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## 2025 Bible Study – Out-of-Session

As we embrace autumn, we continue our study about *Who God Is*. We have looked at God's *essential* attributes that defined what He is (sovereign, simple, incorporeal, stable, invisible, impassible, immutable, without beginning, uncreatedness, unbegottenness, imperishability, immortality, and eternity), as revealed in Scripture. Recall His essential attributes are not shared with His creatures; these apply only to Him. This month we will inspect attributes that relate to space (NOTE: If you need to catch up with any previous lesson you can find it at my website: <https://capitolcom.org/bible-studies/alabama/>).

### LESSON 4. Essential Attributes (How God Relates to Space).

We know God is spirit and exists outside of the created realm, but He also participates within Creation's dimensions. But we shall see He does so very differently from us creatures.

**Infinity.** This term has a mathematical meaning, as well as a familiar space man's call to go "to infinity, and beyond!" But it also points us to the vastness of God's scope. We can mentally acknowledge that God, being God, is great, but how much more stretching is it to say He has no boundary, no limit? When we consider the scope of His creation, we must accede infinity.

*When I look at your heavens,  
the work of your fingers, the  
moon and the stars, which you  
have set in place,  
  
What is man that you are  
mindful of him...? Psalm 8:3-4*



Just in the last century have we started to determine the scope of our own Milky Way Galaxy, only to determine we inhabit only one of many such galaxies. We can only estimate how many there are, but those estimates range from 200 billion to 2 trillion distinct galaxies. And most are tens of billion lightyears away from Earth, and expanding! We quite literally cannot travel fast enough (or live long enough) to reach across the observable universe.

All this science is not to make us feel insignificant, rather consider how incredible it is that the God of all the universe seeks **you** for communion and to receive your worship!

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And speaking of worship, how fruitless would it be to attempt to portray God the infinite spirit in any finite idol, then bow down to worship it? We can understand better His first two commandments: 1) “You shall have no other gods before me” and 2) “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth”. (See Exodus 20 for the rest of His commands).

**Incomprehensibility.** This word sounds like it means we cannot understand (or comprehend) God. While that is somewhat true, what He has revealed is comprehensible, which is what makes Bible Study so challenging, yet rewarding. Theologically, “God is incomprehensible in the sense that he cannot be circumscribed or measured.” (Bray, pg 57). Being unmeasurable relates to His infinite scope but has a legal ramification. If there is no boundary to God’s self, there is also no boundary where He cannot go.

The prophet Jonah found this out when he attempted to run from the mission God gave him. David also wrote about this concept in Psalm 139:

“Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol\*, you are there!                      \*Sheol is the place of the dead in the OT

He even goes on to sing that darkness cannot hide us from God. There is nowhere we can go that He is limited from going (in truth, already being).

God’s incomprehensibility rightly causes us to treat Him humbly and reverently. With great caution we approach what is unknown and unlimited. But A.W. Pink encourages us, “Because we are unable to acquire perfect knowledge, it would be folly to say we will therefore make no efforts to attain any degree of it.” (Pink, pg 113). We know there is great blessing in communing with this great God.

Practically speaking, these points should help us as we encounter the difficulties of life. When we despair over a situation or think that we might be able to escape our circumstances when we run away, or even more drastically, when we pass away, we should recall that the God of all Creation is already there and that “With God all things are possible” (Jesus, in Matthew 19:26). Cast your cares on Him and recognize that He is able to make a way where there seems to be no way!

### **Applications to Us.**

1. In the first lesson of this series I stated, “Your God is too small!” No matter who you are now maybe you can see why I am stating that! Our minds struggle with things that are infinite and boundless. Faced with a God Who has no bounds, why is it we are unable to trust Him? He who proclaims His love for us pursues us for His glory and our joy!
2. If you read this study and wonder what you CAN comprehend about God, I hope this challenges you to increase your own study of God’s word. What He has revealed plainly we will be responsible for knowing before Him, when we all will give an account!

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