


# Calvary Chapel CG, Tuesday Men's Study

## *Prayer, Our Glorious Privilege.*

By Pastor Chuck Smith

(by way of *The 25 Attributes of God*)

(Part I)

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# Purpose

- ➡ Primary: To be more effective in prayer
  - ➡ Residual benefit: To know God better.
- ➡ TAKE AWAY: “Not to be ‘intelligent’ Christians, but to be ‘empowered’ Christians.”

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# Introduction – Prayer (Ref #1)

- ➡ **James 5:16**, “Confess your trespasses to one another, and **pray** for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent **prayer** of a righteous man avails much.”
- ➡ **Phil 4:6**, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;”
- ➡ **1Thess 5:17**, “**Pray** without ceasing.”

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# Introduction-Prayer (cont.)

- ➡ **The privilege of prayer.** “Because we have been numbed to its truth: Prayer is a glorious privilege. It is a gift God has made available to even the weakest of His children—and one of the greatest blessings God has given to man. It is amazing that we can come into the presence of God, the Creator of this universe, and talk with Him. And what is even more amazing—He always listens...!” --Pastor Chuck Smith (Ref #4)

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# Introduction-Prayer (cont.)

- ➡ **Purpose of / What is prayer?** “The purpose of **prayer** is that we may join hands with God to accomplish **His** purposes here on earth, and to accomplish what otherwise might not have been done had we not **prayed**.” Pastor Chuck Smith (Ref #4)
- ➡ “First and foremost is our relationship w/God. Without it the following pages on **prayer** make little sense.” Pastor Chuck Smith (Ref #4)





# Introduction: Prayer (cont.)

- Effectiveness in **prayer** requires a relationship w/God versus a religion w/man.
  - If truly a relationship with God, then it is important (even imperative) to “know” God better?
  - How to “know” God, and answer the question:
    - **Who and / or what is your God? (i.e. attributes)**
- Defining the attributes and knowing the scripture sources can provide you a better knowledge of God, enhance your relationship with Him, thereby benefiting your **prayer** life.



# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question 1:

- ➡ Given 10 minutes and your table buddies, list as many attributes of God (22+/-) as possible.

**NOTE:** Three have been provided for you.

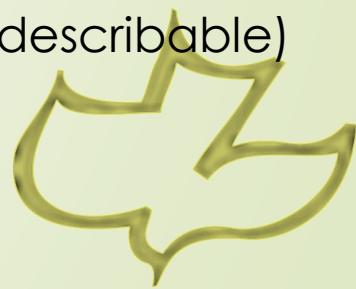
- ➡ The results will then be discussed and listed on the whiteboard.

## ➡ Question 2: TBAnnounced

# Review: Attributes of God (25) (Ref #5)

- Eternal / Eternity / Eternality
- Faithfulness
- Foreknows
- Good
- Holy
- Immutable (does not change)
- Impartial
- Incomprehensible
- Infinite
- Jealous
- Justice
- Longsuffering
- Love
- Mercy
- Omnipotent
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# Attributes of God (1/25) (Ref #5)

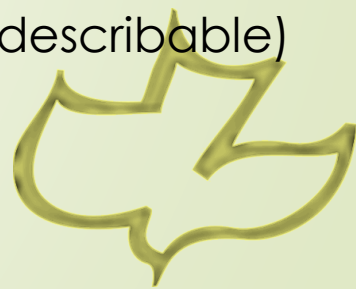
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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question:

- ➡ Given 10 minutes and your table members,
  - ➡ Define Eternal / Eternity / Eternality
  - ➡ Provide at least one scripture verse (proof text) which supports your table's definition.
  - ➡ If requested, be prepared to present the table solution.
- ## ➡ Solutions on whiteboard



# Eternal / Eternity / Eternality – Defined

(Ref #5)

- **Webster Defines Eternity:** 1. “having infinite duration” : everlasting, 2. “continued without intermission : perpetual”
- **Eternity means much more than is commonly thought. It includes three ideas. It means that...**
  - (a) The nature of God is without beginning or end
  - (b) God is free from all succession of time and,
  - (c) God contains within Himself the cause of time

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# Attributes of God-Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- The **Eternality** of God, **Scriptures**:
- **Exodus 3:14**, And God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM.**" And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, **I AM** has sent me to you.
- **Hebrews 13:8**, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- **Psa 90:1**, A Prayer of Moses ...Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations, **2**, ...Even from **everlasting to everlasting**, You are God;
- **Gen 21:33**, "Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree...in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the **Everlasting** God;"

