

**Behold Our God**  
**Session 2: The Infinitude of God**  
**(Select Scriptures)**

**Introduction:**

**Has anyone ever seen the movie *A Beautiful Mind*? It is one of my all time favorite movies. It's a movie based on a true story and it covers much of the life of the brilliant mathematician, Dr. John Nash.**

**In the movie, John falls in love with a woman named Alicia. There's a scene in the movie, which has always stuck in my mind. John awkwardly proposes to Alicia. He asks her, "Alicia, does our relationship warrant some kind of long term commitment? I need some kind of proof, some kind of verifiable, empirical data."**

**Alicia:**

**How big is the universe?**

**Nash:**

**Infinite.**

**Alicia:**

**How do you know?**

**Nash:**

**I know because all the data indicates it's infinite.**

**Alicia:**

**But it hasn't been proven yet.**

**Nash:**

**No.**

**Alicia:**

**You haven't seen it.**

**Nash:**

**No.**

**Alicia:**

**How do you know for sure?**

**Nash:**

**I don't, I just believe it.**

**Alicia:**

**It's the same with love I guess.<sup>1</sup>**

**Dr. Nash's belief that the universe is infinite is one that has been shared by many throughout the centuries. But over the past 100 years or so, several scientific discoveries have revealed that our universe isn't infinite; we now know the universe had a beginning; observations of the universe's expansion suggests that it all began at a single event. Scientists also claim they can measure our universe; they suggest it is 93 billion light years in diameter. Therefore, the universe is bound by time and space, thus rendering it finite. Yet, there are still some who suggest that even though our universe isn't infinite, there's an infinite multiverse; they're in a desperate search for the infinite.**

**The reality is that there is only One who is infinite: God.**

**As AW Tozer wrote, "Properly, the word ("infinite") can be used of no created thing, and of no one but God. Hence, to argue about whether or not space is infinite is to play with words. Infinitude can belong to but One. There can be no second."<sup>2</sup>**

**Tonight, we come to our first attribute of God that we're going to study: His infinitude (God is infinite).**

**We're starting at the deep end of the swimming pool.**

**As Tozer suggests, "Of all that can be thought or said about God, His infinitude is the most difficult to grasp."<sup>3</sup>**

**In fact, I would argue His infinitude is impossible for us to fully grasp, because we are finite. The finite can't fully comprehend the infinite.**

**So we have a choice to make:**

- 1) We can either be defeatist, throw up our hands and say "Why even try to study this if we can't fully understand it?"**
- 2) Or we can choose to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, and mind and study what God has revealed about Himself and His infinitude.**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.quotes.net/mquote/7815>

<sup>2</sup> AW Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, 45.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 43-44.

I choose the latter. I hope you do as well.

So with all humility, tonight, we will do our best to do the following:

First, we will define the word infinite. What does it mean for God to be infinite?

Second, we will survey the Scriptures that teach that God is infinite.

Then finally, we'll answer the "So What?" question. What difference does the truth that God is infinite make in your life and my life? Why should you and I glory in this truth?

Take Home Truth: God is infinite.

**I. What does it mean for God to be infinite?**

**A. The Meaning of Infinite**

1. Infinite: "limitless or endless in space, extent, or size; impossible to measure or calculate." (Compliments of Oxford University Press)<sup>4</sup>

a) So when we use the word "infinite", we're not talking about something that's really big (as it is so often used).

b) We're talking about something or someone that is without limit and can't be measured.

**B. God is Infinite**

1. So when we say that God is infinite, this is exactly what we mean.

a) He is limitless and endless in space, extent, and size.

b) He is impossible to measure or calculate.

2. As AW Tozer explains, "When we say that God is infinite we mean that He knows *no bounds*. Whatever God is and all that God is, He is without limit."<sup>5</sup>

3. This is why I chose to teach on this attribute first.

a) Because a study of God's infinitude reveals that in all of His attributes (including the ones we're going to cover in this series), He is without limit.

b) And as we'll discuss in a few minutes, this is amazing news for you and for me!

c) Before we move on and we explore where God's infinitude is taught in the Scriptures, I want us to take a minute or two to explain something about the attributes of God.

**C. God's Infinitude is an Incommunicable Attribute**

1. There are two classifications of God's attributes:

a) Communicable

b) Incommunicable

<sup>5</sup> AW Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, 45.

