

**THE ONE WE SERVE –
CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD**

1 CHRONICLES 29:11



- Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and earth: Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself over all.

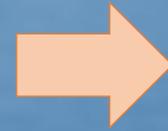
“Plunge yourself in the Godhead’s deepest sea; be lost in His immensity; and you shall come forth as from a couch of rest refreshed and invigorated. I know nothing which can so comfort the soul, so calm the swelling billows of sorrow and grief; so speak peace to the winds of trial, as devout musing upon the subject of the Godhead.” —C. H. Spurgeon on January 7, 1855

KEY QUESTIONS



- How does Psalm 89:7-8 describe God?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,
And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.
O LORD God of hosts,
Who is mighty like You, O LORD?



- In Fear
- In Reverence
- In Might
- In Awe

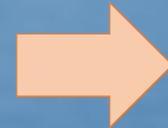
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- How do we know there is only one God? Isaiah 43:10

You are My witnesses,” says the LORD,
“And My servant whom I have chosen,
That you may know and believe Me,
And understand that I am He.

Before Me there was no God formed,
Nor shall there be after Me.



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KEY QUESTIONS



- What did Jesus equate to knowing God?
John 17:3

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth.



Eternal life

KEY QUESTIONS



- Rather than boasting in riches, wisdom, or might, what is the one thing a person should boast about? Jeremiah 9:23-24

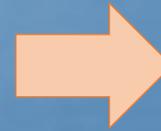
Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,

Let not the mighty man glory in his might,

Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;
But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,

That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.

For in these I delight," says the LORD.



Understanding and knowing God

KEY QUESTIONS



- What did the apostle Paul think about Jesus' Deity? Colossians 2:8-9

8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.



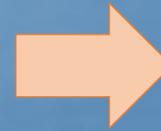
Jesus is God in bodily form.

KEY QUESTIONS



- Hebrews states that God has spoken to us in His Son. How is Christ Described? Hebrews 1:1-3

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power...

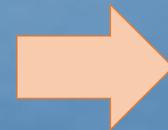


He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature and upholds all things by the word of His power.

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES



- An attribute is a quality or characteristic about someone. Though our ability to understand all of God's attributes is limited by our current state, studying God's attributes gives us a limited understanding of His person.
- None of these attributes are truer than any other, God possess 100% of each.
- Here are a few of His attributes which we will study in greater depth:



Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Holiness
Righteousness and Justice
Sovereignty
Eternality
Immutability
Omniscience
Omnipresence
Omnipotence
Love
Truth
Mercy

HOLINESS



- God is absolutely pure and perfect. He is untouched and unstained by evil in the world.
 - Exodus 15:11 “Who is like You, majestic in holiness?”
 - Psalm 99:9 “Worship at His holy hill, for holy is the Lord our God.”



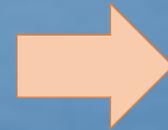
We are to be separated from sin unto God.

1 Peter 1:16 - Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

RIGHTEOUSNESS & JUSTICE



- Righteousness designates the perfect agreement between God's nature and His acts.
- Justice is the way God legislates His righteousness.
- There is no action that God takes in relation to man that violates any code of morality or justice.



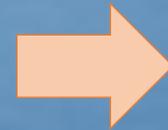
Psalm 119:137 - God's righteousness is displayed in His judgments.

Psalm 89:14 - Righteousness and justice are referred to as the foundation of Your throne.

SOVEREIGNTY



- The word sovereign means chief or highest, supreme in power, or superior in position to all others.
- The idea of sovereignty is encouraging
- It assures the Christian that nothing is out of God's control and that His plans cannot be thwarted (Romans 8:28).



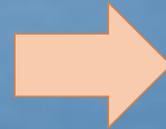
Isaiah 46:9–10 “I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.’”

Isaiah 45:23 “I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness and will not turn back, that to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.”

ETERNALITY



- There has never been a time that God did not exist. He had no beginning and will have no end
- God is not bound by time. He perfectly sees the past, present and future.
- It assures the Christian there is nothing God doesn't see, He has a perfect understanding of what is best for us and our lives.



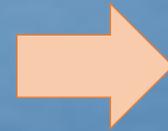
Isaiah 44:6 “I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me.”

Isaiah 43:13 “Even from eternity I am He.”

IMMUTABILITY



- God's nature and purpose never changes.
- He can be trusted to keep His word.



Malachi 3:6 “For I, the Lord, do not change.”

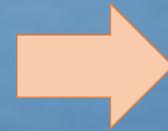
Hebrews 6:17–18 “the unchangeableness of His purpose ... it is impossible for God to lie.”

Numbers 23:19 “God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?” No, God does not change His mind.”

OMNISCIENCE



- God's knows all things, present and future.
- God knew all of our sins (past, present, and future) at the time of salvation. Yet, He completely forgave us and received us into His family forever.
- This is gives us great security!



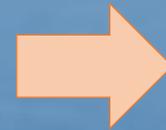
Job 34:21 “For His eyes are upon the ways of a man, and He sees all his steps.”

Psalm 139:1–6 “O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it.

OMNIPRESENCE



- God's is present everywhere in the universe.
- Since God is always present everywhere at all times, we are comforted knowing He is always with us, always walking with us.



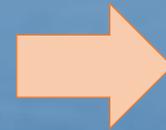
Proverbs 15:3 “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, watching the evil and the good.”

Psalm 139:7–12 “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead

OMNIPOTENCE



- God's is all powerful, having more than enough strength to do anything.
- God's omnipotence is seen in:
 - His power to create (Genesis 1:1)
 - His preservation of all things (Hebrews 1:3)
 - His providential care for us (Psalm 37:23–24)



Jeremiah 32:17 “Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You.”

Isaiah 41:10 “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

LOVE



- God's is Love (1 John 4:8). His love is 100% unconditional. It is not based on anything we do or on any merits we may have.
- The greatest act of love ever displayed was the death of Jesus on the cross. It was God's ultimate demonstration of His love for us. Why?



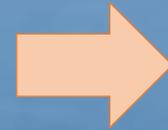
John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

TRUTH



- God's truth is above all.
- He is truthful even if all men are found to be liars.



Psalm 31:5 "O Lord, God of truth."

Psalm 117:2 "the truth of the Lord is everlasting."

MERCY



- God's great mercy is the expression of His compassion to those who have opposed His will.
- His mercy is displayed in our salvation.



Psalm 145:8–9 “The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. The Lord is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works.”

Psalm 130:3–4 “If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.”

APPLICATION



- We have learned about many of God's attributes. What did you learn?
 1. How will your prayers be affected?
 2. How will your daily life be affected?
 2. How would you respond to a major trial, such as a death in the family?