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A Study of the Attributes of God

1. Incomprehensibility

- We are unable to fully or exhaustively understand God

Job 26:7-14 *He stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing. 11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astounded at his rebuke. 12 By his power he stilled the sea; by his understanding he shattered Rahab. 14 Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of him! **But the thunder of his power who can understand?"***

Rom 11:33-36 *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?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

Isaiah 55:8-9 *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Psalms 145:2-3 *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.*

Psalms 139:6 *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.*

Isaiah 40:27-28 *Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? 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.*

Psalms 147:4-5 *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.***

1 Cor 2:12 *Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.*

2. Knowability

- **Although we cannot know God fully, we can ever increasingly and truly know God in both knowledge and relationship because He has revealed Himself.**

Matt 11:27 *All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

Jer 9:23-24 *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, 24 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.”*

John 14:23 *Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.*

1 John 2:13 *I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father.*

Dan 11:32 *He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.*

John 5:39-40 *You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.*

Luke 24:27 *And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

Psalms 9:10 *And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

Additional Reading: Deut 29:29, Prov 9:10, Rom 1:19-20, 2 Cor 4:6, Col 1:9-

3. Self Existence

- **God is the only uncaused and uncreated being and has always existed with life from Himself. He is not dependent for being or essence on any source outside of Himself.**

Gen 1:1 *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*

John 1:1-3 *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 was not anything made that was made.*

Psalm 90:2 *Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, **from everlasting to everlasting you are God.***

John 5:26 *For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.*

Ex 3:14-15 *God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "* ¹⁵ *God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, '**The LORD**, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.*

Col 1:16-17 *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.*

Is 44:6 *Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.*

Rev 4:10-11 *the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 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."*

Is 64:8 *But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.*

Additional Reading: Rom 9:20-21

4. Self Sufficiency

- **God is complete and does not need any person or thing outside of himself for anything as there is nothing he needs, or ever will need.**

Acts 17:23-25 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 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.

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

Psalm 50:12-15 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. 13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, 15 and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

John 17:5,24 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Rom 11:33-36 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?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Job 41:11 Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.

Phil 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

5. Eternality

- **God has no beginning or end and stands outside of time, yet He also created time and interacts within time.**

Deuteronomy 33:26-27a "There is none like God, O Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens to your help, through the skies in his majesty. 27 The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Isaiah 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.

Psalms 90:1-3 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. 3 You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

Psalms 93:1-2 The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. 2 Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Isaiah 44:6-8 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. 7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. 8 Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

John 1:1-3 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 was not any thing made that was made.

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Isaiah 57:15 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.

Additional Reading: Is 46:8-10, John 10:27-29

6. Infinitude

- **God is limitless, boundless and completely free in all that He is and does.**

Isaiah 46:8-10 "Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, 9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'"

Isaiah 66:1 Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest?"

1 Kings 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!"

Jeremiah 23:23-24 "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? 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.

Psalms 147:5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

7. Unchangeability

- **God is unchanging in his being, attributes, purposes, and promises, yet God does act, and he acts differently in response to different situations. He remains forever the same, true God.**

Heb 1:10-12 And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

James 1:17 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.

Mal 3:6 For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

Is 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Numbers 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?

Heb 13:7-9 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings,

Psalms 18:2,31 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?—

Psalms 102:25-28 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. ²⁸ The

children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you.

Additional Reading: Deut 32:4, Psalm 110:4, 119:89, John 5:17, Heb 6:17-19

8. Omnipresence

- **God is present in all places at all times with His whole being as He does not have size or spatial dimensions.**

Acts 17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,

1 Kings 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!

Jer 23:23-24 Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? 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.

Psalm 100:2 Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Is 3:8 For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, because their speech and their deeds are against the Lord, defying his glorious presence.

Acts 3:19-20 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord

Psalm 139:7-10 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.

Acts 2:28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

Acts 17:27-28 Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for " 'In him we live and move and have our being';

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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

Matt 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. **And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**”

Additional Reading: Gen 1:1, 3:8, 1 Kings 18:25-40, Psalm 16:11, 21:6, 50:21, 90:8, 140:13, Prov 15:11, Is 59:2, Amos 9:2-4, Matt 10:29-31, 1 Cor 6:19, 1 Tim 6:13-14, Heb 4:13

9. Omniscience

- **God has perfect and infinite knowledge and understanding of all things actual and possible, past, present, and future in one eternal act. He is perfectly acquainted with every detail of life.**

Psalm 147:4-5 *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.

