

# Understanding God: Beginning with the book of Isaiah

## Overall Course Outline

(I may add other topics as the class progresses)

### I. In the book of Isaiah 1:3

#### A. Background: an outline and other information

#### B. Basic benefits of the study Gen 1:26f.; Ecl 12:13; 1 Cor 15:50-58; Jer 9:23f.; Acts 17:22-28

### II. In relation to Himself

#### A. The Perception of God as a being

1. Self Existent Isa 37:16; 46:9; 43:14-15; 44:8; 54:5; Lk 4:34; Ex 3:14
2. Unity (Godhead) Jn 1:18; 5:18; Col 2:9; Jn 8:54-59; Ex 3:14f.; Acts 5:1-4
3. Eternal Isa 41:4; 57:15; 63:16
4. Immutable Isa 40:28; Mal 3:6; Heb 6:16-18
5. Omnipresence Isa 6:1-3; 43:1-7; 1 Ki 8:27; Psa 139:7-10
6. Glorious/Majestic Isa 6:3; 35:2; 60:19
7. Invisible Isa 45:15; Jn 1:18; 1 Jn 4:12

#### B. The Person of God

1. Perfection Dt 32:4; Matt 5:48; Jas 1:17
2. Holiness /righteousness Isa 6:3; 29:19; 43:14-15; 51:8
3. Omniscient Isa 40:13-14, 26-28; 46:10; 48:5-6
4. Omnipotent Isa 40:15; 2:12; 6:3,5; 8:13; 1:24; 49:26; 60:16; Gen 18:14
5. Wisdom Pro 1:22-23; 1 Cor 1:18-25
6. Truth Isa 65:16; Psa 31:5; Jn 17:17
7. Faithfulness Isa 25:1; 44:21; 49:7; 51:6

8. Goodness Isa 63:7; 1 Chr 16:34; 2 Chr 30:18; Psa 145:9
9. Love Isa 43:4; 1 Jn 4:8, 16; Jn 21:15-17
10. Patience Isa 5:1-4; 30:18; 48:9
11. Just Isa 30:18; 61:8; Matt 16:27; 25:14-46; Isa 42:1-4; 9:7; Psa 67:4
12. Sovereign Isa 24:23; 33:22; 40:22-23; 45:23; 52:7; 54:5
13. Incomparable Isa 40:18, 25; Dt 33:26; Psa 113:4-6; 96:5; Jer 10:6; Ex 15:11
14. Other
  - a. Irresistable Isa 43:13; 2 Chr 20:6; Job 9:12; Jer 50:44; Dan 4:35
  - b. Does not remain angry Numb 12:9; Judg 10:7; Ez 5:13
  - c. Impartial Dt 10:17; Job 36:5; 37:24; Acts 10:34-35; Rom 2: 5-6,11
  - d. Difficult to know, but knowable to a degree
    1. God is invisible Isa 45:15; Dt 4:15; Job 9:11; Jn 1:18; Heb 11:27; 1 Jn 4:12
    2. God is unsearchable Isa 40:28; Job 11:7-9; 26:14; 36:26; Rom 11:33
    3. God is knowable Matt 11:27; Rom 1:19, 20; 1 Cor 2:10-16; Col 1:10; 1 Jn 5:20
    4. God and secrets
      - a. God in secret Matt 6:4, 6, 18
      - b. God's secrets Dt 29:29; Isa 48:6; Psa 25:14; Mk 4:11; Eph 6:19; Eph 3:4; Col 4:3; Col 2:2; 1 Tim 3:9, 16
  - e. Gracious/merciful Isa 1:18; 55:7; 65:2
  - f. Human representations
    1. Face Gen 32:30; Ex 33:11; 33:20; Dt 5:4; 34:10
    2. Eyes 2 Chr 16:9; Prov 22:12

3. Nostrils 2 Sam 22:9; 22:16; Psa 18:15
4. Breath Isa 30:28; Psa 18:8
5. Shoulders Dt 33:12
6. Hand/arm Isa 52:10; Psa 21:8; 74:11; 89:13; 118:16
7. Fingers Exo 8:19; Psa 8:3; Lk 11:20; Ex 31:18; Dt 9:10
8. Back Ex 33:21-23
9. Voice Ex 3:4; 19:19; 20:19; 20:22; Dt 4:12; 4:33, 36; 1 Ki 19:12-13; Heb 12:19; 12:26
10. Laughs/sleeps Psa 2:4; 59:8; 78:65
11. A warrior Isa 66:16; Ex 15:3; 17:16; Jer 21:5; Zech 14:3
12. Uses weapons Isa 34:5; Dt 32:23; Psa 7:12, 13; 21:12; 64:7; Lam 2:4
13. Jealous Ex 34:14; Dt 4:24; 32:21; Psa 78:58; 79:5;
14. Angry Isa 30:30; 66:15; Numb 12:9; Dt 32:22; Judg 10:7; 2 Sam 22:8; Job 19:11; Ez 5:13; 38:18; Nah 1:6
15. Hates Psa 11:5; Mal 1:2-3; Lev 26:30; Dt 18:12; Psa 11:5; Prov 6:16; Rev 2:6
16. Vengeance Isa 1:24; 34:8; Dt 32:34-35, 41; Psa 94:1; Nah 1:2; Heb 10:30
17. Makes oaths Isa 14:24; 45:23; Numb 14:20-21, 28; Jer 22:5; 44:26; 46:18; 49:13; 51:14; Heb 3:11; 6:13, 17
18. Changes his purpose Gen 6:7; Ex 32:14; 1 Sam 15:11, 23, 35; Joel 2:13-14; Jonah 3:9-10
19. Wrath Isa 43:2; 48:9; 59:18; 63:3, 6
20. Will Isa 41:10; 42:6; 49:15; 66:13; Jer 31:34; 30:17; Gen 12:2; Josh 1:5; 2 Ki 20:5; Psa 32:8; 132:15; Ezek 36:22-29; Jn 14:21; 14:3; Rev 2:10; 3:20

