

What Is God Like? Lesson 5: Attributes God Does Not Share With Man – Part 4

Introduction:

- One of the simplest ways to think about God’s attributes is to think of:
 - Attributes that God does not share with man
 - Attributes that God does share with man

So far we have seen:

1. God is Independent
2. God is Unchangeable
3. God Knows Everything

4. God Can Do Anything

- When we say that God can do anything, we mean two things at the same time:
 - God has all _____
 - God is _____

A. There are no _____ on God’s power.

Job 42.2 *“I know that **you can do all things**,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.*

Gen 18.14 *Is anything too hard for the LORD?*

Jer 32.17 *‘Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! **Nothing is too hard for you.***

Eph 3.20 *Now to him who is **able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think**, according to the power at work within us,*

Luke 1.37 *For nothing will be impossible with God.”*

B. God has the power to do whatever He _____ to do.

Dan 4.35 *all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and **he does according to his will among the host of heaven**
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and **none can stay his hand**
or say to him, “What have you done?”*

Job 42.2 *"I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.*

C. There are some things that God _____ do.

- God cannot do anything that would contradict His own _____.
- Some things God cannot do:
 - God cannot lie. (Titus 1.2)
 - God cannot be tempted with evil. (James 1.13)
 - God cannot deny Himself. (2 Tim. 2.13)

APPLICATION:

- God's unlimited power is a great source of _____ for the Christian.
 - We know that the same power that God used to create the universe is at work to assure our eternal _____.

1 Pet 1.3–5 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, **he has caused us to be born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 **who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

John 10.27–28 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and **no one will snatch them out of my hand***

1 Pet 5.10 *And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will **himself** restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*

Col 1.11 *May you be strengthened with all power, **according to his glorious might**, for all endurance and patience with joy,*

- We know that no part of creation can frustrate God's plans for the _____.
- Though the powers and forces of this world try to threaten to ruin God's plans, we have no _____.

- We can _____ in the knowledge that nothing can stand against the power of God.

5. God is Everywhere

A. God is present in _____ of the universe.

Jer 23.23–24 “Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? 24 Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. ***Do I not fill heaven and earth?*** declares the LORD.

Psa 139.7–10 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.

B. God’s _____ being is present everywhere at the same time.

C. God cannot be _____ by any space.

1 Kings 8.27 “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, **heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you**; how much less this house that I have built!

D. God is present everywhere, but He _____ in different ways in different places.

- Sometimes God is present to _____.

Amos 9.1–4 I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said:

“Strike the capitals until the thresholds shake,
and shatter them on the heads of all the people;
and those who are left of them I will kill with the sword;
not one of them shall flee away;
not one of them shall escape.

2 “If they dig into **Sheol**,
from there shall my hand take them;

if they climb up to heaven,
from there I will bring them down.

3 If they hide themselves on the top of Carmel,
from there I will search them out and take them;

- and if they hide from my sight at the bottom of the sea,
there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them.*
- 4** *And if they go into captivity before their enemies,
there I will command the sword, and it shall kill them;
and I will fix my eyes upon them
for evil and not for good.”*

Heb 10.31 *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Heb 12.29 *for our God is a consuming fire.*

- **Sometimes God is present to _____.**

- **God is present to keep the universe existing and functioning.**

Col 1.17 *And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

Heb 1.3 *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.*

- **God is present in the lives of believers for the very same reason: to sustain us and preserve us forever.**

Jude 1.24–25 *Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 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.*

- **Sometimes God is present to _____.**

Psa 16.11 *You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

- **Sometimes when we say God is “present” we mean that:**
 - **God is present to bless us,**
 - **Or, God is present to make us aware of His presence.**

Ex 25.22 *There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.*

- When the Bible speaks of God being “far away” it usually means that He is “not present to bless.”

Is 59.2 but your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.

Prov 15.29 The LORD is far from the wicked,
but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

APPLICATION:

- You cannot go anywhere to _____ God’s presence.
- Instead of fleeing from God, flee _____ God!