Is 40:13-14 *Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? ¹⁴ Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?*

Is 55:9 *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

1 John 3:20 *for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.*

Rom 11:33-34 *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?**”*

John 2:24-25 *But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.*

Acts 2:23 *this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.*

Psalm 139:1-6, 16 *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. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. 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.*

Matt 6:8 *Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him*

Luke 12:6-7 *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.*

Additional Reading: Ps 94:11, 103:13-14, 147:4, Is 46:8-10, Matt 10:29-31, John 21:17, Heb 4:13

10. Wisdom

- **God always chooses the best and perfect ends and accomplishes them by the best and perfect means for the right reason – God’s glory.**

Prov 9:10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

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!*

Psalm 104:24 *O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*

Jer 10:12 *It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.*

1 Cor 1:23-25 *but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

Dan 2:20-21 *Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; **he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;***

James 1:5 *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

Col 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom*

Prov 11:2 *When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.*

Psalm 111:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!*

Rom 16:27 *to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.*

Additional Reading: 1 Sam 2:3, Psalm 119:98-99, 139:23-24, Prov 3:19, 1 Cor 1:18-20

11. Omnipotence

- **God is able to do and accomplish all He pleases as He has infinite power and ability.**

Psalm 33:6-9 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. 7He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. 8Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! 9For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Job 38:4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

Rom 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, **his eternal power** and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

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.**

Job 42:2 **I know that you can do all things**, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Psalm 91:1-2 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

John 10:28-29 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is **greater than all**, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Luke 1:36-38 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For **nothing will be impossible with God.** ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Matt 19:25-26 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Mark 14:36 And he said, "Abba, Father, **all things are possible for you.** Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Heb 1:3a He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Eph 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Reading: Gen 17:1-2, 18:14, 35:11-12, 43:13-14, Mark 4 & 5, Luke 8:22-56, 2 Cor 6:17-18, Rev 4:8, 19:1-10

12. Sovereignty

- **God is supreme above all and has the absolute right and authority to do as He pleases when He pleases, without hindrance, using whatever means He pleases including our choices.**

Dan 4:28-35 All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, 30 and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?” 31 While the words were still in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, “O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, 32 and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.” 33 Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. . . 34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; 35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

Col 1:16 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.

Psalms 135:5-6 For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. ⁶ Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.

Job 42:2 I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Is 46:10b My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose, ’

Gen 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today

Rom 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Is 45:9 Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles?’

Job 40:1-4 And the Lord said to Job: 2 “Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.” 3 Then Job answered the Lord and said: 4 “Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth.

Rev 19:6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Additional Reading: Deut 32:39, Isaiah 44:6-8, Jer 27:5-6, Matt 20:15, Rom 9:18-21, James 1:13-14, Rev 15:3-4

13. Love

- **God's love is His eternal, purposeful, selfless giving of Himself to and for others.**

Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Deuteronomy 7:6 "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but **it is because the LORD loves you** and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

John 3:16 "For God so **loved the world**, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Ephesians 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. **In love** 5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 2:4-5 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved--

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me** and gave himself for me.

Romans 5:6-8 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- 8 but God shows **his love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are

more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Additional Reading: John 17:24-26, Eph 2:1-10

14. Righteousness

- **God's righteousness means that God always does what is right, always conforms to His law, and is Himself the final standard of what is right.**

Psalm 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Psalm 145:17 The LORD is righteous in **all** his ways and kind in all his works.

Psalm 92:15 to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is **no** unrighteousness in him.

Psalm 19:8-9 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

Jer 9:24 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.”

Psalm 7:11-17 God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels **indignation** every day. 12 If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow; 13 he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts. 14 Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies. 15 He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made. 16 His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends. 17 I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

Rom 3:23-26 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Psalm 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

2 Tim 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Additional Reading: Deut 4:23-24, Psalm 11:7, 116:5, 119:138, Phil 1:11

15. Justice

- **The expression of His righteousness as He requires all to adhere to His standards of rightness and rewards or punishes accordingly. God's Wrath is His right and just eternal detestation and punishment of all unrighteousness.**

Eccl 12:13-14 *The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.*

Psalm 62:12 *and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.*

Rev 16:5-7 *And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say, "Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!" 7 And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!"*

Rom 1:18, 22-24 *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,*

Rom 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

John 3:16,36 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

Psalm 97:10 *O you who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.*

Deut 4:24 *For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.*

Rom 5:8-10 *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*

Additional Reading: Deut 4:24, 7:9-11, 32:43, Psalm 7:11-17, 73:11-17,
Ezekiel 18:25-29, Amos 5:15, Micah 6:8, Rom 3:26, 12:19, James 1:14-15,
4:4, Rev 19:1-2

16. Holiness

- **God's holiness is both His transcendent separation from creation and sin, and His transcendent moral purity.**

Exodus 15:11 "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

Leviticus 19:2-4 "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, **You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.** 3 Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. 4 Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the LORD your God.

Isaiah 6:1-3 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "**Holy, holy, holy** is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Hebrews 12:14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for **the holiness** without which no one will see the Lord.

