

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD?

WEEK 26 – INFINITE

<u>** Communicable – We share with God</u>	<u>** Incommunicable – Unique to God</u>	
1. Love	10. Omniscience	17. Righteousness
2. Jealousy	11. Incomprehensibility	18. Omnipotence
3. Graciousness	12. Glory	19. Immutability
4. Just	13. Majesty	20. Impassability
5. Wrath	14. Sovereignty	21. Spiritual
6. Merciful	15. Omnipresence (& Immanence)	22. Triunity
7. Goodness	16. Holiness	23. Self-Existence
8. Faithfulness		24. Eternality
9. Wisdom		25. Infinite

Introduction

What Does This Attribute Mean?

Infinite = indefinitely extensive; immeasurable; a quantity greater than any assignable quantity

Infinity = unlimited in the extent of time, space, or quantity; absolute perfection

Infinitude = state of being infinite; having no limit

Tozer says it beautifully:

Our concepts of measurement embrace mountains and men, atoms and stars, gravity, energy, numbers, speed, but never God. We cannot speak of a measure or amount or size or weight and at the same time be speaking of God, for these tell of degrees and there are not degrees in God. All that He is He is without growth or addition or development. Nothing in God is less or more, or large or small. He is what He is in Himself, without qualifying thought or word. He is simply God. (AW Tozer, knowledge of the Holy, p 45-46).

Also:

At the contemplation and utterance of His majesty all eloquence is rightly dumb, all mental effort is feeble. 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. (AW Tozer, knowledge of the Holy, p 44-45).

Biblical Definition:

Psa. 145:1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. **2** Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. **3** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

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Is. 40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

Psa. 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. **4** He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. **5** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

God's Attributes

Listen to Herman Bavinck...another amazing statement:

God is unlimited in his attributes, that in him every virtue is present in an absolute degree; in that case infinitude amounts to perfection. But also when so construed it is necessary that we properly conceive of this attribute. It is not an infinitude of magnitude – in the sense in which men sometimes speak of the infinite or endless dimensions of the universe – for God is incorporeal and the attribute of expansion must not be ascribed to him. Neither is it an infinitude of multitude – as in mathematics we speak of infinitely small or infinitesimal and of infinitely great – for this would conflict with God's unity and simplicity. But it is an infinitude of essence. God is infinite in his essence, absolute, perfect, limitless in the intensive, qualitative, positive sense. (Herman Bavinck, Doctrine of God, p153-154)

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New Testament Passage:

Eph. 3:6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. **7** Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. **8** To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, **9** and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, **10** so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. **11** This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, **12** in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Does Scripture Teach That God Exhibits This Attribute?

Jer. 23:24 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.

2Chr. 2:6 But who is able to build him a house, since heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain him? Who am I to build a house for him, except as a place to make offerings before him?

2Chr. 6:18 "But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built!

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 that I have built!

Job 5:8 "As for me, I would seek God, and to God would I commit my cause, **9** who does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number: **22** Behold, God is exalted in his power; who is a teacher like him?

Prov. 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

1Chr. 28:9 "And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.

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.

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Rom. 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! **34** “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” **35** “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

How Does This Attribute Affect the Christian?

1 – Infinite God & The Worth of Jesus Christ

2 – Infinite God & God’s Love for Us

1John 4:8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1John 4:9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. **10** In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

3 – Infinite God & Infinite Word