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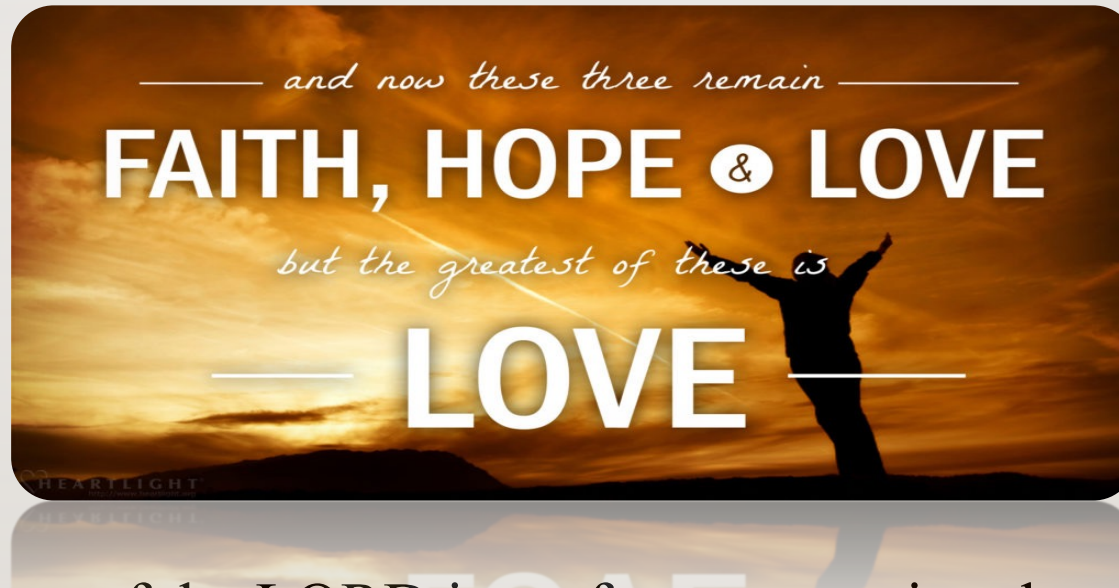
# Gods Character And Nature Is Revealed



- By What (Who) he Loves
- By What (Things) he Hates
- By What (Actions) he Takes

# The Nature Of God

## “The Highest Law”



Psalms 19:7 ¶The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.



# THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

**COMMUNICABLE**

- BEING
- PURPOSE
- MENTAL
- MORAL
- SUMMARY

**INCOMMUNICABLE**

To study God's attributes is to study his character, to answer questions like, Who is God? and What is God like? A typical classification of God's attributes divides them into those that are *incommunicable* (those that he does not share or "communicate" to anyone or anything else) and *communicable* (those that he shares with other beings). Like most theological classifications, this one is imperfect but still helpful as we seek to understand what is so far beyond ourselves.

God's communicable attributes can be further categorized into: attributes of God's being, mental attributes, moral attributes, attributes of purpose and "summary" attributes (attributes that, in a more particular way, modify each of the others).

It is important to consider that God is not simply the sum of his attributes. His attributes are not separate from one another, but each one modifies or qualifies each of the others.