### III. In revelation by His actions

#### A. Creator

1. The universe Isa 37:16; 40:12, 28; 42:5; 45:12, 18; 51:13

2. Light and Darkness Isa 45:7; Gen 1:3-5; 2 Cor 4:6
3. The heavens Gen 1:6, 7, 8; Psa 19:1; 33:6
4. The earth Gen 1:9-13; Job 38:4; Psa 24:1-2
5. Celestial objects Gen 1:14-19; Job 9:5-9; Psa 104:19; Psa 148: 4-5
6. Animals and Man Isa 42:5; 45:12; 64:8; Gen 1:20-27
7. Nature
  - a. Seasons Gen 8:22; Psa 74:17; Acts 14:17
  - b. Day and Night Isa 50:3; Job 9:7; 38:32, 33; Jer 31:35; 33:25-26
  - c. Rain and Rainbow Gen 9:12-17; Psa 65:9-10; Psa 104:13; 135:7; Prov 3:20; Jer 51:16
  - d. Clouds Job 26: 8-9; 37:11, 15-16
  - e. Hail, snow, cold Job 37:6; Psa 147:16-17
  - f. Thunder and lightning 2 Sam 22:14; Job 37:3-5; Psa 29:3; 77:18; 97:4; Jer 10:13
  - g. Winds Job 37:14-17; Psa 78:26; 147:18
  - h. Man Isa 46:3-4; Job 10:12

## **B. Involvement with human beings**

1. Intervenes in the affairs of men 1 Chr 29: 11-12, 14; Prov 29:26; Eccl 3:1-11
2. Human plans
  - a. Futile without God Psa 127:1-2
  - b. Resistance to God is futile Isa 44:26-27; Gen 24:50; 1 Ki 12:22-24; Acts 5: 38-39
3. Appoints rulers Isa 45:28; 1 Ki 19:15; Dan 4:17
4. Sends opposition Isa 37:26-29; Judg 9:22-23; 1 Ki 11:14, 23; Jer 27:1-7
5. Gives favor Gen 39:21; Exo 3:21; Dan 1:9; Acts 7:9-10

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| 6. | Supplies needs or wants        | Isa 41:17-18; 1 Chrn 29:16; 2 cor 9:8; Phil 4:19   |
| 7. | Changes fortunes               | Sam 2:4-8; Job 5:17-18; Lk 1:52f.  |
| 8. | Provides prosperity/protection | Isa 63:14; 1 Sam 15:17; 2 Sam 7:8-9; 1 Chrn 17:7-8   |
| 9. | Provides comfort, removes fear | Is 7:3-4; 8:12-13; 10:24; 33:5-6; Is 35:4; 41:10; 41:13; 41:14; 43:1; 43:5; 44:2; 51:7; 54:4; Is 54:14 |

### C. God's purposes

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| 1.  | Distinct                            | Isa 14:24-27; Job 23:13; Numb 23:19   |
| 2.  | Eternal                             | Eccl 3:14; Matt 25:34; 1 Corth 2:7; Eph 3: 8-11; Psa 33:11; Mal 3:6                                 |
| 3.  | Brought about through humans        | Isa 13:5; 2 Ki 5:1-14; 1 Sam 15:17; 1 Sam 4:1-15; Gal 1:11-16; Acts 9:1-6; Ruth 4:16-22             |
| 4.  | Chooses for Holiness                | Eph 1:4; 2 Tim 1:9; Jn 15:16; 17:6  |
| 5.  | Control of evil for his purposes    | Isa 6:9-10; 19: 13-14; 44:18; Gen 37:1-28 with 45:3-8   |
| 6.  | Hardens hearts                      | Exo 4:21; 7:3, 4, 13; 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:9-10; 14:4, 8, 17; Dt 2:30; Josh 11:19-20; Rom 9:17-18 |
| 7.  | Temptation (testing)                | Gen 22:1-14; Dt 13:1-3; 1 Corth 10:13   |
| 8.  | Brings good out of evil             | Gal 1:11-24; Gen 37:1-28 with 45:3-8; Acts 2:22-36  |
| 9.  | Allows freedom of choice            | Dt 11:26-28; 30:15, 19; Josh 24:15  |
| 10. | Allows for His own sorrow           | Isa 48:18; Psa 81:13-15; Matt 23:37; Lk 13:34   |
| 11. | No pleasure in the sinner's death   | Ez 18:23; 31-32; Matt 18:14; 2 Pet 3:9; Ezek 33:10-11   |
| 12. | Brings repentant sinners to Himself | Isa 55:1-3; Jer 26:2-3; Joel 2:32; Jn 6:37; Acts 2:21   |
| 13. | Described                           |   |
|     | a. Perfect                          | Dt 32:4   |
|     | b. Great                            | Psa 111:2; Joel 2:21; Psa 126:2,3   |
|     | c. Awesome                          | Psa 111:9-10; 66:3,5  |
|     | d. Unhindered                       | Isa 43:13   |

e. Unified

Dt 6:4; Jn 5:17; Matt 28:18-20; Jn 10:30

#### **IV. In conclusion (What this means to me)**

I. In the book of Isaiah

Isa 1:3

3"An ox knows its owner, And a donkey its master's manger, But Israel does not know, My people do not understand."

A. Background information about the book

1. An outline

<b>A..</b>	<b>Judgment of Jerusalem and Judah</b>	<b>1:1-12:6</b>
1.	Its nature	1:1-31
2.	Its relationship	2:1-12:6
<b>B.</b>	<b>Judgment of the nations</b>	<b>13:1-23:18</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>Judgment portrayed as universal</b>	<b>24:1-35:10</b>
1.	Ruin and righteousness declared	24:1-23
2.	Praises and pangs decreed	25:1-33:24
3.	Desolation and restoration contrasted	34:1-35:10
<b>D.</b>	<b>Historical narrative concerning Hezekiah, Assyria and Babylon</b>	<b>36:1-39:8</b>
<b>E.</b>	<b>Judgment of Israel accomplished</b>	<b>40:1-66:24</b>
1..	Israel's restoration: The deliverance	40:1-48:22
2.	Israel's redemption: The deliverer	49:1-59:21
3.	Israel's glorification: The delivered	60:1-66:24

**Another Outline**

1.	Judah and Jersalem judged	1-12
2.	Nations judged	13-23
3.	Universal judgment	24-35
4.	Hezekiah and the world powers	36-39
5.	Israel restored	40-48
6.	Israel redeemed	49-59
7.	Israel glorified	60-66

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2. Other Information

- a. Author      **Isaiah 1:1; 2 Chrn 26:22**
- b. Date        **740-690 b.c. Isa 1:1**
- c. Theme      **Isa 1:27**
- d. Purpose:

**To show that salvation is of the Holy and Majestic Jehovah and not of man.**

**e. Multiple Isaiah authors**

1. Mtt quotes from all parts of the book 3:3—40:3; 8:17—53:4
2. Mk quotes from all parts 1:2---40:3; 7:6—29:13
3. Lk 3:4—40:3-5; 28:25—6:9-10
4. Jn 1:23—40:3; 12:38-41—53:1; 6:9-10 (one quote-2 sections)
5. Dead sea scrolls do not separate 39:8 and 40:1 - on the same line.
6. See Edward J. Young on refutation of redactor theories.

