

Systematic Theology

The Attributes of God, Pt. 2

Last lesson we spoke about the attribute of God's *aseity* or of His Self-existence.

Today we will speaking about three more of God's *a se* attributes:

- *omnipresence, omnipotence, omniscience*

As we proceed, let's remember that each of these attributes exist in God as *a se* attributes—all of His attributes function in perfect unity in the Person of God

1. God is Omnipresent

For God to be God, He must be *omnipresent*.

The prefix *omni* means *all*.

Therefore, to say that God is omnipresent means that God is immediately and fully present everywhere and all the time.

Ps 139:7-8 *Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.*

When David penned these words, there was no concept of a god who is omnipresent.

Here are a few of God's omnipresent promises:

Gen. 28:15 *...I am with you and will keep you wherever you go...*

Matt. 28:20 *I am with you always, even to the end of the age...*

Heb. 13:5-6 *...I will never desert you nor forsake you...*

This means that no event or circumstance can disturb or disrupt God's presence with us [**Is. 7:14**] because God is omnipresent

2. God is omnipotent>>

omnipotent means *all-powerful*

To say that God is omnipotent is to say that God is *all-powerful*.

In fact, God is called the *...Almighty...* 49 times in the Tanakah and 9 times in Revelation.

But this is not to say that God can do anything whatsoever...

Remember that each of God's attributes function within the context of all His attributes>>

This means that God cannot do anything that contradicts His Nature.

Num. 23:19 *God is not a man, that He should lie...*

James 1:13 *God cannot be tempted by evil...*

That God is omnipotent means that God is always able to all of His will:

Matt. 19:26 *...with God all things are possible...*

The ...all things... begin with **Gen.1:1** *In the beginning [God's aseity], God created...* and end with **Rev 21:5** *Behold, I make all things new...*

Because God is omnipotent, we can trust Him to do all that He has promised:

Jude 24-25 *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord...*

Because God is omnipotent, Paul wrote these words in **Rom 8:35** -

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble [NO] or hardship [NO] or persecution [NO] or famine [NO] or nakedness [NO] or danger [NO] or sword [NO]?

Because God is omnipotent, the answer to each is NO.

Why? Because God is omnipotent, *...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us...* **Rom 8:37**

3. God is omniscient>>

omniscient means *all-knowing*

To say that God is omniscient is to say that God's knowledge of all things is total, comprehensive and immediate.

God's knowledge encompasses all time and all events:

Is. 46:9-10 *I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done...*

God's knowledge encompasses entire created order:

Ps 147:4 *[God] counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.*

God knows our every thought and motive:

1 Chron 28:9 *...[YHWH] searches all hearts, and understands every intent of [our] thoughts...*

God knows everything about us:

Heb 4:13 *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do.*