



Approaching God

Begin your time with an opening prayer

Take a moment to quiet your heart and ask God to help you experience his presence today. Ask Him to free you from any distractions as you begin to read and meditate on today's passages.

Today's Theme: God is Infinite

God is not subject to limitation; he is beyond measure, not bound or restricted by space or time.

Bible Reading, Study & Meditation - Slowly Read the Following Passages

Start with Engaging the Text: Take a few minutes to highlight, circle, or underline key words.

2 Chronicles 2:4-6

4 I am about to build a Temple to honor the name of the LORD my God. It will be a place set apart to burn fragrant incense before him, to display the special sacrificial bread, and to sacrifice burnt offerings each morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, at new moon celebrations, and at the other appointed festivals of the LORD our God. He has commanded Israel to do these things forever. **5** "This must be a magnificent Temple because our God is greater than all other gods. **6** But who can really build him a worthy home? Not even the highest heavens can contain him! So who am I to consider building a Temple for him, except as a place to burn sacrifices to him?"

Psalm 93

1 The LORD is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. **2** Your throne, O LORD, has stood from time immemorial. You yourself are from the everlasting past. **3** The floods have risen up, O LORD. The floods have roared like thunder; the floods have lifted their pounding waves. **4** But mightier than the violent raging of the seas, mightier than the breakers on the shore— the LORD above is mightier than these! **5** Your royal laws cannot be changed. Your reign, O LORD, is holy forever and ever.

Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! **34** "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" **35** "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" **36** For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:7-8

7 And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed. **8** But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

Meditation - GOD IS INFINITE

Read the short essay from The Gospel Coalition

Most of us know the word “infinity.” Even kids love to use the word (“To infinity and beyond!” “I promise times infinity!”). We understand “infinity” to mean something like “going on forever and ever.” But what does the word mean when applied to God?

We can understand divine infinity in three ways. **First, God is infinite in relation to himself.** We can call this *God’s absolute perfection*. All that God has he is, and all that God is he is *ad infinitum*. He possesses love and grace and sovereignty not largely or mostly or partially, but in infinite measure. His greatness is unsearchable (Psalm 145:3). His power and perfection know no limit. God does whatever he pleases, and no one can thwart his plans or purposes. “O LORD, God of our Fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you” (2 Chron. 20:6). The nations are as a drop in the bucket (Isa. 40:15). Psalm 115:3 “Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him” (Psalm 115:3).

Second, God is infinite in relation to time. We can call this *God’s eternity*. He is without beginning and without end (Psalm 90:2; 1 Tim. 1:17). Unlike all created things, God has no origin and no starting point. There never was when God was not. God has always been God and has always been, even before there was matter or a universe or time as we understand time. Our God is *Jehovan El Olam*, the Everlasting God (Gen. 21:33).

Third, God is infinite in relation to space. We can call this *God’s immensity*. He is not constrained by physicality or geographic location. The God who made everything in heaven and earth does not live in temples made by human hands (Acts 17:24). “Am I only a God nearby, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? Declares the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth?” (Jer. 23:23-24). Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain God (1 Kings 8:27). Whereas omnipresence suggests God fills every part of space with his being (Eph. 1:23), the attribute of immensity stresses that God’s being is not subject to any limitations. The former emphasizes God’s immanence, while the latter emphasizes his transcendence. There is nowhere where God is not and no way God can be contained—by imperfection, by time, or by space.

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Daily Reflection Questions

1. What 1 or 2 verses of today’s scripture passages *most* stood out to you? What was significant for you in those verses?
2. How would you briefly summarize what it means that “God is Infinite” in your own words?
3. In what areas of your life right now do you most need to believe and trust in this particular attribute of God? How might your life be different if you were able to trust and truly believe that God is Infinite?

Close in Prayer:

- What can I **REJOICE IN** as a result of today’s study?
- What do I need to **REPENT OF** as a result of today’s study?
- What do I want to **REQUEST FROM** God today?