- TRANSCENDENCE** — GOD TRANSCENDS ALL CREATION AND IS UNKNOWABLE APART FROM HIS SELF-INITIATED REVELATION.
- IMMANENCE** — GOD IS ACTIVE IN THIS WORLD AND IN OUR DAILY LIVES. GOD CARES ABOUT EVERY ASPECT OF OUR EXISTENCE AND INVITES US TO WELCOME HIS GUIDANCE, GRACE, AND LOVE.
- ASEITY** — GOD IS SELF-EXISTENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENT AND HAS NO NEED OF HUMAN BEINGS OR THE REST OF CREATION.
- OMNIPRESENCE** — GOD HAS NO SIZE OR SHAPE AND IS PRESENT IN ALL PLACES WITH HIS ENTIRE BEING.
- UNITY** — GOD'S WHOLE BEING INCLUDES ALL OF HIS ATTRIBUTES AT ALL TIMES. THESE ATTRIBUTES ARE NEVER IN OPPOSITION.
- ETERNALITY** — GOD HAS ALWAYS EXISTED, HAVING NO BEGINNING AND NO END, AND EXPERIENCING NO SUCCESSION OF MOMENTS.
- IMMUTABILITY** — GOD CANNOT CHANGE IN HIS BEING, PERFECTIONS, PURPOSES, AND PROMISES.
- GLORY** — THE CREATED BRIGHTNESS THAT SURROUNDS GOD'S REVELATION OF HIMSELF.
- BEAUTY** — GOD IS THE POSSESSOR AND THE SUM OF ALL DESIRABLE QUALITIES.
- BLESSEDNESS** — GOD DELIGHTS FULLY IN HIMSELF AND IN ALL THAT REFLECTS HIS CHARACTER.
- PERFECTION** — GOD FULLY POSSESSES ALL EXCELLENT QUALITIES AND LACKS NO QUALITIES THAT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR HIM.
- JEALOUSY** — GOD ALWAYS SEEKS TO PROTECT HIS OWN HONOR.
- GOODNESS** — GOD IS THE FINAL STANDARD OF ALL GOOD, AND ALL HE IS AND DOES IS WORTHY OF APPROVAL.
- PEACE** — GOD, IN HIS BEING AND ACTIONS, IS SEPARATE FROM ALL CONFUSION AND DISORDER.
- HOLINESS** — GOD IS SEPARATED FROM SIN AND HE IS COMMITTED TO SEEKING HIS OWN HONOR.
- LOVE** — GOD ETERNALLY GIVES OF HIMSELF TO OTHERS.
- MERCY** — GOD IS GOOD TO THOSE IN MISERY AND DISTRESS AND HE IS GOOD TO THOSE WHO DESERVE PUNISHMENT.
- RIGHTEOUSNESS** — GOD IS THE FINAL STANDARD OF WHAT IS RIGHT AND HE ALWAYS ACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT IS RIGHT. (THIS IS ALSO KNOWN AS GOD'S JUSTICE)
- WRATH** — GOD INTENSELY HATES ALL SIN.
- TRUTHFULNESS** — GOD IS THE TRUE GOD WHOSE KNOWLEDGE AND WORDS ARE BOTH TRUE AND THE FINAL STANDARD OF TRUTH.
- KNOWLEDGE** — GOD FULLY KNOWS HIMSELF AND ALL ACTUAL AND POSSIBLE THINGS. (THIS IS ALSO KNOWN AS GOD'S OMNISCIENCE)
- WISDOM** — GOD ALWAYS CHOOSES THE BEST GOALS AND THE BEST MEANS TO THOSE GOALS.
- WILL** — GOD APPROVES AND DETERMINES TO BRING ABOUT EVERY ACTION NECESSARY FOR THE EXISTENCE AND ACTIVITY OF ALL THAT EXISTS.
- FREEDOM** — GOD DOES WHATEVER HE PLEASES.
- OMNIPOTENCE** — GOD IS ABLE TO DO ALL HIS HOLY WILL. GOD EXERCISES COMPLETE POWER OVER HIS CREATION AND RULES AS SOVEREIGN.
- INVISIBILITY** — GOD'S TOTAL ESSENCE, ALL OF HIS BEING, WILL NEVER BE VISIBLE TO US.
- SPIRITUALITY** — GOD IS A BEING WHO IS NOT MADE UP OF MATTER AND WHO CANNOT BE PERCEIVED BY OUR BODILY SENSES.



# The Attributes Of God

- God is Love
- Immortal (Eternal)
- Transcendent (Above and independent of all Creation)
- Immutable (Of Nature)
- All powerful (Omnipotent)
- All knowing (Omniscient)
- Everywhere (Omnipresent)
- Perfectly Just
- Always truthful
- Unique (there is only one true God)

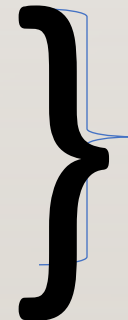
# The Nature Of God

**ATTRIBUTES of his NATURE** (things that God cannot change)

- God is Love
- Perfect ( In all desirable qualities)
- Truthful
- Keeps his Word
- Merciful
- All Wise
- Only creates perfection

