Human beings are alike in some ways and completely different in other ways. The shape of the nose, the color of the eyes or hair, the height and build, or a dozen similar characteristics serve to distinguish one person from another. These are all qualities that are common for humans to possess. But there are those characteristics not common to humans, and it is these divine attributes that we want to examine at this time. God is different from human beings, and we must respect and understand the attributes that are uniquely His.

**First, God is Omnipotent!** This simply means that He has all power — unlimited power — unless He chooses to limit it Himself. Man has limitations; God has no limitations other than those that are self-imposed. Thus, there are those things that God cannot do, not because of lack of power, but because of who He is. For instance, God does not change (Mal. 3:6) nor does He lie (Heb. 6:18). It would violate His holy character to do such!

The Scriptures testify of God's omnipotence. The Psalmist said, "O Jehovah God of hosts, who is a mighty one, like unto thee, O Jehovah? And thy faithfulness is round about thee" (Psa. 89:8). It was Isaiah who recorded: "To whom then will ye liken me, that I should be equal to him? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number; he calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and for that he is strong in power, not one is lacking" (40:25-26). The prophet Jeremiah proclaimed, "Ah Lord Jehovah! behold, thou hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great power and by thine outstretched arm; there is nothing too hard for thee" (32:17). Yes, Jehovah God is indeed omnipotent!

**Second, God is Omniscient!** He knows everything and He always will. There is nothing that God is not aware of. Man cannot hide any deed from the eyes of the all-seeing God. The writer of Hebrews stated, "And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (4:13).

It is a fact that provided man repents of his sins God will remember them against him no more (Heb. 8:12; 10:17), but such does not mean that God forgets or cannot know that such sins occurred. It simply means the forgiven sins are not charged against man any more; they are removed from his record.

**Third, God is Omnipresent!** Jehovah is not confined to one place in time as is man. With this divine attribute God is able at all times to be everywhere. The Psalmist stated this inspired fact thusly, "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me" (Psa. 139:7-10).

In the New Testament the apostle Paul put it like this: "that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:27). Man cannot climb high enough or dig deep enough to escape the presence of God!

**Fourth, God is Immutable!** In other words, Jehovah is a changeless God. Humans are known for changing their, minds, personalities, habits, etc. God simply does not change His divine attributes. James reminds Christians that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning" (1:17). No variation ... no changing! A classic verse to remember which states this great truth is found in the Old Testament. Moses records, "God is not a man, that he should lie, Neither the son of man, that he
should repent: Hath he said, and will he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and will he not make it good” (Num. 23:19)?

We would all do well to remember these impressive characteristics of God. Jehovah is different from man because He is Spirit. Christ affirmed such in saying, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

So many times the word of man cannot be depended upon but God always keeps His Word. The Bible, God's message to mankind, will not change. It reads and means the same today as it did when the inspired words were penned. If the world stands another thousand years God's Word will read and mean the same then as it does now.

When Christ, who the Father has given all authority says, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48) - we know that such is true. May we be inclined to be submissive to the will of God before the sands of time slip from our lives!