**The Omni Attributes of God**

**Introduction**

1. The way a person views God directly affects how that one conducts his life. (True of all “faiths” – even atheism – belief that God does not exist.)
2. Since God is eternal **(cf. Psalm 90:2)** knowledge of Him us unattainable except through revelation – i.e. we cannot know anything about God unless He reveals it to us.
	1. Revelation in creation – **Romans 1:20**
	2. Revelation via word – **1 Corinthians 2:11-12**
3. Idolatry is shown to be fraudulent because the gods bear the qualities of their worshipers – Pagan gods are recorded to exhibit jealousy, pettiness, uncontrolled wrath, and flaws of all kinds.
	1. This is because they were created by their worshipers.
	2. However, Paul showed that the one and only true God transcended all idols. He is not like man – **Acts 17:22-31**
4. If God is viewed through the lens of human wisdom (like with Pagan Gods – any idol) then man will not be elevated to a higher spiritual existence but will only persist in the errant qualities of sinful man.
5. However, if God is viewed through the lens of His own revelation to us man is called to an elevated life in submission to His ways.
6. There are three general attributes of God which, when known, will drastically affect the way we live.
	1. Omni attributes.
	2. “omnis” – Latin – “all” – “all; of all things” (New Oxford American Dictionary)
7. Omnipotent
8. God is All Powerful
	1. Omnipotent – all powerful; having unlimited power; able to do anything.
	2. God to Abraham:
		1. **Genesis 17:1** – Called Himself “Almighty” – *el Shaddai* – “most powerful, Almighty” (Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon)
			1. To give confidence to His following promise.
			2. **(vv. 2-8)** – make of him a great nation.
			3. **(v. 1)** – Abram is 99.
		2. Abraham’s response – **Genesis 17:17-18**
		3. God’s response to Abraham – **Genesis 17:19** – He is powerful enough to do what He says.
		4. When Sarah laughed – **Genesis 18:13-14** – nothing is too hard for the Lord.
	3. **Job 42:2** – no purpose of God is withheld from Him.
	4. Omnipotence seen in creation – **Hebrews 3:4** – He built all things.
		1. **Genesis 1:1** – in the beginning God created. (MANIFESTS HIS POWER IN A PROFOUND WAY – BEGINNING, NOTHING, THEN GOD CREATED EVERYTHING FROM NOTHING)
		2. **Romans 1:20** – eternal power and godhead – only deity could do this.
		3. **Psalm 19:1** – creation declares His glory.
		4. **Jeremiah 32:27** – nothing too hard for Him.
	5. Never should there be a doubt or surprise about the Lord’s power – **Acts 26:4-8** – Paul’s defense before Agrippa.
		1. Jews condemning him based on his preaching of the resurrection of Christ.
		2. They believed in the resurrection.
		3. **(v. 8)** – why can’t they believe in the resurrection of Jesus? (cf. **Acts 26:25** – speaks words of truth and reason – because God is omnipotent)
9. Before the Omnipotent God
	1. An understanding that God is all powerful will have a great effect on how we live.
	2. Should lead us to fearful obedience – **Genesis 17:1** – since He is almighty, He calls Abraham to obedience.
		1. **Matthew 10:27-28** – told to speak the word, knowing God has the power (all power) to destroy in hell.
		2. **Luke 14:31-32** – causes one to seek peace with Him.
	3. Should comfort us as we are obedient – **Matthew 10:29-31** – Fear God, but don’t fear man. If God is all powerful, and He cares for us, then we have nothing to worry about.
		1. **Psalm 118:6** – what can man do?
	4. Should incite unwavering trust – **Romans 4:18-22** – Abraham believed in God’s promise of Isaac contrary to all that suggested otherwise, because He knew God was powerful enough to do what He promised **(v. 21).**
		1. This is manifested in all areas of life – we always trust in God’s ability.
		2. **Philippians 2:12-13** – knowing God is working in us.
10. Omniscient
11. God is All Knowing
	1. Omniscient – all knowing; knowing everything. (scire – “to know;” root of “science”)
	2. Elihu ascribes to God “perfect knowledge” – **Job 37:14, 16**