**ATTRIBUTES of DOMINION or POWER** (Things that God can share or change)

- All powerful (Omnipotent)
- All knowing (Omniscient)
- Everywhere (Omnipresent)



**RULERSHIP OF  
THE UNIVERSE**

# Attributes Of His Nature

## Moral Attributes

Absolute Attributes: Always fully vested

- God is Love
- Perfectly Just
- Truthful
- Keeps his Word
- Merciful
- All Wise
- Only creates perfection

Hebrews 6:17 Wherein  
God, willing more  
abundantly to shew unto the  
heirs of promise the  
immutability of his counsel,  
confirmed it by an oath:



# The Highest Law : The Axioms of his Nature

- God is Love
- Immortal
- Transcendent
- Always truthful
- Unique (there is only one true God)
- Perfect in all aspects of his being

It is impossible for God to contradict his nature !

Hebrews 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

# Gods' "Attributes of Nature" Are Unchanging

## God's Moral Nature

God is Love

Perfectly Just

Truthful

Keeps his Word

Merciful

All Wise

Only creates perfection

Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

# Interpreting Scripture

Using the axioms (The constitution ) of his nature

And thou shalt  
call his name Jesus,  
Prince of Peace, Mighty God,  
Wonderful Counselor, Holy One,  
Lamb of God, Prince of Life,  
Lord God Almighty,  
Lion of the Tribe of Judah,  
Root of David, Word of Life,  
Author and Finisher of Our Faith,  
Advocate, The Way, Dayspring,  
Lord of All, I Am, Son of God,  
Shepherd and Bishop of Souls,  
Messiah, The Truth, Saviour,  
Chief Cornerstone, King of Kings,  
Righteous Judge, Light of the World,  
Head of the Church, Morning Star,  
Sun of Righteousness, Lord  
Jesus Christ, Chief Shepherd,  
Resurrection and Life,  
Horn of Salvation, Governor,  
The Alpha and Omega.

Jesus reveals the true image and nature of God That can be manifested in a bodily form. And is our guide to interpreting Gods true will and desires

**Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead BODILY.**



# Attributes of his Dominion

## Gods Manifested Power

Are Contingent Attributes:

Dependent on Gods will and Can be Actualized by degree

- All powerful (Omnipotent)
- All knowing (Omniscient)
- Everywhere (Omnipresent)

# What Did That Mean ?

## Radah “DOMINION”

### The KJV Old Testament Hebrew Lexicon

Strong's Number: 07287

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#### Original Word

רדה

#### Word Origin

a primitive root


#### Transliterated Word

Radah

#### TDNT Entry

TWOT - 2121,2122

#### Phonetic Spelling

raw-daw' 

#### Parts of Speech

Verb

#### Definition

1. to rule, have dominion, dominate, tread down
  - a. (Qal) to have dominion, rule, subjugate
  - b. (Hiphil) to cause to dominate
2. to scrape out
  - a. (Qal) to scrape, scrape out

King James Word Usage - Total: 27

rule 13, dominion 9, take 2, prevaieth 1, reign 1, ruler 1

Psalms 115:16 The heaven,  
even the heavens, are the  
LORD'S: but the earth hath he  
given to the children of men.

“RULERSHIP”

“REIGN”

Attributes of his Dominion  
Attributes of Manifested Power

RULERSHIP OF  
THE UNIVERSE

All powerful (Omnipotent)  
All knowing (Omniscient)  
Everywhere (Omnipresent)

God “Choose” Subtraction of  
RULERSHIP of the EARTH From His  
DOMINION!



# God “Chooses” to Give Of His Power/Dominion to The First Son of God Adam!



Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: **HAVE DOMINON** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and **over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**

