

"God's attributes are not isolated traits of His character but facets of His unitary being.

They are not things-in-themselves; they are, rather, thoughts by which we think of God, aspects of a perfect whole, names given to whatever we know to be true of the Godhead." – A.W. Tozer

Natural / Incommunicable Attributes True of God's essential nature.	Moral / Communicable Attributes Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
God is:	God is:
– Incomprehensible	– Faithful
<ul><li>Self-existent</li></ul>	– Just
– Self-sufficient	– Wrath
– Infinitude	– Mercy
– Eternality	– Grace
– Immutable	– Love
– Omniscient	– Holy
– Omnipotent	– Wise
– Omnipresent	– Sovereign
– Transcendent	– Perfect
– Trinity – Tri-Unity	– Personal
– Indivisible	– Spiritual
– Immanent	– True
– Supreme	- Good
	– Beneficient

□ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute

# "For God is greater than mind itself. His greatness cannot be conceived. Nay, could we conceive of His greatness He would be less than the human mind which could form the conception. He is greater than all language, and no statement can express Him. Indeed, if any statement could express Him, He would be less than human speech which could by such statement comprehend and gather up all that He is. All our thoughts about Him will be less than He, and our loftiest utterances will be trivialities in comparison with Him." – Novatian (c. 200-258 AD)

"Because we are the handiwork of God, it follows that all our problems and their solutions are theological. Some knowledge of what kind of God it is that operates the universe is indispensable to a sound philosophy of life and a sane outlook on the world scene." – A.W. Tozer

"Yet we console ourselves with the knowledge that it is God Himself who puts it in our hearts to seek Him and makes it possible in some measure to know Him, and He is pleased with even the feeblest effort to make Him known". – A.W. Tozer

**Scripture** relating to the Incomprehensibility of God:

**Deuteronomy 29:29** "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

**Job 5:9** Who does great and unsearchable things, wonders without number.

**Job 11:7** "Can you discover the depths of God? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?

**Job 26:14** "Behold, these are the fringes of His ways; And how faint a word we hear of Him! But His mighty thunder, who can understand?"

**Job 33:13** "Why do you complain against Him That He does not give an account of all His doings?

**Job 37:5** "God thunders with His voice wondrously, Doing great things which we cannot comprehend.

**Job 37:23** "The Almighty — we cannot find Him; He is exalted in power And He will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness.

**Psalms 36:6** Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like a great deep. O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

**Psalms 77:19** Your way was in the sea And Your paths in the mighty waters, And Your footprints may not be known.

**Psalms 92:5** How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep.

**Psalms 139:6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

### Incomprehensibility of God

True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.

	Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
	<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
	God has condescended to reveal Himself to us and thus is humanly comprehensible to the degree that finite man can know the infinite creator. Incomprehensibility admits that man's finite understanding of what God has revealed about Himself can never plumb the fullness of the depth, breadth, and glory of God's nature, His character, His being.
	<b>Your Words</b> How would describe the Incomprehensibility God?
	hat Response does the Incomprehensibility of God
reo	quire of me or produce in me?

Hebrews 1:1-3 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the world of His power.

1John 2:12-13 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

""Apart from God I cannot exist; apart from me God does exist. God does not need me in order for Him to be. I do need God in order for me to be. This is the difference between what we call self-existent Being and dependent being." – R.C. Sproul

Everything other than God depends on God, but God depends on nothing. He simply Is. – Unknown

"It is not a cheerful thought that millions of us who live in a land of Bibles, who belong to churches and labor to promote the Christian religion, may yet pass our whole life on this earth without once having thought or tried to think seriously about the being of God. Few of us have let our hearts gaze in wonder at the I AM, the self-existent Self back of which no creature can think." – A.W. Tozer

"I AM WHO I AM." The name is linked with the ancient name for God, Jehovah. But it is more than a name. It is a descriptive name, pointing to all that God is in himself. In particular, it shows him to be the One who is entirely self-existent, self-sufficient and eternal. – James Montgomery Boice

**Scripture** relating to the Self-existence of God:

**Exodus 3:13-15** Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you." 15 God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'YAHWEH, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.'This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

**Psalm 90:2** Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

**Psalm 102:27** "But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.

**Isaiah 43:10** "You are My witnesses," declares YAHWEH, "And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me.

Isaiah 66:1-2 Thus says YAHWEH, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? 2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares YAHWEH. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

### The Self-Existence of God

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<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
To say that God is self-existent means that there was no time when God started to exist and nothing caused God to come into existence. He is not derived and is independent of all that is. He is the source of all being and of all creation.
<b>In Your Words</b> How would describe the Self-existence of God?
<b>What Response</b> does the Self-existence of God require of me or produce in me?

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

**John 5:26** "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

John 8:57-58 So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

Acts 17:24-28 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; 26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, 27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children'.

Romans 4:17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

Colossians 1:15-17 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**Revelation 1:8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."


Observations, Notes, & Insights

### Quotations of Men on the Self-Sufficiency of God:

"God has a voluntary relation to everything He has made, but He has no necessary relation to anything outside of Himself. His interest in His creatures arises from His sovereign good pleasure, not from any need those creatures can supply nor from any completeness they can bring to Him who is complete in Himself." – A.W. Tozer

"Here we run counter to a widespread and popular idea: that God cooperates with human beings, each thereby supplying something lacking in the other. It is imagined, for example, that God lacks glory and therefore creates men and women to supply it. He takes care of them as a reward. Or again, it is imagined that God needs love and therefore creates men and women to love him. Some talk about the creation as if God were lonely and therefore created us to keep him company. On a practical level we see the same thing in those who imagine that women and men are necessary to carry out God's work of salvation as witnesses or as defenders of the faith, forgetting that Jesus himself declared that "God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham" – James Montgomery Boice

