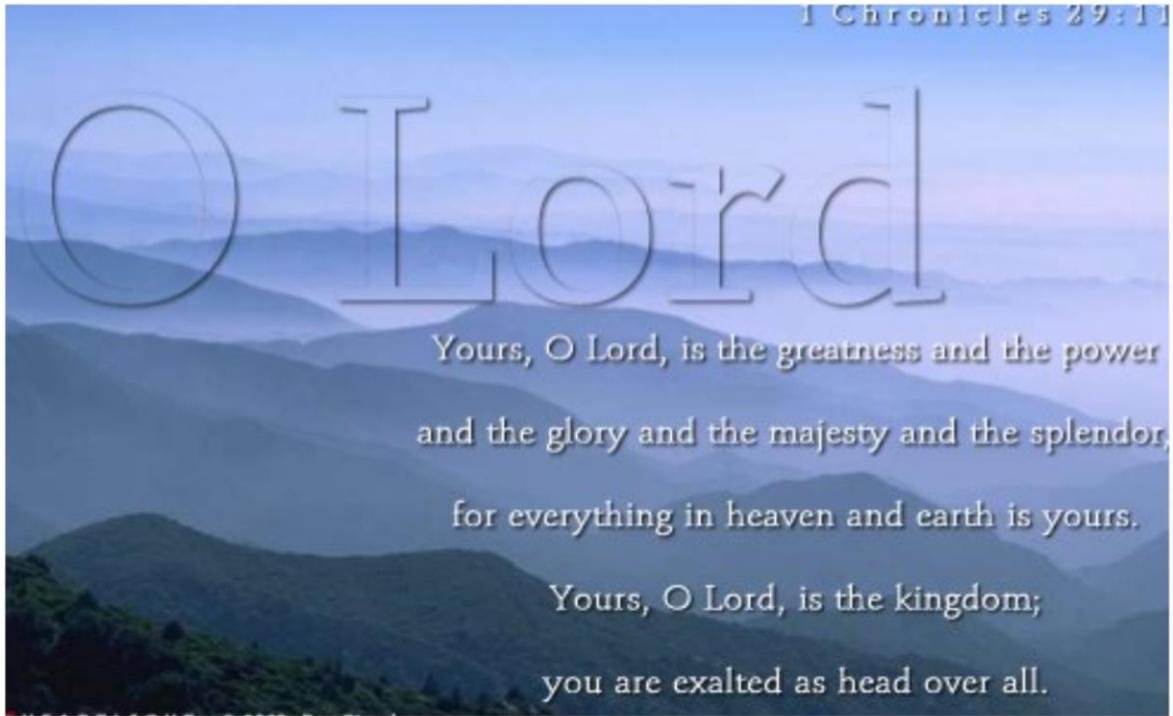


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## Thesis:

The Lord's nature; deeds; and attributes are incomparable, He deserves our praise.

## Objectives:

- I. The Lord's Deeds are great
- II. The Lord's Attributes are great
- III. The Lord's Greatness makes Him Unique