**C. Basic benefits of the study**

**1. Understanding God means understanding ourselves.**

- a. Our origins. Gen 1:26ff.; Acts 17:28**

**Ge 1:26-27**

26Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**Ac 17:28**

28for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, ' For we also are His offspring.'

- b. Our purpose in life. 1 pet. 2:9; Eccl 12:13**

**1Pe 2:9**

9But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Ecc 12:13**

13The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. 14For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

- c. Our ultimate goal. 2 tim 4:7-8; 1Cor 15:1-4, 50-58**

**2Ti 4:7-8**

7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**1Co 15:1-4**

15:1Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

**1Co 15:50-58**

50Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable



inherit the imperishable. 51Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. 55"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

2. **Understanding God means knowing and being known by Him.** Mtt 7:21-23; 2 cor 10:17;  
Jer 9:23; Phil 3:7-11; 1 Jn2:4, 3:14; Jer 31:31ff

**Mt 7:21-23**

21"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

**Jer 9:23-24**

23Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; 24but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

**Php 3:7-11**

7But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, 9and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

**1Jn 2:4**

4The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

**1Jn 3:14-15**

14We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

**Jer 31:31-34**

31"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. 33"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34"And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

3. **Understanding God means becoming like Him.**

a. **A change from our ways to His ways.** 1 Cor 10:13

**1Co 10:13**

13No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that

you may be able to endure it.

**b. A Great example.**

**Mtt 4:1-10; Heb 4:14-16**

**Mt 4:1-10**

4:1Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. 3And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" 5Then the devil took Him into the holy city; and he had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give His angels charge concerning You'; and 'On their hands they will bear You up, Lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'"

7Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory; 9and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me." 10Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"

**Heb 4:14-16**

14Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

**4. c. A Godly life.**

**Heb 12:14; Eph 5:2**

**Heb 12:14**

14Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

**Eph 5:2**

2and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

**5. Understanding God will enable us to detect and exterminate sin in our lives.**

1Tim 1:15-16; Eph 4:22; Heb 12:1-2

**1Ti 1:15-17**

15It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. 16And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

**Eph 4:22**

22that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

**6. Understanding God will allow us to obey His commands in Spirit and Truth.**

1Cor 1:18-31; Dt 5:6-21; Matt 5:2-18;

**1Co 1:18-31**

18For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the cleverness of the clever I will set aside."

20Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; 23but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ

the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28and the base things of the world and the despised, God has chosen, the things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are, 29that no man should boast before God. 30But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 31that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**Dt 5:6-21**

6'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

7'You shall have no other gods before Me.

8'You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. 9'You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, 10but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

11'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

12'Observe the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. 13'Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15'And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

16'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD your God gives you.

17'You shall not murder.

18'You shall not commit adultery.

19'You shall not steal.

20'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

21'You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field or his male servant or his female servant, his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.'

**Mt 5:2-19**

2And opening His mouth He began to teach them, saying,

3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10"Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11"Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. 12"Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. 14"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15"Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure,

but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

17"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. 18"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

7. **Understanding God correctly will help us to acceptly worship Him.** Jn 4:24; Acts 17:22ff.; Heb 11:6; Jn 4:22; Matt 15:7-9;

**Jn 4:24**

24"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

**Ac 17:22-28**

22And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. 23"For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. 24"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things; 26and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, 27that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said,' For we also are His offspring.'

**Heb 11:6**

6And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

**Jn 4:22**

22"You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

**Mt 15:7-9**

7"You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

8'This people honors Me with their lips,

But their heart is far away from Me.

9'But in vain do they worship Me,

Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.' "

8. **Understanding God will help us mature spiritually.**

Eph 4:11-15; 2pet 1:1-8

**Eph 4:11-15**

11And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. 14As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,

**2Pe 1:1-8**

1:1Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: 2Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. 5Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; 6and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance,

and in your perseverance, godliness; 7and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. 8For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9. **Understanding God will enable us to share Christianity with others.** 1 pet 3:15; Jn 3:11-15; 2 pet 1:9-10; 2 tim 3:14-15

**1Pe 3:15-16**

15but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

**Jn 3:11-15**

11"Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen; and you do not receive our witness. 12"If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13"And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man. 14"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; 15that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life.

16"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

**2Pe 1:9-11**

9For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. 10Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;

**2Ti 3:14-15**

14You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them; 15and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**Note: Four sermon outlines <sup>i</sup>**

**Note: Names of God in endnotes<sup>ii</sup>**

**(Arguments for the existence of God)**

**A. The Cosmological argument for God's existence. (Cause and effect) Psa 19:1-2  
Ps 19:1-2**

**The heavens are telling of the glory of God;**

**And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.**

**2Day to day pours forth speech,**

**And night to night reveals knowledge.**

1. Things just don't happen, there are causes. Creation of matter.

2. These things didn't just happen, their existence is an inherent proof of deity.

**B. The Teleological argument for God's existence. (Plain man's argument) Eccl 12:13  
Ecc 12:13**

13The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

1. Everything man makes has a purpose (an end design).

2. Every complex thing has a higher intelligence designing it.

3. Everyone asks "why am I here"... can't be answered without God!

**C. The Ontological argument for God's existence (philosopher's argument)**

1. Proof God exists because man universally conceives of God.

2. Perception of God (whether or not He exists) and the assertion He does not exist is impossible, because this would invalidate reasoning. No atheism possible.