"A general definition of this great First Cause, as far as human words dare attempt one, may be thus given: The eternal, independent, and self-existent Being: the Being whose purposes and actions spring from himself, without foreign motive or influence: he who is absolute in dominion; the most pure, the most simple, and most spiritual of all essences; infinitely benevolent, beneficent, true, and holy: the cause of all being, the upholder of all things; infinitely happy, because infinitely perfect; and eternally self-sufficient, needing nothing that he has made: illimitable in his immensity, inconceivable in his mode of existence, and indescribable in his essence; known fully only to himself, because an infinite mind can be fully apprehended only by itself...Reader, such is the God of the Bible; but how widely different from the God of most human creeds and apprehensions!" – Clarkes Commentary on Genesis 1:1

"Twentieth century Christianity has put God on charity. So lofty is our opinion of ourselves that we find it quite easy, not to say enjoyable, to believe that we are necessary to God. But the truth is that God is not greater for our being, nor would He be less if we did not exist." – A.W. Tozer

"God don't need us, we need him." - Grandmother Wisdom

**Scripture** relating to the Self-Sufficiency of God:

**Psalms 8:4** What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?

**Psalm 50:7-12** "Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God. 8 "I do not reprove you for your sacrifices, And your burnt offerings are continually before Me. 9 "I shall take no young bull out of your house Nor male goats out of your folds. 10 "For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a continued on back

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God exists in and of Himself, eternally complete and without need for anything to fulfill Him, improve Him, or complete Him. He is not dependent on the men nor the matter of the creation which He has made and which He sustains.
In Your Words How would describe the Self-Sufficiency of God
<b>What Response</b> does the Self-Sufficiency of God require of me or produce in me?

thousand hills. 11 "I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field is Mine. 12" If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and all it contains."

**Job 35:6-7** If you sin, how does that affect him? If your sins are many, what does that do to him? 7 If you are righteous, what do you give to him, or what does he receive from your hand?

Job 41:11 "Who has given to Me that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine.

Isaiah 40:15-18 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust. 16 Even Lebanon is not enough to burn, Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering. 17 All the nations are as nothing before Him, They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless. 18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

**Isaiah 66:1-2** Thus says YAHWEH, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? 2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares YAHWEH. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

**Malachi 3:6** "For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**James 1:17** Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

Acts 17:24-25 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;

Romans 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 35 Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

**1Timothy 6:15**b ...He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

**Revelation 4:11** "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Observations, Notes, & Insights

"The finite can neither see nor comprehend the Infinite. The Infinite has to reveal Himself." – Unknown

"Of all that can be thought or said about God, His Infinitude is the most difficult to grasp." – A.W. Tozer

"Infinitude can belong to but One. There can be no second." – Unknown

"When we say that God is unlimited, we mean that He is unlimited in His perfections. Now evil is not a perfection; it is an imperfection. The same is true of nonexistence, weakness, ignorance, finitude, temporality, and any other characteristic that implies limitation or imperfection. We might say that God is "limited" in that He can't enter into limitations, like time, space, weakness, evil—at least not as God. He is only "limited" by His unlimited perfection." – Norm Geisler

**Scripture** relating to the Infinitude of God:

**1Kings 8:27** "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built!

**2Chronicles 2:6** "But who is able to build a house for Him, for the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain Him? So who am I, that I should build a house for Him, except to burn incense before Him?

Job 11:7-9 "Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens—what can you do? They are deeper than the depths of the grave—what can you know? Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea"

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

**Isaiah 40:12** "Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?"

**Isaiah 55:8, 9** 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,'declares the Lord.'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts'"

**Isaiah 57:15** For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

**Isaiah 66:1, 2** "This is what the Lord says: 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?'"

### The Infinitude of God

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☐ Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:  Whatever God is and everything that God is, He is without limit, without bounds. The infinity of God is related to and shown by the extent of all God's perfections. God is unlimited in extent of space,
duration, quantity and quality.  In Your Words How would describe the Infinitude of God?
<b>What Response</b> does the Infinitude of God require of me or produce in me?

Jeremiah 23:24 "Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the LORD. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.

Romans 11:33 "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!"

Colossians 1:17 "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together"

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### "The mind looks backward in time till the dim past vanishes, then turns and looks into the future till thought and imagination collapses from exhaustion: and God is at both points, unaffected by either." – A.W. Tozer

"The eternity of God is nothing else but the duration of God, and the duration of God is nothing else but his existence enduring." – Stephen Charnock

"Man's thoughts are for a time, and his ways but for a season; God is eternal: when he thinks, His thoughts abide for ever, and when He acts His ways are everlasting. – C.H. Spurgeon

**Scripture** relating to the Eternality of God:

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Genesis 21:33** Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of YAHWEH, the Everlasting God.

**Deuteronomy 33:27**a "The eternal God is a dwelling place, And underneath are the everlasting arms;...

**Job 36:26** "Behold, God is exalted, and we do not know Him; The number of His years is unsearchable.

**Psalms 9:7** But the LORD abides forever; He has established His throne for judgment,

**Psalms 41:13** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

**Psalms 45:6** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

**Psalms 90:2** Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

**Psalms 93:2** Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

**Psalms 135:13** Your name, O YAHWEH, is everlasting, Your remembrance, O YAHWEH, throughout all generations.

**Psalms 145:13** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**Psalms 146:10** YAHWEH will reign forever, Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise YAHWEH!

**Isaiah 40:28** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, YAHWEH, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

**Isaiah 41:4** "Who has performed and accomplished it, Calling forth the generations from the beginning? 'I, YAHWEH, am the first, and with the last. I am He."

