

Attributes of God

I. NATURAL ATTRIBUTES

Omniscient - God knows all. He has a perfect knowledge of everything that is past, present or future.

Job 37: 16 - *"Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds, The wonders of one perfect in knowledge. "*

Psalm 139: 1-6 - *O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know' when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thoughts from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all. You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it.*

Omnipotent - God possesses all power. He is able to bring about anything that He has decided to do...with or without the use of any source beyond Himself.

Genesis 18: 14 - *"Is anything too difficult for the LORD? At the appointed Time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son. "* Job 42: 2 - *"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. "* Jeremiah 32: 27 - *"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for me?"*

Omnipresent - God is present everywhere, in the entire universe, at all times, in the totality of, His character.

Proverbs 15:3 - *"The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good."*

Jeremiah 23:23,24 - *"Am I a God who is near," declares the LORD, "And not a God far off? Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the God. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.*

Eternal - God has no beginning, and He has no end. He is not confined to the finiteness of time or to man's reckoning of time. He is, in fact, the cause of time.

Deuteronomy 32:40 - *"Indeed, I lift up My hand to heaven, And say, as I live forever. "* Isaiah 57: 15 - *For thus says the high and exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."*

Immutable - God is always the same in His nature, His character, and His will. He never changes, and He can never be made to change.

Psalm 102:25-27 - *"Of old you founded the earth, and heavens are the work of your hands. Even they will perish, but you endure; and all of them will wear out like a garment; like clothing you will change them and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not come to an end."*

Incomprehensible - Because God is God, He is beyond the understanding of man, His ways, character, and acts are higher than man's. Man only understands as God chooses to reveal

Himself, His ways, or His purposes.

Job 11: 7 - *"Can you discover the depths of God? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?"* Romans 11:33 - *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!"*

Self-Existent - God depends upon nothing for His existence beyond Himself. The whole basis of His existence is within Himself. At one time nothing but God Himself existed. He added nothing to Himself by creation.

Exodus 3: 14 - *God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, "I Am has sent me to you. John' 5: 26 - "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave the Son also to have life in Himself."*

Self-Sufficient - Within Himself, God is able to act, that is, to bring about His will without any assistance. Although He may choose to use assistance, it is His good pleasure, not His need that governs that choice.

Psalms 50:7-12 - *"Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God. I do not reprove you for your sacrifices, and your burnt offerings ate continually before Me. I shall take no young bull out of your house nor male goats out of your folds. For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is Mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you for the world is mine, and all it contains. .*

Acts 17:24,25 - *"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things. H*

Infinite - God has no limits or bounds whatsoever in His person or dominion.

1 Kings 8:27 - *"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built.*

Psalms 145: 3 - *"Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. "*

Transcendent - God is above His creation, and He would exist if there were no creation. His existence is totally apart from His creatures or creation.

Isaiah 43: 10 - *"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "And my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me."*

Isaiah 55:8,9 *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are yours my ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. "*

Sovereign - God is totally, supremely, and preeminently sovereign over all His creation.

There is not a person or thing that has escaped His control and foreknown plan.

Daniel 4:35 - *"All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, but He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, "What have you done?"*

MORAL ATTRIBUTES

Holy - God is a morally excellent, perfect being. He is totally other than man. He is purity of being in every aspect.

Leviticus 19: 2 - *"Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am Holy.'"*

Job 34: 10 - *"Therefore, listen to me, you men of understanding. Far be it from God to do wickedness, and from the Almighty to do wrong."*

Isaiah 47:4 - *"Our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is His name, The Holy One of Israel. "*

Isaiah 57: 15 - *"For thus says the high and exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy, 'I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. "*

Righteous - God is always good. It is essential to His character. He always does the right thing. Ultimately, since He is God, whatever He does is right...He is absolute. His actions are always consistent with His character...which is love.

Deuteronomy 32:4 *"The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He. "* Psalm 119: 142 - *"Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is truth. "*

Just - God is fair in all of His actions. Whether He deals with man, angels, or demons, He acts in total equity by rewarding righteousness and punishing sin. Since He knows all, every decree is absolutely just.

Numbers 14: 18 - *"The LORD is slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generations. "*

Psalm 89: 14 - *"Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; Loving-kindness and truth go before You. "*

Merciful - God is an actively compassionate being. He responds compassionately toward those who have opposed His will in their pursuit of their own way.

Psalm 106 :44,45 - *"Nevertheless He looked upon their distress when He heard their cry; and He remembered His covenant for their sake, and relented according to the greatness of His loving-kindness. "*

Psalm 116:5 - *"Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; Yes, our God is compassionate. "*

Longsuffering - God's righteous anger is slow to be kindled against those who fail to listen to His warnings or to obey His instructions. His eternal longing for the highest good for His creatures holds back His holy justice.

Numbers 14: 18 - *"The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children for the sins of their fathers to the third and fourth generations. "*

2 Peter 3: 9 - *"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. "*

Wise - God's actions are based on His character. His wisdom causes Him to choose righteous ends and to make the most fitting plans to achieve those ends.

Isaiah 40:28 - *"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. "*

Daniel 2: 20 - *Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong" to Him. "*

Loving - God's love moves Him to give Himself for another, even to the laying down of His own life. His love causes Him to desire His creatures' highest good. This love is not based upon the worth, response, or merit of the object being loved.

Jeremiah 31:3 - *The Lord appeared to him afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with loving-kindness."* Romans 5:8 - *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. "*

Good - In His goodness God gives to others, not according to what they deserve but according to His good will and kindness toward them.

2 Chronicles 5: 13 - *"In unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and they praised the Lord saying, 'He indeed is good for His loving-kindness is everlasting.' Then the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud."*

Psalms 106: 1 - *"Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His loving-kindness is everlasting."*

Wrathful- There is within God a hatred for all that is unrighteous and an unquenchable desire to punish all unrighteousness. Whatever is inconsistent with His holy standards must ultimately be consumed.

Exodus 34:6,7 - *"Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loving-kindness and truth; 7who keeps loving-kindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of: fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."*

Romans 1: 18 *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. "*

Truthful- All that God says is reality. Whether believed by man or not, whether seen as reality or not, what God has spoken is reality. Whatever he speaks is truth.

Numbers 23: 19 - *"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"*

Titus 1: 2 - *"In the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago. "*

Faithful - God is always true to His promises. He can never draw back from His promises of blessing or of judgment. Since He cannot lie, He is totally steadfast to what He has spoken. Deuteronomy 7: 9 - *"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands. "*

2 Timothy 2: 13 - *"If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself. "*

Jealous - God is unwilling to share what is rightfully and morally His with any other creature.

Exodus 20: 5 - *"You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me"*

Exodus 34: 14 - *"for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God"*