



### God's Omnipotence

The circle, which represents God, is repeated here four times to emphasize God's almighty power.

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*Do You Believe?*

## What We Believe: Solid Doctrine for Everyday Life

### The Doctrine of God's Sovereignty (continued)

*And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. (Acts 13:48)*

Ephesians 1:3-12    Romans 9:10-24  
Job 38

*"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."*  
(Deuteronomy 29:29)

### The Doctrine of God's Omnipotence

*Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. (Psalm 115:3)*

*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. (Jeremiah 32:17)*

Psalm 33:10-12

Creation (Genesis 1) and Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15)

Exodus 6:3-9

Notice v. 9: *"Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery."*

Notice 2 factors that made it hard for them to trust/have hope in God's power.

1) Their situation, and 2) their hearts.

What are twin dangers of not applying our trust in God's almighty power to real life?

1) We might avoid dealing with things that seem too big, outside our complete control... Or we might 2) try to do things that are not within our power to do.

Encouragement from Ephesians 1:18-23

The worldview rival to God's Omnipotence = **Scientific naturalism**. (Everything has a natural explanation, without any involvement from a higher, outside power.)

Remember John Lennon's famous song, "Imagine."

*Imagine there's no heaven*

*It's easy if you try*

*No hell below us*

*Above us, only sky*

"Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, 'Do it again!'; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, 'Do it again' to the sun; and every evening, 'Do it again' to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we." G.K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

### **Discuss and Share:**

- 1) Where does the world feel out of control right now?
- 2) What are some examples of *scientific naturalism* that you see around us?
- 3) How might you start a conversation with an unbelieving friend who says this world is all there is? What questions could you ask to prompt them to "doubt their doubts" about God's existence and involvement with the world?
- 4) In what area of your life is the doctrine of God's omnipotence a comfort to you?

(Trinity Hymnal #466)

*I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew  
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.  
It was not I that found, O Savior true,  
no, I was found of thee.*

*Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine  
enfold,*

*I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed  
sea.*

*'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold  
as thou, dear Lord, on me.*

*I find, I walk, I love, but, oh, the whole  
of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!  
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul,  
always thou lovedst me.*

### Recommended Resources

- The artwork comes from, *Do You Believe?: 12 Historic Doctrines to Change Your Everyday Life*, by Paul Tripp (Crossway, 2021), on which this class is loosely based.
- "Predestination and the Divine Decree," online essay by Robert Letham, [thegospelcoalition.org/essay/predestination-divine-decree](http://thegospelcoalition.org/essay/predestination-divine-decree).
- "The Omnipotence, Omniscience, and Omnipresence of God," online essay by John Frame, [thegospelcoalition.org/essay/omnipotence-omniscience-omnipresence-god](http://thegospelcoalition.org/essay/omnipotence-omniscience-omnipresence-god).
- *Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering*, by Timothy Keller (Penguin Books, 2015).