GOD IS.... POWERFUL

Intro:

- We are told to worship God, respect God, love God, fear God, serve God
- Yet for many people they have no idea who God is

We are discovering together who God is!

Genesis 1:1-5

- The bible simply states: "In the beginning God created the heavens & the earth"
- So typical of the bible to understate the awesomeness of God
- The "heavens and the earth" demonstrates God's power

There are some amazing things about God's creation that scientists are now discovering which leave us in awe of God's power and the brilliance of God's creation

• Creation is astonishing! Mindblowing, yet the bible simply states "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth",.

☆ Psalm 97:1-7

- The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad
- Clouds surround him, fire goes out before him, His lightening lights up the world, mountains melt like wax before Him, the heavens proclaim his righteousness
- We are awed by the power of God, his light lights up the world! Isn't that striking.
- V7 Let all who worship images/idols are put to shame"
- God is so powerful, amazing, awe-inspiring that to not give him the respect due to his name and to bow down to money is shameful!
- To fear people more than God is embarrassing!
- To put your career before you Christianity is foolishness or it doesn't make sense
- To worship your children ahead of God is ridiculous!
- To be half-hearted and luke-warm in your devotion to Christ is shameful!

Truly - "Let all who worship idols be ashamed"

⇔ Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28

- Ezekiel saw 'visions of God'
- Saw a windstorm, an immense cloud with flashing lightening and surrounded by brilliant light, the centre of the fire looked like glowing metal, in there were four living creatures
- The creatures had four faces and four wings, their four faces were that of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle
- The creatures appeared to be like burning coals of fire and they moved back & forth like flashes of lightening, when their wings moved it sounded like the roar of rushing waters
- Spread out above their heads was an expanse like sparkling ice & on it a throne of sapphire, above the throne was a figure like that of a man
- From waist up He looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, from the waist down
 just fire, brilliant light surrounded him, like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds,
 so was the radiance around him
- This was the likeness of the glory of God

- This is not even the real thing, but just the "like-ness of the glory of God"
- A glimpse, a representation, a sample of God's glory
- Ezekiel simply fell face down wouldn't you?
- Let's face it God is POWERFUL!

There is application or purpose to all of this; Since God is powerful:

☆ Isaiah 66:1-2

Heaven is God's throne & earth is but his footstool

The one God respects is:

- Humble
- Contrite in spirit
- Trembles at his words
- 1. Get serious God esteems those who love and live their lives by his scriptures
- 2. You need a plan for your bible study
- 3. Set aside time every day

Let's tremble at God's word

What is the other application; Since God is powerful:

2. We can trust Him

☆ Isaiah 45:9-13

- Woe to him who quarrels with his maker
- Does the clay question the potter "What are you making?"
- Does YOUR work say "He has no hands"
- Business people: When was the last time your work turned at complained at you?
- Mothers and father's: When did your housework talked back to you?

Yet we do this to God

Q~Do you give God orders about the work of his hands?

• Listen, He made the earth & stretched out the heavens – he knows what he's doing!

Do you trust God with:

1. Your life, if not trust him. He is so powerful, he has got things under control.

Conclusion.

God is awesome in power THEREFORE:

- Respect his word
- Trust him with all your heart