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# Eternality / Eternal – Proof Texts (Ref #5)

## (cont.)

- **Isa 40:28**, Have you not known? Have you not heard? The **everlasting** God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.;
- **Isa 43:10**, "...And understand that I am He. **Before** Me there was no God **formed**, Nor shall there be after Me.
- **1Timothy 1:17**, "Now to the King **eternal**, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory **forever** and ever. Amen.;"
- **Rev 1:8**, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the **Beginning and the End**, says the Lord, **who is and who was and who is to come**, the Almighty."

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# Eternality / Eternal – Defined (cont.) (Ref #2)

## ➤ SALIENT POINTS:

Not only will God **exist** undiminished everlastingly into the future, but He has **existed** identically throughout the infinite past. Not only has God himself existed eternally into the past, but so also has His plan for His creation. Before the foundations of the world, God ordained the Creation, the Fall, the Incarnation and Resurrection, and the Salvation of His people. This is a wondrous truth for the believer for it grants him confidence in the tenacity of his faith. Also of note is the fact that Christ is eternal in His sonship: He existed eternally before his incarnation as the First-Born over creation (though without human form) and will exist eternally post-resurrection as the glorified Son of God (and it seems that He will bear the scars of His sacrifice evermore — cf. **Luke 24:36-40** and **John 20:24-29**).

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# Attributes of God – Eternal (Ref #5)

## Additional Scriptures

**Old Testament:** **Genesis** 21:33; **Exodus** 3:15; 15:18;  
**Deuteronomy** 32:40; 33:27; **1Chronicles** 16:36; 29:10;  
**Nehemiah** 9:5; **Job** 36:26; **Psalms** 9:7; 33:11; 41:13; 55:19;  
68:33; 90:1,2,4; 92:8; 93:2; 102:12,24, 25, 26, 27; 104:31; 111:3;  
135:13; 145:13; 146:10; **Proverbs** 8:23, 24, 25; **Isaiah** 26:4;  
40:28; 41:4; 43:13; 44:6; 46:4; 48:12; 57:15; 63:16; **Jeremiah**  
10:10; 17:12; **Lamentations** 5:19; **Daniel** 4:3,34; **Micah** 5:2;  
**Habakkuk** 1:12; 3:6;

**New Testament:** **Romans** 1:20; 16:26; **Ephesians** 3:21;  
**1Timothy** 1:17; 6:15,16; **Hebrews** 1:8; 9:14; **2Peter** 3:8; **1John**  
2:13; **Revelation** 1:4,6; 4:8, 9, 10; 5:14; 10:6; 11:17; 15:7; 16:5

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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question:

- ➡ Given 10 minutes and your table members,
  - ➡ Define **Faithfulness**
  - ➡ Provide at least one scripture verse (proof text) which supports your table's definition.
  - ➡ If requested, be prepared to present the table solution.
- ## ➡ Solutions on whiteboard





# Faithfulness – Defined (Ref #5)

- Webster defines **faithfulness** as: firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty
- **Faithfulness** is God's attribute of UTTER DEPENDABILITY, the antithesis of everything fickle and fluctuating.
- **Ray Pritchard asks...** (Ref #5)

God's faithfulness means that because He is the truth, everything He says and does is certain. That means He is 100% reliable 100% of the time. He does not fail, forget, falter, change or disappoint.

- In the words of **Lewis Sperry Chafer**: (Ref #9)
  - He not only advances and confirms that which is true, but in faithfulness abides by His promises, and executes every threat or warning He has made.
  - He says what He means and means what He says and therefore does everything He says He will do.
  - **Faithfulness** exhibits God's character as worthy of the love and confidence of man and assures us that He will certainly fulfill His promises as well as execute His threats against sin.

