

'For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.'

'kingdom' and 'power'
= *omnipotent control*.

God's mastery over all creation.
God's saving acts of total triumph.
(Mark 1:22; 25; 27; 2:11; 4:39-41; 6:51; 7:34).

Power: Inward and Spiritual.

Secret. Invisible. Irresistible. (Lk 13:18-21)
Righteousness. Peace. Joy. (Romans 14:17)

Power: Outward and Social.

*'God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power who went about **doing good** and **healing all who were under the power of the devil**, because God was with him.'*
Acts 10:38

His community was to prevail through the power of the indwelling Spirit; not always to remain entirely inward and hidden but sent forth as a renewing influence; salt and light; a city on a hill.

Glory = 'heavy' or 'weighty'
Having solid reality and deep significance.
God is 'heavy' with glory: perfect knowledge; and faithful love and with majestic holiness.

Humans want a downsized God.
Humans attempt to *un-God God*.
'Asleep at the wheel of existence; semi-conscious of the eternal.'
2 Corinthians 4:4

'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only...full of grace and truth' (Jn 1:14; 18).

Glorify God by

Loving Fully (Jn 17:22-23)

Forgiving Freely (Prov 19:11)

Suffering Hopefully: (2 Cor 4:16-17)

God's Glory is our plea - highest, strongest, most impelling and enduring of all pleas.
Shall we pray it, meaning it now, to the very uttermost? The uttermost may hold hard things, but, easy or hard, there is no other way to reach the place where our lives can receive an impetus, which will make them tell for eternity.' (Amy Carmichael)