

# REAL GOD

A STUDY OF HIS ATTRIBUTES

*ALL KNOWING, ALL  
PRESENT, ALL POWERFUL,  
UNCHANGING*

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all right we're going to talk about God Amen we're going to learn about God we're going to learn about the goodness of God the strength of God the power of God the hope of God I don't know what kind of week you've had but it's about to get a lot better amen I'm so glad to be with you and so fired up let me explain to you what many of the problems in our world begin from the phone so this is the way our broken World Works God is all knowing God is all present and when we start to see things and know things and understand places that are beyond our comprehension we get overwhelmed we get anxious we get stressed the more we know the worse we get the result is the average person checks their phone every 12 minutes and as you get more information about the world things that are out of your control it leads to anxiety and fear it leads to mental health and depression and the result is we were not built to know all that we know and ultimately if you don't know who God is you spend your whole life looking out at a broken world with fear and anxiety and what we're going to do we're going to look up and get to know who God is God rules over it all God knows it all God has a plan for it all and God is for us and the only hope to the problem that we have with the anxiety and depression that is escalating is to stop looking out to put our phones down to put our hands up and to look up to God because he's over it all amen that's where we're going to go today so my question to you is how much time do you spend thinking about God how many minutes or hours a day of all the information that you know how much of the information that you know is about who the real God is that's our subject and we're going to deal today with his attributes his attributes are in two categories we established in the first sermon shared God is loving and merciful and truthful and he wants us to be like him there are unshared attributes that God alone has we're going to look at four of them today so God ultimately he knows everything we don't God has all power we don't God is everywhere we're not and God never changes and we always need to change change and so when we're talking about God's attributes we're talking about his traits his characteristics we're talking about his qualities and today you're going to hear three of them with the word Omni Omni means all God is all-knowing all powerful all present let me make it really practical for you number one you cannot rise above your view of God personally culturally nationally we cannot rise above our view of God if you go to a Hindu Nation where they believe in karma that ultimately people are suffering because God is punishing them and he doesn't forgive them you don't get compassion and empathy there's no love for those who are hurting because you don't want to serve them and interfere with their paying their karmic debt to God if you are a pure atheist that doesn't believe that there's judgment in eternal life then you can literally do whatever you want during this life and there's no consequence and it leads to Reckless and also illegal criminal behavior in addition if you don't believe that God is Sovereign which we looked at last week that God is in control guess what you try to fill the Gap we call these control freaks these are people who realize somebody needs to be in charge and they nominate themselves and just so you know the job's already taken thank you very much his name is God in addition as we look at the attributes of God I want you to think in terms of what I used to tell my little kids was a mystery box as you read the Bible there'll be things like I don't get it put it in the mystery box it doesn't mean that there isn't an answer it means that one of two things will happen later in life as you study you're like oh now that makes sense or you're going to die and stand before Jesus 1 Corinthians 13 says that then we will know as we're fully known you're like Jesus explain and when you're in eternity in his presence all those questions will be answered number three as we jump into it a little prophetic imagination is going to go a long way as we're dealing with the greatness and the glory and the grandeur of God it's beyond us so the Bible will use words such as like it was like this it was as that God will use some analogies and similes and in addition

you'll hear words in the Bible like appearance and also appeared it's God's way of revealing through human language here's what I'm like but it's kind of like that but it's beyond anything that you know so we're going to deal with four of God's attributes are you ready to go all right here we go number one God is all knowing we call this omniscience we'll just knock it through God has complete and perfect knowledge of all things including past present future and everything actual or potential wouldn't that be awesome how many of you would like to know everything about anything God knows everything about everything Psalm 147:5 great is our Lord and abundant in power his understanding is beyond measure Isaiah 40:12-14 we're going to cover a lot of verses today I get paid by the verse this is going to be this going to be quite a payday for me Isaiah 40:12-14 who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off Heavens with a span enclosed the dust of the Earth in a measure and weighed the mountain in scales and the hills into a balance who has measured the spirit of the Lord or what Man shows him counsel whom did he consult and who made him understand who taught him the path of justice and taught him knowledge and showed him the way of understanding all rhetorical questions the question is who taught God answer is nobody God knows everything in and of himself next slide please Hebrews 4:13 and no creature that would include you and me is hidden from his sight but all are naked and exposed to the eye of him who must give an account what he's saying is this God knows everything God knows everything this leads to a series of specific revelations in the word of God about some of the things that God knows this should give you such comfort you don't need to know everything but it's nice to know the one who does here are some of the things that God knows God knows the past present and future Isaiah 46:9-10 let me just say this briefly how many of you would love to not be trapped in time you didn't get old you weren't running late and you knew what the future held God knows everything Isaiah 46:9-10 I remember the former things of old for I am God and there is no other somebody ask what about the other God there is no other God who said that the only God I am God and there is none like me declaring the end from the beginning from ancient times things not yet to come saying my counsel shall stand and I will accomplish all my purpose God knows every bird of the air and every beast of the field Psalm 50:1 I know all the birds of the hills and all that moves in the field is mine God knows every star in the sky Psalm 147:4 he determines the number of the Stars he gives to them all of their names God knows light and darkness psalm 139:12 even in darkness I cannot hide from you to you the night shines as bright as the day Darkness and Light are the same to you what he's saying is this what people do is they do different things when the lights are out like let's say when power goes out in a major city do people get more Godly no no they become evil because now they can hide in the darkness and some people think well I'm doing it in secret I'm doing it in darkness I'm doing it in private God sees and knows even when the lights are off God's eye is on you nothing is hidden from the sight of God in addition we'll make it very personal God knew you before your birth before your birth here here's what it says in uh jeremiah: 15 before I formed you in the womb life begins in the womb and it comes from God I knew you and before you were born I consecrated you in addition God knows your heart and your mind just so you know Satan can't know your heart in your mind cuz he's not all knowing like God Jeremiah 11:20 oh lord of hosts who judges righteously who tests the heart and the mind let me see your vengeance upon them God knows everything about you okay let me ask you this do you want everyone to know everything about you no there's some stuff you're like no I'm not sure here's what's amazing God knows everything about us and he loves us not because of who we are but because of who he is and in spite of who we are see so many of us our relationships are predicated upon people loving a

