

# Systematic Theology

## 4. Doctrine of God, Part 2

### Classifying the Attributes of God

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Attributes - those attributes that God shares or “communicates” with others.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Attributes - those attributes that God does not share or “communicate with others.”

### Incommunicable Attributes

#### Self-Sufficiency

Definition: God possesses within Himself \_\_\_\_\_ and eternally every excellent quality in infinite measure.

The bottomline is that God has no \_\_\_\_\_.

[Rev 4:11](#) “11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.””

[Acts 17:24-25](#) “24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.” cf [Psa 50:7-15](#); [Isa 40:10-31](#)

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#### Immutability

Definition: God is \_\_\_\_\_ in His being, perfections, purposes, and promises, yet God does act and feel emotions, and He acts and feels emotions differently in response to different situations.

God is unchangeable in His \_\_\_\_\_.

[Psalm 102:25-27](#) “25 Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 26 They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, 27 but you are the same, and your years have no end.” cf [Mal 3:6](#); [Jas 1:17](#)

God is unchangeable in His \_\_\_\_\_ or plans.

[Psa 33:11](#) “11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.” cf [Matt 13:35](#); [Eph 1:4, 11](#); [3:11](#); [1 Pet 1:20](#); [Isa 46:9-11](#)

God is unchangeable in His \_\_\_\_\_.

[Jos 23:14](#) “14 “And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things that the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed.” cf [1 Kings 8:56](#); [Psa 89:34](#); [Isa 54:10](#)

[Heb 10:23](#) “23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”

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## **Omniscience**

Definition: God knows all things actual and \_\_\_\_\_ — past, present, and future.

Actual...

[Psa 147:5](#) “5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.” cf [Rom 11:33-34](#)

[Col 2:3](#) “3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” cf [Job 37:16](#)

[1 John 3:20](#) “... he knows everything.”

[Psa 50:11](#) “11 I know all the birds of the hills...”

[Luke 12:6-7](#) “6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. 7 Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

[Matt 6:8](#) “... your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

[Psa 94:11](#) “11 the Lord knows the thoughts of man...”

[Heb 4:13](#) “13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

[Psa 139:1-4](#) “1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me! 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.”

Possible...

[Matt 11:21-23](#) “21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago

in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.” cf [1 Sam 23:10-13](#)

Future...

[Deut 18:21-22](#) “21 And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?’ — 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.”

[Isa 41:21-23](#) “21 Set forth your case, says the Lord; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob. 22 Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come. 23 Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do harm, that we may be dismayed and terrified.” cf [Isa 46:9-10](#)

[Psa 139:16](#) “16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

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## Omnipotence

Definition: God is able to perform anything that is consistent to His will and \_\_\_\_\_.

[Genesis 18:14](#) 14 "Is anything too difficult for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

[Luke 1:37](#) 37 "For nothing will be impossible with God."

[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.

[Jer 32:27](#) 27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?"

Consistent with His will and character:

1. Excludes logically \_\_\_\_\_ actions
2. Excludes \_\_\_\_\_ actions

[Titus 1:2](#) ...God, who never lies, promised before the ages began... (NAU) ... God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago...

[Num 23:19](#) God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

[2Ti 2:13](#) *if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself.*

[Jam 1:13](#) *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.*

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## Omnipresence

Definition: God does not have size or spatial \_\_\_\_\_ and is present at every point of space with His whole being, yet God acts differently in different \_\_\_\_\_.

God is present \_\_\_\_\_

[Psa 139:7-10](#) *7 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. cf. [Jer 23:23-24](#)*

God is non-\_\_\_\_\_

[1Ki 8:27](#) *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! cf [Acts 7:48-50](#); Isa 66:48-50*

God's presence is \_\_\_\_\_ in different ways in different places

[Josh 1:5](#) "5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you."

[Judges 16:20](#) "...But he did not know that the Lord had left him."

At times His presence is expressed in \_\_\_\_\_

[Psalm 16:11](#); [2 Corinthians 3:17](#); [Romans 8:9-10](#); [John 14:23](#)

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[Amos 9:1-4](#); [Psalm 139:8b](#); [John 3:36](#); [Revelation 20:10](#)

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