**Attributes Concluding Remarks**

**What is the chief end of man?**

A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Fourteen weeks ago, we embarked on this study of God’s attributes. Our goal was to expose us God’s glory, at least in some small way.

At the beginning my desire was that we could boast just a little that we now know and understand God more.

 **Jer. 9:23** ¶ Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,

**Jer. 9:24** but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

Here are some other quotes about the immensity of this task:

“Not only does He sustain this universe as he once founded it, by his boundless might, regulate it by his wisdom, preserve it by his goodness, and especially rule mankind by his righteousness and judgement, bear with it in his mercy, watch over it by his protection but no drop will be found either of wisdom and light, or of righteousness or power or rectitude , or of genuine truth, which does not flow from him, and of which he is not the cause.” John Calvin, *Institutes*

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” AW Tozer

“Attributes” of God are terms describing who he is. He is *eternal*, *infinite*, *transcendent*, *good*, *loving*, and so on.

As we have seen, divine simplicity means that God cannot be divided up. Additionally, it implies that his attributes cannot be divided up, so that we could place distinct attributes into neatly separated bins. We cannot cut out one attribute at a time and consider it in *isolation* from everything else that God is. In fact, each attribute describes the whole of God, not just a part of him. If so, it also describes every *other* attribute, because all the attributes belong to who God is.

We can only know God to the extend He has revealed himself to the world. Only what God has chosen to reveal of Himself can be known. One of God’s attributes or qualities is “light,” meaning that He is self-revealing in information of Himself ([Isaiah 60:19](https://www.bibleref.com/Isaiah/60/Isaiah-60-19.html); [James 1:17](https://www.bibleref.com/James/1/James-1-17.html)). The fact that God has revealed knowledge of Himself should not be neglected ([Hebrews 4:1](https://www.bibleref.com/Hebrews/4/Hebrews-4-1.html)). Creation, the Bible, and the Word made flesh (Jesus Christ) will help us to know what God is like.

Let’s do a brief review of some of the attributes we covered:

* God is eternal, meaning He had no beginning, and His existence will never end.
* He is immortal and infinite

[Psalm 90:2](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/90/Psalms-90-2.html) Before the mountains were brought forth,

 or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

 from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

[1 Timothy 1:17](https://www.bibleref.com/1-Timothy/1/1-Timothy-1-17.html) To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

* God is immutable, meaning He is unchanging; this in turn means that God is absolutely reliable and trustworthy ([Malachi 3:6](https://www.bibleref.com/Malachi/3/Malachi-3-6.html); [Numbers 23:19](https://www.bibleref.com/Numbers/23/Numbers-23-19.html); [Psalm 102:26](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/102/Psalms-102-26.html), [27](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/102/Psalms-102-27.html)).
* God is incomparable; there is no one like Him in works or being.
* He is unequaled and perfect ([2 Samuel 7:22](https://www.bibleref.com/2-Samuel/7/2-Samuel-7-22.html); [Psalm 86:8](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/86/Psalms-86-8.html); [Isaiah 40:25](https://www.bibleref.com/Isaiah/40/Isaiah-40-25.html); [Matthew 5:48](https://www.bibleref.com/Matthew/5/Matthew-5-48.html)).
* God is incomprehensible and beyond our human complete understanding. past finding out as far as understanding Him completely

[Romans 11:33](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/11/Romans-11-33.html)-[34](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/11/Romans-11-34.html) Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

* God is just; He is no respecter of persons in the sense of showing favoritism ([Deuteronomy 32:4](https://www.bibleref.com/Deuteronomy/32/Deuteronomy-32-4.html); [Psalm 18:30](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/18/Psalms-18-30.html)).
* God is omnipotent; He is all-powerful and can do anything that pleases Him, but His actions will always be in accord with the rest of His character ([Revelation 19:6](https://www.bibleref.com/Revelation/19/Revelation-19-6.html); [Jeremiah 32:17](https://www.bibleref.com/Jeremiah/32/Jeremiah-32-17.html), [27](https://www.bibleref.com/Jeremiah/32/Jeremiah-32-27.html)).
* God is omnipresent, meaning He is present everywhere, but this does not mean that God is everything ([Psalm 139:7-13](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/139/Psalms-139-7.html); [Jeremiah 23:23](https://www.bibleref.com/Jeremiah/23/Jeremiah-23-23.html)).
* God is omniscient, meaning He knows the past, present, and future, including what we are thinking at any given moment. Since He knows everything, His justice will always be administered fairly ([Psalm 139:1-5](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/139/Psalms-139-1.html); [Proverbs 5:21](https://www.bibleref.com/Proverbs/5/Proverbs-5-21.html)).
* God is one; not only is there no other, but He is alone in being able to meet the deepest needs and longings of our hearts. God alone is worthy of our worship and devotion ([Deuteronomy 6:4](https://www.bibleref.com/Deuteronomy/6/Deuteronomy-6-4.html)).

“You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” Augustine

* God is righteous, meaning that God cannot and will not pass over wrongdoing. It is because of God’s righteousness and justice that, in order for our sins to be forgiven, Jesus had to experience God’s wrath when our sins were placed upon Him ([Exodus 9:27](https://www.bibleref.com/Exodus/9/Exodus-9-27.html); [Matthew 27:45-46](https://www.bibleref.com/Matthew/27/Matthew-27-45.html); [Romans 3:21-26](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/3/Romans-3-21.html)).
* God is sovereign, meaning He is supreme. All of His creation put together cannot thwart His purposes ([Psalm 93:1](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/93/Psalms-93-1.html); [95:3](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/95/Psalms-95-3.html); [Jeremiah 23:20](https://www.bibleref.com/Jeremiah/23/Jeremiah-23-20.html)).
* God is spirit, meaning He is invisible ([John 1:18](https://www.bibleref.com/John/1/John-1-18.html); [4:24](https://www.bibleref.com/John/4/John-4-24.html)).
* God is a Trinity. He is three in one, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
* God is truth, He will remain incorruptible and cannot lie ([Psalm 117:2](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/117/Psalms-117-2.html)).
* God is holy, separated from all moral defilement and hostile toward it. God sees all evil and it angers Him. God is referred to as a consuming fire ([Hebrews 12:29](https://www.bibleref.com/Hebrews/12/Hebrews-12-29.html)).
* God is gracious, and His grace includes His goodness, kindness, mercy, and love. If it were not for God’s grace, His holiness would exclude us from His presence. Thankfully, this is not the case, for He desires to know each of us personally.

[1 Peter 1:3](https://www.bibleref.com/1-Peter/1/1-Peter-1-3.html) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Since God is an infinite Being, no human can fully understand God. But through God’s Word, we can understand much about who God is and what He is like. May we all wholeheartedly continue to seek after Him.

Read Spurgeon – Page 113 highlight

Now that we have gazed into the glory of God, it behooves us to spend more time in contemplation of this one whom we call Abba Father.