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Hebrew = El Shaddai = **Almighty**

Genesis 17:1 - When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, I am God **Almighty**; walk before me, and be blameless,

- It doesn't just mean that God is **more** powerful. It means that God is the possessor of **all** power. Any power that exists is from Him

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Genesis 1:3 – And God said, Let there be light, and there was light.

- God created everything from nothing.

John 1:3 - All things were created by him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.

- Because He possesses **all** power
- Just like I can't create, it's the same with everything that has been created by God
- The creature cannot become the creator
- Angels can't create

2 Kings 19:35 – That very night the angel of the Lord went out and killed 185,000 in the Assyrian camp.

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Colossians 1:17 - He himself is before all things, and all things are held together in him.

Hebrews 1:3 - He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he **upholds the universe by** the word of **his power...**

Colossians 2:15 - Disarming the rulers and authorities (**powers, KJV**), he has made a public disgrace of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

- Through the death and resurrection, Christ defeated the evil angelic powers that were opposing His earthly ministry
- He took away (disarmed) whatever power He had given them

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Philippians 4:13

- This verse may take on new meaning when we think of God possessing all power
- If God really possesses all power, then nothing is impossible for Him
- If you are perfectly in line with God's will, there is nothing He can't do through you
- Because He possesses **ALL** power

Job 42:2 - I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

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- Actually, it's not just the impossible, there is nothing that can be done without God's power

John 15:5 - I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for **apart from me you can do nothing.**

- Any power to sustain me comes from God
- Yet God doesn't weaken when He gives or uses His power
- Because His power is infinite and limitless (immeasurable and inexhaustible)

Ephesians 1:19 - and what is the **immeasurable** greatness of his **power** toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

Isaiah 40:28 - Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. **He does not faint or grow weary;...**

- To us, when we expend power, we get tired
- We have to sleep

Psalm 3

- David's situation is that his son, Absalom, has successfully overtaken David's throne
- David escaped, but now he is on the run for his life (V. 1)
- V. 2 – There are so many people trying to kill him, that people were saying there's no way even God can protect him.
- V. 3-6 – Not only did David sleep, but he eventually woke up. David was able to sleep because he knew God created him and it was God who would sustain him (V. 5)

Psalm 4:8 - I will lie down and sleep peacefully, for you, Lord, make me safe and secure.

- We have to sleep, but God does not
- He is always sustaining us

- The city of Jerusalem is situated on a high hill
- Songs of Ascent (**Psalm 120-134**)
- As they walked along, they would sing songs of praise to God to encourage and comfort each other

Psalm 121:1-4 - A Song of Ascents. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? 2 My help comes from the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.** 3 **He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.** 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber **nor sleep.**

- God is never not paying attention
- He does not drift off because He gets tired
- His people can rest because He never has to
- We have to sleep, but God does not

- God is not just a much bigger version of us
- He's not like anything in creation
- He is the creator and sustainer because He is **all** powerful

Isaiah 40:10-12b. - Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. 12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span,...

All this leaves some people to ask the question, “If God is so powerful, why is there suffering in the world?”