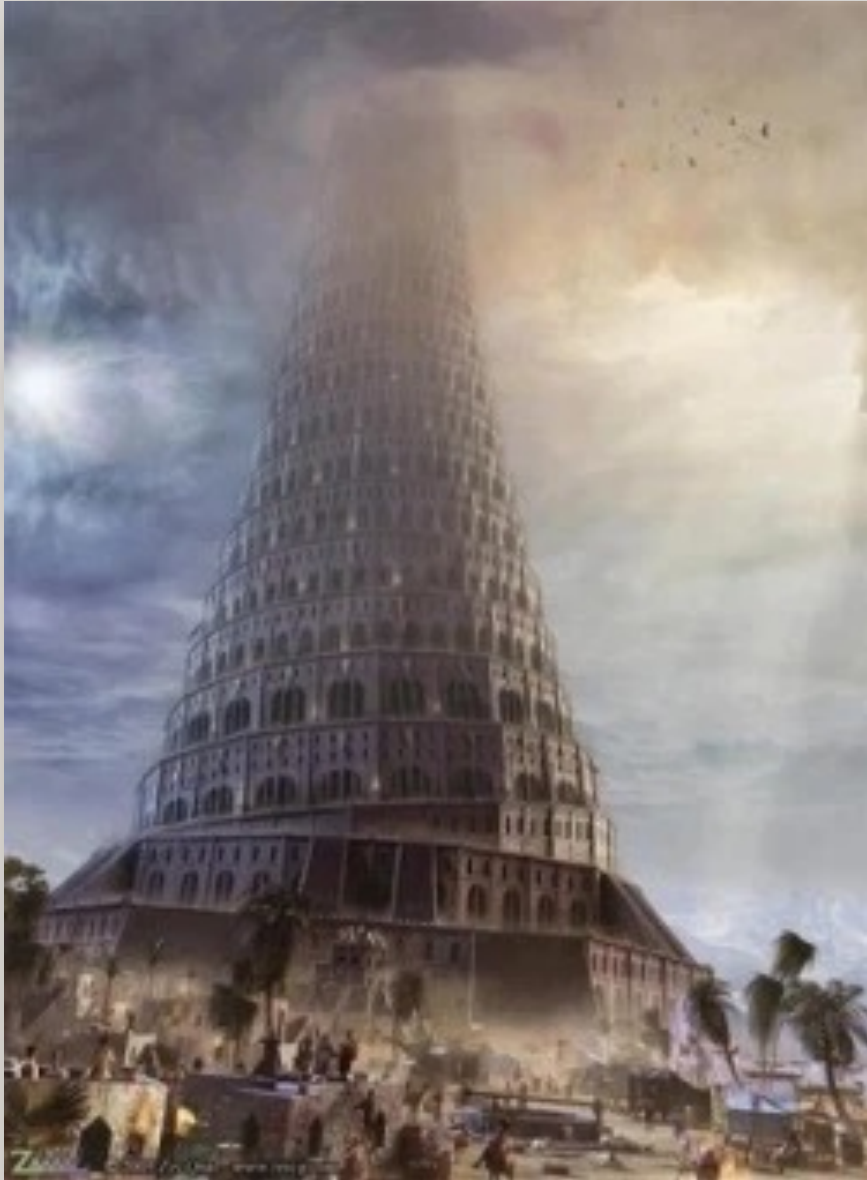
# God “Chooses” Not To Know He Limited His Omniscience!



Genesis 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam **TO SEE** what **HE (Adam)** would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.



## God “Chose” to Limit his Omnipresence



Genesis 11:5 ¶And  
the **LORD** came  
**DOWN** to **SEE** the  
**city** and the tower,  
which the children  
of men builded.