version that we present not the person that we are so many of us are pretending to be someone we're not we call this social media this is where we post photos to pretend that we're someone we're not God knows who we really are and he loves us where we are here's what it says says in Psalm 139 134 oh Lord You've searched me and know me you know when I sit down when I Rise Up you discern my thoughts from afar you search out my path my lying down are acquainted with all my ways even before a word is on my tongue behold oh Lord you know it all together God knows everything what this means is number one he knows everything about you and number two nothing shocks or surprises him in addition God knows the day of Jesus' returning God knows everything God knows what his plan is for your life God knows what his plan is for all of human history and God knows the exact day moment hour that Jesus Christ is returning to raise the dead to send Satan and demons and evildoers to Hell forever to lift the curse and to put all of this nonsense that we have created to an end once and forever now we don't know when that is there's always people reading the are like I figured it out I figured it here's when Jesus is coming you don't know you just don't know only God knows but here's what it says acts 17:3 he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man Jesus Christ whom he is appointed appointed and of this he has given Assurance to All by raising him from the dead so God knows everything potential or actual past present or future some people ask what's this like I have no idea because these are God's unshared attributes I don't know but let me give you an analogy that may be helpful I've shared it before but I'll share it again how many of you are sports fans sports fans okay okay so if you watch ESPN how many of you watch ESPN as you watch there's some Intrigue some anxiety some like what's going to happen where's this going how's it going to end you're sort of emotionally engaged in addition to ESP and there's another Channel called ESPN Classics these are games that have been settled long ago these are these are these are sporting events from years ago how many of you watch ESPN Classics how many of you aren't as emotional as when you watch ESPN right you're like I love this Red Sox game I'm watching it for the 37th time why aren't you freaking out I've kind of seen it 37 times for us life is like ESPN for God life is like ESPN Classics everything he already knows he's already seen it it doesn't shock him it doesn't surprise him in addition when you read the Bible I want you to read the Bible God's going to use some language to try and explain what he's like in terms that we can understand God says my ways are much higher than your ways and my thoughts much higher than your thoughts you're like okay God I'm trying to figure out what you're like so an old Theologian named John Calvin he said that God would use quote baby talk if you're raising a baby you don't look at them you're like let you tell about God's omniscience let's you got a really smart kid and uh instead you're like well God is very very strong you're trying to use baby talk you know God is stronger than Dad okay you're you're trying to use baby talk so that the kid can get it God uses baby talk he uses analogies and similes and metaphors and one of them for his omniscience his all knowing is the mind of God we'll read these Psalm 1104 the Lord is swollen and will not change his mind Romans 11:34 for who has known the mind of the Lord 1 Corinthians 21:16 for who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him when it comes to the mind of the Lord here's what's going to blow your mind God knows the future and he controls it okay now what I hear all the time from people like I just wish God would tell me the future I'm not sure you'd be doing better like I don't know about you November fifth I don't want to know like I just I just want to get some sleep between now and then and see how it plays out I don't know about you right just cuz you know the future doesn't mean it's going to make your life better in the meantime so I want to talk about not only does God know God forn knows this means that he knows in advance in addition God can predestin or