## Introduction:

### God is great

**Jeremiah 10:6 (NIV)** — **6** No one is like you, Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power.

**1 Chronicles 29:11 (NIV)** — **11** Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

**Nehemiah 1:5 (NIV)** — **5** Then I said: "Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

### God's name is great

**Ezekiel 36:23 (NIV)** — **23** I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.

**1 Samuel 12:22 (NIV)** — **22** For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own.

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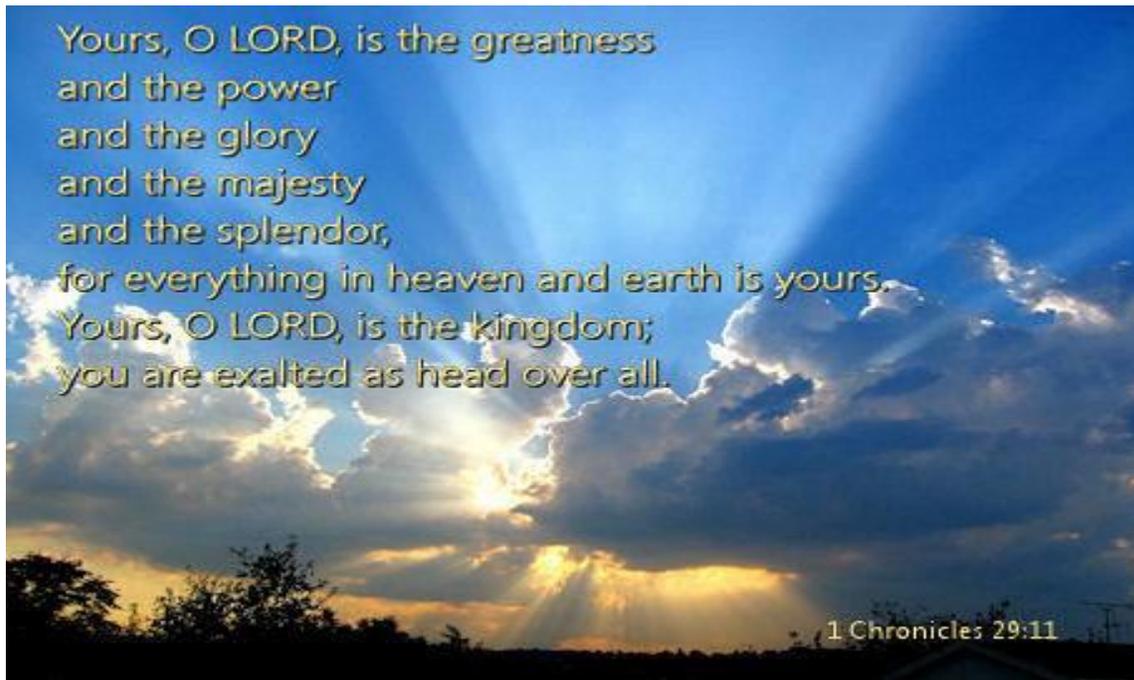
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## God is a great king

**Malachi 1:14** (NIV) — **14** “Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king,” says the Lord Almighty, “and my name is to be feared among the nations.

**1 Timothy 6:15** (NIV) — **15** which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,



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## Sermon Outline:

### I. The Lord's Deeds are Great

#### A. Our Lord's does Great things

**Jeremiah 32:19 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to the ways of all mankind; you reward each person according to their conduct and as their deeds deserve.

**Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)**

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

#### B. Our Lord's acts are powerful

**Exodus 15:7 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> “In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble.

**Deuteronomy 9:29 (NIV)**

<sup>29</sup> But they are your people, your inheritance that you brought out by your great power and your outstretched arm.”

#### C. Creation is a powerful act of the Lord

**Isaiah 40:26 (NIV)**

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

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**Ephesians 1:19–20 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

## II. The Lord's Attributes are great

### A. The Lord's Love is Great

**Psalms 108:4 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

**1 John 3:1 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

### B. The Lord's Mercy is Great

**Romans 5:17 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

**1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

### C. The Lord's Anger is Great

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**2 Kings 22:13 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> “Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD’s anger that burns against us because those who have gone before us have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us.”

**Psalms 90:11 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

## III. The Lord’s Greatness makes Him Unique

A. There is no-one like our God

**2 Samuel 7:22 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> “How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

**Psalms 145:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

B. The Lord is greater than other god’s

**1 Corinthians 8:4–6 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup> For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

C. The Lord’s Greatness surpasses human power and pride

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**Job 33:12** (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> “But I tell you, in this you are not right, for God is greater than any mortal.

**1 John 3:20** (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

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## Conclusion:

**God's gifts are great**

**He bestows great gifts**

**Daniel 5:18 (NIV) — 18** “Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor.

**Genesis 12:2 (NIV) — 2** “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

**He gives great joy**

**Nehemiah 12:43 (NIV) — 43** And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.

**Psalms 126:3 (NIV) — 3** The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

**The effects of God's greatness**

**God's power is known in the nations**

**Psalms 99:2 (NIV) — 2** Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

**Daniel 4:3 (NIV) — 3** How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

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## People are astonished

**Luke 9:43** (NIV) — **43** And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples,

**Habakkuk 1:5** (NIV) — **5** “Look at the nations and watch— and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

**Luke 5:26** (NIV) — **26** Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

## God must be praised for his greatness

**Psalms 89:1** (NIV) — **1** I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

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## Invitation:

### Romans 10:17 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from **hearing**, and **hearing** through the word of Christ.

### Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must **believe** that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

### Acts 17:30 (ESV)

<sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to **repent**,

### 1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good **confession** in the presence of many witnesses.

### Acts 2:38 (ESV)

<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### Revelation 2:10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

