

Catechetical Sermon, February 8, 2026

Belgic Confession, Article 1: “The Incommunicable Attributes of God”

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:9-31

Lesson Aim	To understand what the incommunicable attributes of God are by definition and to define each incommunicable attribute.
Steps to Learning	Read the Belgic Confession of Faith, Article 1 and Isaiah 40:9-31. Also discuss the sermon and the particulars of the lesson below. It may be best to work through the material over several days or sessions.
Discuss	<p>What is the definition of the incommunicable attributes of God and which ones are listed in the Belgic Confession of faith, article 1?</p> <p>The incommunicable attributes are the particular character qualities of God that cannot be communicated to us, and we do not share with God. God is: eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, immutable, infinite and almighty.</p> <p>We can think of God’s infinity and eternity together. What are these attributes and how do they relate to each other?</p> <p>The attribute of eternity can be placed under the broader category of infinity. God is infinite in his essence not being limited by time and space. This is related to God’s eternity; he is not limited by time, being outside of it. God has no beginning and he has no end.</p> <p>What does it mean that God is incomprehensible?</p> <p>This attribute speaks to a paradox; we cannot know God but we can know God. Since the Scriptures teach that God is infinite and beyond us as the Creator, he must reveal himself to us through the person and work of Jesus Christ (See John 1:18 and Hebrews 1:3).</p> <p>What does it mean that God is invisible?</p> <p>It means that God (his divinity) literally can’t be seen by human eyes; God is a spirit having no physicality.</p> <p>What does it mean that God is immutable?</p> <p>It means that he will not and cannot change (See Numbers 23:19 and Malachi 3:6)</p> <p>What does it mean that God is Almighty?</p> <p>It means that God is all-powerful capable of doing anything (except going against his nature). He is powerful enough to create, sustain the creation and to redeem his elect through Jesus Christ.</p>
Bible Reading	Exodus 15-20 (Reading the great stories of the Old Testament)