiritual Teachings*

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### **Introduction**

*Write these five phrases on the board.*

- God was present when...
- God knows...
- God helped me to...
- God is able to...

*(Ask your students to reflect on how they would complete these statements using experiences from their lives. Invite them to share with the class.)* God's presence in our lives is just a small example of God's almighty power. Today, we are going to look further into how God is present everywhere, how He knows everything, and how, with His power, He is able to do great works.

The Bible clearly describes God's many characteristics, such as His mercy, holiness, and love. However, today we will focus on God's almightiness and power. As a spiritual being, God knows everything, can do anything, and is everywhere. There are three words that refer to these three characteristics: omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. The prefix "omni" means "all." God knows all, can do all, and exists in all. Let's study these three characteristics more closely.

### **A. God Is Omnipresent**

We call God omnipresent because He is everywhere at the same time and is ever-present throughout all of creation. In the previous lesson, we learned that because God is Spirit, He is above all, through all, and in all (Eph 4:6). This is a perfect description of the ways God is present. Let's examine the ways He is omnipresent in more detail.

#### **1. God is above all**

*"Am I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "and not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD." (Jer 23:23–24)*

We learned in the previous lesson that God is above all because He is above time and space. His omnipresence is even greater than we can imagine, because He exists even beyond all of creation itself. It is difficult to grasp the truth of His vast and timeless existence, but His presence exists far beyond the world that we live in.

#### **2. God is through all**

*"I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people." (Lev 26:12)*

We learned that this means God pervades all of creation. But more importantly for us, this means God dwells with His people and moves among them. He is not a God who reigns only from heaven, but a God who lives with His people. We may not be able to see Him, but God is always close by and present for His children, dwelling among those who worship Him. When we encounter danger, He is there to help us and watch over us as we live our lives.

#### **3. God is in all**

*"Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us." (1 Jn 3:24)*

God is in all because He is able to dwell within us through the precious Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, God dwells within us and helps us overcome the trials and temptations that we encounter in life. In John 14:26, Jesus Christ described the Holy Spirit as a Helper who will teach us all things and help us to remember the word of God in our lives. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to receive comfort and strength in our life.

God is actively present in all things, as He is not limited by time or space. The omnipresence of God is a reminder that we cannot hide from God when we sin (Ps 139:11–12). At the same time, He is always right there when we are ready to return to Him in repentance, and He is always right by our side in our time of need. God will always be there to listen to all of our prayers.

## **B. God Is Omnipotent**

God is omnipotent, meaning He is all-powerful. Jesus Christ stated, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible” (Mt 19:26). There is nothing too difficult for God because He is the source of all power. Jeremiah wrote, “Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You” (Jer 32:17). God’s power is like Himself, infinite and incomparable. Let us study a few areas of God’s omnipotence.

### **1. In creation (Col 1:16)**

God created the whole universe from nothing, using only His words. He is the maker of all matter and force. Since all things come from Him, He has the authority to do what He wishes to them. Apart from creating everything, God also sustains all of creation through His omnipotence. We can feel the warmth of the sun on our skin because God has designed gravity to allow the earth to orbit the sun. When we look at the animals that God created, we can see how they fit in the environment that God created for them. From the fish that swim in the sea to the birds that fly through the air, all were perfectly designed by the Lord. God is able to do all these great works in nature because of His unlimited power.

### **2. In relation to man (Mt 19:26)**

God is able to do the impossible in the lives of men. He is able to destroy entire armies and make indestructible walls fall before Him. He is able to heal people and even bring them back from death. God is able to give hope to those who are in despair. When Abraham was 100 years of age, God gave him a son. Normally, this would be unimaginable, but God allowed this impossibility to become a possibility. God’s omnipotent works are not limited only to those recorded in the Bible, as they can also be experienced in our lives today. In the church, there are many testimonies of God’s healing of illnesses that doctors were unable to cure, or of His saving power from life-threatening situations. He is a God who is able to help us when no one else can.