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### The Eternality of God

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	Summary Description of this Attribute of God:
	God has always existed and will always exist. He exists outside the limitations of time past, present, or future. Eternality is the Infiniteness of God as regards the duration of His Being.
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Revelation 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, " who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 4:8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, " HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

Revelation 21:6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

### "The law of mutation belongs to a fallen world, but God is immutable, and in Him men of faith find at last eternal permanence." – A.W. Tozer

"Only a being composed of parts may change, for change is basically a shift in the relation of the parts of a whole or the admission of some foreign element into the original composition. Since God is self-existent, He is not composed. There are in Him no parts to be altered. And since He is self-sufficient, nothing can enter His being from without." – A.W. Tozer

"...in a fallen world such as this the very ability to change is a golden treasure, a gift from God of such fabulous worth as to call for constant thanksgiving. For human beings the whole possibility of redemption lies in their ability to change." (or to be changed) – A.W. Tozer

"What peace it brings to the Christian's heart to realize that our Heavenly Father never differs from Himself. In coming to Him at any time we need not wonder whether we shall find Him in a receptive mood." – A.W. Tozer

### **Scripture** relating to the Immutability of God:

**Numbers 23:19** "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

**1Samuel 15:29** "Also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

Job 23:13 "But He is unique and who can turn Him? And what His soul desires, that He does.

**Psalms 33:11** The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

**Psalms 90:2** Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

**Psalms 102:27** "But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.

**Psalms 103:17** But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,

**Ecclesiastes 3:14** I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should fear Him.

**Isaiah 14:24** The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand,

**Daniel 7:14** "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve

### The Immutability of God

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# "God knows instantly and effortlessly all matter and all matters, all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all being and every being, all creaturehood and all creatures, every plurality and all pluralities, all law and every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all enigmas, all feeling, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven, and hell. Because God knows all things perfectly, He knows no thing better than any other thing, but all things equally well. He never discovers anything. He is never surprised, never amazed. He never wonders about anything nor (except when drawing men out for their own good) does He seek information or ask

Omniscience is the passive end of His providence — the working out of God's predetermined purpose via His sovereignty (that is, His mastery over all that is) — in that it is the means by which providence can exist, but neither the engine nor the fuel that brings about His action. – blueletterbible.org

### **Scripture** relating to the Omniscience of God:

questions." - A.W. Tozer

Job 37:14-16 "Listen to this, O Job, Stand and consider the wonders of God. 15 "Do you know how God establishes them, And makes the lightning of His cloud to shine? 16 "Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds, The wonders of one perfect in knowledge,

**Psalms 33:13-15** The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; 14 From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth, 15 He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.

**Psalms 94:11** The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they are a mere breath

**Psalms 139:1-4** O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. 3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

**Psalms 147:5** Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

**Proverbs 5:21** For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths.

**Proverbs 15:3** The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Watching the evil and the good.

**Ezekiel 11:5** Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me, "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, "So you think, house of Israel, for I know your thoughts.

**Isaiah 40:13-14** Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has informed Him? 14 With whom did He consult and

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Isaiah 46:9-10 "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done,...

Isaiah 48:5 Therefore I declared them to you long ago, Before they took place I proclaimed them to you, So that you would not say, 'My idol has done them, And my graven image and my molten image have commanded them.'

Isaiah 48:6 "You have heard; look at all this. And you, will you not declare it? I proclaim to you new things from this time, Even hidden things which you have not known.

Isaiah 65:24 "It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

Matthew 9:4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?

Acts 15:18 SAYS THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM LONG AGO.

Romans 2:16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

1John 3:20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.


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□ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute

☐ Moral / Communicable Attribute

### "Omnipotence is not a name given to the sum of all power, but an attribute of a personal God we Christians believe to be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and of all who believe on Him to life eternal. The worshipping man finds this knowledge a source of wonderful strength for his inner life. His faith rises to take the great leap upward into the fellowship of Him who can do whatever He wills to do, for whom nothing is hard or difficult because He possesses power absolute. – A.W. Tozer

"Believer! what can better support and sustain you amid the trials of your pilgrimage, than the thought that you have an Omnipotent arm to lean upon? The God with whom you have to do, is boundless in His resources. There is no crossing His designs- no thwarting His purposes- no questioning His counsels. His mandate is law; "He speaks, and it is done!" Your need is great. From the humblest crumb of providential goodness, up to the richest blessing of Divine grace, you are hanging from moment to moment a pensioner on Jehovah's bounty! But, fear not! "I am the Almighty God!" Finite necessities can never exhaust infinite fullness. "My God shall supply all your needs!" – John MacDuff

All His acts are done without effort. He expends no energy that must be replenished. His self-sufficiency makes it unnecessary for Him to look outside of Himself for a renewal of strength. All the power required to do all that He wills to do lies in undiminished fullness in His own infinite being. – A.W. Tozer

**Scripture** relating to the Omnipotence of God:

**Genesis 18:14** "Is anything too difficult for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

**Numbers 11:23** The LORD said to Moses, "Is the LORD'S power limited? Now you shall see whether My word will come true for you or not."

Job 42:2 "I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

**Psalms 62:11** God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

**Psalms 68:14** When the Almighty scattered the kings there, It was snowing in Zalmon.

**Psalms 91:1** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**Psalms 91:2** I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!"

**Psalms 115:3** But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

### The Omnipotence of God

True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.

Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
Summary Description of this Attribute of God:
God is all-powerful and able to do whatever he wills. This power is exercised effortlessly and is limited by nothing outside God. God's Infinitude as applies to the power of God to accomplish.
In Your Words How would describe the Omnipotence of God?
What Response does the Omnipotence of God require of me or produce in me?

power and have begun to reign.