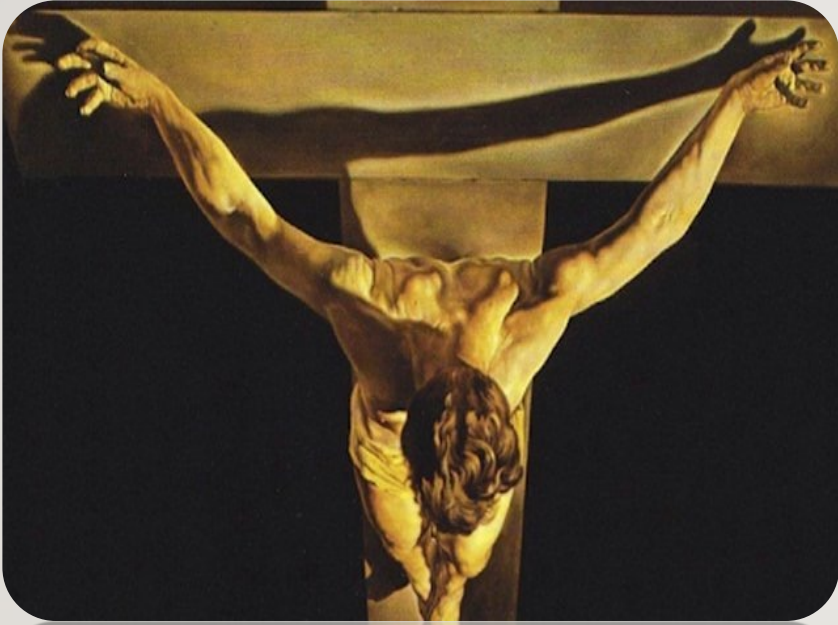


# God Limits His foreknowledge



- Genesis 22:10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.
- 11 ¶ And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.
- 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

# God “Chooses” to Limit His Power



John 10:17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

Hebrews 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

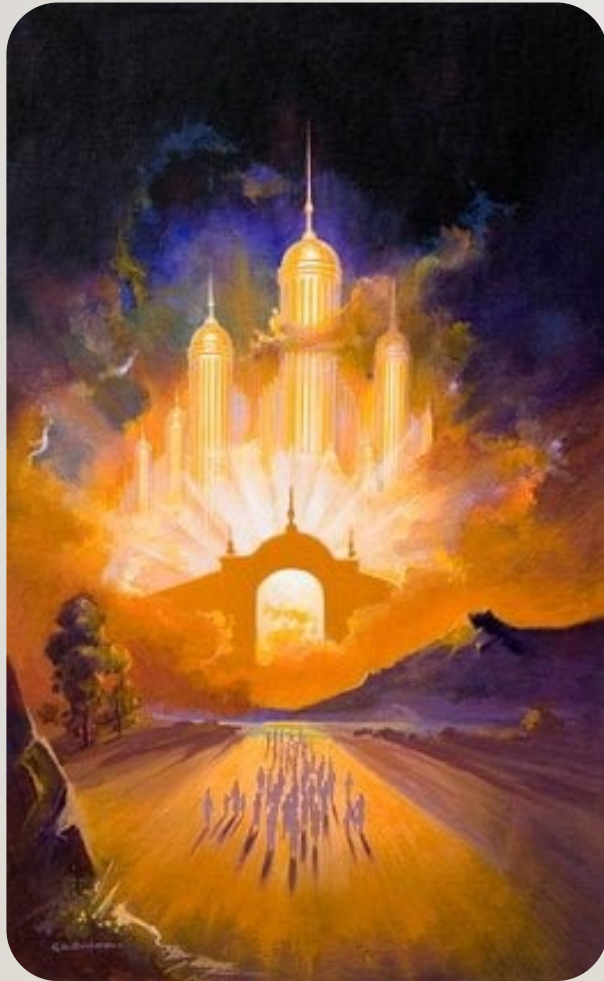
7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

# Gods Temporary Choice!

## RULERSHIP OF THE UNIVERSE



All powerful (Omnipotent)  
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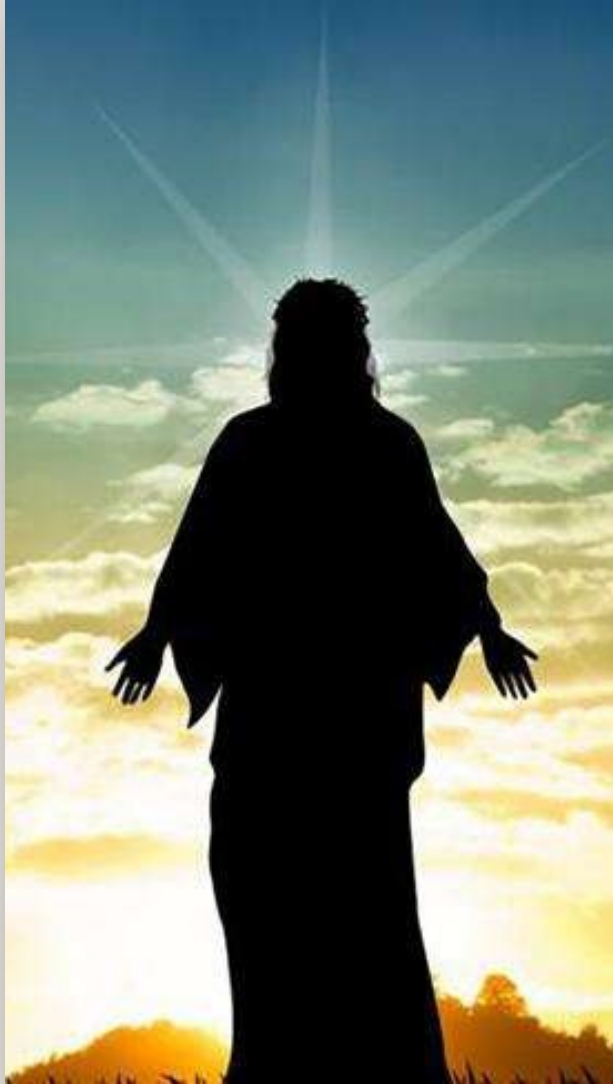
WITHDREW HIS FOREKNOWLEDGE TO  
ALLOW ADAM TO NAME Gen 1:19

