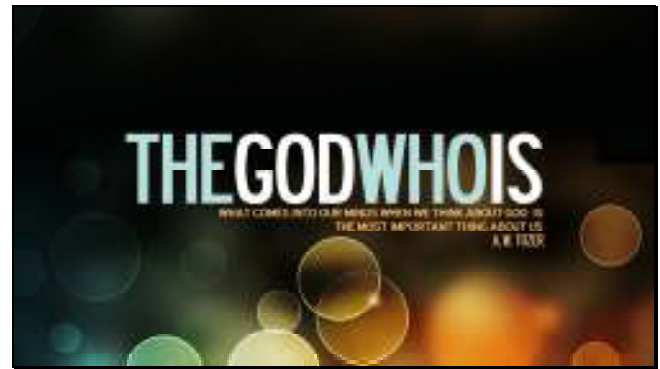


THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

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GROUPINGS

Self-Existing
Eternal

Unchanging
Perfect

Omnipotent
Omniscient
Omnipresent

Infinite / Immeasurable

REVISITING IMMUTABILITY

DOES GOD CHANGE?

ANOTHER SHOT

- God “changing” is not caused by personal folly or flaw. God “changing” is caused on human volition.
- God “regretting” is based on what humanity does in relation to God.

ANOTHER SHOT

- How does this affect **predestination / God's foreknowledge**?
- It is impossible for us to understand human history and current events apart from such language as change and regret.

ANOTHER SHOT

- Nothing else and no other means can accommodate the idea that everything has been predetermined unless the universe is open and God reacts to humanities act.

ANOTHER SHOT

- This places God as a consequence/reacting and not a cause/determining. Mankind becomes the final author of history and destiny.

IMMUTABILITY PERFECTION

PERFECTION

- Creaturally perfection is comparative to creaturely people and events, but perfection as it exists in God is only definable by God.

PERFECTION

- There is no other standard to which God can be compared other than Himself. "Nothing can be conceived to be more perfect than divine perfection."

• William Ames, *The Marrow of Theology*. Translated from the Third Latin edition, 1629 (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1968), 85.

- Work . . . (Deut. 32;1-4)
- Wisdom . . . (Job 37:16)
- Word . . . (Ps. 19:7)
- Will . . . (Rom. 12:1, 2)

. . . IS PERFECT

"He cannot change for the better,
For He is already **perfect**.
And being **perfect**,
He cannot change for the worse."

A.W. Pink, *The Attributes of God*