Revelation 19:6 Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

### "This is the fundamental thing, the most serious thing of all, that we are always in the presence of God. – D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"He is not eternity and infinity, but eternal and infinite; He is not duration or space, but He endures and is present. He endures forever and is everywhere present; and by existing always and everywhere He constitutes duration and space." – Sir Isaac Newton

"To the convinced Christian...the practice of the presence of God" consists not of protecting an imaginary object from within his own mind and then seeking to realize its presence; it is rather to recognize the real presence of the One whom all sound theology declares to be already there, an objective entity, existing apart from any apprehension of Him on the part of His creatures. The resultant experience is not visionary but real." – A.W. Tozer

Thy omnipresence turns every spot of earth into holy ground – Unknown

"Everywhere, in every house, in every field, in every room, in every company, alone or in a crowd, the eye of God is always on you. "The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good" (Pr 15:3), and they are eyes that read hearts as well as actions." – J.C. Ryle

Scripture relating to the Omnipresence of God:

**Deuteronomy 4:39** "Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.

**Deuteronomy 31:6** "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

Jeremiah 23:23-24 "Am I a God who is near," declares the LORD, "And not a God far off? 24 "Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the LORD. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.

**Psalms 23:1-4**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me;

Psalms 139:7-10 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

**Psalm 145:18** The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

### **The Omnipresence** of God

☐ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute  True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.
☐ Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
God is everywhere present in the fullness of His being. This allows Him to interact in any places at any times, even in multiple places simultaneously. Being in all locations present in the whole of His being, there is no place we can go and not be in His presence.
<b>In Your Words</b> How would describe the Omnipresence of God?
<b>What Response</b> does the Omnipresence of God require of me or produce in me?

**Proverbs 15:3** The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Watching the evil and the good.

**Isaiah 43:2** "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

**Matthew 28:20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Acts 17:27 that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us

**Hebrews 13:5** Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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### Omnipresence by Isaac Watts, 1719

IN all my vast concerns with Thee, In vain my soul would try To shun Thy presence, Lord, or flee The notice of Thine eye.

Thy all-surrounding sight surveys My rising and my rest; My public walks, my private ways, And secrets of my breast.

My thoughts lie open to the Lord, Before they're form'd within; And ere my lips pronounce the word He knows the sense! mean.

Oh wondrous knowledge, deep, and high; Where can a creature hide? Within Thy circling arms I lie, Beset on every side.

So let Thy grace surround me still, And like a bulwark prove, To guard my soul from every ill, Secured by sovereign love.

Lord, where shall guilty souls retire, Forgotten and unknown? In hell they meet Thy dreadful fire, In heaven Thy glorious throne.

Should I suppress my vital breath To 'scape Thy wrath divine; Thy voice would break the bars of death, And make the grave resign.

If wing'd with beams of morning light, I fly beyond the west; Thy hand, which must support my flight, Would soon betray my rest.

If o'er my sins I think to draw The curtains of the night; Those flaming eyes that guard Thy law Would turn the shades to light.

The beams of noon, the midnight hour, Are both alike to Thee: Oh, may I ne'er provoke that power From which I cannot flee!

### **Quotations of Men** on the Transcendence of God:

"The simple understanding of this awesome attribute makes it all the more humbling & praiseworthy that His transcendence never removes Him from intimate involvement in His peoples' lives. Remember that our transcendent God is also the omnipresent God & is never farther than a prayer away." – Unknown

"Forever God stands apart, in light unapproachable. He is as high above an archangel as above a caterpillar, for the gulf that separates the archangel from the caterpillar is but finite, while the gulf between God and the archangel is infinite. The caterpillar and the archangel, though far removed from each other in the scale of created things, are nevertheless one in that they are alike created. They both belong in the category of that which-is-not-God and are separated from God by infinitude itself." – A.W. Tozer

We see the transcendent God not only drawing near to His creation but personally dwelling in the hearts and minds of His people through the power of His Holy Spirit. This is God's transcendence with His imminence.— Unknown

### Scripture relating to the Transcendence of God:

Isaiah 40:12-26 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked off the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance And the hills in a pair of scales? 13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has informed Him? 14 With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge And informed Him of the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust. 16 Even Lebanon is not enough to burn, Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering. 17 All the nations are as nothing before Him, They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless. 18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him? 19 As for the idol, a craftsman casts it, A goldsmith plates it with gold, And a silversmith fashions chains of silver. 20 He who is too impoverished for such an offering Selects a tree that does not rot; He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman To prepare an idol that will not totter. 21 Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. 23 He it is who reduces rulers to nothing, Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless. 24 Scarcely have they been planted, Scarcely have they been sown, Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, But He merely blows on them, and they wither, And the storm carries them away like stubble. 25 "To whom then will you liken Me That I would be his equal?" says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who continued on back

### The Transcendence of God

UNDERSTANDING WHAT GOD HAS REVEALED ABOUT HIMSELE

□ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.
☐ <b>Moral / Communicable Attribute</b> Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
God is not his creation. All of Creation is finite by nature and God is infinite by nature. Transcendence refers to the relation of God to creation. God is "other," "different," "beyond" His creation. He is independent and different from His creatures. He is beyond it and not limited by it or to it. This attribute relates to Imminence.
In Your Words How would describe the Transcendence of God?
<b>What Response</b> does the Transcendence of God require of me or produce in me?

leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.

**Psalms 113:5-6** Who is like the LORD our God, Who is enthroned on high, 6 Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in heaven and in the earth?

**Isaiah 55:8-9** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Isaiah 57:15** For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

Ezekiel 1:26-28 Now above the expanse that was over their heads there was something resembling a throne, like lapis lazuli in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a man. 27 Then I noticed from the appearance of His loins and upward something like glowing metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of His loins and downward I saw something like fire; and there was a radiance around Him. 28 As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

**Psalms 113:5-6** Who is like the LORD our God, Who is enthroned on high, 6 Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in heaven and in the earth?

Acts 17:24-27 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; 26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, 27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

**Ephesians 4:4-6** There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.


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### "Excerpted from The Athanasian Creed:

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is all one, the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet they are not three eternals, but one Eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated, but one Uncreated, and one Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Spirit Almighty. And yet they are not three almighties, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet they are not three gods, but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord. And yet not three lords, but one Lord.

