

The Greatness Of God

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Introduction.

I. One of the great hymns of our age is the hymn "How Great Thou Art."

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed: When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin:	When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou Art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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II. This beautiful hymn appropriately praises God for His greatness. Certainly God is worthy of all this praise and adoration.

A. David also exalted God. (Psa. 8:1-5, 8).

B. Paul wrote concerning God's greatness. (1 Tim. 6:16).

I. **Eternity** - God is great because of His eternity.

A. Exod. 3:13, 14.

B. Deut. 33:27; Psa. 90:2

C. It can be said of man. He was, or he is, or he shall be.

1. But of God it is said He always was, He is, and He shall always be.

2. He did not have a beginning and He does not have an end.

3. He is self-existent and eternal.

II. **Omnipresence** - God is great because of His omnipresence.

A. There was a **Sunday school teacher who emphasized God is everywhere.**

1. **One of the students asked** “Is God in my bedroom?” The teacher answered “yes.” The student asked, “Is God in this classroom? The teacher gave an affirmative question. The student then asked, “Is God in my cellar? The teacher gave a positive question. The boy sent, “Ha, I knew something was wrong. We do not have a cellar.”
2. Many find it hard to believe God is everywhere, but nevertheless, it is true.

B. The Bible says. (Jere. 23:23, 24; Psa. 139:7-10)

III. **Omniscience** - God is great because of His omniscience.

A. God is all-knowing.

1. His knowledge is unlimited. There is absolutely nothing he does not know past, present or future.
2. **One author wrote:** “All the information in all the libraries of the world; all the data on all the computer chips in the world, including all the chips that have not yet been made; all of this data, God know completely right now. Because he is infinite, ‘His understanding is infinite.’ (Psa. 147:5).” **Tony Evans**
3. **Another author wrote** these words about God’s knowledge that is not dependent and knows all things before they actually happen.

“Since God knows time, he knows all things as they are in time; he doth know all things to be at once, though he knows at once what is, has been, and will be. All things are past, present, and to come, in regard of their existence; but there is not past, present, and to come, in regard of God’s knowledge of them, because he sees and knows not by any other, but by himself; he is his own light by which he sees, his own glass wherein he see; beholding himself, he beholds all things.”

B. **Yes, God know all things.**

1. Here are some additional thoughts about God’s omniscience.
 - a. It is **untaught**. No can instruct God.
 - b. It is **infinite** - no limits - complete - knows everything old and new.
 - c. **Know all languages** - nearly 6,000 languages and dialects - can hear and answer all at same time.
 - d. It is **instantaneous**. I know a lot of things that take a long time to retrieve. God can retrieve all instantly.
 - e. Does not forget or get confused. I often do.

1) Once an **older man summoned his courage** and asked an older lady to marry him. He was thrilled

when she answered, “Yes.” The next morning he phoned her. He said, “I remember asking you to marry me, but for the life of me I can’t remember what you said. She said, “I’m go glad you called. I remember saying “yes” to you, but for the life of me I couldn’t remember the question.”

2) Some of you may have heard about the **3 older sisters in their 90's** who lived together. They were getting a bit forgetful. One of them, the oldest (95) put her foot in bath water. She called downstairs to her sisters and ask, “Am I getting in or getting out. Another sister started downstairs. She stopped and called out to the sister down-stairs at the kitchen table, “Am I going down or coming up.” The sister at the table knocked a couple of times on the kitchen table and said, “I hope I never get that forgetful.” She then said, “I will be right up in just a moment.. Someone is knocking at the door.”

2. **Psalm 147:4** says that every star in every galaxy has been numbered and named by God.

3. Prov. 15:3; Matt. 10:29-31

4. The Hebrew writer wrote.

HEB 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

a. The Hebrew writer tells us that there is nothing in all creation hidden from the eyes of God.

b. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before God.

IV. **Omnipotence** - God is great because of His omnipotence.

A. This means God is all powerful.

1. He is called “El Shaddai.”

2. Jesus said. (Matt. 19:26).

B. God demonstrated His power when He created the vast, infinite universe. There are more than a 100 billions galaxies and literally trillions of stars and God created them all.

C. One of the greatest manifestations of God’s infinite power and wisdom is man.

1. Recently I read this article entitled “The Incredible Body Of Man” in the magazine “**Does God Exist?**”

- You possess 3,000,000,000,000 nerve cells all coordinated by the brain.
- You have 30,000,000,000 working sections to the brain.
- You have 131,000,000 photo receptors in your eyes.
- You have 24,000 hair cells in your ears that react to sound and convert it to nerve impulses.

- Your small intestine has a surface area of 970,000 square feet.
 - Your heart pumps 2,000 gallons of blood every day beating 100,000 times a day.
 - Your liver manufactures more than 1,000 different enzymes, each controlling a different chemical reaction.
 - You have 60,000 miles of blood vessels in your body.
 - You breathe 438 cubic feet of air a day.
 - There are 35,000,000 gland cells in your stomach to break down food yet not digest itself.
 - Your kidneys have 40 miles of tubing and clean 500 gallons of your blood every day.
 - Every cell has 1,000,000,000,000 bits of data in it (the same amount of information as 10,000 encyclopedia-sized books).
 - There are 639 muscles that must work together.
 - Joints must move 25,000,000 times in our lifetimes without wearing out.
 - There are 30,000,000,000,000 cells in our body with 10,000 functions.
2. These figures are obviously average figures depending on the size of the person and other facts, but they do show the great complexity of the human body. They manifest that a all-powerful, intelligent God must have made us.
 3. **David** had the attitude that each of us should have, "I will praise thee Lord, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psa. 139:14).

V. **Holiness** - God is great because of His holiness.

A. **Isaiah** said of God. (Isa. 6:3; 1 Jn. 1:5).

1. James wrote. (Jas. 1:13).
2. John wrote. (Rev. 4:8).

REV 4:8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

B. **I proclaim to you that our God is infinitely perfect.** He is sinless. He has never sinned and is incapable of sin. His Divine holiness makes it impossible for God to lie or to commit any other sin.

VI. **Love** - God is great because of His love.

A. God has manifested is love throughout the ages.

B. He has richly blessed man. (Matt. 5:43, 44; Jas. 1:17).

C. The greatest manifestation of His love came at the cross. (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8).

Conclusion.

I. For these reasons and many others that could be given truly God is great and should be praised by every man, woman and child in the universe.

II. Let us praise Him as the psalmist did.

PSA 148:1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! 2 Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! 3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light! 4 Praise Him, highest heavens, And the waters that are above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created. 6 He has also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree which will not pass away. 7 ¶ Praise the Lord from the earth, Sea monsters and all deeps; 8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; 9 Mountains and all hills; Fruit trees and all cedars; 10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and winged fowl; 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; 12 Both young men and virgins; Old men and children. 13 ¶ Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven. 14 And He has lifted up a horn for His people, Praise for all His godly ones; Even for the sons of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the Lord!

III. **Yes, God is great.** May all of us always praise our Awesome, Marvelous, Majestic, Wonderful God and may we exhort others to praise and bless Him forever and ever.

IV. Beloved, the great, eternal God offers us everlasting life with Him. This offer is made through His Son, Jesus Christ. All who submit to Jesus in faith and baptism and obedience will enjoy everlasting life with the Father. Come to Jesus today as we stand and sing.

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