

# Knowledge of the Holy

A study on the attributes of God based upon the AW Tozer book of the same name.

## Lesson # 2 God Incomprehensible.

*“Lord, how great is our dilemma! In Thy presence silence best becomes us, but love inflames our hearts and constrains us to speak. Were we to hold our peace, the stones would cry out; Yet if we speak, what shall we say? Teach us to know that we cannot know, for the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Let faith support us where reason fails, and we shall think because we believe, not in order that we may believe. In Jesus name, Amen. **AW Tozer***

We begin with the reality that God is incomprehensible. Sinful humanity cannot comprehend God. God must reveal himself to be known. The archaic meaning of *incomprehensible* is *limitless*. Nothing in the created world is limitless. But God is limitless or incomprehensible.

Psalm 147:5 Great is the Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

1 Kings 8:27 But will God really dwell on earth? The Heavens, even the highest heaven cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built.

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

“Left to ourselves, we tend to reduce God to manageable terms, to many, He is only slightly superior to the gods of Greece or Rome.” – AW Tozer

God cannot and will not be managed or contained. He is only constrained by His own will and faithfulness to HIS words and attributes. (This enables us to rely upon him for He will do what He has said He will do. He can be relied upon by those to whom He has revealed himself. Because we are not limitless in any way, the reality of him being incomprehensible in and of itself must be received by faith. (Heb 6:13-20)

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Often, within our own thinking, Our God is small- even compared to human plans and devices. When this happens, ironically the manifestation of God’s power in our lives is greatly diminished, for his working in us is responsive to our measure of faith in him.

Romans 1:17 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 13:58 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 14:25-33 \_\_\_\_\_

James 1:5-7 \_\_\_\_\_

He can however overcome any “obstacles”. For with God, obstacles do not exist. IS 46:10

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To the fallen human mind, God is incomprehensible. But with eyes of faith- faith in Jesus, we can come to learn of God. When we watch Jesus, we are watching God.

John 14:5-9A- "If you've seen me, you've seen the father."

By faith in Christ- in relationship with him, we receive the Holy Spirit of God, who enables us to truly learn of God- and know HIM. In order to know God, He must reveal himself to us.

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

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Even this is with limitation because we are limited. Our ability to reason extends only so far about any subject. Some, we can come to master- at least according to human comparison, others not so much.

The Christian can only reason out so much concerning God, because GOD is limitless in all his attributes and in all that HE is and does. Where human reason fails faith must support us. Faith and reason Go hand in hand.

As the prayer above states, we think because we believe, not in order that we may believe.

And so armed with the gifts of faith and reason we begin our study of God- learning his attributes. The first one is- HE is limitless. Limitless in all his other attributes. He is incomprehensible apart from the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26

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1 John 2:27

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Therefore, our reason, will only reach so far- but faith will comfort us and relieve us of our distress in this dilemma. So, we can move forward in our study, humbled in our limitations yet blessed that God does want us to know HIM and will reveal himself to the honest seeker.