predetermine the future that he for now knows I'll give you a couple scriptures right so here's what's going to happen right now your mind is going to melt and some of you will realize God is Not bigger than you think he's bigger than you can think there's an old Theologian uh GK chesteron I thought a word comes to mind and he uses this simple analogy he says you'll never get Heaven into your head it's too big the goal is to get your head into heaven and just look around see that's that's that's the presence and the power and the grander and the glory of God Romans 8:29 those he for now if you're a Christian he for now you he knew you before you knew him he also predestined that means to predetermine the destiny to be conformed to the image of his son God not only knows God for now knows the future and God predestines the future that he for now knows again people ask what's this like I have no idea I went to public school and my watch that I'm wearing doesn't even work I have no idea what it would be like to be over time I have no clue Ephesians 1 3-6 you ready here's another one just get your head into heaven just peer around look at the greatness of God blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places get your head into heaven even as he chose us in him when before what before the foundation of the world what okay explain that Mark I'll I'll try in just a minute that we should be holy and blameless before him well why did he predestin us why did he choose us before the foundation of the world in love A lot of people are like well if God chooses people how can it be loving uh he chooses people because he is loving God knows that no one's going to choose him because we don't love him but he chooses some of us because he is loving in love he predestined us for adoption himself as Sons through Jesus Christ according to to the purpose of his will to the praise of his glorious Grace there's a point where your understanding ends and so your adoration begins you're like I don't have words to say but I have worship to ascribe to the praise of his glorious Grace it with which he has blessed us in the Beloved here's what he's saying that ultimately before God made the heavens and the Earth and before there was time and space and matter before there were planets and galaxies and stars and animals and men and women there was just God and then God created everything and everyone out of nothing before he created he for now everything that would happen he knew that we would sin against him he knew that we would fall and bring a curse on the world he knew that he would bring his son and our Savior Jesus Christ he knew that Jesus would pass every test he knew that we would fail ours in crucifying by him he knew that Jesus would then substitute himself and suffer and die in our place for our sins and he forew that Jesus Christ would rise from the dead conquering Satan sin death hell and the wrath of God and that those he had predestined he would then apply that gracious gift of Salvation too amen people be like I gave my life to God well let me tell you this long before you gave your life to God God for now and predestined that he was going to save you so you could give your life to him God knew you before you knew him God loved you before you loved him God pursued you before you pursued him and God saved you before you called out to him you were predestined I just feel like this is all in time people people don't understand like why would God make us if he knew we we're going to fail him because he for now and he predestined a plan to save us In Spite of Ourselves so you're looking at me but your brains are coming out of your ears because let me explain this let me verbal process for a minute our whole world is man-centered not god-centered even our reading of the Bible is human-centered and it's not god-centered we read the Bible what does it say about me what does it say to uh for me what does it what does it say to me it's like what does it say about him see friends the Bible is for us but it's not about us it's about God in the beginning God and the rest of the book is telling us who this God is and we come to the book and we think I must be the hero no we're not we're the villain

we're the problem not the solution right we're the enemy of God we're not we're not the one who pursues our enemies to make them our family and what can happen is as we read the Bible if we don't understand that God is the center we think that ultimately I'm more important than I am and Le God is less wonderful than he is I just I can't even imagine before God made the heavens and the Earth God said you know what I'm choosing Mark like that's awesome and ridiculous I wouldn't choose me like if I was making a team I would do better than this but God knew that I would be born and God knew that he sent his son to die for me and here's what here's just the Mind melt on the all knowing nature of God when Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins God God fornew that you and I would live 2,000 years later and God fornew all the sins we would commit against him and God took all those sins and nailed them to the cross of Jesus in advance right so dear sweet people come along and they're like I did a naughty thing do you think I lost my salvation no 2000 years ago he already knew you were going to do it God forgives sins we haven't even committed yet because he knows the things that we will do before we know what we're doing so what this leads to is a question where people ask okay if God knows everything then then if we make decisions are we responsible for them if God controls the outcome makes sense if God knows everything does my life matter and are my choices my responsibility this is something called uh Divine sovereignty and human responsibility okay this goes in the mystery box this goes in the mystery box but let me say this you and I determine what we will do and God knows what we will do and then God does what hee predetermines that he will do okay okay some of you like this this giant oh it's bigger than that okay are you ready okay here we go ready cuz you're not you're not stupid it okay you're not I don't know why that's funny uh apparently a lot of you have been told that you are and you're like I'm not okay too many pastors think that people are stupid right and the result is they don't teach deep things because they don't believe that the holy spirit will show up to help people learn deep things I believe the holy spirit will show up to help you learn the Bible in a way that he won't show up to help you really nail Netflix right I think if you're watching Netflix he's like you're on your own but if you're open the Bible he's like I'm here to help this is where I want you to love the Lord your God with all your mind and there's just too much mindless Christianity here's a verse to melt your mind acts 22-24 Divine sovereignty and human responsibility Jesus of Nazareth a man attested to you by God with Mighty works and wonders and signs those are Miracles we're going to get into that that God did through him in your midst as you yourself know this Jesus delivered up according to the what kind of plan definite plan not a pencil plan a definite plan in the for knowledge of God predestined before the foundation of the world the definite plan and forn knowledge of God that's his Divine sovereignty you crucified and killed by the hands of Lawless men human responsibility God raised him up loosing the Pains of death because it was not possible for him to be held by it here's what the Bible is saying is sinful human beings said we're going to kill Jesus and they're totally responsible that was their decision and God says I knew you were going to do that so I for knew that you would do that so I predestined that I would use the crucifixion of Jesus to save people from sin this is where don't worry when you see evil just keep waiting to see what God does to turn evil into good the greatest evil in the history of the world was the crucifixion of Christ and the greatest Mercy in the history of the world was the crucifixion of Christ and people were on Earth and like we're going to kill him and God's like this I knew and I'm ahead of you and this will be how I save my people from their sin through the sacrifice of my son let me give you a little summary of uh let me just give you an analogy can I give you analogy I'll give you analogies because it's impossible to fully communicate these things so imagine Divine sovereignty human responsibility God knows everything but we're still