For as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge each Person by Himself to be both God and Lord, so we are also forbidden by the catholic religion to say that there are three gods or three lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

And in the Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another, but all three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal. So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

**Scripture** relating to the Trinity/Unity of God:

**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;

**Genesis 3:22** Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—

### The Tri-Unity of God

□ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute

True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.
☐ Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
There is one only and true God, but in the unity of the Godhead there are three coeternal and coequal Persons, the same in substance but distinct as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
In Your Words How would describe the Tri-Unity of God?
What Response does the Tri-Unity of God require of me or produce in me?

**Genesis 11:7** "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! YHWH is our God, YHWH is one!

Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

**Isaiah 9:6** For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

**Isaiah 46:9** "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me,

**Matthew 28:20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**John 1:3** All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

John 3:5-6 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. :6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**John 8:58** Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

**John 17:5** "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 6:27 "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

**John 20:17** Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, "I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.""

Acts 5:3-4 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? 4"While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

**1Corinthians 2:10** For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

**1Corinthians 6:11** Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

**1Corinthians 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

**1Corinthians 8:4-6** Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in

the world, and that there is no God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, 6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

**Galatians 1:1** Paul, an apostle ( not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),

**Ephesians 4:4-6** There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

**Philippians 2:11** and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

**Titus 3:5** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

**James 2:19** You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

**1Peter 1:2** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

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■ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute

### "God being who He is, cannot cease to be what He is, and being what He is, He cannot act out of character with Himself. He is at once faithful and immutable, so all His words and acts must be and remain faithful. – A.W. Tozer

"Upon God's faithfulness rests our whole hope of future blessedness. Only as He is faithful will His covenants stand and His promises be honored. Only as we have complete assurance that He is faithful may we live in peace and look forward with assurance to the life to come." – A.W. Tozer

"All Christians rest upon the faithfulness of God. Our unchangeable God who never falters, never fails in His promise is the very foundation of our faith and the ground of our security. That is what gives stability and strength to our faith; we can count on it. We have the same God that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had, that David prayed to and wrote his Psalms in praise of -- all this constitutes for us the bedrock of security that we rest upon it in every single day." – Ray Stedman

"We must be tried or we cannot magnify the faithful God, who will not leave His people." – C.H. Spurgeon

Scripture relating to the Faithfulness of God:

**Genesis 21:1** Then the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had promised.

**Genesis 24:27** He said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His lovingkindness and His truth toward my master;

**Exodus 2:24** So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

**Exodus 6:5** "Furthermore I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant.

**Deuteronomy 4:31** "For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

**Deuteronomy 7:9** "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

**Exodus 34:6-7** Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; 7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

### The Faithfulness of God

	True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.
	Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
	Summary Description of this Attribute of God:
	God will never fail to act in a way which is true to His character and to all expressions of His character, including His promised but yet unfulfilled expressions. Faithfulness is Immutability of Integrity.
ln `	<b>Your Words</b> How would describe the Faithfulness of God?
	hat Response does the Faithfulness of God quire of me or produce in me?

**Joshua 21:45** Not one of the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.

**1Kings 8:23** He said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart,

**1Kings 8:56** "Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised; not one word has failed of all His good promise, which He promised through Moses His servant.

**Nehemiah 1:5** I said, "I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

**Nehemiah 9:8** "You found his heart faithful before You, And made a covenant with him To give him the land of the Canaanite, Of the Hittite and the Amorite, Of the Perizzite, the Jebusite and the Girgashite — To give it to his descendants. And You have fulfilled Your promise, For You are righteous.

**Psalms 36:5** Your lovingkindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

**Psalms 98:3** He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God

**Psalms 105:8** He has remembered His covenant forever, The word which He commanded to a thousand generations,

**Psalms 143:1** Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications! Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!

**Isaiah 25:1** O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

**Daniel 9:4** I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments.

**Hosea 2:20** And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the LORD.

**1Corinthians 1:9** God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

**2Timothy 2:13** If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

**1Peter 4:19** Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

**1John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.


### "In the inspired Scriptures justice and righteousness are scarcely to be distinguished from each other." – A.W. Tozer

"Justice, when used of God, is a name we give to the way God is, nothing more; and when God acts justly He is not doing so to conform to an independent criterion, but simply acting like Himself in a given situation. – A.W. Tozer

"His own free will and notheing else: for whatsoever He willeth is just and because He willeth it therefore it is just; not because it is just, therefore He willeth it" – James Usher

"The vague and tenuous hope that God is too kind to punish the ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the consciences of millions. It hushes their fears and allows them to practice all pleasant forms of iniquity while death draws every day nearer and the command to repent goes unregarded. As responsible moral beings we dare not so trifle with our eternal future." – A.W. Tozer

"Sin is the dare of God's justice, the rape of His mercy, the jeer of His patience, the slight of His power, and the contempt of His love." – John Bunyan

"I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever." – Thomas Jefferson

Supreme Court Justice Horace Gray once informed a man who had appeared before him in a lower court and had escaped conviction on a technicality, "I know that you are guilty and you know it, and I wish you to remember that one day you will stand before a better and wiser Judge, and that there you will be dealt with according to Justice and not according to law."

### **Scripture** relating to the Justice of God:

**Genesis 18:25** "Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?"

**Exodus 34:6-7** Then YHWH passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "YHWH, YHWH God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; 7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

**Deuteronomy 32:3-4** "For I proclaim the name of YHWH; Ascribe greatness to our God! 4"The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.