D. The **Moral** argument for God's existence (right vs. wrong)

1. Man is different from the animal; he has reasoning, a conscience, remorse.
2. Man's universal concept of morality proves the existence of God.

E. The **General** argument for God's existence (religious necessity)

1. All men feel the necessity to worship God. This is fact.
2. An understanding of religion is seen in the human tendency to conceive of the reality of life in terms of what is true or not true. This means standards. Who provides perfect standards..? God.

F. The **Historical** argument for God's existence. (The Jewish people)

Note: for more apologetics, see research notes page 677

# TWENTY ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

## SUMMARIZED FROM THE HANDBOOK OF APOLOGETICS

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1. **The argument from change:** What brings about change? The process of change; its design. This indicates a designer.
2. **The argument from efficient causality:** All things need a cause to exist. If there is no God (who does not change) then how did the first part of the universe come into existence?
3. **The argument from time and contingency:** If the universe began to exist, then there must have been a time when it did not because all things are temporal. Since nothing comes from nothing, the universe could not have begun by itself and therefore there must be something that exists that can NOT, not exist. That is God.
4. **The argument from degrees of perfection** We can perceive that some things are naturally better than others, (good is better than being bad, healthy than sick, man than a stone). If we are the best of creatures and we (as a race) are not the best, then there must be something better. God.
5. **The design argument** The complexity of the world around us indicates a design. Since this is beyond our ability, there must be something more. God.
6. **The *kalam* argument**

Since the universe is not infinitely old, there must have been a time when it did not exist (big bang theory). Since nothing can not bring about something, then something had to cause it. God

7. **The argument from contingency** If the universe exists then there must be something outside the universe (not bounded by time or space) to cause it to exist.
  
8. **The argument from the world as an interacting whole**  
The basic laws of the universe are intertwining. Each part of the universe is a part of the whole and interacts with the other parts of the universe to form the universe. The system as a whole cannot explain its existence, since it requires component parts (with no part causing the whole universe).
  
9. **The argument from miracles**  
Miracles exist. Examples are: Crossing the Red Sea, The resurrection of Christ, The ascension of Christ. Acts 2. If God does NOT exist, then where did they come from?
  
10. **The argument from consciousness** Both the world around us and our own comprehension of it exhibit an intelligence beyond our own. God.
  
11. **The argument from truth**  
Since we can conceive of truths which are eternal and Truth resides in the mind, then there must be a mind which is eternal.
  
12. **The argument from the origin of the idea of God** Rene Descartes. We can conceive of the idea of God and since ideas must come from within or without, the idea of God must come from without (God) since how could the unaided mind conceive of the perfect God.
  
13. **The ontological argument**

**Anselm's (Canterbury) version**

Something is greater that exists both in the mind and in reality. God means the greater than that which can be thought. Suppose that God exists in the mind but not in reality, then a greater than God could be thought, which would be an impossibility.

**Modal version**

The expression: "That being than which a greater cannot be thought" expresses a consistent concept (GCB for short)

GCB can't be: necessarily nonexistent; or contingently existing, but only as necessarily existing.

GCB can only be thought of as the kind of being than

cannot not exist, that must exist.

But what must be so is so. Therefore GCB (i.e. God) exists.

### **Possible worlds version**

There is a possible world (W) in which there is a being (X) with maximal greatness. But X is maximally great only if X has maximal excellence in every possible world. Therefore X is maximally great only if X has omnipotence, omniscience and moral perfection in every possible world. In W, the proposition “There is not omnipotent, omniscient, morally perfect being” would be impossible- that is, necessarily false. But what is impossible does not vary from world to world. Therefore, the proposition, “There is no omnipotent, omniscient, morally perfect being” is necessarily false in this actual world, too. Therefore, there actually exists in this world, and must exist in every possible world, an omnipotent, omniscient, morally perfect being.

#### **14. The moral argument**

Moral obligation of humanity is a fact. Morals don't occur by random chance, but rather by design. God.

#### **15. The argument from conscience**

Some say there is nothing binding, but that we should follow our own private conscience. Can it be good to violate one's own conscience? There must be one moral absolute—not to violate one's own conscience.

Where did the absolute authority of the conscience come from?

From 1. Less than me. 2. From me. 3. From my equals 4. From something above me.

Only that which is superior to me obligates me.

#### **16. The argument from desire**

Every natural, innate desire in us corresponds to some real object that can satisfy that desire. There exists in us a desire which nothing in time, nothing on earth, no creature can satisfy. Therefore, there must exist something more than time, earth and creatures, which can satisfy this desire. That something is God.

#### **17. The argument from aesthetic experience**

The music of Johann Sebastian Bach exists. Therefore, there must be a God. (The perfect points to that which is even more perfect.—Gary)

#### **18. The argument from religious experience**

Many, many people, in all time periods and locations have had a religious experience. How can so many people be wrong?

#### **19. The common consent argument (like # 18 and #16)**

Belief in God is common to almost everyone. Either everyone



is wrong or is not wrong. It is probable they are correct, therefore God exists.

**20. Pascal's Wager**

If one can not decide between the arguments for or against the existence of God, then you must make your best guess based on the consequences of the possible truth of either side of the argument.

1. If you choose God, you lose nothing, even if it turns out that God does not exist.
2. If you choose against God and He does exist, you lose everything: God, eternity, heaven, infinite gain.

Summary of the two cases: If you win, you win everything, if you lose, you lose nothing. Choose the existence of God.

**II. In relation to Himself**

**A. The Perception of God as a being**

**1. Self Existent** Isa 37:16; 46:9; 43:14-15; 44:8; 54:5; Lk 4:34; Ex 3:14

**1. Creator 37:16; 45:18**

Isa 37:16-17

16"O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who art enthroned above the cherubim, Thou art the God, Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. Thou hast made heaven and earth.

Isa 45:18

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens  
(He is the God who formed the earth and made it,  
He established it and did not create it a waste place,  
But formed it to be inhabited),  
"I am the LORD, and there is none else.

**2. Like No Other 46:9; Dt 33:26**

Isa 46:9

9"Remember the former things long past,  
For I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is no one like Me,

Dt 33:26

26"There is none like the God of Jeshurun,  
Who rides the heavens to your help,  
And through the skies in His majesty.