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# Faithfulness - Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- God's **Faithfulness** is part of God's character:  
**Isa 49:7; 1Cor 1:9; 1Th 5:24, Deut 7:9, 9:5 1Kings 8:56, Psa 36:5, 89:1, 105:8, 1Cor 1:9, Hebrews 6:18, 1Pet 4:19**
- In keeping his covenant – **Deut 7:9**; "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations ...; **Psa 111:5.**
- In executing his judgments - **Jer 23:20; 51:29.** "And the land will tremble and sorrow; For every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, To make the land of Babylon a desolation without inhabitant."
- In forgiving sins - **1John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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- To his saints - **Psa 89:24.** *"But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted."* **2Thes 3:3**
- Saints encouraged to depend on - **1Pet 4:19.** *"Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator."*
- Should be magnified - **Psa 89:5.** *"And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints."* **92:2** *"To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,"*

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# Attributes of God – Faithfulness

## Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

**Old Testament:** **Gen** 6:18; 9:15,16; 21:1; 24:27; 28:15; 32:10; **Exodus** 2:24; 6:4,5; 12:41; 34:6; **Lev** 26:44,45; **Deut** 4:31; 7:8,9; 9:5; 31:6; 32:4; **Joshua** 21:45; 23:14; **Judges** 2:1; **1Sam** 12:22; **2Sam** 7:14,15,28; 22:31; 23:5; **1Kings** 8:15, 20, 23, 24, 56; **2Kings** 8:19; 13:23; **1Chr** 17:27; 28:20; **2Chr** 6:4-15; 21:7; **Ezra** 9:9; **Neh** 1:5; 9:7,8,32; **Psa** 9:10; 18:30; 19:9; 25:10; 31:5; 33:4; 36:5; 37:28; 40:10; 89:1,2,5,8,14,24,28,33,34; 92:1,2,14,15; 94:14; 98:3; 100:5; 103:17; 105:8,42; 111:5,7, 8, 9; 117:2; 119:65,89,90; 121:3,4; 132:11; 138:2; 146:6; **Isa** 11:5; 25:1; 42:16; 44:21; 49:7,16; 51:6,8; 54:9,10; 65:16; **Jer** 29:10; 31:36,37; 32:40; 33:14,20,21,25,26; 51:5; **Lam** 3:23; **Ezekiel** 16:60,62; **Dan** 9:4; **Hos** 2:19,20; **Micah** 7:20; **Hag** 2:5; **Zech** 9:11;

**New Testament:** **Matt** 24:34,35; **Luke** 1:54,55,68, 69, 70,72,73; **John** 8:26; **Acts** 13:32,33; **Rom** 3:3,4; 11:1,2,29; 15:8; **1Cor** 1:9; 10:13; **2Cor** 1:20; **1Thess** 5:24; **2Tim** 2:13; **Titus** 1:2; **Hebrews** 6:10,13-19; 10:22,23,37; **1Peter** 4:19; **2Peter** 3:9; **1 John** 1:9; **Rev** 6:10; 15:3

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- Faithfulness
- **Foreknows**
- Good
- Holy
- Immutable
- Impartial
- Incomprehensible
- Infinite
- Jealous
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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question:

- ➡ Given 10 minutes and your table members,
  - ➡ Define **Foreknows / Foreknowledge**
  - ➡ Provide at least one scripture verse (proof text) which supports your table's definition.
  - ➡ If requested, be prepared to present the table solution.
- ## ➡ Solutions on whiteboard



# Foreknows – Defined (Ref #5)

- **Definition:** Foreknowledge describes God's knowledge of future events, including future free human choices. In His **omniscience** God knows what the future holds both for individuals and for nations. He knows and sees everything in advance and His will is carried out in accord with His plans and purposes. Foreknowledge does not just describe the truth that God knew something would happen before it happened (although it is true that He did) but that He also gave prior consent to the happening. **A common misconception is to conclude that God knew beforehand who would believe on His Son and then predestined those individuals for salvation.**
- **Easton's dictionary** which says that foreknowledge is:
- “one of those high attributes essentially appertaining to Him the full import of which we cannot comprehend. In the most absolute sense **his knowledge is infinite.**”

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# Foreknowledge - Proof Texts (Ref #5)

## ➤ Old Testament:

- *1Sam 23:12, Then David said, “will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the had of Saul” And the Lord said, “They will deliver you.”;*
- *Isa 42:9, Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them.” ; 44:7; 45:11;*
- *Isa 46:9, Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, v10, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,';*
- *Isa 48:3 "I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.”,5, 6;*
- *Jer 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.";*



# Foreknowledge - Proof Texts (Ref #5)

## ➤ New Testament:

- Matt 6:8- *"Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him."; 24:36;*
- Acts 15:18- *"Known to God from eternity are all His works."*
- Rom 8:29- *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.; 11:2;*
- 1Peter 1:2- *"elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.*





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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **6-8** minutes and your table members,
- ➡ Define **Good / Goodness**
- ➡ Provide at least one scripture verse (proof text) which supports your table's definition.
- ➡ If requested, be prepared to present the table solution.

