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What We Believe

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Series: What We Believe

Lesson: What We Believe about God the Father

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“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, Awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?” Exodus 15:11

God Has Revealed **Himself**

- He's **Incomprehensible**: We Can't Know Him Fully
- He's **Knowable**: We Can Know Him Truly

God Has Revealed **Who He Is**

- He's **God**: *Elohim*
- He's **the Great I Am**: *Yahweh*
- He's **the Lord**: *Adonai*
- He's **the Rock**: *Tsur*
- He's **Father**: *Ab*

God Has Revealed **What He Is**: *Trinity*

- **Explanation** of the Trinity
 - *There is only one God.*
 - *God exists in three Persons.*
 - *Each Person is fully God.*
- **Evidence** of the Trinity
 - *References to Godhead Together (Mt. 3:16-17; Mt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14)*
 - *References to the Father as God (Jn. 6:27)*
 - *References to the Son as God (Jn. 1:1, 1:14; 8:58)*
 - *References to the Holy Spirit as God (Act. 5:3-4)*
 - *References to the Oneness of God ((Dt. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:4; Gal. 3:20)*
 - *References to the Plurality of God's Name (Gen. 1:26)*

- **Attacks** on the Trinity
 - **Unitarianism:** *Denies the Trinity altogether.*
 - **Modalism:** *Denies three distinct persons, but one person in three modes.*
 - **Arianism:** *Denies eternity of Christ as the second person of the Trinity.*
 - **Subordinationism:** *Denies Son and Spirit are co-equal to the Father.*
 - **Adoptionism:** *Denies divinity of Christ. Jesus a human adopted by God at Baptism.*

God Has Revealed **What He's Like**

- He Has **Familiar (Communicable)** Attributes:
 - *Loving*
 - *Good*
 - *Holy*
 - *Just*
 - *Gracious*
 - *Merciful*
 - *Jealous*
 - *Glorious*
 - *Wise*
 - *True*
- He Has **Unfamiliar (Incommunicable)** Attributes:
 - *Independent (Aseity)*
 - *Immutable (Unchanging)*
 - *Infinite (Not Limited by Space)*
 - *Eternal (Not Limited by Time)*
 - *Omnipresent (All-Present)*
 - *Omniscient (All-Knowing)*
 - *Omnipotent (All-Powerful)*
 - *Sovereign (Supreme Ruler)*
 - *Perfect (Without Flaw)*
- God Has Revealed **What He Does**
 - He's **Creator**
 - He's **Sustainer**
 - He's **Ruler**
 - He's **Providential**
 - He's **Provider**
 - He's **Protector**