**3. Rock 26:4; 30:29; 44:8; Dt 32:18; 2 Sam 23:3; Rom 9:33; 1 Cor 10:1-5; 2 Pet 2:4-8**

Isa 26:4

4"Trust in the LORD forever,  
For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.

Isa 30:29

29You will have songs as in the night when you keep the festival;  
And gladness of heart as when one marches to the sound of the flute,  
To go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

Isa 44:8

8'Do not tremble and do not be afraid;  
Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it?  
And you are My witnesses.  
Is there any God besides Me,  
Or is there any other Rock?  
I know of none.' "

Dt 32:18

18"You neglected the Rock who begot you,  
And forgot the God who gave you birth.

2Sa 23:3

3"The God of Israel said,  
The Rock of Israel spoke to me,  
'He who rules over men righteously,  
Who rules in the fear of God,

Ro 9:33

33just as it is written,  
"Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense,

And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

1Co 10:1-5

10:1For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3and all ate the same spiritual food; 4and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. 5Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

2Pe 2:4-9

4For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; 5and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly thereafter; 7and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men 8(for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day with their lawless deeds),

**4. I AM Isa 44:6; Ex 3:14; Jn 6:35; 8:12; 8:23; 8:58; Jn 10:9; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6  
Isa 44:6**

6"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel

And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

'I am the first and I am the last,

And there is no God besides Me.

Ex 3:14-15

14And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Jn 6:35-36

35Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

Jn 8:12

12Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Jn 8:23-24

23And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

Jn 8:58

58Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

Jn 10:9-10

9"I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Jn 10:11-13

11"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12"He who is a hireling, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them.

Jn 11:25-26

25Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,

**5. No Equal 40:25; 46:5, 9; 2 Sam 7:18-22; 1 Ki 8:22-24**

Isa 40:25

25"To whom then will you liken Me

That I should be his equal?" says the Holy One.

Isa 46:5

5"To whom would you liken Me,

And make Me equal and compare Me,

That we should be alike?

2Sa 7:18-23

18Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD, and he said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that Thou hast brought me this far? 19"And yet this was insignificant in Thine eyes, O Lord GOD, for Thou hast spoken also of the house of Thy servant concerning the distant future. And this is the custom of man, O Lord GOD. 20And again what more can David say to Thee? For Thou knowest Thy servant, O Lord GOD! 21"For the sake of Thy word, and according to Thine own heart, Thou hast done all this greatness to let Thy servant know. 22For this reason Thou art great, O Lord GOD; for there is none like Thee, and there is no God besides Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

1Ki 8:22-23

22Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven.

1Ki 8:22-25

23And he said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in heaven above or on earth beneath, who art keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their heart, 24who hast kept with Thy servant, my father David, that which Thou hast promised him; indeed, Thou hast spoken with Thy mouth and hast fulfilled it with Thy hand as it is this day.

**6. One God 45:5-6, 21-22; 44:6**

Isa 45:5-6

5"I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
Besides Me there is no God.

I will gird you, though you have not known Me;

6That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun  
That there is no one besides Me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other,

Isa 45:21-22

21"Declare and set forth your case;  
Indeed, let them consult together.

Who has announced this from of old?

Who has long since declared it?

Is it not I, the LORD?

And there is no other God besides Me,  
A righteous God and a Savior;

There is none except Me.

22"Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth;  
For I am God, and there is no other.

Isa 44:6

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel

And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

'I am the first and I am the last,

And there is no God besides Me.

**7. Not an idol 40:18-25**

Isa 40:18-25

18To whom then will you liken God?

Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

19As for the idol, a craftsman casts it,

A goldsmith plates it with gold,

And a silversmith fashions chains of silver.

20He who is too impoverished for such an offering  
Selects a tree that does not rot;

He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman  
 To prepare an idol that will not totter.  
 21Do you not know?  
 Have you not heard?  
 Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?  
 Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?  
 22It is He who sits above the vault of the earth,  
 And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,  
 Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain  
 And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.  
 23He it is who reduces rulers to nothing,  
 Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.  
 24Scarcely have they been planted,  
 Scarcely have they been sown,  
 Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth,  
 But He merely blows on them, and they wither,  
 And the storm carries them away like stubble.  
 25"To whom then will you liken Me  
 That I should be his equal?" says the Holy One.

**8. Glorious 42:8; 48:1-12**

Isa 42:8

8"I am the LORD, that is My name;  
 I will not give My glory to another,  
 Nor My praise to graven images.

Isa 48:1-12

"Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are named Israel  
 And who came forth from the loins of Judah,  
 Who swear by the name of the LORD  
 And invoke the God of Israel,  
 But not in truth nor in righteousness.  
 2"For they call themselves after the holy city,  
 And lean on the God of Israel;  
 The LORD of hosts is His name.  
 3"I declared the former things long ago  
 And they went forth from My mouth, and I proclaimed them.  
 Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass.  
 4"Because I know that you are obstinate,  
 And your neck is an iron sinew,  
 And your forehead bronze,  
 5Therefore I declared them to you long ago,  
 Before they took place I proclaimed them to you,  
 Lest you should say, 'My idol has done them,  
 And my graven image and my molten image have commanded them.'  
 6"You have heard; look at all this.  
 And you, will you not declare it?  
 I proclaim to you new things from this time,  
 Even hidden things which you have not known.  
 7"They are created now and not long ago;  
 And before today you have not heard them,  
 Lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew them.'

8" You have not heard, you have not known.  
 Even from long ago your ear has not been open,  
 Because I knew that you would deal very treacherously;  
 And you have been called a rebel from birth.

9" For the sake of My name I delay My wrath,  
 And for My praise I restrain it for you,  
 In order not to cut you off.

10" Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;  
 I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

11" For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act;  
 For how can My name be profaned?  
 And My glory I will not give to another.

12" Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called;  
 I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.

**9. LORD 42:8; 44:6; 43:14; 10:20; 29:19; 41:20; 43:15; 45:11; 49:7; 33:22**

Isa 42:8

8" I am the LORD, that is My name;  
 I will not give My glory to another,  
 Nor My praise to graven images.

Isa 44:6

" Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
 And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
 ' I am the first and I am the last,  
 And there is no God besides Me.

