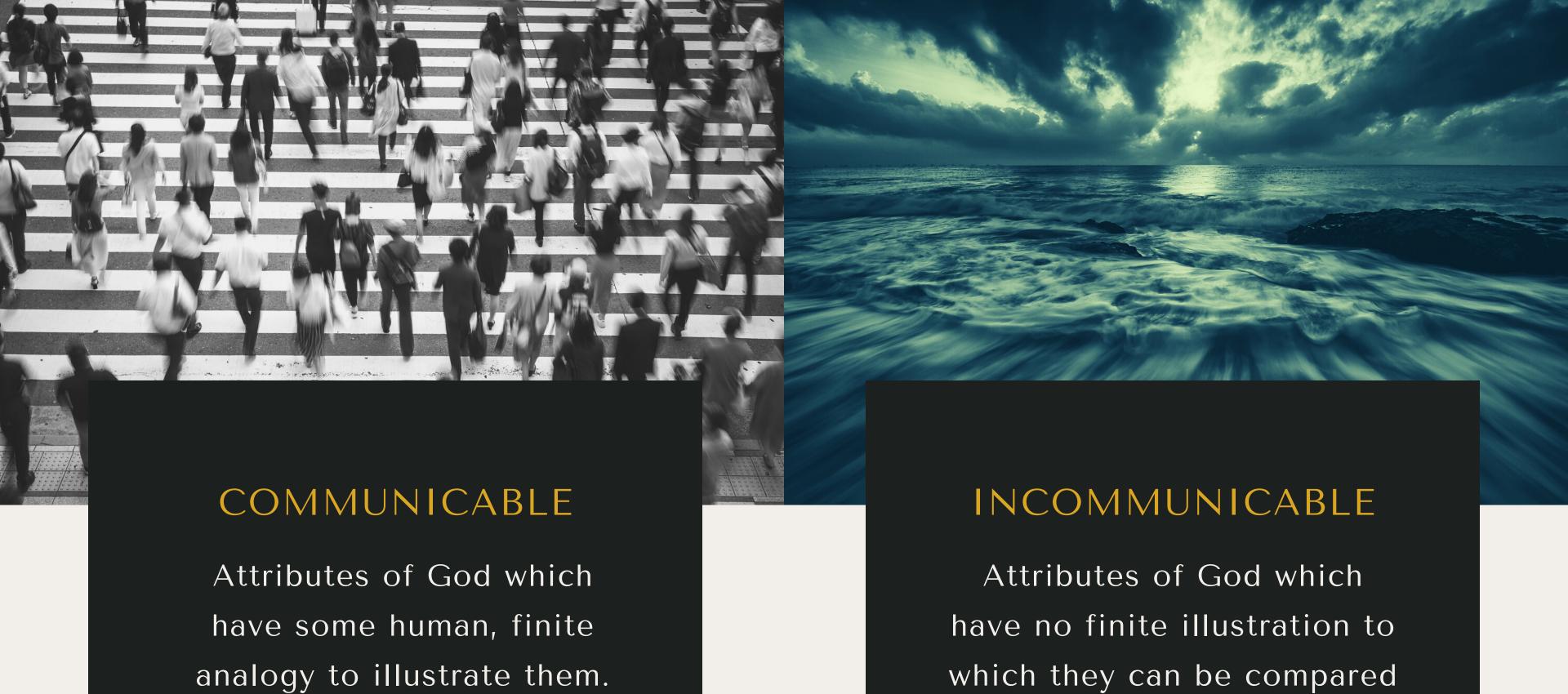
SOVEREIGNTY

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD HE HAS REVEALED



God's Incommunicable Attributes

ASEITY

God is utterly independent and without origin while being the ultimate source of life for all things.

(John 5:36,

Romans 11:33-36,

Psalm 36:9)

IMMUTABILITY

God is utterly
perfect and not
subject to change
in His essence,
though he is
dynamic.
(Malachi 3:6,
James 1:17,
Hebrews 18:8)

UNITY

God is uniquely one in number and not divisible.

(Mark 12:28-31, John 5:44, John 10:30)

INFINITY

God has no
limitations save
for selflimitations.
(Psalm 102:27,
Psalm 90:2, Jer.
23:24, 1 Kings
8:27, Psalm
139:7ff)

