

God's infinite attributes

God's perfect righteousness

extends to every dimension of His person

1. God's personal attributes:

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Personal	Infinite
Sovereign - Creator	Eternal Life
Righteous	Omniscient all-knowing
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Truth	Omni present present everywhere
Love	Immutable unchanging

Sovereign Creator:

Sovereign = God is the creator of the universe and all that inhabits it. The creator determines the conditions for our existence!

1. Psalm 146:6 (NKJV)
6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever,
Isaiah 45:9 (NKJV)
9 "Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handwork say, 'He has no hands'?"

Isaiah 29:16 (NKJV)

16 Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Righteous:

Righteousness = the perfect standard of God's character.

1. Psalm 89:14 (NKJV)
14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.
Psalm 119:142 (NKJV)
142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.

Truth, is God defining reality to mankind

Just:

Justice = the application of that standard.

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Truth:

Truth = the definition of reality in the covenants, which reveal the previous 3 (righteousness, justice & Mercy)

The Principle: God has a right to define reality, because he is the creator

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John 14:6 (NKJV)
6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Love:

Mercy = the expression of God's love to all mankind, in providing the Perfect solution.

1. John 3:16-17 (NKJV)
16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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The immeasurable, inexhaustible, boundless quality of God's attributes.

Eternal: the eternality of God = Infinity with respect to time

Psalm 90:2 (NKJV)
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

1. All of God's attributes are eternally the same

Omniscient: infinity with respect to His knowledge

Because God knows all things at all times from beginning to end, He provides the perfect solution for sin. God never learns anything, nothing that has ever happened or will happen has taken God by surprise

Psalm 139:1-4 (NKJV)
1 O Lord, You have searched me and known me.
2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.
3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.
4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.
5 You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

Matthew 9:4 (NKJV)
4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

1 Corinthians 4:5 (NKJV)
5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

1. God has all the stars numbered and named

a. Psalm 147:4 (NKJV)
4 He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.

2. He knows the number of hairs on your head

a. Matthew 10:30 (NKJV)
30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

3. He knows all his works

a. Acts 15:18 (NKJV)
18 "Known to God from eternity are all His works.

4. God sustains all his works

a. Colossians 1:16-17 (ESV)
16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things were created through him and for him.
17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Omnipotent: infinity with respect to His Power or Ability

We must fear Him in the sense of respect and admiration and obedience.

Genesis 1:1 (NKJV)
1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Hebrews 11:3 (ESV)
3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.
Psalm 33:6-9 (NKJV)
6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.
John 1:1-3 (NKJV)
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 He was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Omnipresence: infinity with respect to space or the physical universe

Psalm 139:7-10 (NKJV)
7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?
8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, 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.

These verses use two pairs of opposites:
heaven and Sheol.

the wings of the morning (i.e., the farthest east, where the sun rises) and the uttermost parts of the sea (i.e., the far end of the Mediterranean, to the west of Israel).

This rhetorical device, using two polar opposites, indicates that everything in between is included.

Immutability: God never changes

His character and His Word are perfectly stable, they never change

1. God adapted His plan in eternity past for the individuality of His, volitional, self determining creation: mankind

2. God is a rock, He is stable, a reliable refuge

1 Samuel 2:2 (NKJV)
2 "No one is holy like the Lord, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.
3 Samuel 22:32 (NKJV)
32 "For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?
3 Samuel 22:47 (NKJV)
47 "The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, The Rock of my salvation!
3 Samuel 22:3 (NKJV)
3 The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: 'He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.
Psalm 78:31-38 (NKJV)
31 The wrath of God came against them, And slew the stoutest of them, And struck down the choice men of Israel.

32 In spite of this they still sinned, And did not believe in His wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days He consumed in futility, And their years in fear.
34 When He slew them, then they sought Him; And they returned and sought earnestly for God.

35 Then they remembered that God was their rock, And the Most High God their Redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth, And they lied to Him with their tongue;

37 For their heart was not steadfast with Him, Nor were they faithful in His covenant.

38 But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, And did not destroy them. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, And did not stir up all His wrath;

3. James 1:17 (NKJV)

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Hebrews 6:16-20 (NKJV)
16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.
17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,
18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Malachi 3:6 (NKJV)

6 "For I am the Lord, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

God defines reality by revealing to mankind, the truth of his perfect righteous, personal and infinite characteristics.

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