Isa 43:14

4 Thus says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,  
 " For your sake I have sent to Babylon,  
 And will bring them all down as fugitives,  
 Even the Chaldeans, into the ships in which they rejoice.

Isa 10:20

20 Now it will come about in that day that the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have  
 escaped, will never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of  
 Israel.

Isa 29:19

19 The afflicted also shall increase their gladness in the LORD,  
 And the needy of mankind shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Isa 41:20

20 That they may see and recognize,  
 And consider and gain insight as well,  
 That the hand of the LORD has done this,  
 And the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Isa 43:15

15 " I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
 The Creator of Israel, your King."

Isa 45:11

11 Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:  
 " Ask Me about the things to come concerning My sons,  
 And you shall commit to Me the work of My hands.

Isa 49:7

7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One,

To the despised One,  
To the One abhorred by the nation,  
To the Servant of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and arise,  
Princes shall also bow down;  
Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

Isa 33:22

22For the LORD is our judge,  
The LORD is our lawgiver,  
The LORD is our king;  
He will save us--

**10. First and Last**

**44:6; Rev 1:4-8**

Isa 44:6

6"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
'I am the first and I am the last,  
And there is no God besides Me.

Rev 1:4-8

4John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne; 5and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood, 6and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.

8"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**11. Redeemer**

**44:6; 43:14; 41:14**

Isa 44:6

6"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
'I am the first and I am the last,  
And there is no God besides Me.

Isa 43:14

14Thus says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,  
"For your sake I have sent to Babylon,  
And will bring them all down as fugitives,  
Even the Chaldeans, into the ships in which they rejoice.

Isa 41:14

not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel;  
I will help you," declares the LORD, "and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

**12 LORD God**

**30:15**

Isa 30:15

15For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said,  
In repentance and rest you shall be saved,  
In quietness and trust is your strength."  
But you were not willing,

**13. King**

**43:15; 33:22; Jn 1:49**

Isa 43:15

15"I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
The Creator of Israel, your King."

Isa 33:22

22For the LORD is our judge,  
The LORD is our lawgiver,  
The LORD is our king;  
He will save us--

Jn 1:49-50

49Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

**14. Creator of Israel 43:15; 1, 7, 21; 44:2**

Isa 43:15

15"I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
The Creator of Israel, your King."

Isa 43:1

But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob,  
And He who formed you, O Israel,  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are Mine!

Isa 43:7

7Everyone who is called by My name,  
And whom I have created for My glory,  
Whom I have formed, even whom I have made. "

Isa 43:21

21"The people whom I formed for Myself,  
Will declare My praise.

Isa 44:2

2Thus says the LORD who made you  
And formed you from the womb, who will help you,'  
Do not fear, O Jacob My servant;  
And you Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

**15. LORD your God 55:5**

Isa 55:5

5"Behold, you will call a nation you do not know,  
And a nation which knows you not will run to you,  
Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel;  
For He has glorified you."

**Holy One**

**a. Your Holy One 43:15**

Isa 43:15

15"I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
The Creator of Israel, your King."

**b. Holy One of Israel 1:4; 5:19; 12:6; 30:11, 15; 31:1; 41:14, 16; 43:14, 16; 43:14; 49:7; 55:5;  
60:14**

Isa 1:4

Alas, sinful nation, People weighed down with iniquity,  
Offspring of evildoers,  
Sons who act corruptly!  
They have abandoned the LORD,  
They have despised the Holy One of Israel,  
They have turned away from Him.

Isa 5:19

et Him make speed, let Him hasten His work, that we may see it;  
And let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near



And come to pass, that we may know it!"

Isa 12:6

6Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
For great in your midst is the  
Holy One of Israel.

Isa 30:11

11"Get out of the way, turn aside from the path,  
Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."

Isa 30:15

thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said,  
In repentance and rest you shall be saved,  
In quietness and trust is your strength."  
But you were not willing,

Isa 31:1

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help,  
And rely on horses,  
And trust in chariots because they are many,  
And in horsemen because they are very strong,  
But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD!

Isa 41:14

14"Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel;  
I will help you," declares the LORD, "and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

Isa 41:16

16"You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away,  
And the storm will scatter them;  
But you will rejoice in the LORD,  
You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Isa 43:14

14Thus says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,  
"For your sake I have sent to Babylon,  
And will bring them all down as fugitives,  
Even the Chaldeans, into the ships in which they rejoice.

Isa 43:16

16Thus says the LORD,  
Who makes a way through the sea  
And a path through the mighty waters,

Isa 49:7

7Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One,  
To the despised One,  
To the One abhorred by the nation,  
To the Servant of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and arise,  
Princes shall also bow down;  
Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

Isa 55:5

5"Behold, you will call a nation you do not know,  
And a nation which knows you not will run to you,  
Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel;  
For He has glorified you."

Isa 60:14

14" And the sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you,  
And all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet;  
And they will call you the city of the LORD,  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

**c. his Holy One 10:17**

Isa 10:17

17 And the light of Israel will become a fire and his Holy One a flame,  
And it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day.

**d. Holy one of Jacob 29:23**

Isa 29:23

3 But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst,  
They will sanctify My name;  
Indeed, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob,  
And will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

**e. The Holy One 40:25; Psa 89:18**

Isa 40:25

25 "To whom then will you liken Me  
That I should be his equal?" says the Holy One.

Ps 89:18

18 For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**f. The Holy One of God Mk 1:24; Lk 4:34; Jn 6:69; Ac 2:27; 13:35; Psa 16:10**

Mk 1:24

24 saying, "What do we have to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are-- the Holy One of God!"

Lk 4:34-35

34 "Ha! What do we have to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are-- the Holy One of God!"

Jn 6:69

69 "And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

Ac 2:27

27 Because Thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades,  
Nor allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.

Ac 13:35-36

35 "Therefore He also says in another Psalm, 'Thou wilt not allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.'

Ps 16:10

0 For Thou wilt not abandon my soul to Sheol;  
Neither wilt Thou allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.

**g. the LORD Isa 10:20; 31:1; 41:16**

Isa 10:20

20 Now it will come about in that day that the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, will never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

Isa 31:1

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**i. Savior Isa 43:3; Lk 19:10**

Isa 43:3

3 "For I am the LORD your God,  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in your place.

