

## Our Words Do Not Limit God

### Ephesians 3:20a (NASB)

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly **beyond all that we ask or think**

- Contrary to false teachings, God is not constrained by our thoughts or words
- Paul's statement is grounded in the reality of God's omnipotence and His love
- God has already done more than was imagined by creating "one new man"

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## God's Power in Believers

### Ephesians 3:20b (NASB)

according to the power that works within us,

- Vs 20 uses three words for power: *dunamai, dunamis, energeo\_*
- Therefore we can go to God with our greatest needs in confident hope
- God is at work in the "inner man" (vs 16) to bring His purposes to pass in our lives

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## God's Glory in the Church

### Ephesians 3:21 (NASB)

to Him be the **glory in the church and in Christ Jesus** to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

- The church exists to bring glory to God
- Since the church is God's dwelling (vs 17), it is thus the place of God's glory on earth
- The "praise of His glory" is found 3X in *Berakah* (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14)

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## Implications and Applications

- Christians should always ascribe all glory to God
- Human words and imaginations do not limit God's action

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## All Glory to God

### 1 Chronicles 29:11 (NASB)

Yours, O LORD, is the **greatness** and the **power** and the **glory** and the **victory** and the **majesty**, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the **dominion**, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

- David piles up terms to describe the weightiness of God in His essential nature
- David describes God's rulership over all things

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## All Dependency on God

### 1 Chronicles 29:12 (NASB)

Both riches and honor come from You, and **You rule over all**, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

- This statement is grounded in God's mighty deeds in Israel's history
- David acknowledges God's universal sovereignty

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## Jesus' Saving Intercession for Us

### Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since **he always lives to make intercession for them**.

- The context shows that this is in contrast to the temporary, limited OT priesthood
- Jesus' intercession on our behalf is continual, effective, and assures salvation
- We can only "draw near" through Christ

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## The Security of the Believer

### Romans 8:33, 34 (NASB)

Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, **who also intercedes for us**.

- The Spirit also intercedes for us (vs 26)
- The death, resurrection, ascension, and exaltation of Christ ground our assurance

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