

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

I. INTRODUCTION

The attributes of God are referring to the character of God. To know God, you need an accurate view of God. But it's not just knowing about God, it's having a personal relationship based on knowing His character. John 17:3, 2 Peter 3:18

II. GOD IS HOLY

Isaiah 6:3 - "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.*" God is holy in that He's unique, He's different, He's completely set apart from every other aspect of His creation. There's no one like Him. Psalm 89:6-8

III. GOD IS PURE

Habakkuk 1:13 - "*Your eyes are too pure to look at evil.*" The fact that God is pure means that He never sins, that He is perfect. But it's not just that God never does or says anything wrong - it also means He does everything right.

IV. GOD IS POWERFUL

Genesis 1:1 - "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*" Everything, every being and every person in the universe, has been created by God, and is held together by God, showing His awesome power. Isaiah 40:29-31

V. GOD IS OMNISCIENT

Psalm 139:1-6 - "*You know when I sit down and when I rise up... O Lord, You know it all.*" God knows everything that has ever happened or will ever happen. This is comforting because it means He knows and cares for you. Luke 12:6-7

VI. GOD IS WISE

Romans 16:27 - "*To the only wise God, be the glory forever.*" All that God does in the world is perfect, is right, is best, and is based on God's wisdom. God never makes a mistake in His dealings in this world or in your life. 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

VII. GOD IS JUST

Romans 3:26 - "*God is just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*" God is holy, and therefore He must be just, there must be consequences for sin. Justice means sin must be punished, including yours. 1 Peter 3:18, 2 Cor. 5:21

VIII. GOD IS MERCIFUL

Psalm 86:15 - "*You O Lord, are God merciful and gracious.*" God is merciful to people in that He forgives people of their sins. Everyone who repents of their sins, and believes that Jesus Christ died for them receives God's mercy. Romans 9:19

IX. GOD IS GOOD

Psalm 100:5 – *“The Lord is good.”* The goodness of God is an expression of God’s love whereby He shows His kindness to you, He blesses you, He pours His favor upon you, and He gives you what is good. Genesis 1:31

X. GOD IS PATIENT

1 Corinthians 13:4 – *“Love is patient.”* Our heavenly Father is slow to anger. He puts up with us when we disobey Him, and are slow to learn. He doesn’t discipline us right away when we sin, but is patient towards us. 2 Peter 3:9

XI. GOD IS FAITHFUL

Psalm 89:1, 2, 5, 8, 14, 24, 28, 33, 37 – *“I will make known Your faithfulness.”* God is faithful in that we can always depend and count on Him. God is faithful with respect to all aspects of His character - He faithfully loves us. 2 Tim. 2:13

XII. GOD IS UNCHANGING

Malachi 3:6 – *“For I, the Lord, do not change.”* God never changes in His being, in His character, or in His purposes or plans. God is always the same in the way that He deals with the world and with people. Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 13:8

XIII. GOD IS SOVEREIGN

Psalm 115:2 – *“Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him.”* God is in charge, He is the supreme ruler, He is in control of all things. God’s sovereignty is coupled with other aspects of His character. Proverbs 16:9, Romans 8:28

XIV. GOD IS LOVE

1 John 4:16 – *“We know and rely on the love of God. God is love.”* All the above attributes of God are intimately related to the truth of God’s love. God uses His goodness to love you, His power to love you, His holiness to love you, etc.

LET NOT A WISE MAN BOAST OF HIS WISDOM,
LET NOT THE MIGHTY MAN BOAST OF HIS MIGHT,
LET NOT A RICH MAN BOAST OF HIS RICHES;
BUT LET HIM WHO BOASTS BOAST OF THIS,
THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AND KNOWS ME,
THAT I AM THE LORD WHO EXERCISES KINDNESS,
JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ON EARTH,
FOR I DELIGHT IN THESE THINGS.

Jeremiah 9:23-24