Lk 19:10

10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**j. King Isa 43:15**

Isa 43:15

15 "I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
The Creator of Israel, your King."

**k. LORD of Hosts Isa 47:4**

Isa 47:4

4 Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name,  
The Holy One of Israel.

**l. LORD your God Isa 48:17**

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17 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel;  
"I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit,  
Who leads you in the way you should go.

**m. God of all the earth Isa 54:5**

Isa 54:5

5 "For your husband is your Maker,  
Whose name is the LORD of hosts;  
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,

**h. Other**

**1. Despised by Israel Isa 1:4**

Isa 1:4

4 Alas, sinful nation, People weighed down with iniquity,  
Offspring of evildoers,  
Sons who act corruptly!  
They have abandoned the LORD,  
They have despised the Holy One of Israel,  
They have turned away from Him.

**2. His word is the law  
of the Lord of Hosts Isa 5:24**

Isa 5:24

24Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble,  
And dry grass collapses into the flame,,  
So their root will become like rot and their blossom blow away as dust;;  
For they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts,  
And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

**3. Judgment of Isa 10:20**

Isa 10:20

20Now it will come about in that day that the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, will never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

**4. great Isa 12:6**

Isa 12:6

6Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
For great in your midst is the  
Holy One of Israel.

**5. man's maker Isa 17:7**

Isa 17:7

7In that day man will have regard for his Maker,  
And his eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.

**6. men will stand in  
awe of Isa 29:23**

Isa 29:23

23But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst,  
They will sanctify My name;  
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**7. no equal Isa 40:25**

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That I should be his equal?" says the Holy One.

**8. faithful Isa 49:7**

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To the One abhorred by the nation,  
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Princes shall also bow down;  
Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

**9. Zion his city Isa 60:14**

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And all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet;  
And they will call you the city of the LORD,  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

**17. Savior 43:10-11; Lk 19:10; Lk 2:11; Jn 4:42; 1 Tim 1:1**

Isa 43:10-11

10 "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD,  
 "And My servant whom I have chosen,  
 In order that you may know and believe Me,  
 And understand that I am He.

Before Me there was no God formed,  
 And there will be none after Me.

11 "I, even I, am the LORD;  
 And there is no savior besides Me.

Lk 19:10

10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Lk 2:11

11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Jn 4:42

42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

1Ti 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope;

### **LORD of Hosts**

#### **a. God of Israel**

**37:16; 48:1-12; 2 Sam 6:2-3**

Isa 37:15-17

16 "O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who art enthroned above the cherubim, Thou art the God, Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. Thou hast made heaven and earth.

Isa 48:1-12

"Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are named Israel  
 And who came forth from the loins of Judah,  
 Who swear by the name of the LORD  
 And invoke the God of Israel,  
 But not in truth nor in righteousness.

2 "For they call themselves after the holy city,  
 And lean on the God of Israel;  
 The LORD of hosts is His name.

3 "I declared the former things long ago  
 And they went forth from My mouth, and I proclaimed them.  
 Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass.

4 "Because I know that you are obstinate,  
 And your neck is an iron sinew,  
 And your forehead bronze,

5 Therefore I declared them to you long ago,  
 Before they took place I proclaimed them to you,  
 Lest you should say, 'My idol has done them,  
 And my graven image and my molten image have commanded them.'

6 "You have heard; look at all this.  
 And you, will you not declare it?

I proclaim to you new things from this time,  
 Even hidden things which you have not known.

7 "They are created now and not long ago;  
 And before today you have not heard them,  
 Lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew them.'

8 "You have not heard, you have not known.

Even from long ago your ear has not been open,  
 Because I knew that you would deal very treacherously;  
 And you have been called a rebel from birth.

9"For the sake of My name I delay My wrath,  
 And for My praise I restrain it for you,  
 In order not to cut you off.

10"Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;  
 I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

11"For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act;  
 For how can My name be profaned?  
 And My glory I will not give to another.

12"Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called;  
 I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.

2Sa 6:2-3

2And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned above the cherubim. 3And they placed the ark of God on a new cart that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart.

**b. Maker** **54:5; 43:14-15; 45:18**

Isa 54:5

5"For your husband is your Maker,  
 Whose name is the LORD of hosts;  
 And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,  
 Who is called the God of all the earth.

Isa 43:14-15

14Thus says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,  
 "For your sake I have sent to Babylon,  
 And will bring them all down as fugitives,  
 Even the Chaldeans, into the ships in which they rejoice.

15"I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
 The Creator of Israel, your King."

Isa 45:18

18For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens  
 (He is the God who formed the earth and made it,  
 He established it and did not create it a waste place,  
 But formed it to be inhabited),  
 "I am the LORD, and there is none else.

**c. Redeemer** **44:6; 47:4; 48:17; 54:5**

Isa 44:6

6"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
 And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
 'I am the first and I am the last,  
 And there is no God besides Me.

Isa 47:4

4Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name,  
 The Holy One of Israel.

Isa 48:17

17Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel;  
 "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit,

Who leads you in the way you should go.

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**d. Holy One of Israel 54:5; 41:14**

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Isa 41:14

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**e. LORD 48:17; 43:14; 14:22; 22:25; 19:20**

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"For your sake I have sent to Babylon,

And will bring them all down as fugitives,

Even the Chaldeans, into the ships in which they rejoice.

Isa 14:22-23

22"And I will rise up against them," declares the LORD of hosts, "and will cut off from Babylon name and survivors, offspring and posterity," declares the LORD.

Isa 22:24-25

25"In that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "the peg driven in a firm place will give way; it will even break off and fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken."

Isa 19:20

20And it will become a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Champion, and He will deliver them.

**f. Husband 54:5; Jn 3:16-30; 2 Cor 11:2**

Isa 54:5

5"For your husband is your Maker,  
Whose name is the LORD of hosts;  
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,

Who is called the God of all the earth.

Jn 3:16-30

16"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. 17"For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. 18"He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19"And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. 20"For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21"But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

22After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing. 23And John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was

much water there; and they were coming and were being baptized. 24For John had not yet been thrown into prison. 25There arose therefore a discussion on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purification. 26And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have borne witness, behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him." 27John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing, unless it has been given him from heaven. 28"You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' 29"He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. And so this joy of mine has been made full. 30"He must increase, but I must decrease.

