



THE SUPREMACY OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

The absolute and universal supremacy of God is clearly affirmed throughout the Word of God. God's supremacy is manifested in all that He has created: the control and movement of the universe, the earth with its governing powers and seasons, and His rulership over mankind. When we think of kings, monarchs, or dictators, we are led to believe that they have absolute power, but in truth their power is limited. It is difficult for our minds to comprehend what it would be like to have absolute power. To be supreme over every earthly event and throughout the universe is unfathomable to us. God is the supreme Monarch of the universe. He is omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (knows all), and omnipresent (present everywhere at the same time). To say that God is supreme is to declare that He is the Almighty, the Possessor of all power in heaven and earth; therefore no one can defeat His counsels, thwart His purpose or resist His will.

THEME SCRIPTURE

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (Colossians 1:17).

SECTION I

1. WRITE your own definition of *supremacy*. _____

Dictionary Definition

Supremacy is the state or condition of being superior to all others in authority, power, and status; domination, superiority or in control of all others; highest in rank, authority, degree.

Biblical Definition

God's *supremacy*, in the Bible, is His lordship¹. When Scripture compares God to earthly lords and false gods, it means He is sovereign, controller, master, and owner over them.

The title LORD is ascribed only to Jehovah the Self Existent and Eternal One who is supreme over all.

Scripture Descriptions

2. READ the following Scriptures that describe God's supremacy. UNDERLINE the words and/or phrases that speak about His supremacy.

Psalm 135:5, 6	<i>For I know that the LORD is great, and our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deep places.</i>
I Chronicles 29:11	<i>Yours, O LORD is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty, for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all.</i>
Romans 11:33-36	<i>Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him? For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.</i>
Colossians 1:15-19	<i>[Referring to Jesus] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell.</i>

¹ lordship: supreme power or rule.

3. What did you learn about God's supremacy from these Scriptures? _____
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PERSONAL

How has what you have learned about God's supremacy changed your outlook? _____

SECTION II – Biblical Illustrations of God's Supremacy

God's Lordship Over King Nebuchadnezzar

READ Daniel Chapter 3.

1. What did King Nebuchadnezzar command to be built? Where was it to stand (v. 1)? _____
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2. Who were to be present at the dedication of the image (vv. 2, 3)? _____
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- What did they do? _____
3. To whom did the herald address? What did he command (vv. 4, 5)? _____
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² height – sixty cubits: ninety feet tall.
width – six cubits: nine feet wide.

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4. What was the penalty for disobedience to this commandment (vv. 6, 7)? _____
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- How did the people obey the king's command? _____
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5. How did the Chaldeans³ address King Nebuchadnezzar? What was their accusation (vv. 8-12)? _____
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6. What did the king command? How did the king challenge God Almighty (vv. 13-15)? _____
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7. What were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's attitude towards God's lordship over the king and his god (vv. 16, 17)?
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8. How did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego make a stand for the supreme God (v.18)? _____
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9. Believing he was the supreme ruler, how did the news of the God of the three Hebrew children affect King Nebuchadnezzar? What did he command (vv. 19-21)?
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³ Chaldeans: members of an ancient people who lived in Chaldea and ruled Babylon from 625 – 539 BC; renowned as astronomers and astrologers.

10. What happened to the mighty men of valor when they cast the three Hebrews bound into the exceedingly hot furnace (vv. 22, 23)?

11. What did the king observe in the fiery furnace (vv. 24, 25)? _____

What was the fourth Man like? _____⁴

12. How did the king address the Hebrew children (v. 26)? _____

13. DESCRIBE Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's condition when they came out of the fire (v. 27). _____

14. What was King Nebuchadnezzar's declaration of God (v. 28)? _____

15. What was the king's new decree (v. 29)? _____

16. What happened after their demonstration of faith (v. 30)? _____

PERSONAL

WRITE one thought that impressed you the most about God's supremacy. _____

⁴ Son of God: a son of the gods; Jesus, the Son of God (Isaiah 43:1, 2).

We have learned about God's supremacy and His unlimited power. However, we often find ourselves in a battle with our adversary, Satan. Let us briefly examine a part of Job's life and God's supremacy over Satan's limited powers.

God's Supremacy Over Satan

READ Job 1:1-22 and Job 2:1-10.

1. Who came to present themselves before the throne of God (Job 1:6)? _____⁵

2. Where had Satan been (v. 7)? _____

3. How did the LORD describe Job (v. 1, 8)? _____

4. Why couldn't Satan hurt Job (vv. 9-11)? _____

5. What did God give Satan permission to do (v. 12)? _____

6. How did Job react to God's supremacy (vv. 20-22)? _____

7. How did the Lord affirm Job's integrity (Job 2:1-3)? _____

⁵ sons of God: heavenly beings; angels good and evil.

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8. What did God give permission for Satan to do to Job? How did God restrict Satan (vv. 4-6)? _____
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9. How did Satan afflict Job (vv. 7, 8)? _____
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10. What misguided counsel did Job's wife give to Job (v. 9)? _____
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11. How did Job respond to his wife (v. 10)? _____
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12. How did Job declare God's supremacy after much suffering (Job 13:15)? _____
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PERSONAL

How have you reacted when you have been afflicted by Satan? _____

SECTION III – Scriptural References of God's Supremacy

What do you read about God's supremacy in the following verses?

I Chronicles 29:11, 12 _____

II Chronicles 20:6

Job 23:13

Job 42:2

Psalms 8:1

Psalms 29:10

Psalms 97:9

Psalms 115:3

Psalms 147:5

Proverbs 21:30

Isaiah 46:9

Matthew 19:26

Ephesians 1:11

Hebrews 4:13

PERSONAL

From what you have learned through this lesson, WRITE the blessings that come to you when you recognize God's supremacy.

THEME SCRIPTURE

WRITE the THEME SCRIPTURE.

(Colossians 1:17).

*For of Him, and through Him and to Him
are all things, to whom be glory forever.*

Amen.

Romans 11:36

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