## ➡ Solutions on whiteboard



# Good – Defined (Ref #5)

- EASTON'S BIBLE DICTIONARY: **GOODNESS** OF GOD
- A perfection of His character which He exercises towards His creatures according to their various circumstances and relations (**Psa 145:8,9; Psa 103:8; 1John 4:8**). Viewed generally, it is benevolence; as exercised with respect to the miseries of His creatures it is mercy, pity, compassion, and in the case of impenitent sinners, long-suffering patience; as exercised in communicating favor on the unworthy it is grace.
- **Goodness** and justice are the several aspects of one unchangeable, infinitely wise, and sovereign moral perfection. God is not sometimes merciful and sometimes just, but he is **eternally infinitely just and merciful**."
- God is infinitely and unchangeably good (**Zeph 3:17**), and his goodness is incomprehensible by the finite mind (**Rom 11:35, 36**).

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# Good / Goodness -Proof Texts (Ref #2)

## ► SALIENT POINTS:

One of the most intrinsic attributes of God is His goodness. God is not good because it is attractive for Him to be so, nor does He follow after some sort of standard for goodness. **God is actually so good that He is the source of goodness; He alone is the rule and measure of what we truly know to be good. To the Christian, the goodness of the Lord is a security.** The Christian knows well that he has been bathed in the death and resurrection of Christ and now stands wholly righteous before God; and this being so, he also recognizes all that God will work in his life will be for his own good — **for a good God would never work circumstances to the peril of the righteous.** **Romans 8.28** tells that "God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." This is the believer's rest and assurance. But not so for the unbeliever: the goodness of God demands all circumstances to work together for the bad of those rebellious and hateful towards God. God's goodness will manifest itself in a wrathful justice against those who are defiled of holiness, for True goodness cannot abide evil.

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# Attributes of God-Proof Texts (Ref #5)

## SALIENT POINTS: Goodness

*Knowing God Through The Whole Bible* by Radio Bible Class Ministries

- In our world, absolute power tends to corrupt absolutely. But not with God. Our all-powerful God is full of **goodness**. His **goodness** is expressed in everything He does. Even His acts of judgment are part of His **goodness**. When He created our world, everything He made was **good**...Because God is **good**, we conclude that:
  - (1) We can believe what He says to us.
  - (2) We can have confidence in waiting for His rescue.
  - (3) We can entrust our future to His care.
  - (4) We can rely on His wisdom and guidance.
  - (5) We can know that what He asks us to do is always the best for us...





# Attributes of God – Goodness

## Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

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➡ **Exodus** 1:20, 18:9, 33:18, 19, 34:6 **Deut** 30:9 **2Sa** 2:6  
**1Kings** 8:66 **1Chron** 16:34; **2Chron** 5:13; 7:3, 7:10 **Neh**  
9:25,35 **Psa** 16:2, 17:7, 23:6, 25:7, 8, 9, 10, 27:13, 31:19;  
33:5, 34:8, 36:7, 52:1,9; 65:4, 68:10, 19, 69:16, 73:1, 86:5,  
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136:1, 139:17,18; 143:10; 144:3; 145:7, 9, 145:7, 8, 9, **Isa**  
63:7 **Jer** 31:14, 33:11 **Lam** 3:25, **Hosea** 3:5, **Nahum** 1:7,

### New Testament:

➡ **Matt** 19:17, **Mark** 10:18, **Luke** 1:53, 18:19, **Rom** 2:4;  
11:22; **Titus** 3:4; **James** 1:5,17

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# Attributes of God (5/25) (Ref #5)

- Eternal / Eternity / Eternality
- Faithfulness
- Foreknows
- Good
- Holy
- Immutable
- Impartial
- Incomprehensible
- Infinite
- Jealous
- Justice
- Longsuffering
- Love
- Mercy
- Omnipotent
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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **6-8** minutes and your table buddies,
  - ➡ Define **Holy / Holiness**
  - ➡ Provide at least one scripture verse (proof text) which supports your table's definition.
  - ➡ If requested, be prepared to present the table solution.
- ## ➡ Solutions on whiteboard





# Holy – Defined (Ref #5)

- Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines "holy" as "properly, whole, entire or perfect, in a moral sense. Hence,
  - pure in heart, temper or dispositions;
  - free from sin and sinful affections.
- Applied to the Supreme Being, holy signifies:
  - perfectly pure, immaculate and complete in moral character;
  - and man is more or less holy, as his heart is more or less sanctified, or purified from evil dispositions. We call a man holy, when his heart is conformed in some degree to the image of God, and his life is regulated by the divine precepts.
- Hence, holy is used as nearly synonymous with good, pious, godly."
- God is so holy that He cannot even look on sin (**Hab 1:13**). Holy is the antithesis of wickedness.

