

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.

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.

I'm praying we stir up a passion to personally experience the Almighty!

Sovereign- *Supreme ruler; majestic king over all things; glorious emperor; regal, crowned head; absolute Lord of all; self-governing; unlimited-unrestricted-unrestrained; none other above Him; He exercises power w/out limitation.*

Isaiah said ...I saw the **Lord**. He was sitting on a **lofty throne**, His train filled the Temple ...I've seen **the King, the Lord** of Heaven's Armies.

Deuteronomy 3:24 O **Sovereign** Lord, You've only begun to show Your greatness & the strength of Your hand to me, Your servant. Is there any god in heaven or on earth who can perform such great & mighty deeds as you do?

1 Chronicles 16:27 Honor & majesty surround Him; strength & joy fill His dwelling. **28** O nations of the world, recognize the **Lord**, recognize that the Lord is glorious & strong...**31** Let the heavens be glad, & the earth rejoice! Tell all the nations, "**The Lord reigns!**"

God has all authority (doesn't ask permission) & all power (all there is). He has the authority to make commands & the power to carry them out!

1 Chronicles 29:11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, & the majesty. Everything in the heavens & on earth is Yours, O Lord, & this is Your **kingdom**. We adore You as the one who is over all things. **12** Wealth & honor come from You alone, for You rule over everything. Power & might are in Your hand, & at Your discretion people are made great & given strength. **13** "O our God, we thank You & praise Your glorious name!"

There's a tension between us being too familiar & His calling to draw near

Psalm 96:6 Honor & majesty surround Him; strength & beauty fill His sanctuary. **7** O nations of the world, recognize the **Lord**; recognize that the Lord is glorious & strong. **8** Give to the Lord the glory He deserves! Bring your offering & come into His courts. **9** Worship the Lord in all His holy splendor. Let all the earth tremble before Him. **10** Tell all the nations, “The **Lord** reigns!”...

In our modern, seeker sensitive Christianity, often we’ve lost the awareness of the majestic King, supreme ruler, & the Lord of all.

Psalm 24:7 Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, & let the **King** of glory enter. **8** Who is the **King** of glory? The Lord, strong & mighty; the Lord, invincible in battle. **9** Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, & let the **King** of glory enter. **10** Who is the **King** of glory? The Lord of Heaven’s Armies – He’s the **King** of glory!

Psalm 97:1 The Lord is **king**! Let the earth rejoice! Let the farthest coastlands be glad. **2** Dark clouds surround Him. Righteousness & justice are the foundation of His **throne**. ...**6** The heavens proclaim His righteousness; every nation sees His glory. **7** Those who worship idols are disgraced - all who brag about their worthless gods - for every god must bow to Him. **8** Jerusalem has heard & rejoiced, & all the towns of Judah are glad because of Your justice, O Lord! **9** For You, O Lord, are **supreme** over all the earth; You’re exalted far above all gods.

God has absolute freedom to do all that He wills to do. No one can compel Him or hinder Him or stop Him – always, everywhere, forever.

Isaiah 44:6 This is what the Lord says - Israel’s **King** & Redeemer, the **Lord** of Heaven’s Armies: “I am the First & the Last; there is no other God. **7** Who is like me? Let him step forward & prove to you his power. Let him do as I’ve done since ancient times when I established a people & explained its future. **8** Do not tremble; do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim My purposes for you long ago? You’re My witnesses - is there any other God? No! There is no other Rock - not one!”

Jeremiah 32:17 O **Sovereign** Lord! You made the heavens & earth by Your strong hand & powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for You!

Daniel 4:3 (Nebuchadnezzar) How great are His signs, how powerful His wonders! His *kingdom* will last forever, His *rule* through all generations...
34b ...His *rule* is everlasting, & His *kingdom* is eternal. **35** All the people of the earth are nothing compared to Him. He does as He pleases among the angels of heaven & among the people of the earth. No one can stop Him or say to Him, ‘What do you mean by doing these things?’

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

We can be at rest, free of worry – trusting in the sovereignty of God.

John 17:3 AMP Now this is eternal life: that they may **know** You, the only true, *supreme, & sovereign* God, & in the same manner know Jesus as the Christ whom You have sent.

When we see God as our Sovereign King & still our Father, who has adopted us & claimed us as His own, it changes everything.

Colossians 1:15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created & is *supreme* over all creation, **16** for through Him God created everything in the heavenly realms & on earth. He made the things we can see & the things we can’t see—such as *thrones, kingdoms, rulers, & authorities* in the unseen world. Everything was created through Him & for Him.

Jesus is sovereign & has dominion over all things—including sin. He paid the penalty for our sin & rose to life in victorious power.

No emperor or prime minister or president can save you from your sin.

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? **35** And who has given Him so much that He needs to pay it back? **36** For everything comes from Him & exists by His power & is intended for His glory. All glory to Him forever! Amen.

Elevated to the place of highest honor; every creature on earth & in heaven will ultimately bow their knee & confess that Jesus is Lord.

1 Timothy 1:17 All honor & glory to God forever & ever! He is the eternal **King**, the unseen one who never dies; He alone is God. Amen.

*Putting our faith in a sovereign Lord, helps us to...
fight through any storm & see the beauty on the horizon.*

Revelation 4:8b ...Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the **Almighty**-the One who always was, who is, & who is still to come.”⁹ Whenever the living beings give glory & honor & thanks to the **One** sitting on the **throne** (the one who lives forever & ever),¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down & worship the One sitting on the **throne**. They lay their crowns before the **throne** & say,¹¹ “You’re worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory & honor & power. For You created all things, & they exist because You created what You pleased.”

Hebrews 12:28 Since we’re receiving a **Kingdom** that’s unshakable, let’s be thankful & please God by worshiping Him w/ holy fear & awe.

*God is a person, & He made a way for us to come boldly to the Throne.
It’s a throne; & it’s awesome, majestic & full of grace.*

Hebrews 4:16 AMP ...let us, w/ privilege approach the **throne** of grace [the throne of God’s gracious favor] w/ confidence & w/out fear, so that we may receive mercy for our failures & find His amazing grace to help in time of need (an appropriate blessing, coming just at the right moment).

Have you surrendered to the Sovereign King? Completely, wholly, forever? Given Him your home, business, school, & family?

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