

Tonight our topic of study is on the moral qualities of Jesus that prove He is God. Last week we looked at inherent natural attributes of God and found that the Bible declares Jesus to possess those exact attributes. Tonight is very similar. We could have called last week "Jesus' natural attributes of Deity." This week we are look at more attributes of God that are inherent in Jesus, but this time it is less focused on His nature and more focused on His character. We are looking at the moral character of God and we will determine if Jesus has the same moral character as God.

If we could put our topic into a question, we could ask it this way:

Does the Bible teach that Jesus has the exact moral characteristics of God?

If Jesus is God, then He must fit the moral qualities of God. If God is good, Jesus must be good. If God is just, Jesus must be just. If everything God does is true, everything Jesus does must be true. If Jesus doesn't fit these qualities, He can't be God. There are 5 major moral attributes of God that I would like to discuss tonight.

Attribute #1 - Goodness

God is good all the time. All the time God is good. That is a catchy church phrase that I've heard many times, but essentially what the goodness of God means is that He has the power to give blessings and happiness to His creatures. God's actions to others are good. God seeks to do good for His creation.

Of God:

Psalm 145:9 -	God is good to all.
Matthew 5:45 -	God is good to sinful people and justified people.

Of man:

Genesis 6:5 -	God's estimation of man is that man is wicked.
Ecclesiastes 7:20 -	No man continually does good.

Of Jesus:

Mark 10:17-18 -	Jesus believed only God was good.
Hebrews 4:15 -	Jesus never sinned.
Acts 10:38 -	Peter said that Jesus went about doing good.

While it is said of man that we are evil, it is said of God that He is good. Jesus is in a class all on His own because although He lived as a man, He possessed the moral attribute that only belongs to God. Jesus is good. God is good.

Now before I move on I'll say this. So many people say things like "how can a good God allow suffering?" The answer is that we are evil and we don't even understand how evil sin really is. Sin demands suffering, but God, in His infinite goodness, has offered for us to be completely removed of all suffering through faith in Jesus and faith in Him alone (Revelation 21:4; Romans 5:8-9).

Attribute #2 - Justice

God is not only righteous in all His ways, but He always does that which is right. God treats his creatures with absolute justice. God deals just with sinners. He punishes sinner with justice. God always judges right from wrong with perfection.

Of God:

Deuteronomy 32:4 - God is perfect in Justice.
Jeremiah 9:24 - God practices justice in the earth.

Of man:

Jeremiah 17:9 - Man's heart lies. Man is unable to perfectly judge right from wrong.

Of Jesus:

Acts 17:31 - Jesus is the one who will judge the world in righteousness.
John 5:22 - Jesus has been given all judgment.

While the Bible says that God is perfect in justice, the Bible also makes clear the Jesus is the judge. Jesus must be perfect in justice in order to execute righteous judgment.

Some people say things like this: "How can there be a God if there is so much evil in the world?" To that, I would say "if there is no God, then there will never be justice in the end, but because there is a God, He will settle all evil in righteous just judgment."

Attribute #3 - Veracity/Truth

Veracity means habitual truth-fullness. God is truth. What God says and does is truth. He does not lie. It is impossible for God to lie. God is perfectly trustworthy.

Of God:

Titus 1:2 - God never lies.
John 17:17 - God's Word is truth.

Of Man:

1 John 1:8 - If man claims not have lied, then he is lying to himself.

Of Jesus:

John 14:6 - Jesus is truth. Jesus is the embodiment of God's truth.
1 Peter 2:22 - God's Word says that Jesus never said anything deceitful.

While it is said of God in the Bible that He is perfectly truthful, it is also said of Jesus that He is perfectly truthful.

Attribute #4 - Wisdom

While knowledge is intellectual awareness, wisdom is applied knowledge into every situation. God not only is all-knowing, but He is all wise. His wisdom is always used for worthy purposes. God applies His knowledge in perfect ways.

Of God:

Psalms 104:24 - God has made everything in wisdom.
Romans 11:33 - God's wisdom is unfathomable to man's intellect.

Of man:

Romans 11:34 - No man can know the mind of the Lord.

Of Jesus:

Colossians 2:3 - In Jesus is all the wisdom and knowledge of God.
1 Corinthians 1:23-24 - Jesus is the power and wisdom of God.

The Bible teaches us that God is the wise one. The Bible also teaches us that Jesus has that same moral attribute. Again, I'd rather trust in Jesus than myself. If Jesus is the wisdom of God, my hope is better set on Him than me. Psalm 118:8 says "it is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man."

Attribute #5 - Holiness

Holiness carries the idea of transcendent perfection. God is Holy. Holy, saint, and sanctify all have the same root meaning in Hebrew. The common idea behind all three of those words is to be set apart. God is set apart from all creation because He is creator. God is also set apart from creation because He is the sum total of all moral perfection. God is no way corrupt by sin.

Of God:

Isaiah 6:3 - The angels cry out that God is holy, holy, holy.
1 Peter 1:16 - God is holy.

Of man:

Romans 3:23 - Man is corrupted by sin.

Of Jesus:

Acts 3:13-15 - Peter called Jesus the Holy and Righteous One.
Acts 4:27 - The early Church spoke about Jesus being holy while in prayer.
Hebrews 7:26 - Jesus is called our holy high priest.
1 Peter 1:19 - Jesus is said to have no blemish or spot.

While the Bible does make certain to point out that man is corrupted, the Bible is also certain to explain that God is holy and Jesus is holy.

We began tonight with this question: Does the Bible teach that Jesus has the exact moral characteristics of God? Based off our Biblical research, our answer is **Yes! Jesus possesses moral attributes that can only belong to God. This is another evidence that Jesus is God.**