

**GOD** What is God like?  
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*What are the attributes of God? What are His characteristics & qualities? Can you describe His nature? How do you describe the Indescribable? Do you know God? Do you know Him in His fullness?*

***Understanding who God is & what He is like is of supreme importance. There is no more valuable topic or significant study than knowing God.***

*If we have an incorrect view of God or a misunderstanding of who He is or what He's like, we will struggle w/ our faith, love, & our hope in Him.*

**Psalm 9:10a** Those who know Your name trust in You... (*name = character or reputation or who You are or what kind of a God You are; i.e. Jireh, Rapha, Shalom*)

***Our faith is based on our confidence in God's character. Faith will come more easily when we know what kind of God God is.***

**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's 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 Don't tremble; don't 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!"

***It is the most terrible thing, that we don't see God for as great as He is.***

**Jeremiah 9:23** This is what the Lord says: "Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. 24 But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know Me & understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love & who brings justice & righteousness to the earth, & that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

***We must know, understand, & believe correctly about God.***

*If we take God out of our life, there's no reason for us even being here.  
Our only significance is in God.*

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God... *(He started it all)*

*He made it all. He is the beginning of time. God is the source of all space. He produced all life, love, morality, & goodness.*

*God is Creator & Overseer of our lives.*

*God is more than we can imagine, how glorious is that?!*

**John 1:1** In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was w/ God, & the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning w/ God. 3 God created everything through Him, & nothing was created except through Him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, & His life brought light to everyone. 5 The light shines in the darkness, & the darkness can never extinguish it.

*When we view God properly, we move forward & experience Life.*

*When we view God inadequately, we go backwards, small, less than.*

*But the devil intends to steal, kill & destroy*

**Genesis 3:1b** ...Did God really say...? *(the devil cast doubt on God)*

*Many of our struggles in life are due to our low view of who God is. Our strength or weakness of our Christian walk is dependent on our concept of who God is.*

*If we intend to “know” ❤️ Him, we must purposely know about Him.*

**Romans 1:19** They know the truth about God because He has made it obvious to them. 20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth & sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities-His eternal power & divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. 21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship Him as God or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark & confused. 22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. 23 And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people & birds & animals & reptiles.

*I wonder if our Christianity is shallow, weak, anemic, & frivolous?*

*Together, let's gain understanding of what God is like (His attributes)*

*Think about what the implications will be for our daily lives?*

*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. 17 He existed before anything else, & He holds all creation together. 18 Christ is also the head of the church, which is His body. He's the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So He's first in everything. 19 For God in all His fullness was pleased to live in Christ, 20 & through Him God reconciled everything to Himself. He made peace w/ everything in heaven & on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

*Let's do a deep dive into the Father's heart this Fall.*

*I believe it's going to help us step back & reassess our priorities.*

*Are you in awe of God? Respect & revere Him? Humbled by Him?*

*Do you recognize the majesty & glory & holiness of the Almighty.*

*How does your understanding of God effect your relationship w/ Him?*

**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, & that I may share the fellowship of His sufferings, by being continually conformed inwardly into His likeness, even to His death, dying as He did

*Let's discover Jesus. Let's get to know the Holy One. I'm praying that we stir up a hunger to personally know, understand, & experience Almighty God. Let's be driven by the desire to know God in His fullness & enrich our relationship w/ Jesus & sense the closeness of the Holy Spirit.*

*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.*

*Our worship is wholly dependent on our concept/view of God. We must see God in His fullness/greatness to worship Him as He desires.*

**Exodus 34:4** NIV Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones & went up Mount Sinai early in the morning as the Lord had commanded him; & he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. 5 Then the Lord came down in the cloud & stood there w/ him & 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** - caring; concerned; sensitive; considerate; nurturing

**Gracious** - kind; giving not based on merit; merciful; forgiving

**Patient** - uncomplaining; calm; composed; tolerates delays

**Loving** - showing great care; devoted; adoring; close; warm hearted

**Faithful** - dependable; reliable; loyal; steadfast; constant; trustworthy

**Self-existent Glorious Light Life Infinite Flawless Immense**

**Righteous Merciful Omnipresent - Psalm 33:13 Holy Eternal**

**Sovereign Just Perfect Omnipotent Wise Forgiving Generous**

**Gentle Kind Peaceful Omniscient - Psalm 33:13 Truthful Good**

**Spirit - John 4:24 Creative - Genesis 1:1 Dependable Reliable**

**Trustworthy Almighty**