2. This language of communicable and incommunicable has been used a lot over the past three years as we endured Covid; this language is oftentimes used to classify diseases.
  - a) Communicable diseases are contagious, able to pass from one person to the next.
    - (1) Like COVID or the Flu
  - b) Incommunicable diseases are not contagious; they can't be passed from one person to the next.
    - (1) Like Diabetes or Cancer
3. Just like there are communicable and incommunicable diseases, there are communicable and incommunicable attributes of God.
  - a) The Communicable Attributes of God are those that can be shared by God and human beings (though, once again, God is infinite in these attributes, while we are finite).
    - (1) Love
    - (2) Gracious
    - (3) Merciful
    - (4) Just
  - b) The Incommunicable Attributes of God are those that are not shared by God and human beings.
    - (1) Immutability (Unchanging)
    - (2) Self-Existence & Self-Sufficiency
    - (3) Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence
    - (4) Infinitude

#### **Application:**

So, I hope, at this point, you have a better understanding of what is meant by God's infinitude. It is an incommunicable attribute of God that teaches us that He is without limit in all of His attributes.

Does that make sense? Do you have any questions?

Now we move on to the most important question: where is this taught in Scripture?

Let's take a look at several Scriptures that teach that God is infinite.

- II. Where does the Bible teach that God is infinite? (In short, all over the place [tsunami wave])
  - A. God is not bound by space (2 Chronicles 2:5-6)
    1. King Solomon had purposed in his heart to build a temple for the Lord.
    2. He sent word to Hiram, King of Tyre, requesting help in this endeavor. Listen to what he says to Hiram about God:
      - a) 2 Chronicles 2:5-6: 5 The house that I am to build will be great, for our God is greater than all gods. 6 But who is able to build him a house, since heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain him? Who am I to build a house for him, except as a place to make offerings before him?

3. According to Solomon, God cannot be contained, even in the highest heaven.
  4. Why is this the case?
  5. Because God isn't bound by space.
  6. He is infinite in space (He can't be measured in any way).
- B. God is not bound by time (Isaiah 40:28)**
1. Isaiah 40:28: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
    - a) God is everlasting (aka "eternal")
    - b) He isn't bound by time
    - c) He's always been and always will be.
    - d) He's timeless
- C. God is infinite in understanding (Psalm 147:5)**
- a) Psalm 147:5: "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure."
  - b) In the KJV, it translates the last phrase, "his understanding is infinite".
    - (1) By the way, the KJV is the only English translation that uses the word "infinite" here.
    - (2) "Beyond measure" is the better translation.
  - c) The English phrase "beyond measure" in Psalm 147:5 is translated from the Hebrew "en mispar", which literally means "not numbered".
  - d) So the psalmist is teaching that God's understanding can't be measured; it's without limit (infinite).
  - e) We'll certainly talk more about this during our week on God's omniscience, but we can go ahead and establish that according to Psalm 147:5, God is infinite in His knowledge and understanding.
- D. God is infinite in greatness (Psalm 145:1-3)**
1. Psalm 145:1-3: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
    - a) According to the psalmist, you can't search through God's greatness.
    - b) His greatness is vast beyond our comprehension.
    - c) In other words, there's no limit to His greatness.
- E. God is infinite in riches (Ephesians 3:7-8)**
1. Ephesians 3:7-8: 7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
    - a) Jesus Christ, God the Son, has "unsearchable riches"

- (1) As a reminder, we believe in a Triune God
  - (a) God the Father
  - (b) God the Son
  - (c) God the Holy Spirit
- (2) God is one in being and three in person
  - (a) One God in Three Persons
- (3) All Three Persons of the Trinity equally share in all of the Divine Attributes.
  - b) So when Paul writes that there are no limits to the riches of Jesus, this is true of God the Father and God the Spirit as well.
  - c) God has inexhaustible, infinite resources and blessings at His disposal
  - d) And the amazing thing is that as followers of Christ, we are recipients of His “unsearchable”, infinite riches!
- F. God is infinite in His ability to accomplish all of His purposes (Job 42:2; Psalm 115:3; Ephesians 3:20-21)
  - 1. Job 42:2: “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”
  - 2. Psalm 115:3: “Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.”
  - 3. Ephesians 3:20-21: 20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
  - 4. God is infinite in power, sovereignty, and ability.
- G. God is Infinite in Love (Psalm 103:11; Ephesians 3:14-19; John 3:16)
  - 1. Psalm 103:11: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
    - a) His steadfast love for His people is so great, it cannot be measured
    - b) As Paul writes in Ephesians 3....
  - 2. Ephesians 3:14-19: 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
    - a) God’s love “surpasses knowledge”
  - 3. John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
    - a) “So loved” speaks to the infinite nature of God’s love
  - 4. God’s love knows no bounds.
- H. God is infinite in grace and mercy (Psalm 103:12; Romans 5:20)

1. Psalm 103:12: 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
  - a) For those who fear God (those who have repented of their sins and placed their faith in Jesus), He has removed their sin “as far as the east is from the west”.
    - (1) Once again, this can’t be measured.
  - b) Romans 5:20: 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
    - (1) God’s grace and mercy towards us abounds all the more.
    - (2) He is infinite in grace and mercy.

