

GOD

What is God like? *What are the attributes, characteristics & qualities of God?*

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Let's better understand, what we will never fully understand.

Philippians 3:10 AMP ...that I may *know* Him experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted w/ Him, *understanding* the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely & in that same way *experience* the power of His resurrection which overflows & is active in believers...

*I'm praying we stir up a passion to personally experience the Almighty!
We want to know God theologically, then experientially.*

Proverbs 9:10 AMP The reverent fear of the Lord, worshiping Him & regarding Him as truly awesome, is the beginning & the preeminent part of *wisdom* [its starting point & its essence], And the *knowledge* of the Holy One is understanding & spiritual insight.

Having infinite & complete awareness, understanding, & insight.

Romans 11:33 How great are God's riches, *wisdom, & knowledge!* How impossible it is for us to understand His decisions & His ways! ³⁴ For who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to give Him advice?

Almighty Maker of heaven & earth – He answers to no one.

Psalms 147:5 How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! *His understanding* is beyond comprehension! (*infinite*)

God knows all there is to know w/ perfect understanding.

He has no teacher or counselor & He cannot learn.

He never gets surprised or astonished.

Psalms 139:1 Lord, you've examined my heart & know everything about me.
² You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
³ You see me when I travel & when I rest at home. *You know everything* I do.
⁴ *You know* what I'm going to say even before I say it Lord.
⁵ You go before me & follow me. You place Your hand of blessing on my

head. 6 Such **knowledge** is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

God never seeks information or discovers anything or finds out anything

Proverbs 3:19 By **wisdom** the Lord founded the earth; by **understanding** He created the heavens. 20 By His **knowledge** the deep fountains of the earth burst forth, & the dew settles beneath the night sky.

He applies perfect knowledge. God sees the end from the beginning.

Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked & exposed before His eyes...

There are no mysteries to God.

God also knows you. All about you. He always knows where you're at. Your Father knows it all. Everything concerning you, He knows fully.

Jeremiah 10:12 The Lord made the earth by His power, & He preserves it by **His wisdom**. With **His own understanding** He stretched out the heavens. (*God dwells beyond our thoughts*)

Job 12:13 True **wisdom** & power are found in God; **counsel** & **understanding** are His.

God is All-Knowing & All-Wise & is our Father, who has adopted us & claimed us as His own.

Romans 16:27 All glory to the **only wise God**, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen

1 John 3:20 Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, & **He knows everything**.

Who's running your life? God's wisdom or your wisdom? Spirit-filled life or a self-filled life? Christ sufficiency or self-sufficiency?

The Wisdom of the Cross

1 Corinthians 1:18 The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. 19 As Scriptures (*Isaiah*) say, "I will destroy the wisdom of

the wise & discard the intelligence of the intelligent.” 20 So where does this leave the philosophers, scholars, & the world’s brilliant debaters? God has made the *wisdom of this world* look foolish. 21 God in *His wisdom* saw to it that the world would never *know Him* through *human wisdom*. He has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. 22 It’s foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it’s foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. 23 So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended & the Gentiles say it’s all nonsense. 24 But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews & Gentiles, Christ is the power of God & the wisdom of God. 25 This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, & God’s weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength. 26 Remember, dear brothers & sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. 27 Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they’re wise. He chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. 28 God chose things despised by the world; things counted as nothing at all, & used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God. 30 God has united you w/ Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made *Him to be wisdom itself*. Christ made us right w/ God; He made us pure & holy, & He freed us from sin.

Jesus never apologized for anything He did or said. He’s always right.

1 Corinthians 2:1 When I first came to you, dear brothers & sisters, I didn’t use lofty words & impressive wisdom to tell you God’s secret plan. 2 For I decided that while I was w/ you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness - timid & trembling. 4 My message & my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever & persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. 5 I did this, so you’d trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God. 6 Yet when I’m among mature believers, I do speak w/ words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. 7 No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God - His plan that was previously hidden, even though He made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. 8 But the rulers of this

world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. 9 That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, & no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by His Spirit. For His Spirit searches out everything & shows us God’s deep secrets. 11 No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, & no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. 12 We’ve received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. 13 When we tell you these things, we don’t use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit’s words to explain spiritual truths. 14 But people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them & they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. 15 Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves can’t be evaluated by others. 16 For, “Who can know the Lord’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach Him?” But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

God’s wisdom is always loving, pure, holy, etc. True to Himself.

Isaiah 53:6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all.

When we can get talked into God (He makes sense), then someone or even you can talk you out of God. (Reason your way out)

It’s got to be God’s wisdom or yours. God’s way or yours.

Ephesians 3:10 God’s purpose in all this was to use the church to display *His wisdom* in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers & authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was His eternal plan, which He carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Choose Jesus. It’s foolish to choose any other way, or no way at all; including your own way - thinking you can outsmart God.

Let’s commit to God’s wisdom for our lives today.

*Will you let God have His way; let His wisdom rule you, & not interfere?
Let's commit ourselves to the wisdom of God, for everything & forever.*