

## Attributes of God: Week One

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### Course Outline:

- Week One: Overview
- Week Two: Holy
- Week Three: Immutable
- Week Four: Omnipresent
- Week Five: Omnipotent
- Week Six: Omniscient
- Week Seven: Good/Loving

Isaiah 57:15 (ESV) “For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.’”

Psalm 96:4–5 (ESV) “For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.”

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### I. The Weight of Theology: Why the Knowledge of God Matters

Proverbs 9:10 (ESV) “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.”

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (ESV) “Thus says the Lord: ‘Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.’”

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### II. The Question of God’s Being: “What Is God?”

The Lord our God is but one only living and true God; whose subsistence is in and of Himself, infinite in being and perfection; whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but Himself; a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; who is immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, every way infinite, most holy, most wise, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, and withal most just and terrible in His judgments, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

- London Baptist Confession of 1689
- John 4:24 (ESV) “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- 1 Timothy 6:15–16 (ESV) “He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.”
- Numbers 23:19 (ESV) “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?”

### **Divine Simplicity:**

- Deuteronomy 6:4 (ESV) “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”
  - James 1:17 (ESV) “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”
  - 1 John 1:5 (ESV) “This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”
  - 1 John 4:8 (ESV) “Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”
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### **IV. Knowing the Incomprehensible God**

- A. God is Incomprehensible (Rom 11:33-34; Job 11:7-9; Isaiah 55:8-9)
  
  - B. God is Knowable (Deut 29:29; John 17:3)
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### **V. Revelation, Not Speculation**

- A. General Revelation: Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:18-20; Acts 14:15-17; Acts 17:24-28
    - a. What it reveals: God’s existence, power, glory
    - b. What it cannot reveal: The Gospel, saving knowledge of Christ
  
  - B. Special Revelation: Psalm 147:19-20; 2 Timothy 3: 14-16
  
  - C. The Son (The Final Revelation): Hebrews 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17
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### **VI. The Attributes of God: A Foundational Distinction**

- A. Incommunicable Attributes (God’s Otherness)
  
  - B. Communicable Attributes (God’s Likeness)
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### **VII. The Proper End of the Knowledge of God**

1. Humility: Psalm 8:3-4; Isaiah 6:1-5
2. Comfort: Lamentations 3:22-23; Proverbs 18:10
3. Worship (Doxology): Revelation 4:8-11; Romans 11:36