

Defining the attributes of God

Transcendence: God is exalted above and beyond all of creation. He exists outside of and is not limited by the physical universe, time, or space. His greatness and majesty surpass all human understanding and imagination.

Omniscient: God possesses complete and perfect knowledge. He knows everything that has happened, is happening, and will happen. There is nothing hidden from His sight, and He understands all things fully and perfectly.

Omnipotent: God is all-powerful and has unlimited authority and ability. He can accomplish anything that is consistent with His nature and will. There is nothing too difficult or impossible for Him.

Omnipresent: God is present everywhere at all times. He is not confined to any particular location and is fully present in every part of His creation. His presence permeates the entire universe, and He is always near to us.

Immutable: This attribute means that God is eternally the same in His being. He does not change over time; He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His nature and character are constant and unchanging.

Incorruptible: God is free from decay and corruption. He is above time, which is a created part of the universe. God does not age or deteriorate, and He is immune to any form of corruption or decay.

Incomprehensible: God is beyond full human understanding. While we can know God because He reveals Himself to us, we can never fully grasp His essence or ways. His nature and actions are beyond our complete comprehension.

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Immortal: God is the uncreated, eternal one with no beginning and no end. He is life itself and cannot die. Unlike humans, who are mortal, God is inherently immortal.

Infallible: God is incapable of error or mistake. He is perfect in knowledge and wisdom, and there is no darkness or falsehood in Him. He cannot lie or be wrong.

Invincible: God is all-powerful and cannot be defeated. He is sovereign and omnipotent, meaning He has the power to accomplish His will without hindrance.

Invisible: God is spirit and cannot be seen with human eyes. He exists beyond the physical senses, and His essence is not visible to us. He dwells in unapproachable light.

Infinite: God is limitless and immeasurable in all His attributes. Whether it is His knowledge, power, or presence, God is infinite, meaning He is beyond all finite limitations.

Incomparable: God is beyond comparison; there is no one like Him. His nature, attributes, and works are unique and unparalleled. He stands alone in His majesty and perfection, and nothing in creation can be equated with Him.

Immanent: While God is transcendent and beyond all, He is also immanent, meaning He is present and active within His creation. He is personal and accessible to us, involved in the world and in our lives.

Part 1: The Invisible God

Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15-16

15 which God will bring about in his own time--God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

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Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jamie introduced the concept of God's transcendence, emphasizing God's greatness and how He is beyond our full understanding. How does recognizing God's transcendence affect the way we approach Him in prayer and worship?
2. The message describes God as incomprehensible, meaning we can never fully understand Him. How can we balance the mystery of God's incomprehensibility with the desire to know Him more deeply?
3. The Apostle Paul's desire to know God more deeply, despite God's incomprehensibility, is a central theme in the message. What practical steps can we take to pursue a deeper knowledge and relationship with God, following Paul's example?
4. The immutability of God means He is eternally the same, never changing in His nature or character. In what ways does God's immutability provide comfort and assurance in our ever-changing world?
5. Pastor Jamie spoke about the difference between knowing about God and getting to know God personally. Why is this difference important in our lives? What changes when you begin to know God more personally?

Ministry Time:

God's omnipresence means He is everywhere at all times, without being confined by space or time. Pray for anyone who has been struggling to feel God's presence in recent weeks.

Pastor Jamie spoke about the miracle of redemption that happens in our lives to give us a closer relationship with God. Pray for anyone who is battling shame and guilt that would hinder you from drawing closer to our Father.