**Job 34:12** "Surely, God will not act wickedly, And the Almighty will not pervert justice.

### The Justice of God

<ul> <li>□ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute</li> <li>True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.</li> </ul>
☐ <b>Moral / Communicable Attribute</b> Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
Justice embodies the idea of moral equity. Justice is the outworking of the righteous nature of God in the realm of moral creatures. The limitless framework of His moral character.
In Your Words How would describe the Justice of God?
<b>What Response</b> does the Justice of God require of me or produce in me?

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**Psalms 89:14** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You.

**Psalms 97:1-2** YHWH reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

**Psalms 119:137** Righteous are You, O YHWH, And upright are Your judgments.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. 14 For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

**Isaiah 9:7** There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore.

**Isaiah 30:18** Therefore YHWH longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For YHWH is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

**Ezekiel 18:25** "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not right.' Hear now, O house of Israel! Is My way not right? Is it not your ways that are not right?

Acts 17:31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

Romans 3:21-26 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**2Timothy 4:8** in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**1John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Revelation 16:7** And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

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### "The holiness of God, the wrath of God, and the health of the creation are inseparably united. God's wrath is His utter intolerance of whatever degrades and destroys. He hates iniquity as a mother hates the polio that take the life of her child. – A.W. Tozer

"The raging waters of God's wrath are being held back by the dam of God's mercy. But, Someday, that wrath will come. Just like the flood finally came." – Adrian Rogers

"It is partly because sin does not provoke our own wrath, that we do not believe that sin provokes the wrath of God." – R. W. Dale

"The fact is that the subject of divine wrath has become taboo in modern society, and Christians by and large have accepted the taboo and conditioned themselves never to raise the matter." – J.I. Packer

### Scripture relating to the Wrath of God:

**Deuteronomy 32:35** 'Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, In due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, And the impending things are hastening upon them.'

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Romans 1:18-21 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 2:5-8 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, :6 who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: 7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; 8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

Romans 9:22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?

Romans 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

### The Wrath of God

□ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute

True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.

	Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
	<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
	The personal manifestation of God's holy, moral character in judgment against sin. Wrath is neither an impersonal process nor irrational and fitful like anger. It is in no way vindictive or malicious. It is holy indignation—God's anger directed against sin.
ln	<b>Your Words</b> How would describe the Wrath of God?
	hat Response does the Wrath of God quire of me or produce in me?

**Ephesians 2:1-3** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Revelation 6:16-17 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Revelation 19:15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

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### Grace is when God gives us what we don't deserve. Mercy is when God doesn't give us what we do deserve. – Unknown

"When through the blood of the everlasting covenant we children of the shadows reach at last our home in the light, we shall have a thousand strings to our harps, but the sweetest may well be the one tuned to sound forth most perfectly the mercy of God." – A.W. Tozer

"To receive mercy we must first know that God is merciful. And it is not enough to believe that He once showed mercy to Noah or Abraham or David and will again show mercy in some happy future day. We must believe that God's mercy is boundless, free and, through Jesus Christ our Lord, available to us now in our present situation. – A.W. Tozer

### **Scripture** relating to the Mercy of God:

**Exodus 33:19** And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

**Exodus 34:6-7** And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

**Numbers 14:18** The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

**Deuteronomy 4:31** (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

**1Chronicles 16:34** O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

**Psalm 23:6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**Psalm 37:25,26** I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

**Psalms 57:10** For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

**Psalms 86:15** But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.

### The Mercy of God

□ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute

True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.

☐ Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
Mercy is the ready inclination of God to relieve the misery of fallen creatures, the goodness of God confronting human suffering and also guilt. Mercy is expressed by God when that which is deserved by His creatures is withheld, to the benefit of the object of the mercy.
<b>In Your Words</b> How would describe the Mercy of God?
<b>What Response</b> does the Mercy of God require of me or produce in me?

### Scripture relating to the Mercy of God (con't)

**Psalms 103:11** For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

**Psalms 103:17** But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

**Psalms 136:1** O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. (repeated throughout chapter 136)

**Psalms 136:5** To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

**Psalms 145:8-9** The LORD is gracious and merciful; Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. 9 The LORD is good to all, And His mercies are over all His works.

Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

**Micah 7:18-19** Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in unchanging love. 19 He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.

**Luke 1:78** Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

**2Corinthians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

**Ephesians 2:4-7** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

**Titus 3:5** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

**Hebrews 4:16** Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

James 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

**1Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Peter 2:9-10 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

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### "They will never accept grace until they tremble before a just and holy law." – C.H. Spurgeon

"The ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God." – Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"Sometimes, knowing is not really knowing. For me, this was true of the Grace of God. After having been changed by him, desiring to follow Him, serving Him, growing in Him for more than a decade, I would have said I understood His Grace. Then one day, I realized that I had, in fact, never really understood the reality of the Grace of God as an expression of His nature and His initiative, directed toward me." – David Mann

"Just as the sinner's despair of any hope from himself is the first prerequisite of a sound conversion, so the loss of all confidence in himself is the first essential in the believer's growth in grace." – A. W. Pink

"Grace is free sovereign favor to the ill-deserving." – B.B. Warfield

"The Christian is not a good man. He is a vile wretch who has been saved by the grace of God." – Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"Grace is the good pleasure of God that inclines Him to bestow benefits upon the undeserving. It is a self- existent principle inherent in the divine nature and appears to us as a self-caused propensity to pity the wretched, spare the guilty, welcome the outcast, and bring into favor those who were before under just disapprobation. Its use to us sinful men is to save us and to make us sit together in heavenly places to demonstrate to the ages the exceeding riches of God's kindness to us in Christ Jesus.— A.W. Tozer

**Scripture** relating to the Grace of God:

Genesis 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

**Genesis 39:4** And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

**Exodus 33:12** And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

**Exodus 33:17** And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

Ruth 2:10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

**Psalms 145:17** The LORD is righteous in all His ways And kind in all His deeds.

### The Grace of God

-	Natural / Incommunicable Attribute True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.
]	Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
	<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
	The good pleasure of God that inclines Him to bestow benefits upon the undeserving. From the words for showing favor, kindness or gift, the Grace of God reveals God in whose nature it exists to show favor to one who i undeserving of it. When we speak of God's grace, we speak of those wonderful gifts (including salvation) that no man deserves but God grants by His Gracious intent.
	Your Words How would describe the Grace of God?
	hat Response does the Grace of God quire of me or produce in me?

