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The Eternal GOD

Lesson 3

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In this lesson we want to take up the power and the wisdom of God. The power, wisdom, goodness and holiness of God should be studied together.

While God is all-powerful, His power is always exercised as His wisdom, goodness and holiness dictate.

Some have a very one-sided vision of God, elevating His power at the expense of His wisdom, or magnifying His goodness at the expense of His holiness. Any such error will lead to serious results in the faith and life of one holding such views.

God is revealed as the one altogether lovely whom we can and will adore, if we really know Him. Our failure to see Him as He is does not change the fact of His loveliness, but only hides its glorious truth from us.

Now, we want to develop this theme very carefully. You see, if God had all power, but He wasn't a holy God, then He could, for example, use His power to hurt and maim and destroy, and what could man do about it?

God could use His power for wicked and immoral purposes, as did the so-called gods of the Greek and Roman mythologies. Other peoples of the world tell of gods engaging in stealing, murdering, and all manner of immoral sexual activity.

This is not the God of the Bible. The God of the Bible has all power, but He is also a holy God, a wise God, and a loving God. Therefore His power is never exercised for sinful, wicked, or corrupt purposes of any kind. We will see that as we develop our study.

First, God is all-powerful. He is the creator and sustainer of all things. In Genesis 1:1, the very first verse in all the word of God, the Bible says. *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.* Where did heaven come from? God created it. Where did the earth come from? God created it. When did He create it? In the beginning. All things began with God. That is God's power.

In Colossians 1:15-17, speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Bible says: *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For BY HIM were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM, and for him: (and not only that,) And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

Not only did God, once upon a time, create the heaven and the earth and all that in them is, but He still ACTIVELY controls, ACTIVELY holds together, this entire universe. By him all things consist.

Second, God not only created, all things but He can do whatever He chooses with those things. I want to look at several verses in the Bible with you under this heading because many times people are tempted to question

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God or doubt God or complain against God. The truth of the matter is, this is God's universe. You and I are God's creatures and He is free to do what He will.

In Job 42:1 we read. *Then Job answered the LORD, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing...* Plain enough! Do you know that?

In Jeremiah 32 the prophet had this to say in verse 17: *Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is NOTHING too hard for thee.* Talk about power!

In Matthew 19:26 scripture states: *But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.*

What can God do? All things. What is possible for God? All things. With God all things are possible. This God we have been talking about, He may sound like a sort of technical term. He may sound like something that you studied in a classroom. But He is a person, and as a person He is the all-powerful One who can do all things.

In Hebrews 6:17-18 are these great words: *Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.*

Now, wait a minute. First we saw that God could do anything, that there is nothing impossible with God, and now we read that it is impossible for God to lie. Oh, but that's the principle that we laid out at the very beginning of this lesson.

God's perfect power works hand in hand with God's perfect wisdom, goodness and holiness. God's power dictates that He can do all things. God's holiness, and only His holiness - not any man, not any devil, not any spirit, not any powers - only God's holiness places limits upon the exercise of His power.

God's holiness says, "I cannot lie." God's power says, "I can do all things." God limits His own power only by His own holiness. No one limits God's power but God Himself. Because God is all-powerful He is able to fulfill His promises: **Read Romans Chapter 4 the whole chapter.**

I tell you, we just had to read the whole chapter to get the wonder and the glory of this matter. God has not only told us what He will do, but time and time again He tells us that He is able to do what He said He would do. He is able to keep His promises.

Now, in 1 Timothy 6, we learn that His rule is absolute. As the all-powerful God, He rules and reigns with power. He is not limited by any king, any kingdom, any force, or any army on this earth. The Bible says, speaking of

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Jesus, *Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;* (1 Timothy 6:15).

Is there any other king? He is the One. Is there any other Lord? He is the One. Is there any other Potentate? He is the One. Is there any other ruler? He is the One! There will be no other King, no other ruler but God. He will not share His throne. He will rule and reign in absolute power for all eternity.

Not only are all the kingdoms and the kings and the rulers to be subject to the Lord Jesus Christ, but creation obeys Him as well. *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust* (Matthew 5:44-45).

You see, God is all-powerful and nature is subject to Him. Do you know who makes the sun rise? God does. Do you know who makes it rain? God does. HE RULES over nature. That is God's power. And, man and man's destiny are in God's hands.

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring (Acts 17:24-28).

Did you notice there in verse 27 that after telling you that God is your maker, after telling you that God made all things, after telling you that God gave you life, the Bible said that men would seek the Lord and they would feel after Him and that some would find Him, though He be not far from every one of us? Now, if God isn't far from every one of us, how is it that so many people have such a hard time finding Him? Because they are FEELING after Him. My friends, God made the earth, but though you touch the earth every day, the earth is not God. God made the wood, the stone, the air, the wind, the sunlight - all the things that you see, taste, touch, feel, and experience. God made all those things, but those THINGS are not God, any more than you are God. They are simply THINGS that God made, just as you are a creation, someone that God made.

Now, where is God? Oh, He is not far from you.

Well, how do I find Him?

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You get down on your knees and say, "God, I want to know You," and God will make Himself known to you.

God is the one you need to worship. God is wise. He exercises His power only in harmony with His wisdom. Psalm 136:5, speaking of God, says. *To him that by wisdom made the heavens* God made the heavens, but He did so by means of His wisdom. *The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth* (Proverbs 3:19).

God could have refrained from making man. He could have made him without a free will or He could have made him without a soul. Yet, in His wisdom and holiness, God created man as he is. Who can question God's wisdom?

By creating man as He has. God has voluntarily limited His power. He cannot end man's existence, for He made man with an eternal soul. He cannot control man's will, for He has given man power to choose. He can only bring influence to bear to change man's will and enter a judgment upon him, imprison him, hinder his plans, and limit his actions. All the misery in the world is the result of man's willfulness, not a lack of power on God's part. God is using every agency at His command to turn man from this willfulness.

Will you turn from yours and trust the Lord Jesus Christ. Every trouble and heartache you have ever known has been borne out of your choosing to violate the way and will of God. If you would submit to His will, and surrender your all to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, you would find the joy and peace that only comes from living in harmony with the will of God our Eternal GOD.

Notes

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Name _____

1. Explain why Hebrews 6:17-18 is not a contradiction in the scriptures?
2. What gods were known to use their power for wicked and immoral purposes?
3. Please give us an example of how God exercises His power?
4. Why is GOD not a sort of technical term?
5. Can God stop himself from doing something?
6. GOD is all powerful, explain what that means.
7. Who is the "blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords"?
8. When speaking of the power and the wisdom of God. What four attributes must be studied together?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
9. What would of been the down side of GOD creating man without a free-will?
10. What did we learn from Romans Chapter 4?

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11. What is the key verse in this Lesson?
12. What was the purpose of this Lesson?
13. "The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth" How is this physically possible?
14. Explain Colossians 1:15-17.
15. "feel after him", Who would do something like this and why?
16. How do you find the LORD?

True/false

- Satan can prevent GOD from doing His will.
- GOD has been known to use His power for wicked and immoral purposes.
- GOD abides in the Church house.



Scripture Memorization: Psalm 136:5; 1 Timothy 6:15; Colossians 1:15-17. Write these verses out on the back page of this paper.(must be in KJV)

any questions?