

Title: What Is God Like? Part 1

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Scripture: Assorted Passages

“The most important thing about you is what you think when you think about God.” – A.W. Tozer

We have a God who cares for our well-being and our future and the best thing for our well-being and future is Him.

Understanding His Attributes

1. He is each of these attributes in its perfection.
2. His attributes blend perfectly without competition.
3. His attributes are always at work.
4. These attributes are true of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit equally.

Today we are going to walk through a list. Hang in there. I am trying to get a lot out on front of you and these are not even all the attributes of God, but most of the major ones.

God’s Attributes (or Perfections)

He is Eternal

Definition – God exists endlessly backward and forward in time. He is self-existent. He never came into existence or was caused to exist. He always is.

Scripture – Psalm 90:2; Genesis 21:33

He is Free

Definition – He is independent from His creation and creatures.

Scripture – Psalm 115:3; Isa.40:13-14

He is Immutable

Definition – God is unchangeable and unchanging. He is never growing or developing. This does not mean He is stagnant. It means perfect love cannot be more perfect. Perfect knowledge does not get more perfect. Perfect means absolutely complete with nothing to be added or adjusted.

Scripture – Malachi 3:6; James 1:17

He is Infinite

Definition – God has no bounds or limits. Neither time nor space are His boundaries.

Scripture – 1 Kings 8:27; Acts 17:24-28

He is Holy

Definition – Holiness in the Bible means separation from all that is common or unclean. He is separated from evil and neutral. He is separated to perfect purity.

Scripture – Lev.11:44; Ps.99:3; Isa.40:25; Jn.17:11; 1 Pet.1:15

He is Love

Definition – What is love? We think of good feelings and good deeds. Those are indeed inspired by love, but love is more than that. Love seeks the highest good for the one loved; and the highest good is to know, enjoy, and glorify God. That is what we are designed for. Our fulfillment is in living within our design. So the most loving thing the Lord can do for us is use life to bring us to know Him, enjoy Him, and glorify Him.

Scripture – 1 John 4:8

He is Omnipotent

Meaning – God is all-powerful and is able to do anything consistent with His own nature. “Almighty” is a word used only of God and is used 56 times

Scripture – Gen.17:1; Ex.6:3; 2 Cor.6:18; Rev.1:8

He is Omnipresent

Meaning – God is everywhere present with His whole being at the same time. 100% of God is in this room, and 100% of Himself is in 100% of the rest of the universe.

Scripture – Psalm 139:7-11

He is Omniscient

Meaning – God knows everything, actual and possible. He knows what is going to happen and all the possibilities of what could have happened. He knows everything perfectly. He never discovers any thing or is surprised. He never wonders about anything. God has never gone, “Huh!”

Scripture – Acts 15:18; Ps.147:4; Ps.139:16

He is Righteousness

Meaning – Holiness relates to God’s purity and righteousness relates to His justice. This has to do with law and morality. God does all things right by all people and situations. He can never be charged with wrongdoing.

Scripture – Psalm 11:7

He is Sovereign

Meaning – This word means principal, chief, supreme. It speaks first of His position (He is the Chief Being in the universe) and then of His power (He is the supreme power of the universe). He is in complete control of all things.

Scripture – God has a plan (Acts 15:18) which is all-inclusive (Eph.1:11), which He controls (Ps.135:6), which includes but does not involve Him in evil (Prov.16:4), and which is ultimately for the praise of His glory (Eph.1:14).

He is Truth

Meaning – God is consistent with Himself. It includes the idea of truthfulness and faithfulness. He has revealed Himself as He really is. He is reliable and there is no deception in Him.

Scripture – John 17:3; Titus 1:2; Rom.3:4; Heb.6:18

The Word (Jesus) became flesh and took up residence among us. – John 1:14