

WHAT GOD CAN'T ...

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Text: 1 John 4:7-21

Question: If God took a personal personality survey what characteristics would the survey indicate are part of His personality?

Sermon concept...The Scriptures teach us what God is like. What God is like he will always be like. We need to know what God is like in order to understand and relate to him well.

<u>God is...</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>God can't...</u>
Omnipotent	Isaiah 40:28	Be <u>overcome</u>
Omnipresent	Psalms 139:1-10	Be limited in <u>space</u>
Omniscient	Psalms 139:1-10	Be limited by lack of <u>knowledge</u>
Self-sufficient	Acts 17:24-25	Need <u>anything</u>
Immutable	James 1:17	Be <u>changed</u>
Eternal	Romans 1:20	Be bound by <u>time</u>
Sovereign	Ephesians 1:11	Be <u>controlled</u>
Transcendent	Isaiah 55:8-9	Be totally <u>understood</u>
Holy	James 1:13	<u>Sin</u>

- ★ Since God is absolutely holy, he can't be unholy.
- ★ Since God is absolutely powerful, he can't be powerless
- ★ Since God is absolutely present, he can't be absent
- ★ Since God has absolute knowledge, he can't be unknowledgeable
- ★ Since God is just, he can't be unjust
- ★ Since God is absolutely sovereign, he can't be ruled

God ...

- doesn't get tired Isaiah 40:28 "The Lord never grows weak or weary"
- doesn't run out of power Jeremiah 32:17 "There is nothing too hard for you."
- isn't prejudiced Acts 10:34 "God shows no favouritism."
- doesn't break a promise Psalm 145:13 "The Lord keeps all his promises."
- doesn't remember sins he's chosen to forget Isaiah 43:25 "...I will never think of them again."
- won't fail or abandon you Deuteronomy 31:6 "God will never fail you nor abandon you."
- can't lie Hebrews 6:18 "It is impossible for God to lie."

CONCLUSION

- ★ God's holiness projects what he can and can't do
- ★ God is holy love - agape: pure, unchangeable, eternal, just, powerful
- ★ The greatest thing God can't do is...God can't stop loving you!

*Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3
As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for us.
Psalm 103:11*

- ★ **Since God is absolutely loving, he can't be unloving!**

*Can anything separate us from Christ's love?
I am convinced that nothing can separate us
from God's love
... revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:35,38-39*

*"The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.
O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure — the saints' and angels' song."*

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