RESTRICTED IS OMNIPRESENCE  
Gen 11:5

John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: **if my kingdom were of this world**, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but **NOW( Presently) is my kingdom not from hence.**



# But does that mean that Gods hands are tied ? Is he no longer Sovereign ?



Psalms 139:2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, **thou understandest my thought afar off.**

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7 ¶ **Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?**

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 **Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me**



# Linear Time (Calvinism)



- If true ....
- There are no choices
- Your future is already laid out
- Predetermined you can't change what will happen

# OPEN Theism

Open Theism is the thesis that, because God loves us and desires that we freely choose to reciprocate His love, He has made His knowledge of, and plans for, the future conditional upon our actions. Though omniscient, God does not know what we will freely do in the future.

# HOW Open Theism AND Prophecies

## 1. God Reserves The Right To Modify Or Reverse Any Of His Prophecies

There have been times in the Scriptures when God declared a certain course for the future but as a result of God observing a new free choice on the part of man, God changed His mind and reversed, modified, or cancelled His own prophecy.

Examples are: Genesis 6:5-6; Exodus 32:10-14; Jonah 3:10; Isaiah 38:1-5; Jeremiah 18:7-10.

### 2. Absolute

Absolute prophecies are those in which God foretells what He Himself is planning on doing in the future. His foreknowledge in this case is based upon His own plans.

Examples:  
Genesis 3:15  
Isaiah 46:10-11

### 3. Conditional

Conditional prophecies are those which may or may not come to pass, depending on what choices men make.

Examples:  
Jeremiah 26:3  
Luke 13:3, 5

### 4. Extrapolative

Extrapolative prophecies are those in which God is able to predict the future free choice of a moral agent based upon their current character and circumstances.