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# Holy-Proof Texts / Salient Points (Ref #2)

## SALIENT POINTS: Holy / Holiness

- **Holiness** is synonymous with God's total purity and separation from the rest of creation.
- **Holiness** is a moral purity, and different from Adam's holiness, God's is eternally incorruptible. This **holiness** so sets God apart from fallen man that in his natural state, no man may approach the incorruptible God (for man is tarnished, dirty, and corrupt, and true **holiness** cannot bear such) — this is evidenced by the special commands to those who would approach God (**Exodus 3:4-6, Isaiah 6:1-6**).
- God's **holiness** is one of the primary reasons why the advent of Christ is so incredible: it allows men who were once unable to come before God the ability to kneel before the throne of God and worship forever and ever (**Revelation 4:9-11, 5:14**).



# Holy-Salient Points (Ref #5)

- TORREY'S TOPIC: **HOLINESS**
- Is incomparable - **Ex 15:11; 1 Sam 2:2**
- EXHIBITED IN HIS
  - Character - **Ps 22:3; Jn 17:11**
  - Name - **Isa 57:15; Luke 1:49**
  - Words - **Ps 60:6; Jer 23:9**
  - Works - **Ps 145:17**
  - Kingdom - **Ps 47:8; Mt 13:41; Rev 21:27; 1 Cor 6:9,10**
- IS PLEDGED FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF
  - His promises - **Ps 89:35**
  - His judgments - **Amos 4:2**
  - Saints are commanded to imitate - **Lev 11:44; 1 Pet 1:15,16**
  - Saints should praise - **Ps 30:4**
  - Should produce reverential fear - **Rev 15:4**
  - Requires **holy** service - **Joshua 24:19; Ps 93:5**
  - Heavenly hosts adore - **Isa 6:3; Rev 4:8**
  - Should be magnified - **1Ch 16:10; Ps 48:1; 99:3,5; Rev 15:4**

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# Attributes of God – Holy

## Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

### ► Old Testament:

**Exodus** 3:5; 15:11; **Lev** 11:44; 19:2; 20:26; 21:8; **Deut** 32:4; **Josh** 5:15; 24:19; **1Sam** 2:2; 6:20; **1Chron** 16:10 **Job** 4:17, 18, 19; 6:10; 15:15; 25:5; 34:10; 36:23; **Psa** 11:7; 18:30; 22:3; 30:4; 33:4,5; 36:6; 47:8; 48:1,10; 60:6; 89:35; 92:15; 98:1; 99:3,5,9; 105:3;108:7; 111:9;119:142;145:17; **Pro** 9:10 **Isa** 5:16; 6:3; 12:6; 29:19,23; 41:14; 43:14,15; 45:19; 47:4; 49:7; 52:10; 57:15 **Jer** 2:5; **Lam** 3:38; **Ezek** 36:21,22; 39:7,25; **Dan** 4:8; **Hos** 11:9; **Hab** 1:12,13

### ► New Testament:

**Matt** 5:48; 19:17; **Mark** 10:18; **Luke** 1:49; 18:19; **John** 7:28; 17:11; **Rom** 1:23; **Heb** 1:8; **James** 1:13; **1Peter** 1:15,16; **1John** 1:5; 2:20; **Rev** 4:8; 6:10; 15:4

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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **6-8** minutes and your table buddies,
  - ➡ Define **Immutable / Unchangeable**
  - ➡ Provide at least one scripture verse (proof text) which supports your table's definition.
  - ➡ If requested, be prepared to present the table solution.
- ## ➡ Solutions on whiteboard