### **3. Over angels (1 Pet 3:22; Ps 103:20)**

As the one who created angels, God has complete authority over them. Angels serve Him and carry out His plans. In the Old Testament, Daniel was thrown into the den of lions, but God sent His angel to shut the mouths of the lions. In the New Testament, God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she will give birth to a son named Jesus. From these examples, we can see that angels follow the commands of the Lord and do the work that God has given to them. They are obedient to the word of the Lord.

### **4. Over Satan (Rev 20:10)**

God has power over Satan. Even though Satan is known as “the prince of the power of the air”

(Eph 2:2), the God that we worship is able to overcome and overpower him. Satan is afraid of even just the name of God. There are many examples in the Bible that demonstrate His authority and power over demons, such as when Jesus Christ commanded the evil spirit named Legion to come out of the man and go into a large herd of pigs (Mk 5). In the last days, God will ultimately bind Satan and have him thrown into the lake of fire forever, for there is no being or power that can stand before God.

God has power over all things at all times and in all ways. Aside from what has been mentioned already, God also has the power to atone and pay for our sins (Ps 49:7–8). Only God has the power to do that. There is one mediator, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself as a ransom for all (1 Tim 2:6), and God is the only one who has the power to bring the dead back to life (1 Cor 15:20–23).

### **C. God Is Omniscient**

God is omniscient, which means He has complete knowledge of all things. As His creation, He knows everything about us, from the number of hairs on our head to our innermost thoughts, and even where and what we will be in the future, near and far.

Let's read Psalm 139:1–7. According to these verses, what does God know about us? (*Ask students to list their answers.*) *Example Answers:*

*God knows what we are doing.*

*God knows our thoughts.*

*God knows what we are going to do.*

*God knows our ways (our habits).*

*God knows the words that we will speak.*

*God knows what is before us (our future) and what was behind us (our past).*

In Psalm 139, David describes how God is able to know him completely. From the moment he sits to the moment he rises, God knows what he is doing and thinking. God even knows what David is going to say before he says it. There is nothing that we can hide from Him. However, throughout history, man has tried to hide things from God. Let us look at some examples.

#### **1. What happens when we try to hide our sins? (2 Sam 11–12)**

King David committed a great sin when he killed Uriah and took his wife, Bathsheba, to be his wife. He had done all these things in secret but forgot that though he could hide his sins from men, he could not hide them from God. When God saw what King David had done, He was displeased and sent the prophet Nathan to rebuke David. No matter how we try to hide, "if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things" (1 Jn 3:20). God knows and is able to expose the sins that we try to hide.

#### **2. What happens when we try to deceive others? (Acts 5)**

Ananias and Sapphira sold a piece of property so that they could offer the money to the apostles. However, out of their greed, they decided to keep a portion of the money earned from the sale without telling anyone. God knew of their deception and their impure motives. Through the Spirit of the Lord, the apostle Peter realized this and rebuked them for their deception. After his rebuke, God struck them, and they died. No matter what we try to show to others, God always knows our true motives for our actions.

Like David, Ananias, and Sapphira, we may have tried to hide our sins and attempted to deceive others.

But we need to remember that God not only knows what we do and say, but also what we think in our hearts. God knows all things, and everything that we do is open and laid bare before God. “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good” (Prov 15:3).

The God that we worship is beyond our understanding. He is all-knowing, almighty, and present everywhere. These incredible characteristics make Him God. But the most amazing thing is that this almighty God is willing to care for and love His people that are so small (Ps 8:4).

### *Check for Understanding*

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- 1. What does it mean that God is omniscient?** God is all-knowing.
- 2. What does it mean that God is omnipotent?** God is all-powerful.
- 3. What does it mean that God is omnipresent?** God is everywhere at all times.
- 4. Look at the following examples and identify which characteristic of God is being illustrated in each example. There may be more than one answer.**
  - **Jonah ran from God and ended up in the belly of a great fish.** Omnipresence/Omniscience/Omnipotence
  - **The Lord created the heavens and the earth.** Omnipotence
  - **The angel Gabriel told Mary she would conceive a son by the Holy Spirit.** Omniscience/Omnipotence
  - **Jesus told the disciples He would rise from the dead in three days.** Omniscience
  - **When Nathanael met Jesus, Jesus told Nathanael He had seen him sitting under a fig tree before they met.** Omnipresence/Omniscience

### *Life Application*

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#### **Be a God-fearing Person**

The Bible uses the word “*fear*” at least 300 times in reference to God. We should not downplay this. Remember that God can be frightening. “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb 10:31). However, to fear God is not to shrink back from Him in terror. To fear God is to have a deep reverence for Him because of His power and His love. His Son, Jesus Christ, died for us (1 Jn 4:10). Out of love, He set His heart upon us and saved us despite all the sins we have committed and will commit.

