

God Is Great – Allah-u-Akbar

The living God is quite unique:

No one is like you, O LORD; you are **great**, and your name is mighty in power.
Jeremiah 10:6

He created and maintains the whole universe. Therefore He deserves our constant worship and praise:

For the LORD is the **great** God, the **great** King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
Psalm 96:3-6

*His power and intelligence are **greater** than we will ever understand:*

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.
Psalm 147:5

*His power and love, His **great** purposes and mighty deeds ought to inspire us with awe and fear and change our daily conduct to please Him:*

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your **great** power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. You show love to thousands but bring the punishment for the fathers' sins into the laps of their children after them. O **great** and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty, **great** are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to all the ways of men; you reward everyone according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve.
Jeremiah 32:17-19

But so often we treat Him with contempt and bring His wrath on us:

This sin of the young men was very **great** in the Lord's sight, for they were treating the Lord's offering with contempt.
1 Samuel 2:17

Even King David came to cry out to God for forgiveness because his sin was constantly before him:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your **great** compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Psalm 51:1

*Many fight their way through life to become the **greatest** in their arena. But a childlike trust in God is indeed the **greatest** gain in life:*

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the **greatest** in the kingdom of heaven? He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the **greatest** in the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 18:1

*Do you honour God with words only or is your love for Him shown in actions and in truth?
He knows our heart:*

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.
This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence, whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is **greater** than our hearts and he knows everything.

1 John 3:18-20

But He is not expecting more from us than He Himself was willing to do for us:

Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

Can you confidently say that you are a child of God? This is not an arrogant claim, but rather God's desire for each one of His creatures:

How **great** is the 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.

1 John 3:1

*Indeed, God's word is **greater** than anything we might say. And we should not call God a liar when He speaks about His Son:*

We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is **greater** because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:9-11

*By receiving His eternal life in Jesus Christ, His Son, you too may find **great** reward:*

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very **great** reward.

Genesis 15:1

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