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# And you thought God was great!

*"Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite." - Psalm 147:5*

We read that the Lord is "great" and of "great power." When we look up the word "great" and see how it is used throughout the Bible, we understand that "great" has to do with being large and making big in every sense.

To some small degree, we can understand that God is great, large, and big. However, do not miss another highly important description of the Lord in this verse that will blow your mind. It is the fact that He is "in-

finite." The word "infinite" occurs just a few times in the scriptures. We understand that word to have the idea of being limitless, having no number, and having no end. It correctly conveys that there is nothing beyond God's understanding. However, if infinity is attributed to the Lord's understanding in this verse, then by implication the writer is highlighting the fact that the Lord's greatness is infinite as well. The reason is because within the true definition of "God," God cannot be more of something and less of something else otherwise God would not and could not be God. Therefore, the Lord

being infinite in His understanding directly implies that He is infinite, limitless in every attribute and in every characteristic of His being. It could not be otherwise. If God was not created, having no beginning and no end, exalted above all limits of time and space then being described as infinite fits Him perfectly. In fact, God being "infinite" is not just one attribute of His character, but it can also be a description of His perfection. The point is that there is no quantity with God - He is limitless. Therefore infinity is also applied to God in the sense of His quality. God has all power and all wisdom to

create, make, and to do all things without limitation in amount or in degree. Therefore we can see that infinity is connected to whatever God accomplishes. The word perfection comes to mind. So in relation to God alone, being infinite is not limited to the never-ending quantity of God, but infinity also describes God's never-ending quality of His perfection.

We see that our understanding of the greatness or BIGNESS of GOD is limited to our language and it is impossible for our finite minds to fully conceive of the infinite God. Nevertheless, God, in grace, has given us His word whereby we have just

enough revelation about His infinite greatness that we can love and adore Him. We have enough revelation of Him assuring us that He loves infinitely by the giving of His Son Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of all sins.

The Lord's understanding is limitless. Whether it is past, present, or future God knows and understands all things possible and all things actual. Has it ever occurred to you that nothing as ever occurred to God? And you thought God was great, when in fact He is INFINITELY GREAT!

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