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Twelve Attributes of God

1. **OMNIPRESENCE** (Psa. 139:7-12)—God is everywhere present. Yet, even though He is everywhere, He is also somewhere (Job 1:6). For example, God the Son is here in this room, but He is also at the right hand of God the Father (Heb. 1:3).
2. **OMNIPOTENCE** (Isa. 40:21-31)—God is all-powerful. He is able to do anything that can be done. God cannot do something that is absurd, self-contradictory, or that violates His character. He cannot make sticks with one end or square circles. He cannot lie, be unjust or unloving.
3. **OMNISCIENCE** (Psa. 139:1-12; 1 John 3:20)—God is all-knowing. God not only knows everything that is happening, but everything that has happened, will happen, or could happen.
4. **JUSTICE** (Rom. 2:11; Acts 17:31)—God always judges everything based on His own character. This does not mean God is fair. Fairness measures one person against another. God measures everyone by His own character.
5. **ETERNALITY** (Gen. 21:33; Psa. 90:2)—God is everlasting. He has no beginning, growth, aging, or end. Logically, since God created everything, God created time. But nothing in the Bible indicates that. His attributes are all expressed in present time.
6. **SOVEREIGNTY** (1 Chron. 29:11)—God is the supreme ruler. He is the final and ultimate source of power, control, and authority. Nothing happens apart from His will (Job 1:12; 2:6). He is in ultimate control of man and nations and whatever happens everywhere (Dan. 4:34, 35).
7. **UNITY/TRINITY** (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14)—There is one God, and within the unity of the Godhead, there are three distinct persons, the same in substance but distinct in subsistence. The Holy Spirit gives glory to the Son, who gives glory to the Father.
8. **INFINITY** (1 Kin. 8:27)—God is without limitation. That does not mean God is without restrictions. Some restrictions are not limitations. To be restricted to truth, holiness, righteousness, consistency, and eternity are not limitations.
9. **TRUTH** (John 14:6)—Truth is the way things actually are. God speaks in a manner consistent with the way things actually are, and that centers in His own nature (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18).
10. **HOLINESS** (Isa. 6:3)—God is separate from all that is evil (Hab. 1:13). Holiness is not a standard God keeps. Holiness is who God is. Everything God does, desires, thinks, and says is, by definition, holy.
11. **IMMUTABILITY** (James 1:17)—God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. But what God says changes in different situations and dispensations, in the same way that I do not give the same directives to a 3-year old child as I give to a 13-year old or a 23-year old. What God says changes (bring animal sacrifices – do not bring animal sacrifices, kill Canaanites – make disciples of all nations), but God's attributes never change.
12. **LOVE** (1 John 4:8)—The essence of love is giving, and the essence of giving is doing the best good for someone. God always does the best good. *For God so loved the world that He gave.* And what He gave was *His only begotten Son* (John 3:16).

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God (Psalm 90:1-2).

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