

## God's Nature: Omnipotent and All Powerful

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2. Observe God's interaction at the level of human beings. Can any human being do this?

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With my great power and outstretched arm I made the earth and its people and the animals that are on it, and I give it to anyone I please. Now I will give all your countries into the hands of my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; I will make even the wild animals subject to him. All nations will serve him and his son and his grandson until the time for his land comes; then many nations and great kings will subjugate him. (Jer 27:5-7, NIV)

3. Observe God's judicial view of transgressions against His laws. Are there any human beings who can adjudicate transgressors of God's law?

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or give to God a ransom for them  
the ransom for a life is costly,  
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And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11-12, NIV)

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Help the student gain a sense into the immensity of Creation. For example, look at some pictures of the Hubble Space Telescope that show the birth of stars (search images for "Hubble Space Telescope birth of stars) or how the sun generates light. How is time determined? Allow the student to muse about all of this.

Omnipotence describes the all encompassing power of God who, from the beginning, displayed incomprehensible power with the creation of space and time.

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What does the student observe in the above passages? Did the student notice that the creation of human beings included a sense for moral knowledge – knowing what is right or wrong?

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Ask the student: without God, how do you define sin? By what standard do you use? Is your standard better than someone else's?

Ask the student: can people atone and pay for their sins? Is there a way for a sinner to make restitution for complete forgiveness? Does prison time provide complete justice?

Provide ample time and discussion so that the student will gain a sense of God's omnipotent and all encompassing power.

Only God has the all encompassing power to provide the means to meet the judicial price for sin and completely forgive the transgression.

Only God has the all encompassing power to render judicial judgment of sin and dispense the consequences to those who are guilty of it.

Only God has the omnipotence to provide life after death. God's omnipotence is absolute, infinite and perfect.