### **Application:**

So God isn’t bound by space or time. He is infinite in understanding, wisdom, greatness, riches, power and ability to accomplish His purposes, love, grace and mercy.

We could keep going here, but I hope you see the clear teaching of the Bible: God is infinite in all that He is. He isn’t limited or bound by anything or anyone.

I think this is the greatest news ever, which leads to our final point.

### **III. What difference does God’s infinitude make in our lives?**

#### **A. God’s infinitude humbles us**

1. As we have contemplated our limitless, infinite God, I hope we have been reminded of our own limitations and our own finiteness.
2. As JI Packer writes, “Our personal life is a finite thing; it is limited in every direction, in space, in time, in knowledge, in power. But God is not so limited. He is eternal, infinite, and almighty. He has us in His hands; but we never have Him in ours.”<sup>6</sup>
3. This is a humbling truth.
  - a) As I said last week, though painful, to be humbled is a blessing.
  - b) To be more in awe of God and less in awe of ourselves is a good thing.
4. I hope we respond to God’s infinitude like the psalmist in Psalm 8:
  - a) Psalm 8:3-4: 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
    - (1) What are we, that the infinite God, who created the heavens and earth, would be mindful of us?
5. My prayer is that you’re humbled tonight

#### **B. God’s infinitude comforts us**

1. We face many frustrations and struggles in this life due to our own finiteness.
  - a) Our finiteness presents us with issues every single day.

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<sup>6</sup> JI Packer, *Knowing God*, 74.

- (1) Financial Problems
- (2) Relationship Problems
- (3) Health Problems
- (4) School Problems
- b) It's a constant reminder of how hopeless we are on our own.
- 2. But as Tozer writes, "How completely satisfying to turn from our own limitations to a God who has none."<sup>7</sup>
- 3. It's a comforting truth to know that our infinite God is mindful of us, as Psalm 8:4 says.
  - a) The God who is not bound in all that He is, cares for you.
  - b) In fact, His care for you is infinite. Listen to what the Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 1....
    - (1) 2 Corinthians 1:3-5: 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.
    - c) He is the God "of all comfort". In Christ, we share abundantly in His comfort.
- 4. My prayer is that you're comforted tonight
- C. God's infinitude amazes us
  - 1. Consider this: God is infinite in knowledge.
    - a) That is, He knows everything about you.
    - b) All of your sin, He knows.
    - c) All of your secrets, He knows.
    - d) All of your messed up thoughts, He knows.
      - (1) Imagine if people just had 1 percent of this knowledge.
      - (2) Imagine if people knew just 1 percent of all of your sin, secrets, and messed up thoughts.
      - (3) They probably wouldn't want to have anything to do with you.
    - e) God knows it all, and yet, He pursued you with His infinite love.
      - (1) Do you know that God's love for you in Christ knows no bounds?
      - (2) Even your worst, most messed up sin can't limit God's love for you in Christ.
  - 2. He demonstrated His infinite love for you in that while you were still a sinner, He sent Jesus to die for you (Rom. 5:8).
  - 3. In Romans 8, Paul tells us that absolutely nothing can separate you from the infinite love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8:39).

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<sup>7</sup> AW Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, 47.



4. And as we saw last week, Paul's response, after meditating deeply upon God and His infinitude, was one of amazement:
  - a) Romans 11:33-36: 33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" 35 "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.
5. My prayer is that you're amazed by our infinite God tonight.

**Conclusion:**

As we close, consider the words of the following hymn by Joseph Hart:

"THIS, this is the God we adore,  
Our faithful, unchangeable Friend;  
Whose love is as great as his power,  
And neither knows measure nor end.

'Tis Jesus, the First and the Last,  
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;  
We'll praise him for all that is past,  
And trust him for all that's to come."<sup>8</sup>

So now, as we split up into our Connect Groups, let's join together in praising and trusting in the one who knows no measure nor end; our infinite God!

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<sup>8</sup> Quoted in AW Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, 48.