responsible for our choices but he determines the outcome as we looked at last week he's Sovereign so imagine there was an old preacher use an analogy imagine a cruise ship I know we're in the desert you're like what okay there's large boats and things called water okay and people get on them and they take cruises so imagine a cruise ship on that cruise ship who is The Sovereign the captain the captain is Sovereign the captain knows exactly where he's going knows exactly what the journey will be knows exactly how long it's going to take he knows everything on the boat there are passengers they're free to make whatever decisions they want within the confines and limitations of the boat but no matter what they do the captain still determines the direction and destination this is how I would use this analogy to express just a glimpse of what it means that God is all knowing it means that ultimately he knows exactly where he's driving human history he knows exactly where he's going he know knows exactly what he's doing meanwhile on the ship we make our own decisions but we do not determine his Direction couple of things about God's Learning I got to hurry I got four big ideas and this is the first one um God does not learn new things God does not forget old things God does not study read or analyze God is never wrong therefore God does not have a plan B see in Genesis 1:2 God said everything is done it's good made man and woman very good we sin do you know what heaven is God returning to Genesis 1 and 2 the dead will rise the curse will be lifted Satan and demons will be gone we're back to the world that God intended because God got it right the first time and even though we made it wrong God is going back to his original Divine Design because God never makes a mistake and he always gets it right the first time and I'll just say this God is relationally responds to us and I can't get into this in the sermon as deep as I want maybe I'll throw it on the internet this week with a clip but what this means is God doesn't change his mind and there is a damnable false teaching today damnable God is still speaking it hangs out on these apostate churches people say well you know God used to say that some things were wrong but he's changed his mind they think God is learning like we're learning as if God wasn't imperfect and needed to change as if God was wrong and needed us to correct him as those of us with a three-b fallen brain could look at the in the the infinite and say we're here to do some editing for your errors it's disgusting it's reprehensible God doesn't change his mind because his mind has nothing to learn and his mind is never wrong and the three-b Fallen brain of a fallen sinner is in no position to argue with him here's just two scriptures uh 1st Samuel 15:29 the Eternal One of Israel does not lie or what change his mind for he's not a man who changes his mind God's like I used to think that there was two genders but now I went to Community College and I'm enlightened you know that Prof he's really smart in the vest I mean he just overwhelmed me with this profundity numbers 23:19 God is not a man that he should lie nor a son of man that he should change his mind what he said will he not do it or has he spoken and will he not fulfill it on in addition we're going to get into God's uh let me say two things one is here's what's concerning but here's what's comforting let me give you something that's concerning artificial intelligence is the human attempt to replace the omniscience of God Amen the whole goal of artificial intelligence and technology today is to know everything that's God and Satan and demons and the Antichrist at the end of time will love to use this counterfeit of old knowing omniscience and to weaponize it to do evil and harm but here's what's so comforting the the comforting thing is is we could we could turn our phones off we could turn our technology off we we could take a break and say you know what I don't need to know everything in fact I'm not built to know everything the more I know the worse I am I'm just going to trust that God knows and I'm going to spend some time with him and I'm going to stop living online and being a gossip and a busy body and collecting information and trying to be all knowing and I'm just

