

III. Theology, the Doctrine of God: His Attributes

1. Incommunicable attributes:

- a. Independence: Acts 17:24-25, *“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.”*
- b. Immutability: Mal. 3:6, *“I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.”* James 1: 17, *“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”*
- c. Eternal: Ps. 90:2, *“Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”*
- d. Omnipresence: Ps. 139:7-10, *“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”*
- e. Unity: Deut. 6:4, *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”*

2. Communicable attributes:

- a. Spiritual: Jn. 4:24, *“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”*
- b. Omniscience: I John 3:20, *“For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.”*
- c. Wisdom: Rom. 16:27, *“... to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.”*
- d. Truthful: Jer. 10:10, *“But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King.”*

- e. Good: Psalm 100:5, *“For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”*
- f. Love: I John 4:8, *“God is Love.”*
- g. Merciful: Psalm 103:8, *“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.”*
- h. Justice: Deut. 32:4, *“He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.”*
- i. Holy: Lev. 19:2, *“Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.”*
- j. Perfect: Psalm 18:30, *“As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless.”*