



## 1 Chronicles 29:10-16

(10) Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said:  
"Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.  
(11) 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. (12) Both riches and honor *come*  
from You,  
And You reign over all.  
In Your hand *is* power and might;  
In Your hand *it is* to make great  
And to give strength to all. (13) "Now therefore, our God,  
We thank You  
And praise Your glorious name. (14) But who *am* I, and who *are* my  
people,  
That we should be able to offer so willingly as this?  
For all things *come* from You,  
And of Your own we have given You. (15) For we *are* aliens and  
pilgrims before You,  
As *were* all our fathers;  
Our days on earth *are* as a shadow,  
And without hope. (16) "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we  
have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your  
hand, and *is* all Your own.

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This is part of King David's final prayer of thanksgiving, a portion of his benediction preceding the building of the Temple, as he had made provision for it so that Solomon could begin construction with everything in order.

The words should be meaningful, coming to us from the heart of one we admire, of whom even [God](#) said was a man after His own heart. It schools us in how David felt about God. It touches on His greatness, power, glory, majesty, rulership, headship, and strength. How puny we are by comparison! We are nothing, aliens and pilgrims in a world that gives us no recognition. Compared to His, our days are but a shadow, and despite this, we are able to make an offering to Him because He has given us all we have.

Who is this One to whom we pray, calling Him "Father," "Lord," or "God"? Who is this One whom we refer to as our Creator, Healer, Savior, or Sustainer? Who is the One who is referred to as the Almighty Ruler, Life-giver, and Forgiver of our sins?

He is the sovereign Ruler of all that He has created. The term "sovereignty" first speaks of supremacy of authority, but with the exception of personal evil, God reveals Himself in His Word as supreme in every aspect of life. He is the Most High. To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is the Almighty, the Possessor of all power in heaven and earth; none can defeat His counsels, thwart His purpose, or resist His will. Thus, [Psalm 115:3](#) asserts, "But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases."

Can we accept this? Is this merely a listing of grandiose titles of One who is great in His being but distant and remote in the actual operations of our lives? Do we relate to Him merely as most people in [this world](#) do, or is His greatness truly personal to us, as it was to David, because we know Him personally?

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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