

The Glory of God in the Salvation of Sinners (Part 2)

The Foundation: God's Power

What's the most powerful thing you can think of?

The world's most powerful engine weighs 2,300 tons, is 44 feet tall, and 90 feet long. It is a 14 cylinder diesel engine that has 109,000 horsepower. The engine powers a cargo ship that can carry 11,000 20-foot shipping containers at 31 knots from China to the US.

The world's most powerful bite belongs to the salt-water crocodile. In a bite, it exerts 3,700 pounds per square inch (PSI) of force. This is twelve times stronger than the bite of a great white shark and means that it could crush bowling balls like we eat peanuts. (Humans can bite at the most about 120 pounds of force.)

The world's most powerful creature is the blue whale who, at 150 tons of weight, can send a boat flying with just a flick of its tail.

Sermon Questions

1. Can God create a rock that is too heavy for him to lift? (Yes/No)
2. When we say that God is omnipotent we mean:
 - a. God is all-knowing.
 - b. God is all-powerful to do all his holy will (i.e., anything he desires).
 - c. God is all-powerful to do *anything*. Period.
 - d. God is present at all places at once.
3. What is more amazing to you:
 - a. God's power as seen in creation.
 - b. God's power as seen in salvation.
4. In which part of creation do you see God most clearly? _____
5. Jesus demonstrated his _____ by exercising God's authority over creation and life-giving power.
6. In the Exodus, God's power is seen in judgment *and* rescue. (Yes/No)
7. God's power through the gospel is able to:
 - a. overcome the penalty of sin.
 - b. overcome the power of sin.
 - c. overcome our poverty.
 - d. overcome Satan and the kingdom of darkness.
8. Fill in the blanks for the three reflections on God's power in salvation:
 - a. True, biblical Christianity, is a result of the infinite _____ of God at work to _____ a human soul.
 - b. God's power is at work _____ us, and _____ us.
 - c. God's power in _____ displays his _____.

Lunch Conversation Starters

1. What were the points in today's sermon that challenged you?
2. What were the points in today's sermon that encouraged you?
3. What questions or concerns do you have from today's teaching?

Heeding God's Word Today and This Week

"let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"

1. **Today:** Have you experienced God's saving power? If so, tell someone! If not, when are you going to humble yourself before the mighty Savior?
2. **This Week:** Meet a fellow church member for coffee (or before work or during lunch break) or give them a call. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4–8 together. What was the effect of the word as it was preached? Do we see the same effect in our lives? End by asking them how you can pray for them to live for Christ and others this week. Pray for one another.