

## **Biblical Theology**

### **Unit 2: Doctrine of God – Lesson 7: Communicable Attributes of God Part 4**

#### **Omnipotence**

- Definition: God's omnipotence means that God is able to do all his holy will.
  1. ***There is nothing too difficult for God to do.***
    - *Jeremiah 32:27 - Is anything too hard for me?*
    - *Ephesians 3:20 - able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine.*
    - *Luke 1:37 - Nothing is impossible with God.*
    - *Matthew 19:26 - But with God, all things are possible.*
  2. ***God has the freedom to whatever he pleases.***
    - *Psalm 115:3 - Our God is in heaven. He does anything he wants to do.*
    - *Proverbs 21:1 - He directs it like a stream of water anywhere he pleases.*
  3. ***God is limitless in power within his character and will.***
    - *Titus 1:2 - God, who cannot lie*
    - *Hebrews 6:18 - it is impossible for God to lie*
    - *2 Timothy 2:13 - for he cannot deny himself.*
    - *James 1:13 - God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one.*
  
    - God cannot lie is because lying, deception, dishonesty are not characteristics that he possesses.
- Communicable Tie to Mankind
  - God has created mankind in his image to have dominion over the earth.
  - Mankind can achieve an environment where he has freedom in the choices he makes.
  - Mankind can bring about results more powerfully than any other creature in creation.
    - His power is still ultimately limited.

#### **Blessed**

- Definition: God's blessedness means that God delights fully in himself and in all that reflects his character.
  1. ***God's delight is God centered.***
    - *1 Timothy 6:15 - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign*
    - *Genesis 1:31 - indeed, it was very good.*
- Communicable Tie to Mankind
  - Mankind's only hope for true happiness and satisfaction is found in God alone.
  - Matthew 5:3-11 - Beatitudes
    - God-centered happiness and satisfaction.

#### **Beauty**

- Definition: God's beauty is that attribute of God whereby he is the sum of all that is desirable.
  1. ***God does not lack anything that is desirable.***
    - *Psalm 27:4 - to behold the beauty of the Lord*
    - *Psalm 34:8 - O taste and see that the Lord is good*
    - *Revelation 22:4 - They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.*

- Communicable Tie to Mankind
  - Man wants what he perceives as beautiful / good.
  - God makes us desirable / beautiful in Christ.
    - Church: Biblical Illustrations of Bride
      - *Ephesians 5:27 –to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*
      - *1 Peter 3:4 – Your beauty should not come from outward adornment,*

## Glory

- Definition: God's glory is the created brightness of honor and excellence that surrounds God's revelation of himself.
  1. **God's glory is the honor that emanates from him.**
    - *Isaiah 43:7 – whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.*
    - *Psalm 23:10 – Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty*
    - *Psalm 104:1-2 –you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.*
      - God's honor emanates from him like light.
  2. **God's glory is the excellence that emanates from him.**
    - *John 17:5 - glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before*
    - *Romans 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
    - *Hebrews 1:1-3 - The Son is the gleaming brightness of God's glory*
      - God's excellence emanates from him like light.
  3. **God's glory is the light of his honor and excellence on display.**
    - *Luke 2:9 - and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*
    - *Revelation 21:23 - for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.*
- Communicable Tie to Mankind
  - Mankind exists to bring glory to God (To display his honor and excellence)
    - *Romans 1:20-23 - exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images*
  - Followers of Christ exist to be a light pointing to God's honor and excellence.
    - *Matthew 5:13-16 - You are the light of the world*

## Discussion Questions

1. In light of God's omnipotence being tied to his will and character, what is a proper understanding of Matthew 19:26 – "With man, that is impossible. But with God, all things are possible"?
2. What are we saying, biblically speaking, when we bless someone or pray a blessing over them? How will this affect your use of the word *blessing*?
3. Do you share David's desire: "that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord" (Psalm 27:4)? Do you struggle with understanding God's beauty? Explain.
4. Think about a situation in your life where you want to glorify God. Apply a understanding to this desire: what does it look like to display God's honor and excellence in this situation as a light to those around you?