going to turn my phone off and I'm going to turn my soul on and I'm going to spend time with God and I'll let him figure out everything that he knows that I don't understand number two uh God is all present God is all present um God is here's what it means god is spirit and and he's everywhere at all times so in 1 Kings 8:27 they're building a temple for God's presence so Solomon is dedicating it and he prays this but will God indeed dwell on the earth behold Heaven and the highest Heaven cannot contain you how much less than this house that we build so they built a house to worship God but in the prayer Solomon is saying is God doesn't just live here in our little house he's so big that he's bigger than the whole creation and some people think oh in church that's God's house it is God is here but God is also in your car when you cut people off and God is also at your house when you cut them off and curse them out and God is also at your work when you steal from your employer so just so you know he's not just here Psalm 137 139 7-12 where shall I go from your spirit or where shall I flee from your presence if I Ascend to Heaven if you're there if I make my bed and shield that's the grave you are there if I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea even there your hand shall lead me and your right shance shall hold me if I say surely that Darkness shall cover me and the light About Me by night even the darkness is not dark to you the night is as bright as the day for darkness is his light to you what he's saying is God's everywhere I've heard people say I'm running from God good luck he's everywhere uh next slide please can Jeremiah 23:24 can a man hide himself in the secret places so that I cannot see him declares the Lord do I not feel Heaven and Earth declares the Lord this is God's all presence he's everywhere this is crazy I just I thought of this God's in other countries God's in other times God's in other places God not only knows everything God is everywhere this this must mean that this God is Sovereign and Superior different Rel religions will say well our God rules here but not there Our God rules everywhere CU he's the Creator God when it speaks of God being all present uh the Bible uses uh again a bit of baby talk it talks about God's eye Genesis 68 Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord Proverbs 15:3 the eyes of the Lord are in every place keeping watch in the evil and the good first Peter 3:12 the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous what this means is God is everywhere this is so comforting for us you're at work you're like I'm having a good I'm having a good day thank you Lord I'm having a bad day help me Lord right you're you're headed to the hospital cuz somebody you love you don't know if they're going to live or die you're like God thank you that you're with me thank you that you'll be there with me and thank you that you're there with them and sometimes even when someone is suffering or hurting you're like I can't be there oh good thing God can that's why we pray though we can't be there we talk to the one who is and he ministers in our place place now where this helps is there's this constant debate throughout various religions and philosophies and spiritualities about well is God up there or is he down here okay Transcendence he's far away imminence he's very near and there are a few different options that come out of this and I want to explain them to you the first is atheism God is Not imminent or Transcendent there is no God all we have is the material Universe absent of God Satan Angels demons and the Soul you ask an atheist Where's God they're like there is no God there's no God no devil No Angels no soul no life after death just us material Universe you're going to die I'm going to die and then it's over number two second option pantheism God is imminent he's down here not Transcendent up there there is no personal God but God is rather an impersonal force in us and all the world this is the view of star Wars Avatar which I did not like I always root for the Marines um wiah and Witchcraft New Age up in Sedona Native American spirituality next door radical environmentalism Save the Planet Mother Earth personal Oris and energy and interior design Fang which is a four-letter f word okay that being said I just observed



that um so pantheism is there's no personal God that's separate only energy and we're a part of it so how do we align our Chi or our aura or our environment with the energy flow of God that's demonic it's demonic some of you are new Christians you're like well can I do Christianity plus some Eastern religions that believe in a force and chakras no it's demonic number three deism God is transcendent not imminent he's far away not near if there is a personal God he is separate from our world does not get involved in our Affairs and cannot be known an old movie said that God was quot an absentee landlord this is like the dad who walked out when your mom was pregnant and you've never seen him since and you can't find him God made the world and left he's gone if he exists he's gone and he's not coming to help or save us so every view either has God down here or up there Christianity has God up there and down here he's so big that he fills it all it's creationism God is transcendent and imminent God is the creator who is separate from his creation that's Romans one but is actively involved in connecting the Heavenly and spiritual and the Earthly and physical Realms into one reality and we exist to worship the Creator and exercise dominion over creation and God chooses thin places to connect these seen and unseen Realms now here's here's what I mean by that so God is the creator of Heaven and Earth we looked at that last week and here we are and God has thin places what the old Celtic Christians used to call those places where it's a little closer to heaven and and Earth gets a little closer to God so back in um Genesis there is a ladder that comes down to a dude named Jacob and the angels go up and down he says surely this is the place of God that's a thin Place Heaven and Earth come together a guy named Moses he's in a bush the bush is talking and the bush says hey I am it's Jesus take off your shoes this is Holy Ground thin Place uh sometime later they build a tabernacle and then a temple where they come to worship God and he's present and it's a connection point between Heaven and Earth and then Jesus Christ comes down the Creator enters into creation he who was way up there comes all the way down here he is Emanuel God With Us and Jesus is the thin Place Between Heaven and Earth and then Jesus goes back up and then the Holy Spirit comes down and at the day of Pentecost he anoints and appoints the church to be the thin Place Between Heaven and Earth and the Bible says in Corinthians that today if you have the Holy Spirit you're a thin place that God lives in you and now you're you're a citizen of Heaven though you're a resident of Earth and and you have the Holy Spirit and so you're connected to the Unseen realm here's what I want you to know friend God is with you whether or not you feel it see a lot of people like God has left me how do you know I I don't feel him he said Jesus said he'd never leave you nor forsake you God is with you when you don't feel it God is with you when you're cured of cancer and when you die of cancer God has cured on your divorce day and your wedding day God is cured on the day of your failure and your success God's present isn't predicated on your conditions but rather his character now that being said this has some massive practical help this is a cure in large part to much anxiety that people suffer with and what happens is if we don't know that God is with us we feel abandoned and betrayed we feel lonely we feel scared we feel isolated we feel vulnerable that's how most people feel so Isaiah 43 1-5 but now thus says the Lord he created you which is awesome like just so you know I made you what fear does it say fear a lot does it fear does it say fear when you're awake fear fear fear during the day fear not for I have redeemed you I've called you by name he actually knows your name he's all knowing he knows your name you are mine when you pass through the waters I'll be with you through the rivers they shall not overwhelm you when you walk through fire you shall not be burned the flame shall not consume you for I am the Lord your God the Holy One of Israel your savior because you are precious in my eyes and honored and I love you which is amazing fear not for I am with you here's what I want you to know wherever you go God goes

with you and God goes before you and if you forget that you'll be overwhelmed with fear God where am I going what am I doing what is your plan what is the future where's our country going where's our economy going where's our nation going God what is happening God it looks terrible God I'm freaking out God oh my I was like I'm here tell me you won't feel [Laughter] better see the LIE is if you knew more you'd feel better how many of us the more we know the worse we feel the other day I lost my phone I was tell you a funny story I lost my phone and I didn't look for it and I felt delivered Grace came she's like I found your phone I was like you know I wasn't looking for it so at the end of the day I don't need to know everything I just need to know that God goes before me and God goes with me and he knows everything so the number one command of the Bible in some form or fashion is fear not and that it almost always says I've looked them all up God says for I'm with you it's like I'm not just up here down there I'm in it with you so it's not the absence of trouble but the presence of God that removes anxiety and fear I'll give you uh a story um and then I'll move quickly some years ago uh earthquake hit Haiti it was already the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere buildings collap no functional government no military hardly any police no no heavy equipment I mean just devast just Devastation bodies just trapped under buildings including Believers trapped in crumbled churches and so I was honored to be in one of the first relief flights to bring medical supplies and into the country and food so we landed and it it was catastrophic it was it was unbelievable I mean Anarchy in the streets just Mayhem no Law and Order we were there just a short while I heard a gunshot turned around a kid probably in his teen years got shot in the head behind us and was bleeding out uh we came back a day later and the body was still there I mean there's no there's no services to pick it up it got to the point where the dead bodies were stacked and Bloated and I I finally took uh orange peels and shoved them in my nose just to get rid of the smell and I'm wondering like how are we going to deliver food and supplies like I'll be honest with you little anxious and then this dude showed up I don't know his name I'll call him Rambo this dude shows up he's driving an SUV that is military grade he rolls with an army it is a militia they are armed to the teeth they hand us guns they load up the supplies they say we know where to go we'll deliver the food and supplies to the relief agencies and churches if anything goes down just shoot with us we got you I was like I feel better okay all of a sudden the trip I was like oh my gosh I'm like I'll roll you know uh and I asked him I said so when Night Comes where do we sleep he said I got a Fortified Compound barbwire on the top fences all around you're going to sleep on the floor you're going to use your backpack as a pillow you're going to be fine great I I mean you won't get this joke I slept like a calvinist on benad I was like I'm I'm good I slept great and so for me it was like nothing changed but I wasn't alone this this is what the believer knows that nobody else knows things may not change but you don't have to be alone in addition the God who goes with you he's all powerful can you imagine all powerful it's so wonderful that only God has this because if we had it we'd be Satan we do such evil in violence here's what God's omnipotence is he's all powerful and able to do all that he Wills I got to move really quick job 42:2 I know that you can do what all things this is why we pray big God could you please and people like I know that's pretty big you're like I think he could do it in fact all things I think he totally could do it and the no purpose of yours can be thed nobody can stop God Psalm 135 whatever the Lord pleases he does in heaven Earth Seas deeps 1 Chronicles 29 11-12 yours O Lord is the greatness and the power and the glory and the Victory and the Majesty they're pretty exciting for all that is in Heavens and in the earth is yours yours is the kingdom oh Lord and you are exalted as head above all both riches and honor come from you and you rule over all and your hand are power and might and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all he

then continues Jeremiah 32 a lord God it is you have made the heavens and the Earth by your great power and your outstretched arm nothing it's too hard for you that awesome we should probably pray a little bigger behold I am the Lord the God of All Flesh and then the kids would call this a flex cuz they're like God you could do anything he's like is anything too hard for me that's a flex Matthew 19:26 Jesus said with man this is impossible call this Miracles we'll get into this in a future sermon but With God all things are possible Ephesians 3:20 not him who is able to do far more above abundantly that all we can ask or think like God can you do that he's like if you can think it I can do it I can do more than you can think the next one I just threw in because it's a smoking hot verse you ready smoking hot verse second Thessalonians 2:8-10 and then the Lawless one the Antichrist Satan the counterfeit one will be revealed whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming the coming of the Lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all what until Jesus shows up Satan seems like he's omnipotent all power false signs wonders and wicked deception here's what it says here's where history is going because God knows the end this is such good news where's it going to Jesus I love him yay good it's going to be a good day before Jesus returns the Antichrist Rises up counterfeit signs wonders Miracles deception all power the nations are afraid of him kings are bowing down religions are cratering everyone's living under his Dominion Jesus shows up scoo it's over it's over like right everybody's like oh my gosh it's Satan Jesus is like like wow if you believe that you'll sleep better okay if you believe that the news won't freak you out quite as much and here's what I know I'm way off I still got two pages of notes um people like it's getting darker he's getting nearer scoo okay um where is that in the Bible where is first and second scoo um Okay so when the Bible uses this language to refer to God's strength again using baby talk it speaks of God's arm this is God's Flex God's all powerful arm Exodus 6:6 I am the Lord and I bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians and I will deliver You From Slavery to them and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm Isaiah 40:10 behold the Lord comes the Lord God comes with might and his arm rules for him John 12:38 to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed not only is God's arm strong what it's saying here it says in Isaiah as well is God reached down he's like you're mine and you're mine and you're mine because I predestined you a lot of people when they hear that like don't argue with him thank him right if God knows that he if he foreknows you and he predestines you and he reaches down to save you don't argue with him thank him and what this means is um oh boy oh boy um yeah um okay let me um for the sake of time ah forget it okay here we go um so let me hit the next attribute of God so God is all knowing all powerful all present and unchanging that's immutable and just so you and I know this is such good news how many of you you're sick of everything changing like could we just plod interest rates here and not have an election and you know don't ever tell me about pandemics again please I just don't I just please stop changing things God never changes you know why he's perfect things only need to change if they get better or worse God can't get better and God won't get worse God doesn't change God doesn't change his Essence character purpose or knowledge but does respond to people in their prayers let me do it quickly numbers 23:19 God is not a man that he should lie or son of man that he should change his mind Malachi 3:6 for I the Lord do not change Hebrews 13:8 this is awesome Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever if he loved you today he'll love you tomorrow if he loved you yesterday he'll love you today if he forgave you 10 years ago he'll forgive you 10 years from now James 1:17 for every good gift and every perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of Lights with whom there is no variation or Shadow due to change this is I I just want you to know that your relationship with God is the one thing that'll never change cuz God doesn't change how

many of us you've had a relationship and it changed you're like we were friends and then they abandoned me we got married and then they ran off on me we were in business and they stole from me we were friends and they died on me it we were so close and then they moved far away and we don't talk anymore some of the greatest pain in our life is because there is a painful change in our relationships here's what's great God is perfect and God never changes God you're never going to leave me you're never going to betray me you're never going to abandon me you're never going to disown me you're never going to forget me you're never going to change your heart toward me this is the one relationship that is secure forever and ever and ever we looked at the eternality of God that means if God doesn't change your relationship with him him is eternally secure I'll be honest in a world where everything changes I'm really glad to have a God who doesn't change and let me say this as well um because God doesn't change God's word doesn't change because if God doesn't make mistakes he didn't make a mistake when he wrote his word one of the great lies in our day is um you know God is God has changed his word um you know God God used to say that that there were two genders and certain things were naughty but like us he's evolved he's progressed he's he's moved forward so was he wrong did he make a mistake if so how is he God did he get it wrong and now thankfully our Scholars made it right if so why should I worship a God who makes mistakes and isn't smarter than me why should I have any honor for a God who has errors that he needs me his finite Fallen creature with a three-b fallen brain that went to public school to to correct him let me just say this any God that needs my help or correction is not a god it's just a big pathetic version of me and so because God doesn't change God God's word doesn't change I'll share it with you Psalm 19:89 forever O Lord your word is firmly fixed in the heavens how long forever forever it doesn't matter what the denominations say and it doesn't matter what the scholars say and it doesn't matter what the vote at the annual assembly of the apostate counterfeit Church says God's word is forever and ever and we are his Messengers we have no right to be his editor God is not looking at us saying hey please grade my paper God is looking at us and saying please obey my word Proverbs 30:5 and 6 every word of God proves true he is a shield to those who take refuge in him do not add to his words that's what Mormons do it's what Jehovah's Witnesses do and that's what terrible Bible teachers do they'll grab books that aren't scripture and put them alongside or over the word of God and he will rebuke you and you'll be found to be a liar Isaiah 40:8 the grass withers the flowers fade but the word of Our Lord will stand how long forever forever here's what Jesus says some like no I just I just I just like the red letter Parts where Jesus says sweet things about loving your neighbor okay okay here's what he says Matthew 24:35 Heaven and Earth will pass away but my words never going to pass away let me just summarize this for you either you change or you try to change him this is human history God reveals through his word we read the word of God and you know what the word of God is constantly trying to do I'm way off my notes just hang with me let me verbal process do you know what God's word is trying to get us to do all the time change and there are certain parts that certain people read and they're like I don't want to make those changes now you have a decision will God through his word change me or will I change his word and thereby change him the question is not which one of you will repent but it will be your him and me say this God doesn't change and he sends his word to change you and we don't have any right to change his word we are supposed to change in obedience to his word and and let me say this some of you are new Christians and and and this was shocking I guess like the Bible's offensive exactly it's hate speech he hates all those who do evil it's offensive and it triggered me good it did its job you are Wicked you have fallen short of the glory of God you are a sinner by nature and choice you have offended a holy and righteous God you have

committed Cosmic treason you're like that feels judgy it is right okay that's the whole point I remember I was a brand new I was a brand new B first time I read the B I was like I don't agree I don't agree I don't agree I don't agree and then it was like I must be wrong what I didn't think is I need to go find a liberal Progressive educated beyond their intelligence that has studied something called hermeneutics and has found a way to turn the Bible into origami so I can take my pants off and be a pagan just just what I'm thinking scoo so I don't never forget I'm way off my nose I don't know where we're going but it's going to be great and so I'm obviously not omniscient where are you going I don't know um but he's Sovereign so it's going to be great okay so I'll never forget I a brand new pastor a guy came up he's like Pastor Mark I'm reading the Bible it's not working I was like what do you mean it's not working he said I read it and I feel terrible it's totally working right because it's a law that judges us so that we can repent and change it doesn't increase our self-esteem it increases our glory and gratitude for God it doesn't make us feel great about ourselves it makes us feel great about Jesus who saves us from ourselves um yeah um yeah well I mean we do have another service and I'm 53 so I'm again I'm not I'm not all powerful like I'll be honest with you I could take a nap right now and so um so let me answer one question so so let me do this let me just do one like little nerdy thing and then the band will come up and those of you that are lost they be like yay okay so um so the question is Jesus comes to the Earth but it's like is does he have all the is he God does he have all the Divine attributes okay give you two examples we'll read these quick he had Hebrews 2:17-18 he had to be made like his brothers in every respect so that he might become merciful faithful high priest and service to God to make propitiation for the sins of the people he died in our place for our sins four times in the new teston he died in our place for our sins propitiation for because he himself has suffered when tempted he is able to so the question is there's a verse in the Bible that says God is not tempted like well Jesus was tempted how many of you are like so the question is well was he tempted or not and if he was tempted that means Jesus isn't God because God can't be tempted you get it God doesn't travel Jesus does God doesn't grow in wisdom stature and favor with man and God Luke 2 Jesus does like is Jesus God does he have all the Divine and so theologians argue about this and don't worry nobody ever dies when Scholars fight they through syllogisms not ha right they're they're pacifists they'll be fine here's what happens when Jesus comes to the Earth Philippians 2 Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God that means he shared all the Divine attributes he was all knowing all present all powerful and unchanging as we just established did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped he didn't fight for his rights what about me you know what I deserve but he emptied himself taking form of a what a servant being born in the likeness of men and found in human form he what humbled himself nobody could humble Jesus only Jesus can humble himself so what happens with Jesus is Jesus is fully God and he humbles himself I probably should add this to the list the humility of God the humility of God if we were to create a religion would we have invented a humble God no we we we're celebrating pride month and we don't have humble month we don't even have humble week we don't even have humble day we don't even have humble minute CU we don't like humble we like proud Satan is the father of Pride and Jesus is humble so what what happened when God became a man when Jesus entered our here's what happened the Eternal God entered into history the Creator entered into Creation The Sovereign God entered into the story The God Who is all knowing and all powerful and all present he sets the continual use of his Divine attributes aside so that he could be like us and he could be with us because he loves us he has these attributes all knowing all present all powerful but he doesn't use them instead he lives like us it's almost like let me just give you an analogy somebody has a bow and arrow or a gun we've seen these

Daredevil stunts where they shoot with a blindfold are they blind no they just choose for that moment not to use that attribute this is Jesus in humility when he was tempted he was tempted like we are when he was hungry he was hungry like we are when he was heartbroken he's heartbroken like we are when he was suffering he was suffering like we are I'm going to bring the band up and we're going to worship this Jesus but let me just let me just close with this um think of everything that Jesus gave up to be with us he went from glory to humility he went from perfect heaven to Broken Earth he went from hearing holy holy holy to crucify crucify crucify Jesus came to be with us and to be like us and to save us and let me say this as you hear this don't think this must mean I'm so valuable that Jesus couldn't live without me he didn't want heaven without me you thought Above Me Above All there's a couple of worship songs that need a little editing no when I look at the humble life and the painful death and the loving salvation of Jesus Christ I don't see how valuable I am I see how sinful I am if God wanted me he needed to set aside the continual use of his Divine attributes he needed to Humble himself be abused by his creation and die to get me back that doesn't mean that I am valuable that means that I am sinful but here's what it means he is wonderful it is the grace of God it is the mercy of God it is the humility of God it is the devotion of God in Jesus Christ that saves us and so we're going to worship this Jesus right now and as we do I don't want you to think of him as he was but as he is right now my Jesus is not in humility our Jesus is in glory he's back on his throne he's all knowing all powerful all present and unchanging he has a definite plan for human history he has a day on the calendar when he is riding into history and he will fulfill all of his promises because his word is true and it will never be edited or altered and Jesus Christ is coming and Jesus is going to called you and you and you from your grave and we're going to see him and all our questions will be answered all our hopes and longings will be fulfilled all our fears will be vanquished and everything will be gone except the powerful presence of God who brings Heaven to Earth and brings us into his presence oh do you know who he is do you know what he does does do you know what he has planned let me just close with this as a prayer no eye has seen no ear has heard no mind can conceive of the good things that he has planned for those who love him in Jesus name amen