

a. God's thoughts are not our thoughts—v. 8a

b. Our ways are not God's ways!!—v.8b

c. A comparison—Heavens are higher than the earth!

d. So, God's ways higher than ours!

e. God's thoughts higher than ours!

6. God's thoughts toward His People are filled with HOPE!

→ JEREMIAH 29:11

a. To a discouraged people, carried as captives, God offers His thoughts.

b. God's thoughts include PEACE/WELL-BEING, NOT EVIL, TO GIVE FUTURE HOPE!

## APPLICATIONS:

TEXT: Psalm 147:5

TITLE: "God is INFINITE!" (Series: Attributes of God)

→ Rearranging. Let's place all the attributes we have studied thus far under two large categories: "Attributes of G \_\_\_\_\_ and Attributes of G \_\_\_\_\_" (Rolland McCune, *A Systematic Theology of Biblical Christianity*).

Notice then, two charts with this arrangement:

Now, let's delve into a new attribute: INFINITY. God is INFINITE!!

## 1. WHAT IS MEANT BY "G\_\_\_\_\_ IS I\_\_\_\_\_ "?

### A. Let's Understand the Word "Infinite"!

1. "In" = "a prefix meaning no, not, without, non-" (*Webster's New World Dictionary*, p. 708).

2. "Finite" = "having measurable or definable limits; not infinite" (*WNWD*, p. 524).

3. "Infinite" = "1. lacking limits or bounds; extending beyond measure or comprehension; without beginning or end; endless 2. Very great; vast immense" (*WNWD*, p. 721).

### B. Let's Understand that God is Infinite!

→ QUOTE: "Infinity means that God is without outside limitations. That is, He is not restricted or bound by time and space ... He has only the self-imposed limits of His nature and will" (Rolland McCune, *A Systematic Theology of Biblical Christianity*, 1:214).

→ QUOTE: "He is actually Infinite Being (not a series) and cannot be added to in any way" (Norman Geisler, *Systematic Theology*, 2:125).

→ QUOTE: "We believe there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite Spirit, the Maker and supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth' inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love ..." (RBP Baptist Doctrinal Statement based on the New Hampshire Confession of Faith in *The Doctrine and Administration of the Church* by Paul R. Jackson)

## 2. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT THE INFINITUDE OF GOD?

→ How is God infinite?

A. God is Infinite in His U\_\_\_\_\_

→ Psalm 147:5

NET Psalm 147:5 Our Lord is great and has awesome power; there is no limit to his wisdom.

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

ESV Psalm 147:5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

1. The Lord is G\_\_\_\_\_!

2. The Lord has Great P\_\_\_\_\_ and Strength!

3. There is N\_\_ Number for His Understanding!

→ NOTE: There is a number to the stars (Psalm 147:4), and He counts them!!! But, for His understanding there is NO NUMBER!!

B. God is Infinite in His T\_\_\_\_\_ toward His People!

→ Psalm 40:5

1. God's works are abundant.

2. God's works are w\_\_\_\_\_!

a. He hears our cry in distress—v. 1

b. He lifted us from a pit with an uproar of noise or of desolation—v. 2a

c. He lifted us from the miry clay—v. 2b

d. He gave us solid footing and steps—v. 2c

e. He put a new song in our mouths—v. 3a

f. He uses us to cause others to fear Him!—v. 3b

3. God's thoughts come from One who Has N\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_

→ TRANSLATION:

CSB Psalm 40:5 *LORD my God, You have done many things-- Your wonderful works and Your plans for us; none can compare with You. If I were to report and speak of them, they are more than can be told.*

4. God's thoughts are m\_\_\_\_\_ than can be numbered = INFINITE!!

→ THINK: All the wonderful thoughts God has toward His children! How He has planned and worked our salvation! How He cares for us, provides for us, nurtures us and loves us!

5. God's thoughts are SO F\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ US!

→ ISAIAH 55:8-9