

Attributes of God
Omnipresence, Omniscience, Omnipotence
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I. Definition

The qualities that inhere in the essence - a closer description and analysis of the essence. Attributes are not different parts of God - but descriptions of the various ways in which the divine essence exists and operates.

A. Omnipresence

1. Definition - God's infinity in relation to His creation and creatures.

2. Contrast:

Immensity - God transcends all space and is not subject to its limitations (transcendence).

Omnipresence - God fills every part of space with His entire being (immanence).

3. Heresies to avoid

a. Pantheism: The being of God is the substance of all things.

b. Deism: God is present in creation but not in nature. He acts from a distance.

4. Classic scriptures

Psalms 139:7-12

Jeremiah 23:24

5. Application

B. Omniscience

1. Definition

a. Knowledge: God knows all things:

actual or possible

past, present, or future

hidden or revealed (to man)

perfectly

from all eternity

immediately

simultaneously

exhaustively

b. Wisdom: "That perfection of God whereby He applies His knowledge to the attainment of His ends in a way that glorifies Him most. " (Berkhof)

2. Classic scriptures

Proverbs 15:11

Psalms 147:5

Isaiah 46:10

Romans 4:17

Hebrews 4:13

Psalms 139:1-6

Matthew 11:21

Matthew 11:23-24

3. Independent of omnipotence, foreordination

4. Application

C. Omnipotence

1. Definition - God is able to do whatever He wills to do. This will is always in harmony with His perfections.

God cannot:

look upon iniquity (Habakkuk 1:13)

deny Himself (II Timothy 2:13)

lie (Hebrews 6:18)

commit sin (Jas 1:13)

2. Classic scriptures

Genesis 17:1

Job 42:2

Matthew 19:26

Jeremiah 32:27

Psalms 115:3

3. Voluntary limitations

II Peter 3:9

Matthew 23:37

4. Application

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - Jeremiah 32:27 – “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for me?”