Due to our sinful natures, we do not naturally seek to fear and honor God. We must actively choose to walk in the fear of the Lord. But why should we become God-fearing? Let’s look up several verses. For each, name the promises that God has given to those who fear Him. (*Teachers: Individually or in groups, ask students to look up the following verses and share each recorded promise with the class.*)

- Proverbs 16:6b – Strength to turn away from evil.
- Proverbs 22:4 – Riches and honor and life.
- Proverbs 9:10 – Beginning of wisdom.
- Proverbs 3:7–8 – Healing and refreshment.
- Psalm 111:5 – God’s faithful provision.
- Proverbs 14:26 – Strong confidence and refuge.
- Psalm 24:7 – Deliverance from trouble.

#### **1. What does it really mean to fear God?**

The Scriptures are full of examples of how fearing God is a positive thing rather than a negative thing. Joseph was a God-fearing man (Gen 39:8–9). The Hebrew midwives feared God, so they obeyed Him (Ex 1:17). Mosaic Law cites the fear of God as a reason to treat people with disabilities and the elderly well

(Lev 19:14). Moses chose workers who feared God and would not take bribes (Ex 18:21). It is clear that fearing God is good because it saves us from falling into sin.

To fear God is to be aware that we are in the presence of a holy, just, and almighty God. It is a sense of awe, respect, and adoration for the majesty of God. It is seeing God in all His glory and humbling ourselves before Him. God delights in those who fear Him, because those who do trust Him more than their own abilities. Fearing God is learning to take refuge in Him and having hope in His steadfast love.

## 2. How do we fear God?

### a. Constantly feed our minds with the word of God

The more we know God's word, the more we absorb it into our hearts and lives.

### b. Constantly increase our understanding of the greatness of God

God is omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient. As we contemplate His greatness, it becomes natural for us to fear Him. If we truly know God, we cannot help but fear Him.

### c. Seek out and cultivate an awareness of God's presence

If we fear God, we will remember that He is near and watching over us. When we recognize that He is always there and that everything is transparent before Him, we will think twice before we say or do anything that does not bring glory to Him. We cannot fear a distant God.

### d. Walk with those who fear God

We should befriend those who are God-fearing like us. God warns us, "Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits' " (1 Cor 15:33). Do not be deceived and become evil like mankind. If we desire to grow in the fear of God, we need to walk with "those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Tim 2:22).

## Testimony: Lost at Sea

*A brother, a Naval Officer serving in the Malaysian Navy, was traveling aboard a naval ship when he accidentally fell into the sea. It was around 11:00 p.m., so the ocean was all dark. And he had no life jacket! The water was cold, and it was raining. The wind was also very strong, and the waves were about three to four meters high. He could see the stern light of the ship sailing away, and he knew that the crew on board would not be able to hear his cry for help. Looking around, he saw a light from a beacon that was miles away on land. For the next two hours or so, he tried to swim toward the beacon, but made little progress because of the bad weather and strong side current. Also, he could feel all kinds of fish stinging him. The feeling was extremely scary, but he kept trying to swim towards the beacon.*

*After about two hours, he realized that he could never reach the mainland. The waves were much bigger now, and because he was already exhausted, he felt like sinking into the sea. He began to pray and cry to the Lord for help. He was very drowsy and exhausted by then and didn't know what he was doing. These feelings got worse as the temperature of the water began to drop. At one point, he even wanted to give up the struggle. He held his head down in the water hoping to faint and drown. But he knew that by doing so, he would be committing suicide, which is a mortal sin. He also thought of how his family and church members would be heartbroken if he died. So, he kept on shouting, "Hallelujah," and pressed on. Later on, he fell into a deep sleep from his exhaustion.*

