

# Bible Study: The Character of God

## XII. God is Great, Mighty, Terrible, Omnipotent, to be feared

**Passages to read:** Nehemiah 9:32; Psalm 89:7, 145:3; Jeremiah 10:6; Titus 2:13

### Related passages for personal study:

- \* Deuteronomy 10:17; Psalm 47:2, 96:4, 111:10; Luke 1:32; John 10:29; 2 Corinthians 5:11, 7:1; 1 Peter 1:17, 5:6; Revelation 11:17, 19:6

### Description of -

- \* **Great:** rank, superior power and sovereignty
- \* **Mighty:** powerful
- \* **Terrible, to be feared:** to be revered.
  - o In the New Testament, “that mingled fear and love which, combined, constitute the piety of man toward God; the Old Testament places its emphasis on the fear, the New Testament... on the love”<sup>1</sup>
  - o “A wholesome dread of displeasing God”<sup>1</sup>
- \* **Omnipotent:** All-powerful

### Aspects To Consider:

- \* **His greatness:**
  - o **In rank, preeminence**
    - “Greater than all gods” Exodus 18:11
    - “Greater than all” John 10:29
    - Christ:
      - “Son of the Highest”- Luke 1:32
      - “Great High Priest” Hebrews 4:14
      - “King of kings and Lord of lords”- 1 Timothy 6:15
      - “Firstborn”- Romans 8:29; Colossians 1:15, 18; Hebrews 1:6
      - Preeminent- Colossians 1:18
  - o **In power, might, authority**
    - “Almighty”- Genesis 17:1
    - “Mighty God”- Deuteronomy 7:21; Isaiah 9:6
    - “All power is given unto Me”- Matthew 28:18
- \* **To be revered**

### How should an omnipotent, awesome God affect me?

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| * Humility: 1 Peter 5:6         | * Security: John 10:29       |
| * Obedience: 2 Corinthians 5:11 | * Worship: Revelation 11:17  |
| * Holiness: 2 Corinthians 7:1   | * Witness: 1 Peter 3:15      |
| * Manner of life: 1 Peter 3:2   | * Prayer life: Matthew 19:26 |

### Questions for Discussion:

- \* What are some ways God shows His greatness to His people today?
- \* Can the reverential fear of God lead to legalism?

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