

The Attributes of God
Attribute #2

- I Incomprehensibility-Man can not discover the ways and works of God on his own (Ecc. 8:17)
- A. No human intellect can bridge the gap between the infinite God and finite man.
1. Job 5:9; 11:7; 26:14; 33:13; 36:3-6; 37:5,23; 38:1- 42:6
 2. Ecc. 3:11; 8:17
 3. Isa.40:12-18, 25, 28; 55:8-9
 4. Jer. 23:18
 5. Romans 11:33-36
 6. I Cor. 2:4-5, 16.
- B. God is completely unknowable apart from a special revelation.
1. Matt.1 1:27 and Luke 10:22
 2. John 1:8; 6:46
 3. I Cor.2:11, 14
 4. 2 Cor.4:3-4
 5. I Tim.6:16.
 6. Romans 1:20 — power and glory through nature
 - a. seen but not necessarily believed
 - b. the entire world is a looking glass which represents the image of God
 - c. so clearly seen that people are inexcusable if they do not have some knowledge of God as a result.
- C. Reasons knowledge of God is withheld
1. Because of who He is
 2. To be like Him would be perilous — Gen. 2:17
 3. Our inability to understand truth — John 13:7
 4. Human weakness necessitates it being withheld — John 16:12
 5. Earthly limitations — I Cor. 1 3:1 2
 6. His plan is gradual revelation — Eph.3:5
 7. To give opportunity for faith — 1 John 3:2
 8. Life is designed mysterious — Ecc.1 1:5
- D. Revelation is a divine act of God.

1. Because it pleases Him to do so — Eph. 1:9-10
 - a. Eph.3:5
 - b. Col.1:26-27
2. Prevents man from bringing God down to his level of finite comprehension and thereby losing sight of His solitary excellence.
 - a. Job 26:14
3. The God of Scripture can only be known to those whom He makes Himself known.
 - a. Luke 10:22