

Sunday Morning – July 16th, 2023

***Welcome To The
New Testament Baptist Church***

Current Series
Bible Doctrine

Today's Message
The Attributes of God – Pt. 1
Pastor Jack

- **Daniel 11:32**

- This verse reveals how important it is to know our God

- Knowing our God gives strength

- Attribute defined: The term attribute in its application to persons or things, means something belonging to persons or things.

- J.P. Boyce – *“The attributes of God are those peculiarities which mark or define the mode of His existence, or which constitute His character.”*

God is Self-Existent

- **Exodus 3:14**

- The Bible assumes the self-existence of God
- God's self-existence implies His independence

Independence means not dependent, free; not subject to control by others; not relying on others; not subordinate; self-sufficient; self-governing; sovereign.

- **Acts 17:25-25**

- This attribute belongs to God alone

- Hebrews 11:6 – *“Without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he who comes to God must believe that **He is**, and that is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

- There is great blessing and reward when we believe that He **IS**

- Self-existence speaks also to God's self-sufficiency
 - God is complete in and of Himself
 - He is gracious enough to use mankind to accomplish His divine purposes
- Isa. 46:9-11**

God is Immutable

- Ps. 102:27; Mal. 3:6
 - God is unchangeable
 - In His nature and purposes
- **Hebrews 6:16-19**
 - If God changes then we do not have an anchor
 - Job 23:13-14

“A changeable God would be a terror to the righteous, they would have no sure anchorage, and amid a changing world they would be driven to and fro in perpetual fear of shipwreck... Our heart leaps for joy as we bow before One who has never broken His word or changed His purpose.”

C.H. Spurgeon

God is Sovereign

- *“But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases”* (Psalm 115:3).
 - If God is not sovereign then He could be changed
- Our faith would be shaken if God was good but not sovereign

“Because God is infinitely wise He cannot err, and because He is infinitely righteous He will not do wrong. Here then is the preciousness of this truth. The mere fact itself that God's will is irresistible and irreversible fills me with fear, but once I realize that God wills only that which is good, my heart is made to rejoice.”

A.W. Pink

- **Psalms 135:5-6**
 - What cause we have to praise the LORD!
- **Isaiah 14:24, 26-27**
 - What God purposes...He is able to carry out
- **Daniel 4:34-35**
 - Kings of the earth need to understand this

“The power of God is that ability and strength whereby He can bring to pass whatsoever He pleases, whatsoever His infinite wisdom may direct and whatsoever the infinite purity of His will may resolve...God’s power is that which gives life and actions to all the perfections of the Divine nature...God’s Power is like Himself: infinite, eternal, incomprehensible; it can neither be checked, restrained, nor frustrated by the creature.”

Stephen Charnock