

Our God Is Omnipotent

By: Robert Lupo

The most powerful bomb ever detonated on earth was the Tsar Bomba in 1961. The test was carried out on October 30, 1961. According to Britannica.com, "...it was modified to yield 50 megatons...about 3,800 times the strength of the U.S. bomb dropped on Hiroshima during World War II. It exploded about 2.5 miles (4 km) above the ground, producing a mushroom cloud more than 37 miles (60 km) high." The Hiroshima bomb alone was devastating, killing 135,000 Japanese people. It could only be imagined what a bomb of this magnitude would do to a population.

Man has become exceedingly powerful over the last 150 years. As we look at the destruction occurring around the world today, it may cause us to worry. But we must never forget that none of the weapons of mass destruction man has developed can compare to the creative power of God. While the Lord could destroy the universe in an instant, what is even more awe-inspiring is that He created the universe with all of its beauty and complexity in six days.

Destruction has always been easier than creating something new. What is more impressive: the child who kicks over the sandcastle, or the child who built it? Not only did God create our world, He created everything in it, everything sustaining it, and everything surrounding it. God, the Almighty created it all.

Our God is omnipotent. This means that He holds an infinite amount of power. There is nothing our God cannot do that is in accordance with His nature. All things exist and persist by His mighty hand.

The prophet Jeremiah said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You" (**Jer. 32:17**). This is an amazing statement. In physics, the Law of Conservation of Mass states that matter cannot be created or destroyed. The creation of matter is outside the laws of physics. God is far and above these laws because He wrote the laws themselves. And we know He is the author because our universe demands a creator. The universe had a beginning, so there must be a beginner.

God is that beginner. His power is beyond our imagination. He is the one who crafted the atoms that were fused in the Tsar Bomba. Without God, there is no existence. Our God is omnipotent. He is all powerful. Nothing is too hard for Him. He alone is worthy of our praise and devotion. If we have given our lives to Him, then nothing of this world should cause us to fear. Have you devoted your life to God Almighty?

Two Men Who Changed “Churches”

By: Selected

In the years of teaching others, one problem often has confronted those who are being taught. Some have deep roots in the places where they are worshiping and the decision to leave that behind is often not one that is easily made. They now look at the Bible so differently, for what they now know is right is so strange from what they were taught, believed and practiced for many years. Perhaps looking at two examples of men in the Bible who “changed churches” might help them as they struggle.

Saul of Tarsus, far better known as the apostle Paul, was a leader in the Jewish religion. As a young man, he was part of the stoning of the first Christian martyr. The Bible says that he not only took care of the outer garments of those who were actually killing a saint, but as he watched Stephen die, he agreed that it was a godly act to kill that Christian (**Acts 7:58; 8:1; 22:20**). He progressed in his religion and anti-Christian views above his peers (**Phil. 3:5-6; Gal. 1:14**).

Was Paul an evil, violent man? Far from it! He was part of the Jewish “church,” because his one rule was to live by his conscience and he lived a blameless life before God and man (**Acts 23:1; 24:16**). Yet when he understood the will of God, he immediately became a Christian (**Acts 22:16**). He left the Jewish “church” and began a new journey as one who was determined to always do the right thing. The fact he so willingly gave up his past life and embraced a new one is evidence of his honesty and devotion to God.

Apollos is another example of a man who “changed churches.” We know less about his life before becoming part of the church of Jesus, but everything we know shows his involvement in religion. He was a Jew who had been born in Alexandria, a great city on the coast of Africa with a substantial Jewish settlement. He was a man who knew the Bible

and was skilled in publicly teaching others (**Acts 18:24-25**). In some way, he learned of the teachings of John the Baptist, and when he came to Ephesus, he taught others in the synagogue. In a sense, he had left the Jewish “church” and became part of the “John the Baptist church.” A Christian husband and wife heard him teaching and privately taught him about the church Jesus built. He “changed churches” and began to confront those Jews with whom he had formally worshiped, using the Bible to show them where they were wrong.

Today when one learns about the church of Jesus he stands at a crossroad in his life. The path he chooses reflects the nature of his heart. Two great leaders in the early church were devoted and active in religious lives. Their willingness to change shows what men who are honestly wrong need to do.



Upcoming Events

Tonight, Feb. 11: Youth devotional after evening services here at the building. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

Feb. 16-18, 2024: Midtown will host the 2024 Winter Youth Retreat at Peach Valley camp. There is a flyer on the hallway bulletin board.

Sunday, Feb. 25: Chili Cook Off Fellowship after evening services. There is a sign up sheet on the hallway bulletin board.

Area Events:

2/29/24-3/3/2024 Arise at Southwest church of Christ.

4/27/2024: Ladies Day at Weber Road.

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Members who have been ill this past week.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Les Daltry, Barbie Dolan, Sandra Marie, Veronica Serenil, and Clark Withers.

Donations are Needed for the Winter Youth Retreat.

There is a sign up sheet and box located in the hallway for anyone who would like to donate items to our Youth retreat. If you would like to do a cash donation, please see Doug Jobses.

Food Helpers for the month of Feb. - Team B

Service Roster

Week of February 11, 2024

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Jake Jacobs
Song Leader Doug Jobses

Opening Prayer..... Mark FitzSimmons
Closing Prayer..... Steve Randle

Lord’s Supper & Offering

Bread.....Mike Atkinson
Cup..... Ken Dorries
Offering..... Mark Jones
Assist..... Ferman Rosales
Assist..... Willie Fossati
Assist..... Kanin Jacobs

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Jeff Cannady

Opening Prayer..... Bryant Siegel
Closing Prayer..... Bryce Dolan

Lord’s Supper & Offering.....Mark Jones/
Clifton Rutherford

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class Brandon Starling
Song Leader.....Rick Bass
DevotionalJames Cammock

Other

Prepare Communion.....Debra Prince

Congregational News

Birthdays

Jerry Fuentes.....Feb. 12

Anniversaries

Ron & Mary Jo White.....Feb.11

If you have any prayer requests or upcoming events to be announced, please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Preacher

Brandon Starling

Weekly Reading

Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my
groaning. Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God, for to you do I pray.
Psalm 5:1-2

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of February 4, 2024

A.M. Bible Class.....70
A.M. Worship.....117
P.M. Worship.....67
Wednesday Bible Class.....59

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