# Immutable – Defined (Ref #5)

## ➡ **Definition:** Charles Haddon Spurgeon's *Hebrews 13:8* The Unchangeable Christ

- ➡ **“Immutability** means that God is not subject to change through time or circumstances. He is invariable. In His nature and character, God is absolutely without change.
- ➡ “The perfection of God by which He is devoid of all change in essence, attributes, consciousness, will, and promises. No change is possible in God, because all change **must be to better or worse**, and God is absolute perfection. No cause for change in God exists, either in Himself or outside of Him. (Douglas, J.D.; Tenney, Merrill Chapin: New International Bible Dictionary, Zondervan, 1987)”

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# Immutable / Unchangeable – Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #2 / #5)

- **Malachi 3:6** — "For I am the Lord, **I do not change...**"
- **Hebrews 13:8** "Jesus Christ **is the same** yesterday, today, and forever."
- **1Sa 15:29** "And also the Glory of Israel **will not lie or change His mind**; for He is not a man that He should change His mind (NASB)."
- **James 1:17** — "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights with **whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.**"
- **Lamentations 3:21-23** "This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. 22 The LORD's **lovingkindnesses indeed never cease**, For His **compassions never fail**. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness.





# Immutable / Unchangeable

Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

- ➡ **Old Testament:** *Nu 23:19,20; 1Sa 15:29; Job 23:13; Ps 33:11; 102:27, 119:89, 90, 91; Pro 19:21; Eccl 3:14; 7:13; Isa 31:2; 40:28; 59:1; Hos 13:14; Mal 3:6;*
- ➡ **New Testament:** *Rom 11:29; Heb 1:12, 6:17,18; 13:8, Jas 1:17*

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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **6-8** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ Define **Impartial**
- ➡ Provide at least one scripture verse (proof text) which supports your table's definition.
- ➡ If requested, be prepared to present the table solution.
- ➡ Solutions on whiteboard



# Impartial – Defined (Ref #5)

**Definition:** Impartial means not partial and speaks of God's attribute whereby He treats all men and women equally, not demonstrating favoritism. God does not show prejudice (“without respect to persons”)

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# Impartial –

## Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

### Old Testament;

- **Deut 10:17** “For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome **God Who does not show partiality, nor take a bribe.**”
- **2 Chr 19:7** “...let the fear of the LORD be upon you; be very careful what you do, for the LORD our God will have no part in unrighteousness, or **partiality**, or the taking of a bribe.”
- **1 Sam 16:7** “The Lord sees not as man sees; for **man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.**”
- **Job 34:18** Who says to a king, 'Worthless one,' To nobles, 'Wicked ones'; **19** Who shows no **partiality** to princes, Nor regards the rich above the poor, For they all are the work of His hands?

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# Impartial

## Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

### ➡ New Testament:

- ➡ **Acts 10:34,35** And opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show **partiality**, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right, is welcome to Him.
- ➡ **Rom 10:12** "For there is **no distinction** between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him; **13** for "WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."
- ➡ **Gal 2:6** "But from those who were of high reputation (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no **partiality**)-- well, those who were of reputation contributed nothing to me"
- ➡ **Col 3:25** "For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without **partiality**."

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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **8-10** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ Define **Incomprehensible**
- ➡ Provide scripture verses (proof text) which support your table's definition.
- ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
- ➡ Solutions on whiteboard





# Incomprehensible – Defined (Ref #5)

- **DEFINITION:** Webster's Dictionary, something that is incomprehensible is "not capable of being comprehended, something that no limits can contain, unintelligible, ... " So it is with our God. He is incomprehensible to us. We cannot know Him by our own power.
- Richard Baxter put it well noting that...
  - You may know God, but not comprehend him.
- Or as Stephen Charnock wrote...
  - It is visible **that** God is; it is invisible **what** He is.



# Incomprehensible –

## Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

► **Isaiah 40:27** “Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God”? **v28** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable (**unsearchable, cannot be penetrated, discovered or understood by human wisdom**).

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# Incomprehensible – Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- ➡ Martin Luther (1483–1546) wrote that
  - ➡ God's actual divine essence and his will, administration and works—are absolutely beyond all human thought, human understanding or wisdom; in short, that they are and ever will be incomprehensible, inscrutable, and altogether hidden to human reason.



# Incomprehensible –

## Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

### ➡ A. W. Tozer (1897–1963)

➡ But the **incomprehensibility** of the divine nature is no reason why we should desist from reverent inquiry and prayerful striving to apprehend what He has so graciously revealed of Himself in His Word. Because we are unable to acquire perfect knowledge, it would be folly to say we will therefore make no efforts to attain to any degree of it.