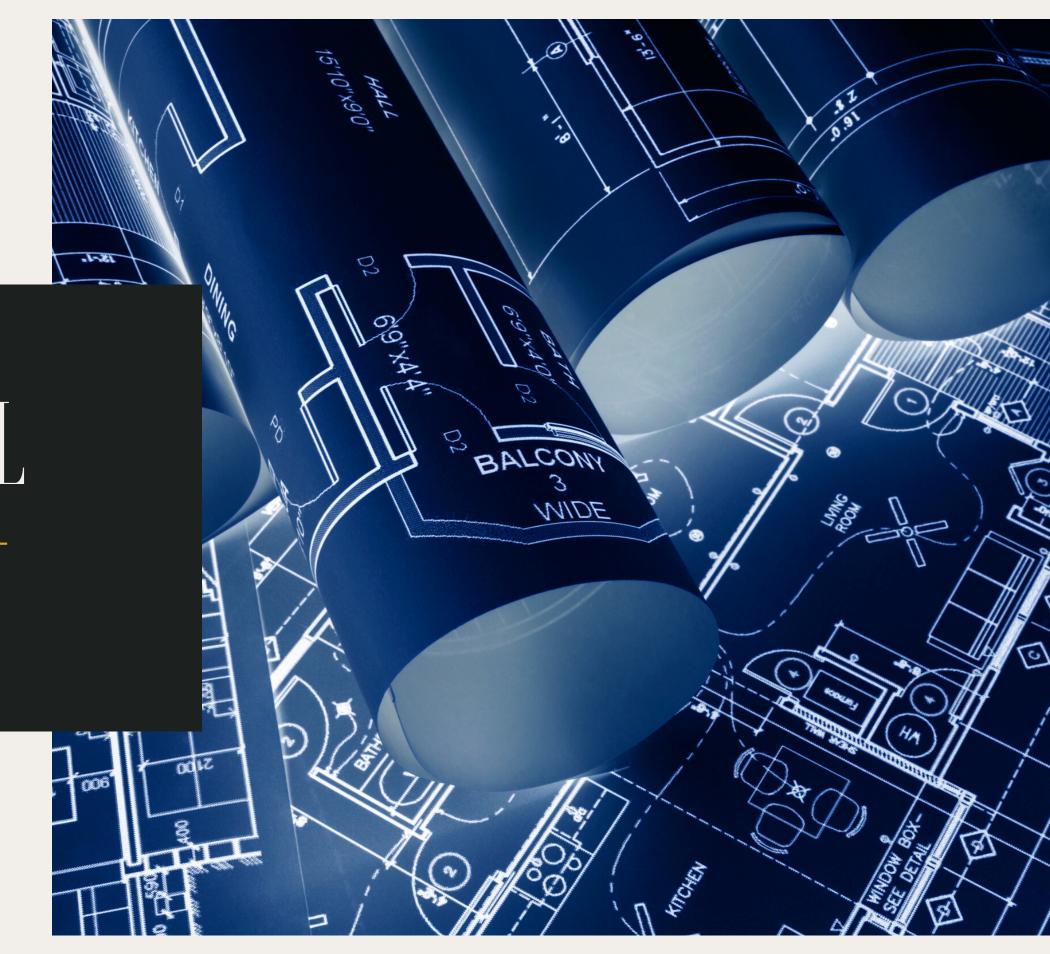
God's Communicable Attributes

SPIRITUALITY MORALITY SOVEREIGNTY INTELECT God is Spirit Sovereign Will Omniscient Goodness Source of Life Holiness Sovereign Power Omnisapient Veracity (Omnipotence) Righteousness

SOVEREIGHT

SOVEREIGN WILL SOVEREIGN POWER

NOTHING CAN THWART
GOD'S WILL



Sovereign Will: "that by which God puts into effect all that He has designed or purposed."

God's will is free, but it is bound to His nature. Thus, nothing limits God's will save for His own character.

(Romans 9:18, Romans 11, Ephesians 1:11, Daniel 4:35, James 1:18, Matt. 10:29).

JOB 42:2

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

MATTHEW 10:29

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

JAMES 1:18

Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

DANIEL 4:35

All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

EPHESIANS 1:11

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

ROMANS 9:18

So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

God's Will And Human Will

By His will, God has given humans limited freedom, though He is ultimately in control.

(Gal 5:13, 1 Cor. 10:13).

God does not will everything in the same way or to the same degree.

- God's prescriptive will = what we should do (commands).
- God's decretive will = things that will happen, because of His decree.

NOTHING AND NO ONE IS
MORE POWERFUL THAN GOD



Sovereign Power (Omnipotence): God has all power and uses it to bring to pass His will.

(Job 42:2, 1 Chronicles 29:10-13, Jeremiah 32:22)

1 CHRONICLES 29:10-13

10 Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

JOB 42:2

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

JEREMIAH 32:22

And you gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

REVELATION 19:6

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Since God always
accomplishes His will, we
have unlimited strength to do
according to His will when we
seek to do His will.

(Philippians 4:13, 1 John 5:14-15, John 15:17).

PHILLIPPIANS 4:13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

1 JOHN 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

JOHN 15:17

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

OUR RESPONSE: WORSHIP

Mark 12:29-31



29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

-Mark 12:29-31



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