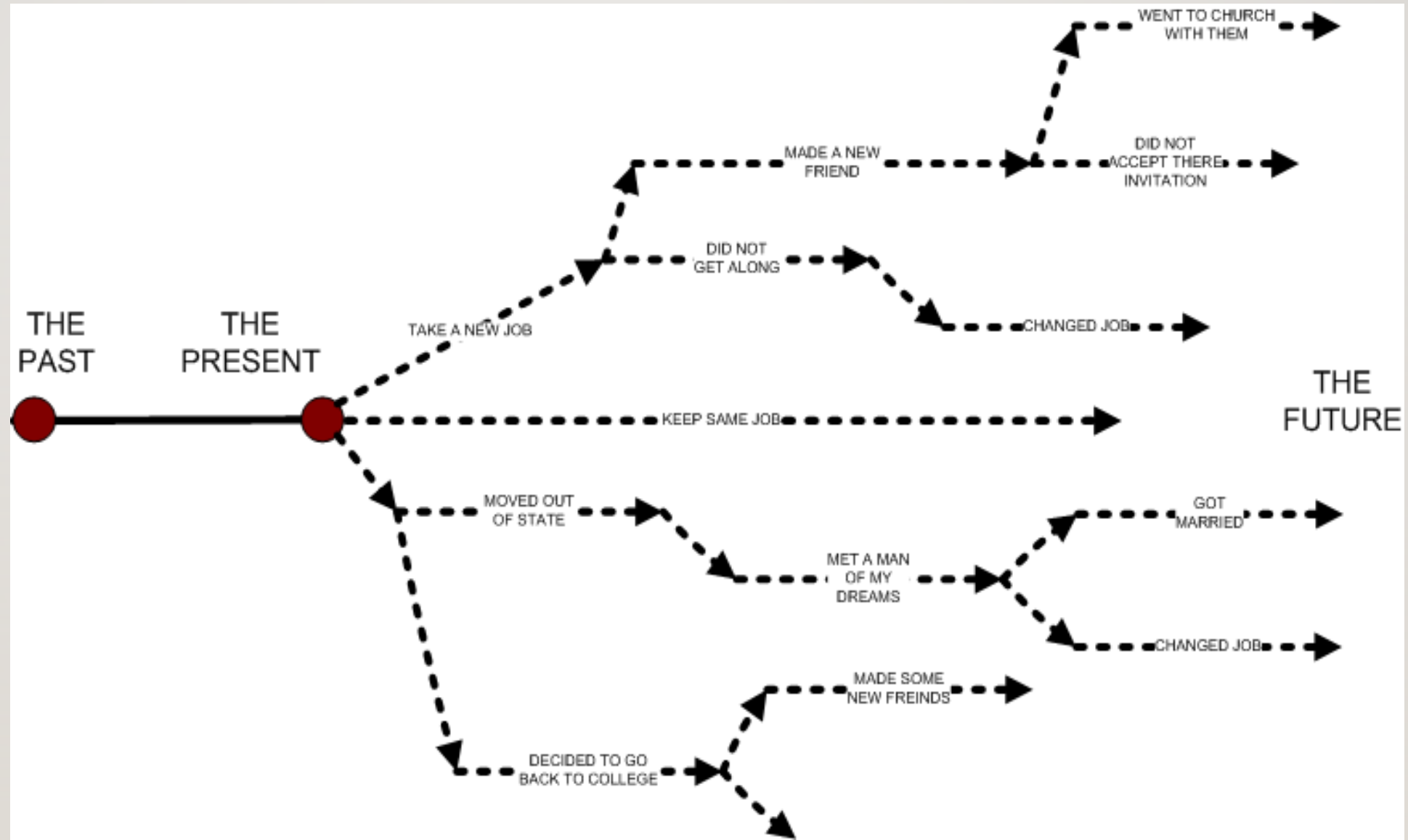
Examples:  
Deuteronomy 31:20-21  
Acts 13:22  
Matthew 26:34

### 4. Analogous

Analogous or parallel fulfillments are when Scriptures are applied to a situation because of similarity, though the original passage may not have been about that specific event.

Examples:  
Hosea 11:1 applied to Matt. 2:15.  
Ps. 41:9 applied to Jn. 13:18.  
Ps. 69:25 & Ps. 109:8 applied to Acts 1:20

# What God “knows” are all the future choices/possibilities !





# The True Answer

- Hebrews 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:
- **8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him.** But now we see not yet all things put under him.
- 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.
- 10 ¶For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

**GOD Put himself on the same Level  
As Adam ... A SON of GOD!**

# God Limited His Perfect Foreknowledge In the Form of Jesus, The Flesh



Mark 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Genesis 6:6 And **it repented the LORD** that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Jeremiah 19:5 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, **neither came it into my mind:**

Jeremiah 32:35 And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; **which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination,** to cause Judah to sin.

# Jesus Knew Everything that was Possible For Flesh to Know



- Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.
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# Created “Bara”

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to shape, create

Original Word: בָּרָא

Transliteration: bara'

Phonetic Spelling: (baw-raw')

Short Definition: choose

 Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

choose, create creator, cut down, dispatch, do, make fat

A primitive root; (absolutely) to create; (qualified) to cut down (a wood), select, feed (as formative processes) -- choose, create (creator), cut down, dispatch, do, make (fat).