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# Incomprehensible

## Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

- ➡ **Old Testament:** *Ex 20:21; Deut 4:11; 5:22; 1 Kings 8:12; Job 11:7, 8, 9; 15:8; 37:1-24; Psa 18:11; 97:2; Eccl 3:11; Isa 40:12-31; 55:8,9;*
- ➡ **New Testament:** *1 Cor 2:16, For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" ...*



# Attributes of God (9/25) (Ref #5)

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- Impartial
- Incomprehensible
- Infinite
- Jealous
- Justice
- Longsuffering
- Love
- Mercy
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent
- Omniscient
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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➤ Question:

- Given **10-12** minutes and your table buddies,
- Define **Infinite**
- Provide scripture verses (proof text) which support your table's definition.
- Be prepared to present the table solution.
- Solutions on whiteboard



# Infinite – Defined (Ref #5)

- **Definition:** **INFINITY** of God means that He is limitless, measureless and boundless.
  - Divine **infinity** indicates that the limitations of finite creatures do not apply to him.
  - Whatever God is (love, faithfulness, righteous, wise, etc), He is without limit, and whatever He is cannot be measured.
  - He is not bound or restricted by space, time, or matter. There is no point, edge, or line confining God, and no size or weight that can catalog Him.

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# Infinite –

## Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- ➡ **INFINITE** – **Gen 1:1**, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (God existed before the creation); **Psa 139:7**, “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? **v8**, If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.” (Unlimited in extent of space, duration, and quantity.) **Ps 100:5**, “For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.” (God’s steadfast love endures forever);
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## Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

➡ (cont.)

**Matt. 10:29, 30; Ps 139:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**, God's knowledge extends to the fall of a single sparrow and the number of hairs on our heads; **Gen 17:1; Ex 6:3**, God is "the Almighty".

(Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

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- “**Job 11:7, 8, 9.** Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens—what can you do? They are deeper than the depths of the grave—what can you know? Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea”
- **Isa 55:8, 9.** ‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord. ‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts’ ”



# Infinite

## Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

- **Isa 57:15**, “For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy”
- **Isa 66:1, 2**, “This is what the Lord says: ‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?’ ”
- **Rom 11:33**, “Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!”
- **Col 1:17**, “He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together”

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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question:

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# Jealous – Defined (Ref #5)

## Definition:

- ➡ ““Divine **jealously**” is not the petty emotion so often seen in fallen men and women, but describes Jehovah's justifiable intolerance to any and every rival (e.g. idols, so-called gods).
- ➡ **Jealousy** is God's rightful demand for our exclusive affection or loyalty. In short, God's kind of **jealousy** is appropriate and good, for He is defending His word and His high honor.”



# Jealous –

## Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

➤ (cont.)

“He makes a strong, exclusive demand on those who are His beloved. As such, we must treat only the Lord as God to the exclusion of all other people and things in all the universe!”

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# Jealous –

## Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- **Exodus 20:4-7** You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them (idols); for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God...
- **Joshua 24:19**, Then Joshua said to the people, "You will not be able to serve the LORD, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God;
- **Psalms 79:5**, How long, O LORD? Wilt Thou be angry forever? Will Thy jealousy burn like fire?
- **Isaiah 31:1**, Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, Who trust in chariots because they are many, And in horsemen because they are very strong, But who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, Nor seek the LORD!

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- **1 Cor 10:21-22**, You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. **V22** Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?
- **James 4:4-5**, Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **V5** Or do you think the scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously?”



# Jealous

## Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

- ➡ **Old Testament:** **Exodus** 20:4, 5, 7; 34:13, 14; **Num** 25:11 **Deut** 4:23,24; 5:9,11; 6:15; 29:20; 32:16,21; **Joshua** 24:19; **1Kings** 14:22, 23, 24, **2Chro** 16:7, 8, 9, 10; **Psa** 78:58; 79:5, 6 **Isa** 30:1,2; 31:1,3; **Ezek** 16:42, 23:25; 36:5;6, 39:19, 39:25; **Joel** 2:18; **Nah** 1:2; **Zeph** 1:18, 3:8, **Zech** 1:14; 8:2,
- ➡ **New Testament:** **1Cor** 10:21, 22, **James** 4:4, 5

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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

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# Justice – Defined (Ref #5)

- ➡ **Definition:** Justice is God's fair and impartial treatment of **all** people. The justice of God is a necessary correlate of His **holiness** or moral excellence. Since God is **infinitely** and **eternally** perfect, He must be impartial in His judgments and always treat His creatures with equity
- ➡ **Webster's defines JUSTICE** as:  
the maintenance or administration of what is **JUST** (acting or being in conformity with what is morally upright or good) especially by the **impartial** adjustment of conflicting claims or the assignment of merited rewards or punishments

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# Justice – Defined (Ref #5)

(cont.)

