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The Lord Almighty

1 Chron 29:11-13

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

God is Omnipotent-God possesses all power. Any power that is in the creation is granted by God. God had the creative power to make the universe from nothing, and He sustains the same universe by His power. He has power over life and death and every other thing. He made all things with a very purposeful will, and He possesses the power to execute His divine will and bring His intentions to an expected end. His creation is just a *small example* of his mighty power. Not only did He create the universe, but He is even now sustaining all things by his powerful word.

John 1:1-3 - :1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 **All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being** NAS

Col 1:16-17 - 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- **all things have been created by Him and for Him.** 17 And He is before all things, and **in Him all things hold together.** NAS

Heb 1:3 - 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, **sustaining all things by his powerful word.** NIV

Rev 4:11 - 11 "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for **Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created.**" NAS

Since God therefore created all things, He also transcends them, and ***His power and dominion are infinitely greater than everything He created.*** Since God is actively sustaining everything in creation, He exercises His power in every moment of time, being sure to bring to pass "all His good pleasure." He began alone, and created all things out of nothing, and by this great truth is known as "The Almighty." He possesses all the might. He therefore establishes rulers and nations, according to the working of His purposes, grants authority to men and angels as He sees fit. There is no authority except that which God has established.

Rom 13:1-2 - 1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and **the authorities that exist are appointed by God.** 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

John 19:11 - 11 Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, **unless it had been given you from above;** for this reason he who delivered Me up to you has the greater sin."

Dan 4:35 - 35 All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. **He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth.** No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?" NIV

Job 12:14-23 - 14 "Behold, He tears down, and it cannot be rebuilt; He imprisons a man, and there can be no release. 15 "Behold, He restrains the waters, and they dry up; And He sends them out, and they inundate the earth. 16 "With Him are strength and sound wisdom, The misled and the

misleader belong to Him. 23 "**He makes the nations great**, then destroys them; He enlarges the nations, then leads them away. NAS

God, being *the author of life, also has power over death*. Indeed there will come a day when all who are in the graves shall be resurrected from the dead to face God. He will, also by His power, "render to each man according to his works." The almighty God expects human beings to obey Him, and He holds them responsible for their thoughts and actions. This power over death was demonstrated by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, an event of which there were more than 500 eyewitnesses (1Cor 15). Jesus clearly and powerfully called Lazarus forth from the dead, as well as many others.

John 5:28-29 - 28 "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which **all who are in the tombs** shall hear His voice, 29 and shall come forth; those who did the **good deeds to a resurrection of life**, those who **committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment**.

Job 12:9 - That the hand of the LORD has done this, 10 In **whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?**

Finally, is it not evident therefore, that God is greater than any problem! Friend, there is no problem or heartache or trial in life that God cannot resolve, repair or recreate. He can heal what is unhealable, He can make clean whatever is defiled. He can restore the most failed and broken marriage, He can restore shattered dreams and destroyed lives. I know, He has done it for me! God is greater than your life's problems! In fact, *He has allowed your problems to drive you to Him!* When will we finally say "uncle"? Or will we go to the grave with a stubborn and rebellious heart?

Matthew 19:26- "Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, **but with God all things are possible.**"

Jer 29:11-14 - 11 For I know *the plans I have for you*," declares the LORD, "**plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future**. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will **seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you,**" declares the LORD, " NIV

God reveals in the Bible that He is all-powerful and in the final sense is the ruler of nature and history. He is furthermore revealed as *the gracious and loving God, a God of protection and comfort, rest and peace* to all who will repent of their sins and turn to Him to be saved from death!

John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"