		1. God Himself impresses Job with this truth – **Job 38:1-7** (ff)
	3. **Psalm 147:5** – His understanding is infinite.
	4. He knows everything we cannot possibly know – **Deuteronomy 29:29**
	5. He knows what was, what is, and what is yet to be – **Isaiah 41:21-24** (God challenging idols – ***“things to come”*** – predictive prophecy; ***“former things”*** – historical accuracy); **Isaiah 46:8-11** (there is none other that can do these things)
	6. He knows what is within a man – **Acts 1:24** (in choosing Judas’ replacement)
	7. His wisdom is greater than that of man:
		1. **1 Corinthians 1:18-25** – Shown in the message of salvation, message of the cross.
		2. God put the wisdom of the world to shame through the message of the cross, for men could have never come to know the way of salvation through their wisdom – **1 Corinthians 2:7-9** – hidden wisdom.
12. Before the Omniscient God
	1. An understanding that God is all knowing will have a great effect on how we live.
	2. Should lead us to careful obedience – **1 John 3:20-21** – we cannot get anything past God, He knows.
		1. **Psalm 139:1-4** – He knows everything, even our thoughts.
		2. **Hebrews 4:11-13** – we will be exposed by His word, and none will be hidden from Him.
	3. Should comfort us because He knows our every situation (need, injustices, etc.) – **Isaiah 40:27-31** – we can be patient with God, for He is not unaware of our circumstances, and will aid us. (waiting on the Lord is walking by faith in Him – always letting Him take the lead)
	4. Should incite trust in His wisdom – **Romans 1:16-17** – just shall live by faith.
		1. The gospel declares the way of salvation – trust in such by doing what it says.
		2. **Isaiah 55:8-9** – His thoughts and ways are higher than ours.
		3. **James 1:19-25** – we should hear, receive with meekness, and do God’s word and we will be blessed.
		4. NEVER QUESTIONING WHETHER GOD KNOWS BEST – **Proverbs 3:5-8**
13. Omnipresent
14. God is All Present
	1. Omnipresent – present everywhere at the same time.
	2. The Psalmist notes God’s omnipresence – **Psalm 139:7-12** – not a place a man can go to escape God.
		1. **Jeremiah 23:23-24** – again noted here.
	3. Omnipresent in regard to instrumentality:
		1. I.e. His person is not everywhere, but His presence is everywhere to be seen – **Acts 17:26-28** – not far from each of us.
		2. This because everything issued forth from Him – **Genesis 1:1** (cf. **Colossians 1:16-17** – in Him all things consist)
		3. Also, omnipresent through His omniscience – **Proverbs 5:21; 15:3**
15. Before the Omnipresent God
	1. An understanding that God is all present will have a great effect on how we live.
	2. Should make us people of integrity – **Philippians 1:27; 2:12-13** – Paul noting and encouraging the integrity of the Philippians. (obedient when Paul isn’t present because GOD IS PRESENT)
		1. **Hebrews 4:13** – God sees what we are doing at all times.
	3. Should grant us comfort being in God’s presence – **2 Timothy 4:10, 16-18** – while others forsook Paul, the Lord did not – insofar as Paul was faithful to the Lord.
		1. We are afforded the company of the Lord wherever – **John 4:19-24** – there is no particular place to go find God – He is available where we are.
			1. We commune with the Lord! – **Matthew 26:29**
		2. Not confined to temples – **Acts 7:44-50; 17:24**
	4. Should cause fear of losing God’s presence – **2 Thessalonians 1:8-9** (away from presence of God.)
		1. Many refuse to acknowledge God’s presence now, but ironically worship that which is evidence of His existence – **Romans 1:24-25**
		2. One day they will have no experience of God’s presence save the place prepared by God for their destruction – **Matthew 25:41** (Depart from me, prepared – by God)

**Conclusion**

1. We need to be aware of who God truly is. This knowledge, or the lack thereof will drastically change how we conduct ourselves.
2. While there are many attributes of God to discuss, it is important to know that HE ALONE IS omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent.