### THEOLOGY PROPER



#### PERFECTIONS

- A. Introduction
- B. Incommunicable Perfections
- C. Communicable Perfections
- 1. Omniscience

#### GOD'S

#### OMNISCIENCE

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1. Without discovery 2. Intuitive 3. Simultaneous 4. Perfect 5. All-inclusive 6. Infinite

## "God knows all actual & possible things past, present, & future"

C. Ryrie

"That perfection of God whereby He, in an entirely unique manner, knows Himself and all things possible and actual in one eternal and most simple act."

L. Berkhof

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W. Grudem

Ps 147:4-5 He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them. Great is our Lord, and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

Ps 92:5 How great are Thy works, O Lord! Thy thoughts are very deep.

1Jn 3:20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

Col 2:3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

#### SCOPE

- 1. Himself Mt 11:27
- 2. Material Realities Heb 4:13
- 3. History Isa 46:10
- 4. Man Prov 5:21, Ps 139:16, Mt 6:32, Ps 90:8

Prov 5:21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He watches all his paths.

Ps 139:16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

Mt 6:32 "For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

Ps 90:8 Thou hast placed our iniquities before Thee, Our secret sins in the light of Thy presence.

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- 6. Future Dan 2, 7

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#### OMNIPOTENCE

He has infinite power to do anything which He wills and can do anything consistent with His nature

"That perfection of His being by which He is the absolute and highest causality and whereby He, thru the mere exercise of His will, can realize what so ever is present in His will or counsel."

L. Berkhof

## "... means that God is able to do all His holy will."

Grudem

#### CONTRARY TO MATURE

1. Lie Tit 1:2 2. Sin -Jas 1:13 3. Deny Self-2Tim 2:13 Jas 1:3 4. Be tempted -Ac 2:27 6. Change

#### Ps 62:11 Once God has spoken; Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God;

Ps 135:6 Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.

Jer 32:17 'Ah Lord God! Behold, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Thee,

Jer 32:27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?"

Mt 19:26 ... "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Lk 1:37 "For nothing will be impossible with God."

Eph 1:19-20 And what is the surpassing greatness of His power (δυναμις) toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working (EVEPYELA) of the strength (kpatos) of His might (ισχυs) which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand ...



## Ps 33:9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

Isa 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power Not one of them is missing.

1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

#### OMNIPOTENT POWER

- Diam = 865,000 mi 109x earth
- >From earth = 93 million mi

- ➤ Light takes 8:20 min
- ➤ Orbits galaxy = 240 million yrs
- ≥100 billion suns in Milky Way
  - >100 billion galaxies in universe



Dan 4:35 "And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What hast Thou done?'

Rev 11:17 saying, "We give Thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast, because Thou hast taken Thy great power and hast begun to reign.





# Ps 90:11 Who understands the power of Thine anger, And Thy fury, according to the fear that is due Thee?



- 1. Nature -
- 2. History -
- 3. Judgment
- 4. Redemption

2Pet 3:10

Ps 111:6

Rev 20:11-15

Ex 13:3, 14

Ps 106:8 ... He saved them for the sake of His name, That He might make His power known.

1Pet 1:5 who are protected by the power of God thru faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

#### DISPLAY

- 1. Nature -
- 2. History -
- 3. Judgment
- 4. Redemption
- 5. Men

2Pet 3:10

Ps 111:6

Rev 20:11-15

Ex 13:3, 14

#### POWER & Men

- 1. Rebellious Rev 19:15
- 2. Believers 2Pet 1:3
- 3. Down trodden Isa 40:29
- 4. Life Deut 8:18
- 5. Obedience Eph 3:20
- 6. Warfare Eph 6:10
- 7. Glorification Phil 3:21

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#### HOLINESS

Totally separate from evil in His person and dealings with men and includes His absolute righteousness measured against Himself as an absolute standard, moral perfection, separation from all that is common or unclean

C. Ryrie

"God is absolutely separate from and exalted above all His creatures, and He is equally separate from all moral evil and sin."

**Thiessen** 

"... is the crown of all His attributes, the life of all His decrees, the brightness of all His actions."

Charnock

"There is no other Being absolutely pure, and free from all limitations in His moral perfections."

Hodge

#### HOLINESS

- 1. Ultimate -
- 2. Ethical -
- 3. Righteous -
- 4. Positive -
- 5. Expressed -
- 6. Display -

absolutely distinct separation from evil He is standard not just negative in law

Cross

Isa 6:3 ... "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory." (Rev 4:8)

Isa 57:15 For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, ...

Lev 11:44 'For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am holy ....

Ezek 39:7 "And My holy name I shall make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I shall not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.

## 1Jn 1:5 ... God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

Rev 15:4 "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? For Thou alone art holy; For all the nations will come and worship before Thee, For Thy righteous acts have been revealed."

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