**John 1:16-17** For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. 17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

Romans 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Romans 5:15-20 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. 16 The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. 17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. 18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. 19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. 20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

Romans 11:5-6 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice. 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

Ephesians 1:3-8 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us.

**Ephesians 2:4-9** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Ephesians 4:7** But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**Hebrews 4:16** Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

**Before the Throne of God Above** by Charitie Lees Smith (Written 1863, originally entitled The Advocate)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb My perfect spotless righteousness The great unchangeable I am The King of glory and of grace One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Savior and my God! With Christ my Savior and my God!

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□ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute

True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.

# "We can know, for instance, that because God is self-existent, His love had no beginning; because He is eternal, His love can have no end; because He is infinite, it has no limit; because He is holy, it is the quintessence of all spotless purity; because He is immense, His love is an incomprehensibly vast, bottomless, shoreless sea before which we kneel in joyful silence and from which the loftiest eloquence retreats confused and abashed." – A.W. Tozer

"God's unfailing love for us is an objective fact affirmed over and over in the Scriptures. It is true whether we believe it or not. Our doubts do not destroy God's love, nor does our faith create it. It originates in the very nature of God, who is love, and it flows to us through our union with His beloved Son." – Jerry Bridges

"God's love is an exercise of His goodness towards individual sinners whereby, having identified Himself with their welfare, He has given His Son to be their Saviour, and now brings them to know and enjoy Him in a covenant relation." – J.I. Packer

"Do you wish to see God's love? Look at the Cross. Do you wish to see God's wrath? Look at the Cross" – D.A. Carson

### **Scripture** relating to the Love of God:

**Deuteronomy 7:9** Know therefore that YAHWEH your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

**Psalms 37:28** For YAHWEH loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off;

**Psalms 103:8** YAHWEH is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**Psalms 103:17** But the loyal love of YAHWEH is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to their children's children,

### Psalms 136

**Micah 7:18** Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in unchanging love. 20 You will give truth to Jacob And unchanging love to Abraham, Which You swore to our forefathers From the days of old.

Romans 5:1-9 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For while we were still

### The Love of God

	<b>Moral / Communicable Attribute</b> Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
	<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
	The love of God is the character trait of God whereby He expresses His beneficient goodness to His creatures.
ln	<b>Your Words</b> How would describe the Love of God?
	hat Response does the Love of God quire of me or produce in me?

helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**John 3:16** For in this way God loved the world, so that he gave his one and only Son, in order that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but will have eternal life.

**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Ephesians 2:4-5** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

**Titus 3:4-7** But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, :5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**1John 3:16** This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

**1John 4:8-9** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**1John 4:16** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

### The Love of God – F.M. Lehman published 1919

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.

When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love, so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

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# "Holy is the way God is. To be holy He does not conform to a standard. He is that standard. He is absolutely holy with an infinite, incomprehensible fullness of purity that is incapable of being other than it is. Because He is holy, His attributes are holy; that is, whatever we think of as belonging to God must be thought of as holy. God is holy and He has made holiness the moral condition necessary to the health of His universe." – A.W. Tozer

"Power is God's hand or arm, omniscience His eye, mercy His bowels, eternity His duration, but holiness is His beauty." – Stephen Charnock

"Because God is holy, acceptance with Him on the ground of creature-doings is utterly impossible. But blessed be His name, that which His holiness demanded His grace has provided in Christ Jesus our Lord. Every poor sinner who has fled to Him for refuge stands "accepted in the Beloved" – A.W. Pink

"Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity."

- Holy, Holy, Holy, hymn by Reginald Heber

### **Scripture** relating to the Holiness of God:

**Exodus 3:5-6** Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

**Exodus 15:11** "Who is like You among the gods, O YAHWEH? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?

**Leviticus 19:2** "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I YAHWEH your God am holy.

**Psalms 22:3** Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**Isaiah 5:16** But YAHWEH of hosts will be exalted in judgment, And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

Isaiah 6:1-5 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. 2 Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is YAHWEH of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory." 4 And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. 5 Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, YAHWEH of hosts."

### The Holiness of God

□ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute

True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.
☐ Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
Holiness is synonymous with God's total purity and separation from the rest of creation. Holiness is a moral purity stemming from withdrawal from what is common or unclean and consecration to that which is pure. Holiness is that characteristic that sets him apart from his creation.
In Your Words How would describe the Holiness of God?
What Response does the Holiness of God require of me or produce in me?

**Isaiah 55:8-9** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares YAHWEH. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Isaiah 57:15** For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

**Isaiah 63:15** Look down from heaven and see from Your holy and glorious habitation; Where are Your zeal and Your mighty deeds? The stirrings of Your heart and Your compassion are restrained toward me.

**Ezekiel 39:7** "My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

**1Peter 1:15-16** but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; 16 because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

**Revelation 4:8** And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

**Revelation 15:4** "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For all the nations will come and worship before You, For Your righteous acts have been revealed."


