

All Things New: Behind the Curtain

2 Corinthians 5:17

MAIN IDEA: We need to have a right picture of who God is if we are to trust Him and His promises.

1. Sovereignty - *God's absolute right to do all things according to His good pleasure.*
2. Omnipotence - *God is All-Powerful, able to carry out His perfect will.*
3. Omnipresence - *God is everywhere, He exists at all times in all places.*
4. Omniscient - *God knows everything, both actual and possible.*
5. Wisdom - *God correctly applies his perfect knowledge.*
6. Love - *God is love.*

Read Romans 8:28, Ephesians 1:11, and Matthew 10:29. How much of what we see around us is controlled by God?

Isaiah 55:8-9 describes how we can easily not understand God's plans. What was Job's attitude toward God in Job 13:15 when he didn't understand what God was doing? What was Peter's attitude in John 6:66-69 when Jesus' teaching was hard?

How is God able to carry out His will, according to Jeremiah 32:17 and Luke 1:36-37?

How are we able to carry out His will, according to Matthew 17:20 and Philippians 4:13?

Why is it impossible to hide from God? See: Jeremiah 23:23-24, Psalm 139:7-10, and Proverbs 15:3.

What is Paul's response to God's wisdom and omniscience in Romans 11:33?

How does God show his love for us according to Romans 5:6-8 and 1 John 3:1?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Have you ever tried to escape God or hide something from Him? How did it go?

Which of God's attributes is hardest for you to wrap your mind around?

Which of God's attributes encourages you the most? Why?

Which of God's attributes is hardest for you to embrace? Why? Talk through this with a friend or pastor. Pray over this.

Dig In:

Sweeping statements like "God can do all things" and "God is everywhere," although accurate, often do not evoke the wonder in us that they should. Many times, examples are more powerful.

In light of this, print out a copy of Job 38-41. Go verse by verse and jot down the attributes of God alluded to.

Don't make this an academic exercise. Let yourself be amazed.

Praise God for the many ways He shows Himself to be completely awesome.

REPRODUCE

Who can you encourage or comfort with the attributes of God? Seek to share God with someone this week.

Sovereignty, omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience belong to God and God alone. We cannot be these things for other people, but God can. Remember these attributes of God when praying for others this week.

Wisdom and love are qualities that God can grow in us. Pray that He would grant you an abundance of both for use in your relationships.

KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Romans 8:28
- Isaiah 55:8-9
- Jeremiah 32:17
- Jeremiah 23:23-24
- Psalm 139:1-4
- Psalm 147:5
- John 3:16
- Romans 8:38-39
- Romans 5:8

Additional verses from the study:

- Ephesians 1:11
- Matthew 10:29
- Job 13:15
- John 6:66-69
- Luke 1:36-37
- Matthew 17:20
- Philippians 4:13
- Psalm 139:7-10
- Proverbs 15:3
- Romans 5:6-8
- 1 John 3:1
- Job 38-41