

WHAT IS GOD LIKE? (THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD)

A. The Divine Attributes of God

1. **Who created God?** (Exod. 3:14; John 8:58)
2. **How old is God?** (Deut. 33:27; Psa. 90:2; Isa. 9:6; 46:9,10; Mic. 5:2; Rev. 1:8)
3. **How big is God?** (1 Ki. 8:27; Job 5:9; 9:10; Psa. 147:5; Rom. 11:33). **How little?** (Luke 1:35; 1 Cor. 3:16; Eph. 3:17; 1 John 4:12,15)
4. **How close are we to being like God?** (Isa. 6:5; Dan. 10:5-8; Phil. 2:9,10)
5. **Is God ever moody?** (Psa. 102:25-27; Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8; Jas. 1:17)
6. **How strong is God?** (Gen. 1:1; 18:14; Exod. 14:21; Jer. 32:17; 1 Pet. 1:5; Rev. 19:6). **How weak?** (Matt. 27:35)
7. **How much does God know?** (Psa. 139:1-4; 147:4; Prov. 15:3; Isa. 40:13,14; 55:8,9; Matt. 10:29,30)
8. **How long has God known us?** (Psa. 139:13-16; Eph. 1:4)
9. **Where can God be found?** (Psa. 139:7-12; Prov. 15:3; Matt. 18:20; 28:20; 1 Cor. 3:16; Eph. 3:17; 1 John 4:12,15)
10. **How much does God control?** (Exod. 33:19; 1 Sam. 2:6-8; Psa. 75:7; Rom. 9:20; Eph. 1:11)
11. **Does God always make the right decision?** (Psa. 104:24; Prov. 3:19; Rom. 11:32,33; 16:27; Jude 25)
12. **How many Persons make up God?** (Gen. 1:1,26; 3:22; Isa. 48:16; 61:1,2; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; compare Deut. 6:4)

(1. Self-existent, 2. Eternal, 3. Infinite (without limits or bounds), 4. Transcendent (above and beyond all things), 5. Immutable (unchanging), 6. Omnipotent (all-powerful), 7,8. Omniscient (possessing all knowledge), 9. Omnipresent (present everywhere), 10. Sovereign (supreme in power, rank, authority), 11. All-wise, 12. Trinity.)

B. The Moral Attributes of God

13. **Can we find a Friend so faithful?** (Deut. 7:9,10; Psa. 89:1,33-37; Lam. 3:22,23; 1 John 1:9)
14. **How does God put up with sinners?** (Exod. 34:6; Psa. 86:15; 2 Pet. 3:9,15)
15. **What does God think of sin?** (Psa. 22:3; 111:9; Isa. 6:1-3; 59:2; Hab. 1:13; Rom. 12:9)

16. Is God always fair? (Gen. 18:25; Psa. 119:137,138; Dan. 9:14)
17. Does God help only those who help themselves? (Exod. 34:6; Psa. 52:1; 65:8-13; 107; Rom. 2:4; 5:7,8)
18. Does God help those who are in need? (2 Sam. 24:10-14; Psa. 51:1; 136:1-26; Luke 18:11-13)
19. Does God give us what we deserve? (Neh. 9:16-31; Luke 15:18-24; Eph. 1:3-7; 2:4-8)
20. Does God give till it hurts? (Deut. 4:37; 7:7,8; Prov. 3:11,12; Jer. 31:3; John 3:16; Eph. 2:4,5; Heb. 12:6; 1 John 3:1; 4:7-16)

(13. Faithful, 14. Longsuffering, 15. Holy, 16. Righteous, 17. Good, 18. Merciful, 19. Gracious, 20. Love.)

C. How Can You and I Become More Like God?

1. **Faithful** (Lev. 19:12; Eccl. 5:4,5; Matt. 5:33-37; 24:45,46; Luke 16:10,11; 19:17)
2. **Longsuffering** (Eph. 4:2,3; Col. 3:12,13; Jas. 1:19)
3. **Holy** (Lev. 11:44; 1 Pet. 1:15)
4. **Righteous** (Prov. 17:15; Rom. 6:12,13; Gal. 6:1; Jas. 2:1-9)
5. **Good** (Matt. 5:44; Heb. 13:15)
6. **Merciful** (Matt. 5:7; Luke 6:36)
7. **Gracious** (Matt. 5:44; Eph. 4:29; 2 Tim. 2:1; 2 Pet. 3:18)
8. **Loving** (Rom. 13:10; 1 Cor. 8:1; 16:14; 1 Cor. 13; Gal. 5:22); **whom are we to love?**
 - a. **God** (Matt. 22:37)
 - b. **Our brothers and sisters in Christ** (1 Pet. 1:22; 2:17)
 - c. **Our neighbors** (Matt. 22:39)
 - d. **Our spouse** (Eph. 5:25)
 - e. **Our enemies** (Matt. 5:43-48)