1 Peter 1:14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "**You shall be holy, for I am holy.**"

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your hearts **blameless in holiness** before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Revelation 4:8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "**Holy, holy, holy**, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

17. Truth

- **God in His entirety and being is true, reliable, and consistent and is the final standard of truth.**

Rev 19:11 *Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.*

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

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?*

Titus 1:1-2 *Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began*

Prov 30:5 *Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.*

2 Sam 7:28 *And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant.*

John 17:3 *And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

Jer 10:10 *But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.*

John 17:17 *Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.*

Prov 12:22 *Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight.*

Col 3:9-10 *Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*

18. Faithfulness

- **The assurance that God will always do what He says and fulfill what He promises.**

Lam 3:22-23 *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

Psalm 111:7-8 *The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; 8 they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

1 Thes 5:23-24 *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; **he will surely do it.***

1 Cor 10:13 *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

Deut 7:9 *Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,*

Psalm 36:5 *Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.*

Psalm 31:3-5 *For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; 4 you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, **faithful God.***

Psalm 119:75 *I know, O Lord, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.*

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*

1 Pet 4:19 *Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.*

Heb 10:22-23 *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

Psalm 26:3 *For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.*

Additional Reading: Gen 15:13-14 with Ex 12:41, Gen 3:15 with Is 7:14, Num 23:19, Joshua 23:14-16, Psalm 25:10, 100:5, 119:90, 136, Is 50:10, Matt 25:21, 1 Cor 1:8-9, Gal 5:22, 2 Pet 3:9

19. Grace

- **God's active, heartfelt, unmerited favor toward his creatures who are in need.**

Ex 34:6-8 *The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God **merciful and gracious, slow to anger**, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." ⁸ **And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.***

Psalms 86:15 *But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.*

Titus 3:5-7 *he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life*

Rom 3:23-24 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

Eph 1:7-8 *⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight*

Eph 2:7-9 *so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast*

John 1:17 *For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

Neh 9:31 *Nevertheless, in your great mercies you did not make an end of them or forsake them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.*

Titus 2:11-12 *For the **grace** of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,*

2 Cor 12:9 *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

Additional Reading: Ex 33:17-19, Num 14:18, Neh 9:17, Ps 103:8-9, Jer 32:18, Jon 4:2, Matt 5:45, John 1:14, Rom 11:6, 1 Cor 15:10, Col 4:6, 2 Tim 1:9-10, 1 Pet 5:10

20. Mercy

- **God's active and tenderhearted compassion, kindness, and forgiveness toward those in misery and distress.**

Psalm 103:8, 10-13 *The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he **remove our transgressions** from us. 13 As a **father shows compassion** to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

2 Cor 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,*

Deut 4:31 *For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.*

Matt 14:14 *When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*

Matt 9:36 *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

Luke 7:12-13 *As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."*

Titus 3:5 *he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit*

1 Pet 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

Eph 2:4-5 *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—*

Lam 3:22-23 *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

Matt 9:13 *Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."*

Heb 4:16 *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Additional Reading: 2 Sam 24:14, Matt 15:32, Mark 1:41, Luke 1:78-79, 10:29, 33, 36-37, 15:20

21. Patience

- **God is withholding punishment of those who sin and continuing to offer salvation and grace over long periods of time.**

Neh 9:31 Nevertheless, in your great mercies you did not make an end of them or forsake them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.

1 Tim 1:16 (Paul talking about his conversion) But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Neh 9:17 They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.

Acts 13:18 And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness.

Rom 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Col 3:12-13 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Additional Reading: Ex 34:6, Num 14:18

22. Goodness

- **God's personal, kind and constant generosity toward His creatures. His goodness is the standard of moral excellence by which every person and act is judged.**

Genesis 1:31a And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

Psalms 119:67-68 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. 68 You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

Psalms 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Psalms 145:9 The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Psalms 65:4 Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Psalm 84:10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Galatians 6:9-10 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

23. Glory

- **The splendor of the totality of God's nature and actions and the honor, praise, and recognition due Him because of His being, attributes and actions.**

Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Rev 5:13-14 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and **glory** and might forever and ever!"¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Ex 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

2 Cor 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Is 48:10-11 Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. 11 For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? **My glory I will not give to another.**

2 Chron 5:13-14 and it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever," the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

Psalm 96:3-4, 7-9 Declare his glory **among the nations**, his marvelous works **among all the peoples!** ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, **O families of the peoples**, ascribe to the LORD **glory and strength!** ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the **glory due his name**; bring an offering, and come into his courts! ⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

1 Cor 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do **all** to the glory of God.

Matt 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

2 Cor 4:17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

1 Tim 1:17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Reading: Ex 33:20-23, 40:34-38, Num 14:21, 1 Chron 29:11-13, 2 Chron 7:1-3, Psalm 57:5, 72:18-19, 104:1-2, 106:19-21, 115:1, Isa 3:8, 6:1-3, 42:8, 43:7, Ez 1:28, Dan 4:28-31, Matt 13:45, 17:1-13, 25:31-32, Mark 13:26, Luke 2:9,14, 19:37-38, John 11:39-40, 12:42-43, 17:4-5, Acts 12:21-23, Rom 1:23, 3:23, 6:4, 8:18, 11:33-36, 15:5-6, 1 Cor 6:19-20, 2 Cor 4:6, Gal 1:3-5, Eph 3:16, Phil 2:10-11, Col 3:17, Rev 4:9-11, 19:1-2