

## Communicable Attributes of God

### 1. O \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Grudem says, "God's ability to do all His holy will."

What God cannot do:

#### a. God Cannot C \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers 23:19

#### b. God Cannot L \_\_\_\_\_

Titus 1:1-2

Charles Hodge says, "It is . . . involved in the very idea of power, that it has reference to the production of possible effects. It is no more a limitation of power that it cannot effect the impossible, than it is of reason that it cannot comprehend the absurd, or of infinite goodness that it cannot do wrong. It is contrary to its nature. Instead of exalting, it degrades God, to suppose that He can be other than He is, or that He can act contrary to infinite wisdom and love. When, therefore, it is said that God is omnipotent because He can do whatever He wills, it is to be remembered that His will is determined by His nature. *It is certainly no limitation to perfection to say that it cannot be imperfect*" (*Systematic Theology* I:409).

#### c. God Cannot Be Tempted by Or Commit Evil

James 1:13

#### d. God Cannot Deny Himself

2 Timothy 2:13

Augustine concurs: "God is omnipotent, and yet he cannot die, he cannot lie, he cannot deny himself. How is he omnipotent then? He is omnipotent for the very reason that he cannot do these things. For if he could die, he would not be omnipotent."

#### e. God Cannot Do Something That is A Contradiction

How does God display His power?:

##### i. His Power to Create Life in the Womb

Genesis 18:14

##### ii. His Power To Fulfill Promises

Zechariah 8:4-8

CH Spurgeon said, "God's power is like Himself, self-existent, self-sustained. The mightiest of men cannot add so much as a shadow of increased power to the Omnipotent One. He sits on no buttressed throne and leans on no assisting arm. His court is not maintained by His courtiers, nor

does it borrow its splendor from His creatures. He is Himself the great central source and Originator of all power (C. H. Spurgeon).

iii. His Power to Create

Psalm 33:6-9

iv. His Power to Save

Matthew 19:26

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

Charnock says, "Without power--His mercy would be but feeble pity, His promises an empty sound, His threatenings a mere scarecrow."

*Practical Implications :*

Psalm 145:4-6/ Revelation 21:1-8

## 1. Happiness of God

Grudem says, "God's blessedness means that God delights fully in himself and in all that reflects his character."

Bavinck calls the blessedness of God an attribute "that God delights in Himself in an absolute sense; that He rests in Himself; that He is perfectly self-sufficient."

The great eighteenth-century preacher, Jonathan Edwards, said, "Part of God's fullness which he communicates, is his *happiness*. This happiness consists in enjoying and rejoicing in himself; so does also the creature's happiness."

## 1. God's Happiness in H\_\_\_\_\_ and All His Works

1 Timothy 1:11

Bavinck says, "By means of His intellect He is fully conscious of His own perfection, and by means of His will He supremely loves it. He regards it with calm delight; and from this delight inward joy springs forth: the joy with which God delights in Himself as the highest good."

Psalm 115:3

Psalm 33:10-11

1 Timothy 6:15

Piper says, “The happiness of God in God is the foundation of our happiness in God. If God did not joyfully uphold and display his glory, the ground of our joy would be gone. God’s pursuit of praise from us and our pursuit of pleasure in him are in perfect harmony. For God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him.”

**2. God’s Happiness in Seeing Himself in His S\_\_\_\_\_**

Matthew 3:17

I affirm with Jonathan Edwards, “The infinite happiness of the Father consists in the enjoyment of His Son.”

Matthew 12:18

Matthew 17:5

Heb 1:3

Colossians 1:15

Piper says, “Christ reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature. Therefore the Father delights infinitely in the Son.”

Jeremiah 2:12-13

**3. God’s Happiness In J\_\_\_\_\_**

Deuteronomy 28:63

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Ezekiel 18:32

**4. God’s Happiness In C\_\_\_\_\_ His People**

Ephesians 1:5-6

Deuteronomy 10:14-15

Luke 10:21-22

**5. God’s Happiness In Seeing Himself in U\_\_\_\_\_**

2 Corinthians

Ephesians 4:20-23

Ephesians 5:1

**6. God's Happiness In C\_\_\_\_\_ His Son**

Isaiah 53:10