## ➡ Nelson's New Illustrated Dictionary adds:

“As a God of **justice** (*Is 30:18*), He is interested in fairness as well as in what makes for right relationships. His actions and decisions are true and right.”

## ➡ Easton's Bible Dictionary defines

**Justice** of God — that perfection of His nature whereby He is **infinitely** righteous in Himself and in all He does, the righteousness of the divine nature exercised in His moral govt.

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# Justice –

## Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- ➡ He cannot, as being **infinitely** righteous, do otherwise than regard and hate sin as intrinsically hateful and deserving of punishment. “He cannot deny himself” (**2 Tim 2:13**). His essential and eternal righteousness **immutably** determines him to visit every sin as such with merited punishment."





# Justice

## Additional Scriptures (Ref #2 & #5)

### Old Testament:

- **Psalm 103:6**, "The LORD executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed"
- **Prov 16:11** - Honest weights and scales are the LORD's; All the weights in the bag are His work.
- **Psalm 99:4** — The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- **Nehemiah 9:32-33** — However You are just in all that has befallen us.

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# Justice

## Additional Scriptures (Ref #2 & #5)

### New Testament:

- **John 5:30**, "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.
- **1 Peter 1:17**— The Father... without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear.
- Rev 15:3**, They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

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# Beware!

**Isa 5:20,**

*“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;...  
(e.g. sodomy, fornication, adultery, greed, relativism, inclusiveness, etc.)*

**Rom 1:22,**

*Professing to be wise, they became fools,...*

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# Attributes of God (12/25) (Ref #5)

- Eternal / Eternity / Eternality
- Faithfulness
- Foreknows
- Good
- Holy
- Immutable/Unchangeable
- Impartial
- Incomprehensible
- Infinite
- Jealous
- Justice
- Longsuffering
- Love
- Mercy
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent
- Omniscient
- Righteous
- Self-existent
- Self-sufficient
- Sovereign
- Transcendent
- Truth
- Wise
- Wrath

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# Attributes of God (Group Effort)

## ➡ Question:

➡ Given **10-12** minutes and your table buddies,

➡ **1)** Define **Longsuffering**

➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.

➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.

➡ Solutions on whiteboard

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# Longsuffering – Defined (Ref #5)

## Definition

- ➡ The word *longsuffering* in the Bible is made up of two Greek words meaning “**long**” and “**temper**”; literally, “long-tempered.” To be *longsuffering*, then, is to have self-restraint when one is stirred to anger. A *longsuffering* person does not immediately retaliate or punish; rather, he has a “long fuse” and patiently forbears.

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# Longsuffering – Defined (Ref #5)

## Cont.

- ➡ WWW., having or showing patience in spite of troubles, especially those caused by other people
- ➡ Merriam –Webster, patiently enduring lasting offense or hardship.
- ➡ Synonyms: patient · forbearing · tolerant · stoic · easygoing · indulgent · charitable · accommodating · forgiving · understanding



# Longsuffering –

## Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- ➡ **Ex 34:6** the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger
- ➡ **Num 14:18** 'The LORD is slow to anger
- ➡ **Neh 9:17** But Thou art a God of forgiveness... Slow to anger
- ➡ **Ps 86:15** But Thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious, Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.





# Longsuffering

## Additional Scriptures (Ref #2 & #5)

### Old Testament:

- **Ps 103:8** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger
- **Ps 145:8** The LORD is gracious and merciful; Slow to anger
- **Joel 2:13** Now return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness, and relenting of evil.
- **Jonah 4:2** Thou art a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger



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## Additional Scriptures (Ref #2 & #5)

### New Testament:

**Matt 23:37**, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling."

**Rom 2:4**, "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"

**Rom 9:22-23**, "What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? ..."

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## Additional Scriptures (Ref #2 & #5)

### New Testament (cont):

- **Rom 15:5**, "Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;"
- **Rev 2:21; Rev 2:22, v21** 'And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality. **v22** 'Behold, I will cast her upon a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.'

