

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD - -- HIS TRANSITIVE ATTRIBUTES

THE WORKS OF GOD (His relation to things other than Himself)

Related to time and space

God 's ETERNITY as related to time

is without beginning or end

is free from the succession of time

contains in itself the cause of time

God's IMMENSITY as related to space

is without extension

is subject to no limitation of space

His nature contains in itself the cause of space

Deut 32:40, Psa 90:2' 102:27, Isa 41:4, 1 Cor 2:7, 1 Tim 6:1n, Rev 1:8, Jno 1:3.

IMMENSITY is infinity in relation to space, ETERNITY is infinity in relation to time

1 Kings 8:27, Rom 8:39

Time and space are not material creations; they are ideas and understandings in which we locate creation and creatures and events. Time and space are places to locate events and material substances.

Related to Creation

OMNIPRESENCE

We mean that God in the totality of His essence without diffusion or expansion, without multiplication or division, penetrates and fills the universe in all its parts.

Psa 139:7, Jer 23:23 & 24, Acts 17:27 & 28.

He is never so far off as even to be near.

Not only potential omnipresence, but essential omnipresence.

Not only the presence of a part (of God) but the whole.

Not contained, but free -- He wills the Universe as opposed to tied to it.

OMNISCIENCE

Omniscience means God's perfect and eternal knowledge of all things which are objects of knowledge, whether they be actual or possible, past or present or future.

Psa 147:4, Mtt 10:29, Psa 33:13-15, Acts 15:8, Psa 139:2, Mtt 6:8. Mal 3:16, Isa 46:9-10. Acts 2:23, 15:18, Psa 104:24, Eph 3:10.

God's omniscience is free from imperfections, and is immediate knowledge. He knows the necessary sequences of creation as necessary, the free acts of His creatures as free, and the ideally possible as ideally possible. Isa 48:18.

OMNIPOTENCE

We mean the power of God to do all things which are objects of power. whether with or without the use of means.

Gen 17:1, 1:1-3, Isa 44:24, Heb 1/3. 2 Cor 4:6. Eph 1:19, 3:20, Mtt 3:?, Rom 4:17. Psa 115:3. Mt 19/26.

Omnipotence does not imply power to do that which is not an object of power as for example that which is self contradictory or contradictory to the power of God.

God is not a slave to His power. He can limit Himself according to His will -- even to the condescending to humble Himself to become human flesh. God can do all He wills but He will not do all He can.

Scriptures

Deut 32:40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Psa 102:27 But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.

Isa 41:4 Who has performed and done it, Calling the generations from the beginning? I, the Lord, am the first; And with the last I am He.'

1 Cor 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

1 Tim 6:16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. 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."

Jno 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

1 Kings 8:27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

Rom 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psa 139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

Jer 23:23 "Am I a God near at hand," says the Lord, "And not a God afar off?"

24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the Lord; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord.

Acts 17:27 "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

Psa 147:4 He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name

Mtt 10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will

Psa 33:13 The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

14 From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth;

15 He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

Acts 15:8 "So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,

Psa 139:2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

Mtt 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Mal 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of

remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name

Isa 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Acts 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Acts 15:18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Psa 104:24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Isa 48:18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him,

Isa 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

2 Cor 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Mtt 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham

Rom 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were

Psa 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Mtt 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible

THE WORKS OF GOD -- HIS TRANSITIVE ATTRIBUTES

Attributes having relation to moral beings.

VERACITY (TRUTH) AND FAITHFULNESS or transitive Truth.

When we say that God is faithful and true we mean His relationship to moral creatures in general and to His redeemed people in particular.

Psa 135:2, Jno 3:33, Rom 3:4, Rom 1:25, Jno 14:17, 1 Jno 5:7, 1 Cor 1:9, 1 Thess 5:24, 1 Pet 4:19, 2 Cor 1:20, Num 23:19, Titus 1:2, Heb 6:18.

In virtue of God's veracity all His revelations do not in any way conflict with His essential Being or with each other. Mtt 5:18, Isa 40:8.

He fulfills all His promises to His people. Psa 84:11, Mtt 1:33, 1 Cor 2:9.

MERCY AND GOODNESS or transitive Love.

This is transitive love in its twofold relation to both the disobedient and the obedient classes of His creatures.

Mercy is the eternal principle of God's nature that leads Him to seek the temporal good and eternal salvation of those who oppose His will. Because of the nature of disobedience this means there is a self-sacrificing cost to Him

Goodness is the eternal principle of God's nature which leads Him to communicate of His own life and blessedness to those who are like Him in moral character.

Tit 3:4, Rom 2:4, Mtt 5:44-45, Jno 3:16, 2 Pet 1:3, Rom 8:32" Jno 4:10.

JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS or transitive Holiness.

This is the transitive holiness of God, in virtue of which His treatment of His creatures conforms to the purity of His nature. His righteousness demands from all moral beings conformity to the moral perfection of God, and His justice punishes non-conformity with loss or suffering. To put it another way we could say that in Righteousness we see God's love of Holiness, whereas in Justice we look at His hatred of sin.

Gen 18:25, Deut 32:4, Psa 5:5, 7:9-12, 18:24-26, Mtt 5:48., Rom 2:6., 1 Pet 1:16.

God hates sin, but He cannot punish sin; He punishes the sinner. Psa 97:2, Luk 17:7-10, Rom 6:23, Psa 97:10, Jer 44:4, Num 12-18, Heb 10:30-31.

The attributes of God have relations to each other and together they agree. His Holiness is supreme and demands our deepest reverence; His Love to us reveals His interest in His moral creatures. Indeed these moral attributes will do more to move His moral creatures to reverence and worship than the attributes we see revealed in nature.

This arrangement of the most important attributes of God is necessarily incomplete, and leaves a great deal of room for almost any amount of further detailed studies. Since He told Moses that it was impossible to describe Him fully, then we know that there will always be deeper truths to learn. Rom 11: 33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? 35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Scriptures

Psa 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name

Jno 3:33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true

Rom 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Jno 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Jno 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Thess 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1 Pet 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

2 Cor 1:9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

Num 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Mtt 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Psa 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly

Mtt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1 Cor 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Tit 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Mtt 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Jno 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2 Pet 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

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

Jno 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

Gen 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Deut 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Psa 5:5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Psa 7:9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

10 My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

Psa 18:24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

25 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt show thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt show thyself froward.

Mtt 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Rom 2:6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

1 Pet 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Lk 17:7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psa 97:10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Jer 44:4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.

Heb 10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God