



How Great
Thou Art!
THE INCOMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

I Am Who I Am:
The **Self-Existence**
of **God**

EXODUS 3:13–15
AND SELECTED SCRIPTURES

STUDY GUIDE

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WELCOME:

Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

As a group, try to think of the bare minimum needed to sustain life in this world. Some creatures or organisms may need more or fewer elements than others, but everything needs something for its continued existence. Use this as a segue to the lesson, where God, unlike everything else, does not need anything for his existence.

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- [Holy Forever](#)
- [Only A Holy God](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will know and believe that God is self-existing. He exists by himself; nothing has created him. He doesn't need anything outside of himself for his continued existence.
2. GG members will commit to base their origin and purpose on the God who created them.
3. GG members will be inspired to worship and obey God, who created them and continues to sustain them.

INTRODUCTION

In this lesson, we will learn about God's self-existence, also known as aseity. He alone is eternal, existing from eternity past to eternity future. He is the only one who is not created, and all things were created by him. He is not dependent on anything outside of himself for his continued existence.

God revealed his name to Moses (Exodus 3:13-15)

To the Hebrews, a name is more than just something by which a person is called. Instead, a person's name defines who they are. So when God changed Abram's name, he was actually redefining Abram. When Moses asked God for his name, he was asking God to reveal himself—his being and character.

1. What name did God use to reveal himself to Moses?
2. The Hebrew word for "I am" is the same as the word meaning "to be" or "to exist." What does this reveal about God?
3. Read Isaiah 43:10-11. What does this passage reveal about the uniqueness of God?

Scriptures reveal that God is self-existing (Selected Scriptures)

Scattered throughout Scriptures are passages that show God's self-existence. He exists by himself. Nothing created him, and he doesn't need anything outside of himself to sustain his existence.

1. According to Psalm 90:1-2, how long has God been God, and up to when will he be God? Will there ever be a time when God is not God?
2. How does God describe himself in Isaiah 44:6-8? What challenge did God give to those who would proclaim themselves to be gods?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

3. What is the relationship between God and all creation according to Colossians 1:15-17 and 1 Corinthians 8:6?
4. How does God describe himself in Revelation 1:8 and 22:13? What does it mean to be “the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last?”

Application

How does knowing about God’s self-existence affect how you relate to him? Think about the fact that God created you and continues to keep you alive each moment. How would this affect how you live your life, knowing that your ultimate purpose lies in God?

PRAYER ITEM

Lord God, I praise and worship you, for you alone are God. There is no other God than you. You alone, O Lord, are eternal, from everlasting to everlasting. Thank you for creating me and choosing me to be part of your family and have an intimate relationship with you. I offer my life to you to do your will for your glory. I pray for all this in Christ’s name. Amen. ■



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