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# "Since God is infinite and wise, He must be infinitely wise... So as applied to God, wisdom refers to His unerring ability to choose the best means to accomplish the best ends. As such, God wisdom is written in several other attributes: His omniscience provides the knowledge for His wise choices; His omnibenevolence assures that they will be good choices; and His omnipotence enables Him to achieve His ends by the means He chooses." – Dr. Norman Geisler

"Wisdom sees everything in focus, each in proper relation to all, and is thus able to work toward predestined goals with flawless precision." – A.W. Tozer

"Without the creation, the wisdom of God would have remained forever locked in the boundless abyss of the divine nature. God brought His creatures into being that He might enjoy them and they rejoice in Him." – A.W. Tozer

"Wisdom is the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it. Wisdom is, in fact, the practical side of moral goodness. As such, it is found in its fulness only in God. He alone is naturally and entirely and invariable wise." – J.I. Packer

"An infinitely wise God must work in a manner not to be improved upon by finite creatures." – A.W. Tozer

**Scripture** relating to the Holiness of God:

Job 12:13 "With Him are wisdom and might; To Him belong counsel and understanding.

**Job 28:28** "And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding."

**Job 36:5** "Behold, God is mighty but does not despise any; He is mighty in strength of understanding.

**Psalms 104:24** O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.

**Psalms 147:5** Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

**Proverbs 3:19** The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, By understanding He established the heavens.

Isaiah 31:1-2 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help And rely on horses, And trust in chariots because they are many And in horsemen because they are very strong, But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD! 2 Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster And does not retract His words, But will arise against the house of evildoers And against the help of the workers of iniquity.

**Isaiah 40:28** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

### The Wisdom of God

<ul> <li>□ Natural / Incommunicable Attribute</li> <li>True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.</li> </ul>
☐ Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
<b>Summary Description</b> of this Attribute of God:
God's infinitude as regards the perfect understanding of and utilization of knowledge, power, Divine prerogative, and motive to bring about that which He desires.
<b>In Your Words</b> How would describe the Wisdom of God?
<b>What Response</b> does the Wisdom of God require of me or produce in me?

**Isaiah 55:8-9** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Jeremiah 51:15** It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom, And by His understanding He stretched out the heavens.

**Daniel 2:20** Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him.

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

Romans 16:25-27 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, 26 but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; 27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

### 1Corinthians 1:20-31

**1Corinthians 1:23-25** but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

**Ephesians 1:7-8** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 2:2-3 that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**Jude 25** to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

**Revelation 7:12** saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

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☐ Natural / Incommunicable Δttribute

"God's absolute, independent right of the disposing of all creatures according to His own pleasure." – Jonathan Edwards

"Supreme in power; possessing supreme dominion; as a sovereign ruler of the universe. Supreme; superior to all others; chief. God is the sovereign good of all who love and obey him. Supremely efficacious; superior to all others; predominant; effectual... – 1828 Edition of Webster's Dictionary

"There is no attribute of God more comforting to His children than the doctrine of Divine Sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe troubles, they believe that Sovereignty hath ordained their afflictions, that Sovereignty overrules them, and that Sovereignty will sanctify them all. There is nothing for which the children of God ought more earnestly to contend than the dominion of their Master over all creation-the kingship of God over all the works of His own hands-the throne of God, and His right to sit upon that throne. On the other hand, there is no doctrine more hated by worldlings, no truth of which they have made such a football, as the great, stupendous, but yet most certain doctrine of the Sovereignty of the infinite Jehovah. Men will allow God to be everywhere except upon His throne. They will allow Him to be in His workshop to fashion worlds and to make stars. They will allow Him to be in His almonry to dispense His alms and bestow His bounties. They will allow His to sustain the earth and bear up the pillars thereof, or light the lamps of Heaven, or rule the waves of the ever-moving ocean; but when God ascends His throne, His creatures then gnash their teeth; and when we proclaim an enthroned God, and His right to do as He wills with His own, to dispose of His creatures as He thinks well, without consulting them in the matter, then it is that we are hissed and execrated, and then it is that men turn a deaf ear to us, for God on His throne is not the God they love. The love Him anywhere better than they do when He sits with His scepter in His hand and His crown upon His head. But it is God upon the throne that we love to preach. It is God upon His throne whom we trust. It is God upon His throne of whom we speak. I believe He has a right to do as He wills with His own, and that He exercises that right." – C.H. Spurgeon

"The sovereignty of God may be defined as the exercise of His supremacy...Being infinitely elevated above the highest creature, He is the Most High, Lord of "heaven and earth. Subject to none, influenced by none, absolutely independent; God does as He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases. None can thwart Him, none can hinder Him. So His own Word expressly declares: "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure"; "He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand." Divine sovereignty means that God is God in fact, as well as in name, that He is on the Throne of the universe, directing all things, working all things "after the counsel of His own will" – The Sovereignty of God, A.W. Pink

### The Sovereignty of God

True of God's essential nature. Can never be true of man.
☐ Moral / Communicable Attribute Infinitely true of God and can also be exhibited by man.
Summary Description of this Attribute of God:
Sovereignty tells of God's right to rule and His divine control over everything that happens. There is nothing outside His control, not the designs of the wicked, not the workings of demons (even Satan), and not my own free will. His will is not and cannot be determined by anything outside Himself.
<b>In Your Words</b> How would describe the Sovereignty of God?
<b>What Response</b> does the Sovereignty of God require of me or produce in me?

**Scripture** relating to the Sovereignty of God:

Job 42:2 "I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

Psalms 115:3 But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

**Psalms 135:6** Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.

**Isaiah 14:24,27** The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand, 27 "For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"

**Isaiah 40:15** Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.

**Isaiah 40:25** "To whom then will you liken Me That I would be his equal?" says the Holy One.

**Isaiah 43:13** "Even from eternity I am He, And there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?"

Isaiah 46:9-11 "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; 11 Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.

**Daniel 4:25** that you be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.

Daniel 4:34-36 "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation. 35 "All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?' 36 "At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me.

Romans 8:28-31 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also

predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Romans 9:15-23 For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." 16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE FARTH" 18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. 19 You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" 20 On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? 21 Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? 22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? 23 And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

**Ephesians 1:11** also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

**1Timothy 6:15-16** which He will bring about at the proper time — He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

**Revelation 4:11** "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

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