

Fearless!
Fear Of God Getting Out Of My Box
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Psalms 96:8-9 (NIV)

Why God Can't Fit In A Box:

1. God Is _____ – God Isn't In My Box

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Exodus 34:6-7a (NCV)

“You are the only Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, with all the stars. You made the earth and everything on it, the seas and everything in them; you give life to everything. The heavenly army worships you.”

Nehemiah 9:6 (NCV)

“The Lord has set His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over everything.” **Psalms 103:19 (NCV)**

2. God Is _____ – No Box Can Contain Him

“Where can I go to get away from your Spirit? Where can I run from you? If I go up to the heavens, you are there. If I lie down in the grave, you are there. If I rise with the sun in the east and settle in the west beyond the sea, even there you would guide me. With your right hand you would hold me.” **Psalms 139:7-10 (NCV)**

3. God Is _____ – He Can Get Out Of My Box

“The Son reflects God's own glory, and everything about him represents God exactly. He sustains the universe by the mighty power of his command.” **Hebrews 1:3a (NLT)**

“So Jesus rebuked the wind and the raging waves. The storm stopped and all was calm! ‘Then he asked them, ‘Where is your faith?’ And they were filled with awe and amazement. They said to one another, ‘Who is this man, that even **the winds and waves obey him?**’”

Luke 8:24b-25 (NLT)

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“This is how we know what real love is: Jesus gave his life for us.” **1 John 3:16a (NCV)**

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)**

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