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Describing Our Infinite God

As the song says of our God, "I stand in awe of You." When we try to think of God, it is both a glorious comfort and a mind-boggling exercise. We simply cannot fathom His perfect attributes, but we are grateful for each one of them.

Add to that trying to describe those attributes, and we will always come up short. It is not wrong for us to seek to describe them, but we must realize that any analogy or picture we use can never fully give a sense of something that is infinite and beyond our ability to comprehend.

However, then we turn to the Bible, and we see texts where inspired writers did try to give us descriptions to at least put these traits into words that we could understand. Scores of times, we have these descriptions, but for this article, I want to focus on just two that are found in back-to-back verses because they both involve "directions," but the vastness of those directions boggle our minds.

In Psalm 103, David writes what we have as 22 verses praising God. It is a poem that, from beginning to end, gives us language to use to honor and glorify our heavenly Father. Right in the middle of that poem, we read these two verses:

For as high as the heavens are above
the earth, so great is His steadfast love
toward those who fear Him; as far as
the east is from the west, so far does
He remove our transgressions from us. (verses 11-12)
In those two beautiful verses, notice these two "directions."

1. The Infinite Height of His Love. How far are the heavens above the earth? When David wrote these words, there was simply no way he could have understood just how far "out there" space goes. While humans have understood for a long time that stars and planets were a long way away, they simply did not have the tools to understand just how far. Amazingly, we are not sure either, even with our modern technology.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Preacher, Chris King	328-8556
Elders	
Jackie Bruce	705-4505
Denny Foy	705-0820
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Randall Miller	328-8780
Wayne Wadlington	247-5585
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Tommy Holloway	328-8514
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Tim Williams	705-2662

FOR THE RECORD

Week of November 7	2021	2020
Sunday AM Bible Study	72	
Sunday AM Worship	97	58
Sunday PM Worship	43	44
Wednesday Bible Study	66	39
Contribution	3680	1960

(continued from front) That said, we do know that when we consider the distance from the surface of the earth to the farthest known reaches of space, we are dealing with multiple billions of light-years. The distances to these places are expressed in numbers too large for most of us to even fathom.

David used that concept to say that if you were to start on the surface of the earth and go "up," you could just keep going through the heavens—as far as you could go—and that would be some way to express the magnitude of the love (literally, the covenant of love and mercy) that God has toward His people. It is a concept that, though we adore it, we cannot possibly fathom...completely.

2. The Infinite Width of His Forgiveness. If you were to leave your front door this morning, turn east and go as far east as you could travel (assuming you could swim or take a boat across the waters in your way), how far would you go until you turned west? You never would! If you don't believe me, put your finger on a globe and spin it, keeping your finger on the surface of the globe. You can keep spinning and spinning forever and never have to change direction.

That might just be why David chose the word picture of "east and west" in verse 12. After all, if you go north, you will eventually turn south (and vice versa), but if you go east, you never have to go west (and vice versa)!

That is a picture of how far away God sends your sins when He forgives. And look at verse 12 again. It does not say that He sends those sins away from Him that far (although that would be true); it says He sends them away from us by that vast difference. Those sins are remembered by our God no more (cf. Hebrews 8:12). Our sins are not held against us by our God even to the tiniest degree once they are forgiven. There is an infinite distance between our soul and our sin when God forgives.

With those two pictures in mind, go back to how we started. These word pictures are amazingly comforting and should leave us in awe of our God. And one reason that should be true is because, as mind-boggling as these pictures are, they still do not perfectly describe God's love or forgiveness because these traits of our Father are literally infinite and limitless.

That is the God we love and serve, and it is the God we should always "stand in awe of." Infinite love. Infinite forgiveness. That's our God!

-Adam Faughn, BulletinGold.com

New Address for the Kings:
18850 Main Street West
Huntingdon, TN 38344

We need teachers on Sundays for the 4&5 year old and 1st-3rd grade classes for Dec.-Feb. See Jackie if you can help.

Bread of Life is collecting items for Infant Kits. They need the following items: baby bibs, bottles, blankets, small toys, soap, baby shampoo, washcloths, pacifiers, outfits, socks, powder, cloth diapers, lotion, and diaper pins. You can bring these items to the church building through December 3. Kits will be assembled on Thursday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bread of Life building in Lowes.

The ladies' class is collecting warm clothes for residents at Mayfield Health and Rehab during the month of November. Place any donations in the tote in the foyer. See Charlotte Bruce if you have any questions.

There will be a going-away get-together for the King family after evening services on Sunday, November 14. Please bring finger foods and desserts.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY MORNING, November 14, 2021
 Announcements Wayne Wadlington
 Song Leader Trent Fields
 Lord's Supper *Danny Bruce
 *Jim Peeler Bobby Sadler
 Ricky Shupe Braden Waller
 *Serve p.m. also
 Lord's Supper Scripture –John 20:11-18
 Opening Prayer Denny Foy
 Scripture Reading Delbert Curtis
 Scripture 2 Cor. 13:11
 Closing Prayer Gary Adams
 Ushers Sean Wilson
 Jim Burnett
 Unable to Serve call Ronnie Miller - 832-5177

SUNDAY EVENING, November 14, 2021
 Song Leader Jerry Miller
 Opening Prayer Randall Miller
 Closing Prayer Rodger Fields
 Unable to Serve call Randall Miller - 328-8780

WED. EVENING, November 17, 2021
 Song Leader Trent Fields
 Scripture Reading Danny Bruce
 Closing Prayer Bob Anderson
 Unable to Serve call Jackie Bruce - 705-4505

Sermons for November 14

Sunday Morning:

Finally I

Sunday Night:

Finally II