Unchangeableness

The following verses discuss topics of God's unchangeableness. You may need to read before and after to obtain context.

- Malachi 3:6
- Psalm 33:11
- Ephesians 1:4-5;11
- 1 Peter 1:20
- Numbers 23:19
- Exodus 32:9-14

How do we define this attribute from scripture?

In light of God's unchangeableness, what does scripture mean when it refers to God changing his mind? (such as in Exodus 32)

What aspects of God are unchangeable and which, from a human perspective, might we say are "changeable"?

How would our lives be different if God could change?

What application can we draw from this characteristic of God? How does it comfort, encourage, convict us?

Eternity

The following verses discuss topics of God's eternity. You may need to read before and after to obtain context.

- Psalm 102:25-27
- Colossians 1:16-17
- Jude 25
- Psalm 90:2;4
- Isaiah 46:9-10
- Galatians 4:4-5

How do we define this attribute from scripture?

Does time have any effect on God? Explain

How do you think God sees and interacts with time?

What application can we draw from this characteristic of God? How does it comfort, encourage, convict us?

Omnipresence

The following verses discuss the topic of God's omnipresence. You may need to read before and after to obtain context.

God is present everywhere:
Deuteronomy 10:14
Jeremiah 23:23-24
Psalm 139:7-10

God does not have spatial dimensions:
1 Kings 8:27
Isaiah 66:1-2
Acts 7:48

God is present in different ways in different places. God can be present to punish, to sustain, to bless. What aspect of God's presence do you see in the following verses?

Amos 9:1-4
Colossians 1:17
Hebrews 1:3
Psalm 16:11
1 Samuel 4:4
Exodos 25:22
Isaiah 59:2
Proverbs 15: 29

How have you experienced an aspect of God's omnipresence? What emotions did it evoke in you?

Unity

Read the following verses.
Deuteronomy 6:4; Romans 11:34-36; Exodus 15:11

A related concept to that of divine unity,is the Trinity. All persons of the Trinity are equally God with the same divine purpose, and have the attributes of God. For example, we think of Jesus as merciful, but the Holy Spirit and the Father are as merciful as Jesus. We think of the Father as transcending time, but so do the Spirit and the Son.

God's whole being includes all of his attributes: he is entirely loving, entirely merciful, entirely just, and so forth. Every attribute of God that we find in Scripture is true of all of God's being, and every attribute of God qualifies every other attribute.

We should never think, for example, that God is a loving God at one point in history and a just or wrathful God at another point in history. He is the same God always, and everything he says or does is fully consistent with all his attributes. It is not accurate to say, as some have said, that God is a God of justice in the Old Testament and a God of love in the New Testament. God is and always has been infinitely just and infinitely loving as well, and everything he does in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament is consistent with both of those attributes.

Can you relate to the paragraph above and if so, how does the understanding of God's unity counter or correct that thinking?

Some actions of God show certain aspects of His attributes more prominently.

Complete the following thoughts:

Creation demonstrates

Judgement demonstrates

The atonement demonstrates

The radiance of heaven demonstrates

God's attributes do not operate separate from His other attributes.

Can we single out one attribute of God as more important than another?

How can you relate to the quality of God's unity?

Incomprehensible

Read the following verses:
Job 11:7-9
Psalm 145:3
Deuteronomy 29:29
Job 26:14
Isaiah 55:8-9

How would you define incomprehensible from Scripture?

Though we can't ever fully comprehend God, can we *sufficiently* know him?
Read the following verses to help answer the question:
2 Peter 1:2-3
John 17:3
Hebrews 8:10-12
1 John 5:20

How does knowing that God is incomprehensible impact our study and worship of him?

Independence

Read the following verses:
Genesis 1:1
Acts 17:24-25
Psalm 90:2
1 Corinthians 1:15-17
Revelation 4:11

Make two lists. For the first list, write down everything that was uncreated. For the second list, write down everything that was created. (Keep it simple!)

Why is it important for us to understand that only God is uncreated and self-sufficient?

Describe a time that God reminded you that without him you are nothing and have nothing? (1 Cor. 4:7, John 15:5) How did that time change your perspective?

God's creation isn't just functional, but it is full of beauty and depth. Discuss some of your favorite aspects of creation that cause you to praise our Creator?

A common, yet wrong belief about God is that he created us because he needed something from us. Read the following verses:
Isaiah 43:7, 20-21
Psalm 106:7-8
Habakkuk 2:14
2 Corinthians 4:6
Ephesians 1: 5-6

What do these verses say is the reason God created us and saves us?

What is your response to the fact that God ultimately works to display his glory?