

THE UNIQUE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

PART II IN A SERIES ON GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

*"To whom then will ye liken God?
or what likeness will ye compare unto him?"*

~ Isaiah 40:18

1. God's Unique vs. Perfect Attributes

- a. How do we know God? *A: How he reveals himself in the Bible, else we are idolaters*
- b. God gave us certain qualities in *common* with him (though not in perfection)
- c. There are certain attributes *unique* to God that he cannot give to us
- d. How do we describe God? What is he like? – Isaiah 40:18
- e. There is a general ignorance about the unique attributes of God (e.g... Christ cannot lay aside the independent exercise of all deity attributes and still be God)

2. Unique: one, indivisible God

- a. God is one being, there are not multiple Gods – Exo 20:3, 1 Tim 2:5
- b. God is unique, there is no other like him – Deu 6:4, Exo 15:11, 1 Cor 8:4
- c. God is indivisible (not in parts, or segregated)

3. God is Spirit

- a. He is invisible - John 1:18; Col 1:15, 1 Tim 1:17
- b. He is spirit (not physical) - John 4:24, Luke 24:39, Acts 17:24

4. The Independent God

- a. He just is, the self sufficient.... "I AM" – Exo 3:14, John 5:26
- b. He does not need anything from anyone, anything - Ac 17:24-29; Isa 40:21; Ro 11:34
- c. All things exist by him - Col 1:16-17; Gen 1:1; John 1:1-4; Rev 1:8, 4:11

5. The Unchanging God

- a. He changes not in his promises, but also his being – Mal 3:6, Jam 1:17, Heb 13:8
- b. He is not a man that changes - Num 23:19, 1 Sam 15:29, Job 9:32
- c. "*But thou art the same*" - Ps 102:26-27; he is dependable, constant, consistent
- d. Nothing can force him to change (not circumstances, his creatures, bad moods, etc.)

6. God Above All

- a. He is outside, above, beyond his creation – Gen 1:1, Eph 1:21, 4:6, Ps 113:5-6; Jn 8:23
- b. His thoughts higher than ours, his ways higher than ours - Isa 55:8-9, 57:15
- c. In this way we are not like God at all. He is exalted, high, and great – Ps 108:4-5

7. The Infinite God

- a. His understanding is infinite – Ps 145:3, 147:5, Eph 3:11; Ps 90:2
- b. He is eternal (without beginning or end) – De 33:27, 1 Tim 1:17, Ro 1:20, Rev 22:13
- c. The heavens cannot contain him – 1 Kings 8:27, Isa 66:1, Ps 139:7-12

8. The Holy and Perfect God

- a. All of the common attributes are uncommon in this regard
- b. He is the Holy One, separate, sacred – Is 6:1-4; 1Sa 2:2, Ps 99:3, Hos 11:9
- c. He is perfect in all his ways – Ps 18:30, Deu 32:4