*When he awoke, it was daybreak of the next day. There was no land in sight. Despite this, he felt very grateful to the Lord for delivering him from danger and keeping him safe throughout the night. He gathered his strength and kept on swimming. After about two or three hours, he saw an island very, very far away, but he did not think he could reach it because it was so far away, about fifteen*

*miles. Moreover, it was raining, and the early morning temperature was very cold. Still, he didn't have any choice but to keep swimming in order to keep himself warm. The journey took the whole day. He swam against the waves, into the waves, and over the waves, trying to stay alive. When he finally reached the island, he praised the Lord! As he walked on the beach, he saw a wooden house with three men outside. The men helped him by bringing him to another location on the island by motorboat to rest for the night.*

*After sleeping through the whole night, he was taken to a small clinic on the island early the next morning. Later, he went to the police station. After making a police report, he made a phone call to the naval authorities, and after about thirty minutes, a helicopter arrived to take him to a hospital. After about three hours in the hospital, he sneaked out and went to a close-by TJC church to thank the Lord. He knew that no one could have survived this whole ordeal at sea without divine help. In all, he was in the stormy sea for about twenty hours! It was impossible that he could swim the thirty miles to the island without God's help. It was undeniably the merciful and loving hand of the Lord that delivered him from the stormy sea and guided him to the island!*

– Anonymous

### Discussion Questions

- What are some lessons we can learn from the actions of this brother?
- How did this brother know that God was with him and helping him?
- What attributes of God can we see from this testimony?

### Memory Verse

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“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.” (Isaiah 40:28)

Five characteristics of God are mentioned in this verse.

1. **God is everlasting:** Knowing God is everlasting helps us to see that we are only human and that we have limitations. In our life, He is the only one we can depend and rely on because He is the only one that lasts forever.
2. **God is Lord:** God is the ruler of all, and He is the one in control. Knowing this allows us to trust in Him and have faith that whatever happens in our life, happens for a reason.
3. **God is the Creator of the world:** We are only the created, not the creator. Since God is our Creator, He is the one that knows us best. No one else knows us like God does.
4. **God does not get tired:** We serve a great God that never gets tired. Even when we are feeling down or weak, God is still strong and will be there for us in our time of need.
5. **God's understanding is unsearchable:** His ways and thoughts are beyond our understanding, which means that we can trust Him and allow His wisdom to come into our lives and guide us. In Isaiah 55:8 teaches us that God's thoughts are not our thoughts, and that His ways are not our ways. His mind and His doings surpass our understanding because as human beings, we are limited in our knowledge and understanding.

### Conclusion

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To fear God is to be aware that we are in the presence of a holy, just, and almighty God. God delights in those who fear Him, because those who do trust in and obey Him rather than trust in their own abilities. Fearing God is learning to take refuge in His omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence, and having hope in His steadfast love.

Lesson 2 Homework Assignment Answer Key

1. Why is it important to us that God neither faints nor is weary?  
*Even when we are feeling down and weak, God is still strong and will be there for us in our time of need.*
2. “For by Him all things were created that are in \_\_\_\_\_ and that are on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, whether thrones or dominions or \_\_\_\_\_ or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.” (Colossians 1:16)  
*heaven, earth, visible, invisible, principalities*
3. Why is it important to us that God is omnipresent?  
*The omnipresence of God is a reminder that we cannot hide from God when we sin. But He is always right there when we are ready to return to Him in repentance, and He is always right by our side in our time of need. God will always be there to listen to our prayers.*
4. What can we learn about God’s omniscience from the examples of David, Ananias, and Sapphira?  
*Like them, we may have tried to hide our sins and attempted to deceive others. But we need to remember that God not only knows what we do and say, but also what we think in our hearts.*
5. Explain in your own words what it really means to fear God.  
*It is to be aware that we are in the presence of a holy, just, and almighty God. The focus is on a sense of awe, respect, and adoration for the majesty of God. It is seeing God in all His glory and humbling ourselves before Him.*
6. Pick one of the ways to fear God and explain how you can improve upon this in your daily life.  
*Personal answers.*