

Who Is God?

What you believe about God matters—it impacts how you interpret your experiences and respective behaviors. Consider some distorted views of God. A weak God can't save you from your circumstances, so you do everything within your power to change them. A cruel God afflicts you without reason, so you despair. But a reordered, biblical view of God produces a right view of ourselves as image bearers, which gives us the knowledge and ability to live the way we were created to live. For the lonely, God is present and with you. For the addict, God is faithful and forgiving. For the victim, God is loving and just. In any circumstance, God meets you with the fullness of who He is.

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

God is Holy

Isaiah 6:3, 57:15; Leviticus 20:26; 1 Samuel 2:2; Psalm 99:3, 99:5, 99:9; Revelation 4:8

God is infinitely pure, morally perfect, and utterly unique. He acts in all things for the glory of His own name.

God is Faithful

John 17:17; Joshua 23:14; Numbers 23:19; Psalm 119:160

Everything God knows and says are perfectly true and completely trustworthy.

God is Good

Psalm 119:68; Mark 10:18

God is goodness itself, and God alone is perfectly good. Everything He is and does is the ultimate standard of what is good.

God is Love

Romans 5:8; John 3:16; 1 John 4:8-10

God gives Himself to benefit others. The gift of God Himself is the highest good and greatest blessing anyone can receive.

God is Merciful

2 Samuel 24:14; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Romans 3:23-24; Hebrews 4:16; Exodus 34:6-7; 2 Peter 3:9

God's merciful compassion is infinite and inexhaustible. Mercy is showing compassion and withholding the punishment someone deserves. Through Christ, God took the judgment that was rightfully ours and placed it on Himself.

God is Angry

Romans 1:18, 5:8, 12:17-19; Nahum 1:2-3; Psalm 7:11; 1 Thessalonians 1:10

God is perfectly just, fair, and impartial. Because He is holy and good, He hates evil, sin, and wickedness. His wrath is His righteous opposition to sin, and He will judge it with perfect justice. Those whom He justifies through Jesus are spared from this impending judgment. Unlike human anger, God's anger is never capricious, self-indulgent, or irritable. It is the right and necessary reaction to objective moral evil.

God is Self-Sufficient

Acts 17:24-30; Exodus 3:14; John 5:26

God does not need anything outside Himself as He is perfect in every way.

God is Infinite

Matthew 5:48; 1 John 1:5; Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 40:28; Revelation 1:8

God is uncreated and eternal. He existed before time and before all things that were made. He has always existed in perfect fullness, therefore He is lacking nothing and never changing. He is beyond size or measure and has no limits.

God is Omnipresent

Psalm 23:4, 139:7-12

God is present everywhere at all times in the fullness of who He is. No place is beyond His reach or unavailable to Him.

God is Omniscient

Psalm 139:1-6, 147:5; 1 John 3:20; Isaiah 46:9-10; Romans 11:33-34

God knows everything. Nothing can be hidden or is hidden from Him. God knows us, and His knowledge of us is intimate and full. Since nothing is unknown to Him, He knows what is best.

God is Omnipotent / Sovereign

Ephesians 1:11; Jeremiah 32:17; Genesis 18:14

God is able to do anything He wills as He is infinitely powerful and inexhaustible. God presides over every event, great or small, and is in control of our lives.

WHY THIS IS GOOD NEWS FOR ME

God is fully capable and will always provide for my genuine needs.

Philippians 4:13; Matthew 6:31-33

He will always forgive my sins.

1 John 1:9; Isaiah 66:2; Ephesians 1:7

He is always present and working in my life.

Romans 8:26-34; Jeremiah 29:11-12

He will always love me.

Romans 8:35-39; Jeremiah 31:3; John 17:20-26

He will always give me the grace I need.

2 Corinthians 9:8; 1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

He is always in control.

Psalm 103:19; Isaiah 14:27, 46:9-10

He is always with me.

Psalm 139:7-12; Isaiah 41:10; Jeremiah 23:24

He is always the same.

Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 1:10-12

He is always trustworthy and faithful.

2 Timothy 2:13; Psalm 36:5; Numbers 23:19; Deuteronomy 7:9, 31:8

He is always wise and knows what is best.

Romans 8:28, 11:33; Colossians 2:3; Revelation 15:3-4