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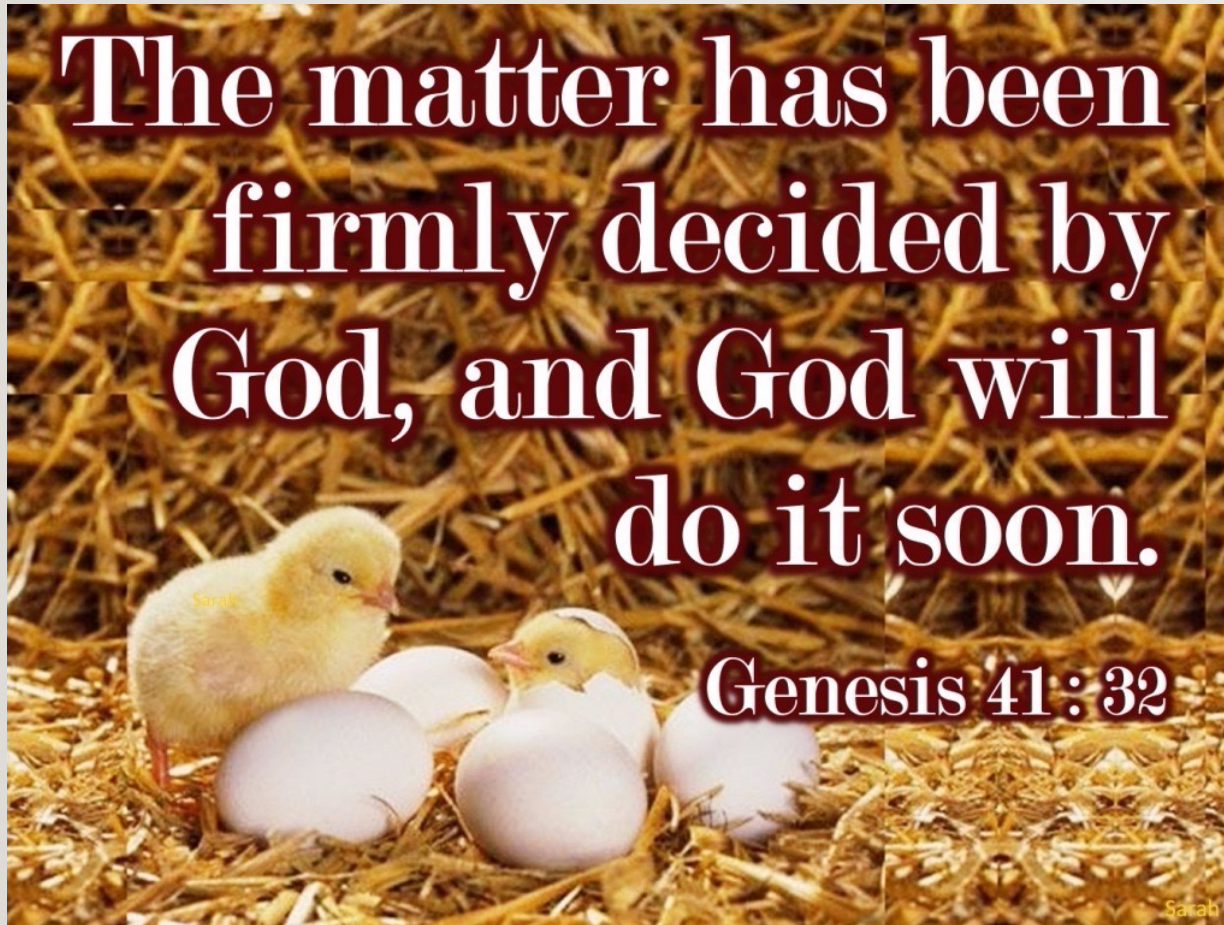
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# Chosen “Bara”



The future does not already exist  
God brings those things he wishes to pass by choosing them



- Genesis 41:32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and **God will shortly bring it to pass.**
- Isaiah 46:11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, **I will also bring it to pass;** I have purposed it, **I will also do it.**

# God could not find a savior



*Walking together  
signifies a covenant  
relationship*

Ezekiel 22:30 *And I sought for a man among them*, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Genesis 6:8 ¶But Noah *found grace* in the eyes of the LORD.

9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, *and Noah walked with God.*



# Why did he need a man ? To willingly give him Dominion !



Matthew 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

John 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?



# That's why we pray...Submission!



*Our Father,*

Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil

*Amen.*



Matthew 6:9 ¶After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

**10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

# The Sovereignty equation

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Immortal

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All knowing (Omniscient)

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