

Theme: God is supreme over all things; the universe exists for His pleasure.

I. Intro – The Awesome God

- A. The Psalmist asks “Who is like the Lord?”
- B. Key question if we are to live for God’s glory
- C. Key question if we are to understand history
- D. Key question if we are to understand consummation
- E. We can only do this if we see how great God is

II. The Supremacy of God’s Being

- A. He alone is self-existent (Ex 3:14; Jn 5:26; Acts 17:28)
 - 1. He is the I AM; He exists (Exodus 3:14)
 - 2. He has life in Himself (John 5:26)
 - 3. We derive life from God (Acts 17:28)
- B. He alone is eternal (Ps 90:2; Deut 33:27)
 - 1. He is from everlasting (Psalm 90:2)
 - 2. He is the eternal God (Deuteronomy 33:27)
- C. He alone is self-fulfilled (Acts 17:25; Jo 17:5,24)
 - 1. God does not need us (Acts 17:25)
 - 2. The Trinity – God needs no one else (John 17:5, 24)

D. He alone is infinite

- 1. Presence - He is everywhere (Jer 23:24; Ps 139:7)
- 2. Knowledge – He knows all (Heb 4:13; Ps 139:4,6; idol)
- 3. Power – He is almighty (Jer 32:17; Gen 17:1; creed)

E. He alone is immutable (Mal 3:6; Num 23:19)

- 1. He does not change (Malachi 3:6)
- 2. Men change – He does not (Numbers 23:19)

F. He alone is perfect

- 1. God is perfect (Mt 5:48; Deu 32:4)
- 2. All else is flawed (Ps 119:96; Rom 3:10-12)

III. The Supremacy of God Over Creation

A. All things exist from and through God

- 1. Col 1:16; 1 Cor 8:6; Rom 11:36
- 2. God is the source of all creation

B. All things exist for and to God

- 1. Col 1:16; 1 Cor 8:6; Rom 11:36; Rev 4:11 (NIV& KJV)
- 2. God is the goal of all creation

IV. Applying the Word

A. Do you see the uniqueness of God?

1. God is very different from all else
2. God is far superior to all else
3. Do we have diminutive thoughts about God?

B. Do we see that everything exists for God, not us?

1. Do we recognize that God is the center?
2. Do we live as if we are the center? (Edwards)
3. Do we see God as the source and goal of all things?

The Absolute Supremacy of God

Psalm 89:5-8
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How Great Is Our God
Jude 24-25

Exodus 3:14 - God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

John 5:26 - For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' - Acts 17:28

Psalms 90:2 - Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Deuteronomy 33:27 - The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Acts 17:25 - And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

John 17:5, 24 - ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. .. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

Jeremiah 23:24 - "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

Psalms 139:7 - Where can I go from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence?

¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:13

Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. ...⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Psalms 139:4-6

¹⁷ "Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. Jeremiah 32:17

1 "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. Genesis 17:1

"I believe in God the Father Almighty Maker of Heaven and earth" – Apostles Creed

Malachi 3:6 - I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

Numbers 23:19 - God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48

⁴ He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. Deuteronomy 32:4

To all perfection I see a limit; but your commands are boundless. Psalms 119:96

¹⁰ As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." Romans 3:10-12

Colossians 1:16 - For by him all things were created...all things were created by him and for him.

1 Corinthians 8:6 - yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him

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¹¹ "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." Revelation 4:11

Revelation 4:11 (KJV) - Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

One great reason why doctrine is thought to be of such little importance [is] that modern religion consists so little in respect to the Divine Being and almost wholly in benevolence to men. – Jonathan Edwards