

4 – THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

I. Non-Moral Attributes

A. Omnipresence

- Omnipresence means present everywhere at once.
- God is present in all his creation, but in no way is limited by it.

Scripture Psalm 139:7-10 (ESV)

⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

- God is not bound by the universe, but transcends it and he is not subject to it.
- God's omnipresence is a source of both comfort and warning for the believer.

B. Omniscience

- Omniscience means the state of knowing everything.
- God, who is infinite in knowledge, knows himself and everything from all eternity.

Scripture Proverbs 15:3 (ESV)

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

- God knows the future, which we would call foreknowledge.

C. Omnipotent

- Omnipotent means having unlimited power and ability to do anything.
- God is all-powerful and is able to whatever he wills in accordance with who he is.
- There are somethings that God can and will not do that are contrary to his nature.

Scripture Job 42:2 (ESV)

² "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

- The omnipotence is a source of comfort for believers.
- The omnipotence is a source of warning and fear for unbelievers.

D. Immutability

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- Immutability means the state or condition of being unchangeable.
- God is unchanging in his essence, attribute and his will.

Scripture James 1:17 (ESV)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

II. Moral Attributes

A. Holiness

- God is absolutely separate and is exalted above all of his creation.

Scripture Isaiah 6:3 (ESV)

And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

- God is absolutely separate from all moral evil and sin.

Scripture James 1:13 (ESV)

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

B. Righteousness and Justice

- God is righteous and executes perfect justice.

Scripture Psalm 89:14 (ESV)

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C. Goodness

- The goodness of God is expressed in his love, benevolence, mercy and grace.

D. Truth

- God is truth as everything about him conforms to this reality.