

GOD: VERY UNLIKE US

THE WORD God can be described in ways people will never be.

IN THE WORD? "There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours." **Psalm 86**

IN THE WORLD? The idea that God has a nature that is "incommunicable" - that God's existence is on one level inconceivable to us - offends the idea that we are capable of knowing all things.

We are ↘	GOD IS ↘
... finite	... INFINITE : He isn't subject to any limitation as creation is. <i>"To whom would you compare me?" Is 40:25 (+ Luke 18:27)</i>
... changing	... IMMUTABLE : His perfections and purposes don't change. <i>"The heavens will perish, but you are the same." Ps 102:25-27 (+ Mal 3:6, Num 23:19)</i>
... dependent	... SELF-SUFFICIENT : He is independent and without cause. <i>"He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath." Acts 17:25 (+ Ps 139:7-10)</i>
... created	... ETERNAL : He has no start, end, or succession of moments. <i>"I am God, declaring the end from the beginning" Is 46:9-10 (+ Rev 1:8, Is 42:9)</i>
... spatial	... IMMENSE : He is above us and near to us - all at once. <i>"Heaven and earth cannot contain you." 1 Kings 8:27 (+ Ps 139:7-10)</i>

FOR MEMORY: *The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint...* **Is 40:28-29**

FOR REVIEW: If God is truly incomprehensible, yet He still makes Himself known, why would I not spend my life and be defined by getting to know Him more?



GOD: LIKE US, BUT NOT

THE WORD God can be described in ways ^(not degree) we partly imitate.

IN THE WORD? "I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other." **Is 42:8**

IN THE WORLD? The concept that God is similar to us, though vastly inimitable, offends our inner ability to hold the standard of evaluation and our moral right to judge God's nature and works.

We are ↘	GOD IS ↘
... decent	... GOOD : He is the standard of what is worthy of praise. <i>"No one is good but God alone" Luke 18:19 (+ Psalm 100:5)</i>
... selfless	... LOVE : He has no limitations as He gives Himself to others. <i>"God is love." 1 John 4:8 (+ Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:19)</i>
... purified	... HOLY : He is separate from sin and dedicated to His glory. <i>"O holy One of Israel." Ps 71:22 (+ Isaiah 6:1-3, Lev 19:2, 1 Peter 1:16)</i>
... fair	... RIGHTEOUS : He defines what's right and acts that way. <i>"Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty" Job 42:8 (+ Deut 32:4, Is 45:19)</i>
... angry	... WRATHFUL : His hatred for sin is ultimate and intense. <i>"the wrath of God is revealed from heaven" Romans 1:18 (+ Ps 103:8-9, 1 Thess 1:10)</i>

FOR MEMORY: *Who measured the Spirit of the Lord, what man shows him his counsel? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who showed him the way of understanding?* **Is 40:13-14**

FOR REVIEW: Since God is so much higher than I am in these moral attributes, what events can tempt me to question his purposes or capacity for good?

