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GOD IS INFINITE

God is infinite. He has no limitations. He is bound only by His own nature and will:

“And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: And he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?” (1 Kings 8:22-23, 27).

“Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? said the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? said the Lord” (Jer. 23:24).

These verses totally refute the “God-in-a-box” charge, namely, that the Old Testament God was confined to the Ark of the Covenant in the holy of holies.

This attribute also extends to all other divine attributes. For example, God’s love is infinite, as testified by Paul:

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God” (Eph. 3:17-19).

In summarizing this attribute, the following may be noted:

- There is no place where God can be found (or “located”). Millard Erickson observes:

There is no plotting of his location on a set of coordinates. (*Christian Theology*, Baker Publishing, p. 273)

This of course does not take into consideration those occasions where God specifically informed His people where He wanted *them* to meet Him. Examples:

- A. Mt. Sinai (Exod. 19: 9-11)
- B. The Tabernacle (Exod. 25;21, 22; 29:42-45)
- C. The throne of grace (Heb. 4:16)

- There is no place where God cannot be found. See Psa. 139:7-12.

A Syrian king in the days of Elijah totally misunderstood this attribute. After an initial defeat at the hands of Israel, the king’s advisors offered the following counsel to the king.

“And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they” (1 Kings 20:23).

But this would not happen! Note God’s reaction:

“And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD” (1 Kings 20:28).