

A PORTRAIT OF GOD / *1 Timothy 6:15*

As before in this letter (1:17), Paul needed no excuse at all to launch into an exuberant doxology. In this case, he chose eight wide verbal brushstrokes to picture the awesome nature of God:

Name	What It Means	Other References
Blessed and only Sovereign (Most High)	Control and power are God's alone.	Acts 4:24; Revelation 6:10
King of kings	No king has more power or authority (first used of Babylonian and Persian emperors).	Daniel 4:34; Revelation 17:14; 19:16
Lord of lords	God possesses absolute superiority over all powers, human and divine.	Deuteronomy 10:17; Psalm 136:2-3; Revelation 17:14; 19:16
Immortal	God alone has inherent immortality; ours comes from him.	1 Corinthians 15:53-57
Unapproachable light	God's glory is blinding.	Exodus 24:15-17; Psalm 104:2
Unseen (Invisible)	God is so holy that no one can see him and live.	Exodus 33:17-23; 1 Samuel 6:1-5; John 1:18
Worthy of honor	God is to be honored for who he is and what he has done.	Psalm 96:6; John 5:23; Romans 2:7-10
Eternal dominion (power)	God's power continues from eternity to eternity; it has no end.	1 Peter 4:11; Revelation 1:6