## **GOD** What is God like? September 17, 2023

What are the attributes of God? What are His characteristics & qualities? Can you describe His nature? How do you describe the Indescribable? Together, let's know what God is like.

There's no more valuable topic or significant study than knowing God.

Colossians 1:15 TPT He's the divine portrait, the true likeness of the invisible God, & the firstborn heir of all creation. 16 For in Him was created the universe of things, both in the heavenly realm & on the earth, all that's seen & all that's unseen. Every seat of power, realm of government, principality, & authority-it all exists through Him & for His purpose! 17 He existed before anything was made, & now everything finds completion in Him.

We respect & revere God! We're in awe of God! We're humbled by God! We recognize the majesty & glory & holiness of the Almighty!

**Proverbs 9:10 TPT** The starting point for acquiring wisdom is to be *consumed with awe* as you worship Yahweh. To receive the revelation of the Holy One, you must come to the one who has living-understanding.

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

**Exodus 34:5** NIV Then the Lord came down in the cloud & stood there w/ him (Moses) & proclaimed His name, the Lord 6 And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate & gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love & faithfulness,"

## Compassionate - Gracious - Patient - Loving - Faithful

**Immense Infinite Self-existent Flawless** Glorious Light Life **Righteous** Merciful **Omnipresent Eternal** Sovereign Wise Forgiving Generous Gentle Perfect **Omnipotent** Peaceful **Dependable** Reliable Kind **Omniscient Truthful** Creative **Spirit & Truth Almighty God! Trustworthy** Good

We're discovering Jesus & getting to know the Holy One. I'm praying we stir up a hunger to personally understand & experience Almighty 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.

We have to know God. We must. We must see God. We must hear God. We must feel God. Nothing less will do. Nothing else will satisfy our souls.

God is Loving - shows great care; devoted; adoring; close; warm hearted

Love is one of God's most essential attributes. His Superpower!! Let's go deep & find God's loving heart, the Lover of our soul.

**Psalm 36:7** How precious *(priceless)* is Your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

God's love is infinite, eternal, omnipotent, omnipresent, & unfailing!

**Isaiah 54:10** For the mountains may move & the hills disappear, but even then My faithful (unfailing) love for you will remain (not be shaken). My covenant of blessing will never be broken," says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

God is love, & all love comes from God. He is love's source.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient (endures) & kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It's not irritable (overly sensitive), & it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It doesn't rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up (regardless), never loses faith (looks for the best), is always hopeful, & endures through every circumstance. (never fails)

God loves unconditionally w/ all that He is & all that He has. All that God does, He does in love. And there's no limit.

God's love is one of the most difficult of all attributes to describe. How do we comprehend the incomprehensible? Embrace the ocean?! Ha!

1 John 4:7b ...for *love* comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God & knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for *God is love*. 9 God showed how much He loved us by sending His one & only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. 10 This is *real love* - not that we loved God, but that He loved us & sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins...

16 We know how much God loves us, & we have put our trust in *His love*. God is love, & all who live in love live in God, & God lives in them...

18 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear...

Because we know God loves us, we know He wants the best for us, only good for us, no harm to us. So we have no fear in His love & care.

**John 3:16** For this is how God *loved* the world: He gave His one & only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him.

Jesus was content to come down & die for us, we were not a burden. You're not a problem to God. He's happy to love you & rejoice over you.

**Romans 5:8 AMP** God clearly shows & proves His own *love* for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The same love that created us, also redeemed us, & now sustains us!

We know that God, in His love, in His good will toward us, has delivered us from judgment through the death of Jesus for our sins.

**1 John 3:1a AMP** See what an incredible quality of *love* the Father has shown to us, that we would be permitted to be named & called & counted the children of God! And so we are!

God's thoughts toward us are loving all the time.

**Ephesians 2:4 AMP** But God, being so very rich in mercy, because of *His* great & wonderful *love* w/ which *He loved* us, 5 even when we were spiritually dead & separated from Him because of our sins, He made us spiritually alive together w/ Christ (for by His grace - His undeserved favor & mercy – you've been saved from God's judgment).

Every time God thinks of us, He does so lovingly. We must seek to understand & trust in God's love.

When we're immersed in God's love, we handle adversity different. Attacks from the world, our flesh, & Satan just "hit" different.

Romans 8:37 AMP Yet in all these things we're more than conquerors & gain an overwhelming victory through Him who *loved* us so much that He died for us 38 For I am convinced & continue to be convinced-beyond any doubt, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present & threatening, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the unlimited *love of God*, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Nothing God has ever done, or is doing, or will ever do, is separate from the love of God.

God's love is still here today. God is still God; yesterday, today, & forever! The love of God never changes! The love of God is still being manifested on the earth today. God's love is still being poured out to all people. Whoever will receive God's love will receive His power!