

Lesson 3 – What Is God Like?

Key Verse: John 4:24

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Overview

Because God is God, the human mind cannot fully comprehend Him. No one will ever fully know God. However, God has chosen to reveal Himself to us in the Bible and expects us to know what He has revealed about Himself. In this lesson, while we won’t be able to study every attribute of God, we will study some of God’s attributes so that we might come to know Him and glorify Him.

“The greatest need for people in the world is to know who God is. The greatest need for people in the church is to know who God is.”

—R.C. Sproul

God Exists

1. Genesis 1:1. What does this verse presuppose about God? _____
2. Romans 1:19–20. What has God made evident to the world? _____
3. Psalm 10:4. Who makes the claim, “There is no God”? _____

God Is Knowable

1. John 17:3. What does Jesus say eternal life is? _____
2. Jeremiah 9:24. What are we to boast about? _____

God Is Independent

1. Acts 17:24–25. What does verse 25 tell us about God’s needs? _____
 2. Romans 11:36. Who is dependent upon God? _____
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“God’s independence means He doesn’t actually need us or anything else in creation for anything. He did not create us because He was lonely or needed fellowship with other people. God always has been perfectly and completely happy and fulfilled in His personal existence.”

—Wayne Grudem, *Christians Beliefs*, pg. 23

God Is Unchangeable (Immutable)

1. Psalm 102:27. Why does the psalmist praise God? _____
2. Malachi 3:6. What does God reveal to us about Himself? _____
3. James 1:17. What does James reveal about God's nature? _____
4. Numbers 23:19. According to this verse, God is unchanging in His what? _____
5. Hebrews 13:8. What does the writer of Hebrews reveal about Jesus? _____

“Men are fickle and mutable. They are changeable in their principles. If their faces altered as fast as their opinions, we should not know them. But God is immutable.”

—Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity*, pg. 67

God Is Spirit

1. John 4:24. “God is _____.”
2. 1 Corinthians 6:17. How are believers joined to God? _____
3. John 1:18. Because God is spirit, he is also _____.
4. John 14:9. Who is the visible manifestation of God? _____

God Is Jealous

1. Exodus 20:5. What attribute of God is given in this verse? _____
2. Isaiah 48:11. What does God say about His glory? _____

“God desires that worship be given only to Himself and not to anyone or anything else. It is not wrong for God to continually seek His own honor, for it is an honor that only He, as God, deserves.”

—Wayne Grudem, *Christians Beliefs*, pg. 31

God Is Love

1. 1 John 4:8. What does this verse reveal about God? _____
2. John 17:24. When was God's love active? _____
3. Romans 5:8. How has God shown His love? _____

God Is Holy

1. Isaiah 6:3. What did the Seraphim declare about God? _____

God Is Wrathful

1. Romans 1:18. What is God's wrath revealed against? _____
2. John 3:36. Who does the wrath of God abide upon? _____
3. 1 John 4:10. What is the greatest display of God's holy wrath and hatred of sin? _____

“Wrath is an attribute for which we should thank and praise God. If God delighted in or was not troubled by sin, He wouldn't be a God worthy of our worship or praise.”

—Wayne Grudem, *Christians Beliefs*, pg. 32

God Is Omnipresent

1. Psalm 139:7–10. Where does David say God is? _____

God Is Omniscient

1. 1 John 3:20. What does this verse reveal about God? _____

God Is Omnipotent

1. Genesis 18:14. What does this verse reveal about God? _____

Application

1. How well do you know God?
2. In what ways can you grow in your knowledge and understanding of God?
3. How has the knowledge of God changed your life?