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# **1. God is Spirit**

## **2. God is Personal**

Psalm 7:11 (ESV)

11 God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.

Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV)

17The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

### **3. God is Independant**

## Acts 17:23–25 (ESV)

23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,

25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

## Acts 17:26–28 (ESV)

26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,

27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

28 for “ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

## **4. God is Unchangeable**

Psalm 102:25–27 (ESV)

25Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and  
the heavens are the work of your hands.

26They will perish, but you will remain; they will all  
wear out like a garment. You will change them like  
a robe, and they will pass away,

27but you are the same, and your years have no  
end.

Malachi 3:6 (ESV)

6“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

God doesn't change His mind but He responds to man's humility and repentance as with Jonah and Ninevah in Jonah 3.

## **5. God is Good**

Luke 18:18–19 (ESV)

18 And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

19 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

Only God is the standard of what can  
be called good, right, true.

## Exodus 33:17–19 (ESV)

17 And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

18 Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”

19 And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”

## Exodus 34:5–7 (ESV)

5The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

6The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

7keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

## **6. God is Eternal**

## 2 Peter 3:8–10 (ESV)

8But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

10But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

## Romans 8:28–30 (ESV)

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

6For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

## **7. God is Omnipresent**

Psalm 139:7–10 (ESV)

7Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I  
flee from your presence?

8If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my  
bed in Sheol, you are there!

9If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the  
uttermost parts of the sea,

10even there your hand shall lead me, and your  
right hand shall hold me.

## **8. God is Omniscient**

Hebrews 4:12–13 (ESV)

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Proverbs 15:3 (ESV)

3The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

## **9. God is Omnipotent**

Jeremiah 32:17 (ESV)

17 'Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

## Romans 4:17 (ESV)

17as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## Hebrews 11:3 (ESV)

3By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Ephesians 3:20–21 (ESV)

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,  
21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

# **10. God is Merciful**

Ezekiel 22:29–30 (ESV)

29The people of the land have practiced extortion and committed robbery. They have oppressed the poor and needy, and have extorted from the sojourner without justice.

30And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

1 Chronicles 21:13 (ESV)

13 Then David said to Gad, “I am in great distress. Let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is very great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man.”

1 John 1:9–10 (ESV)

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Matthew 5:7 (ESV)

7“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive  
mercy.

## Matthew 6:12 (ESV)

12and forgive us our debts, as we also have  
forgiven our debtors...

14For if you forgive others their trespasses, your  
heavenly Father will also forgive you,

15but if you do not forgive others their trespasses,  
neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**11. God is Agape Love.**

God continually gives of Himself to others.  
-*Grudem*

1 John 4:7–8 (ESV)

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:10–12 (ESV)

10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

**Agape Love:**

**Practical - 1 John 3:17**

**Sacrificial - John 13:34**

**Enduring - Romans 8:38-39**

**Selfless - Philippians 2:3-5**

**Unconditional - Romans 5:8**

**Judicial - Hebrews 12:6**

**Emotional - Philippians 1:8**

**Wise - Philippians 1:9-10**

## **12. God is Holy**

## Isaiah 6:1–3 (ESV)

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Psalm 66:16–19 (ESV)

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

17 I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

19 But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

## Romans 3:24–26 (ESV)

24and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

# **13. God is Sovereign**

## Ephesians 1:11–14 (ESV)

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him *who works all things according to the counsel of his will,*

12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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1 Kings 22:18–23 (ESV)

18 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?”

19 And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left;

20 and the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said one thing, and another said another.

21 Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, 'I will entice him.'

22 And the LORD said to him, 'By what means?' And he said, 'I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he said, 'You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.'

23 Now therefore behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; the LORD has declared disaster for you."

# **14. God is Wrathful**

Adam & Eve - Genesis 3

Noah & Flood - Genesis 6-7

Sodom & Gomorrah - Genesis 19

## Romans 1:28–32 (ESV)

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

## Romans 13:1–4 (ESV)

1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

3For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,

4for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

## Revelation 6:15–17 (ESV)

15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones  
and the generals and the rich and the powerful,  
and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the  
caves and among the rocks of the mountains,  
16 calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us  
and hide us from the face of him who is seated on  
the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb,  
17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and  
who can stand?”

## Revelation 3:10 (ESV)

10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

John 3:35–36 (ESV)

35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.

36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

## Hebrews 10:26–31 (ESV)

26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.



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