



The Harvest

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Omnificent

*“The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky shows His handiwork.
Day to day they speak,
night to night they reveal knowledge.
There is no speech, no words,
where their voice goes unheard.”
~ Psalm 19:2-4 ~*

The word “omnificent” is a lot less common than the other “omni-” words we’ve examined so far such as “omnipresent,” “omniscient,” and “omnipotent.” However, this “omni-” word is just as relevant and true about the Lord as the others. Omnificent means “unlimited in creative power.” God is the author of creativity. He created heaven and earth - the sky, the moon, the stars – the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals on the land – and human beings with their unique intricacies. There is not a single aspect of this world that God’s artistic hand did not create.

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was chaos and waste, and the Ruach Elohim was hovering upon the surface of the water” (Genesis 1:1-2). The very first thing we see God do in our record of His actions is create. He exercises His creative power to bring into existence life where none existed. Creativity began with God.

Here, we see the Lord used His words to create. God, being omnipotent, could have used His thoughts. He could have merely thought about the world we wanted to create and brought it into existence. He might have just stretched out His hands and brought forth the world. But instead, He spoke. We see time and time again throughout the creation story and the rest of Scripture that God uses His words to create. But we also see Him use His words to create the consequences of sinful and rebellious actions. In *Genesis 3:14-19*, the results of mankind’s disregard for God’s words are laid out by the Lord Himself. And again, God uses His words to create – though we may not like this creation. He brings forth the curse on the serpent, the difficulty in childbearing for women, and the toiling endlessly of the ground for men.

Pause: What other places in the Bible have you seen God create with His words? How about other people in Scripture? Have you ever seen humans create with their words?

God creating through His words is not merely a fact we should read about without serious thought. The Bible says, *“Death and life are in the control of the tongue. Those who indulge in it will eat its fruit”* (Proverbs 18:21). Our words have the power to create, just as our Father in Heaven does. We may not be able to create living creatures, but we can create life. We can bring hope and joy and peace and comfort to the people around us. We can speak life into those in our lives. Conversely, we also have the power to create death. We can speak despair, hate, and chaos into the lives of those around us. We must create responsibly. We should take great care to make sure the words we speak create life.

Another way God creates is with His hands. *“Adonai Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall on the man and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place”* (Genesis 2:21). God made life with His hands: He created something good, “the helper,” for mankind. We, too, can create with our hands and our minds. We can dream up something beautiful - bring into existence something vital. We can fulfill the calling that God puts on our lives. Each of us has a purpose to follow in His creative footsteps. He created us, and we are His image bearers. We have the joy of being creative just like our Father.

Take some time to dwell on the unlimited creative power of God. Remember that you are His child, and remind yourself of some of the sparks of creativity that you haven’t yet explored. Take some time to write those down and pray about them. Are these creative ideas a way of obeying the Lord and living in a way that honors Him?

- Worship:
- ~ God of Wonders by Third Day
 - ~ Canvas and Clay by Pat Barrett
 - ~ So Will I (100 Billion X) by Hillsong Worship