2Co 11:2

2For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

**g. God of all the earth 54:5; Zech 14:9; Rev 11:15**

Isa 54:5

5"For your husband is your Maker,  
Whose name is the LORD of hosts;  
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,  
Who is called the God of all the earth.

Zec 14:9

9And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.

Rev 11:15-16

15And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying,  
"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

**h. King Isa 6:5; 33:22; 44:6; 48:12; Zech 14:16-17; Mal 1:14 (1:4-8);  
Matt 27:37; Mk 15: 22-32; Jn 12:12-15**

Isa 6:5

5Then I said,  
"Woe is me, for I am ruined!,  
Because I am a man of unclean lips,  
And I live among a people of unclean lips,  
For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

Isa 33:22

22For the LORD is our judge,  
The LORD is our lawgiver,  
The LORD is our king;  
He will save us--

Isa 44:6

6"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
'I am the first and I am the last,  
And there is no God besides Me.

Isa 48:12

12"Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called;  
I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.

Zec 14:16

16Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

Mal 1:14



14"But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock, and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King," says the LORD of hosts, "and My name is feared among the nations."

Mal 1:4-9

4Though Edom says, "We have been beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins"; thus says the LORD of hosts, "They may build, but I will tear down; and men will call them the wicked territory, and the people toward whom the LORD is indignant forever." 5And your eyes will see this and you will say, "The LORD be magnified beyond the border of Israel!"

6"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?" says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Thy name?' 7"You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, 'How have we defiled Thee?' In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is to be despised.' 8"But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

Mt 27:37-38

37And they put up above His head the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Mk 15:22-32

22And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. 23And they tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it. 24And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. 25And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. 26And the inscription of the charge against Him read, "THE KING OF THE JEWS." 27And they crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. 28[And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with transgressors."] 29And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, 30save Yourself, and come down from the cross! " 31In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. 32"Let this Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!" And those who were crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him.

Jn 12:12-15

12On the next day the great multitude who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and began to cry out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel." 14And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, 15"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

**i. Lord God Isa 1:24; 10:24**

Isa 1:24

24Therefore the Lord GOD of hosts,  
The Mighty One of Israel declares,  
"Ah, I will be relieved of My adversaries,  
And avenge Myself on My foes.

Isa 10:24

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**j. Mighty One of Israel Isa 1:24; Jer 50:34**

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Jer 50:34

34"Their Redeemer is strong, the LORD of hosts is His name;  
He will vigorously plead their case,  
So that He may bring rest to the earth,  
But turmoil to the inhabitants of Babylon.

**k. holy God**

**Isa 5:16; 6:3; Rev 3:7; 15:3-4**

Isa 5:16

16But the LORD of hosts will be exalted in judgment,  
And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

Isa 6:3

3And one called out to another and said,  
"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,,  
The whole earth is full of His glory."

Rev 3:7-8

7"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

Rev 15:3

3And they sang the song of Moses the bond-servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying,  
"Great and marvelous are Thy works,  
O Lord God, the Almighty;  
Righteous and true are Thy ways,  
Thou King of the nations.

**l. Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Isa 6:3-5; 42:8**

Isa 6:3-5

3And one called out to another and said,  
"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,,  
The whole earth is full of His glory."

4And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. 5Then I said,

"Woe is me, for I am ruined!,

Because I am a man of unclean lips,

And I live among a people of unclean lips;

For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

Isa 42:8

8"I am the LORD, that is My name;

I will not give My glory to another,

Nor My praise to graven images.

**m. Other**

**1. Earth full of his glory**

**Isa 6:3; Rev 4:8-9**

Isa 6:3

3And one called out to another and said,

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,,

The whole earth is full of His glory."

Rev 4:8-10

8And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,  
"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."  
9And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,

**2. A day of reckoning** Isa 2:12; 22:5; Jer 46:10; Mal 4:5; 1 Cor 5:5; 2 Thess 1:6-9

Isa 2:12

12For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning  
Against everyone who is proud and lofty,  
And against everyone who is lifted up,  
That he may be abased.

Isa 22:5

5For the Lord GOD of hosts has a day of panic, subjugation, and confusion  
In the valley of vision,  
A breaking down of walls  
And a crying to the mountain.

Jer 46:10

10For that day belongs to the Lord GOD of hosts,  
A day of vengeance, so as to avenge Himself on His foes;  
And the sword will devour and be satiated  
And drink its fill of their blood;  
For there will be a slaughter for the Lord GOD of hosts,  
In the land of the north by the river Euphrates.

Mal 4:5

5"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

1Co 5:5-6

5I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

2Th 1:6-10

6For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

**3. Israel, his vineyard** Isa 5:7

Isa 5:7

7For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
And the men of Judah His delightful plant.,  
Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed,  
For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.

**4. Dwells on Mt. Zion** Isa 8:18; 24:23; Zech 8:1-3

Isa 8:18

18Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

Isa 24:23

23Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed,  
For the LORD of hosts will reign on  
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,  
And His glory will be before His elders.

Zec 8:1-3

8:1 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I am exceedingly jealous for Zion, yes, with great wrath I am jealous for her.' 3 "Thus says the LORD, 'I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.'

**5. On David's throne**

**Isa 9:6-8; Jn 1:49; Ac 2:29-35; Lk 1:30-32**

Isa 9:6-8

6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

8 The Lord sends a message against Jacob,  
And it falls on Israel.

Jn 1:49

49 Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

Ac 2:29-35

29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 "And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants upon his throne, 31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay. 32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. 33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. 34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand,

35 Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet. "'

Lk 1:30-32

30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

**6. Gathers armies**

**Isa 13:4; Jer 51:6-25; Rev 19:11-13; 2 Thess 1:3-9**

Isa 13:4

4 A sound of tumult on the mountains,  
Like that of many people!

A sound of the uproar of kingdoms,  
Of nations gathered together!

The LORD of hosts is mustering the army for battle.

Jer 51:6-25

6 Flee from the midst of Babylon, And each of you save his life! Do not be destroyed in her punishment, For this is the Lord's time of vengeance; He is going to render recompense to her. 7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the LORD, Intoxicating all the earth. The nations have drunk of her wine; Therefore the nations are going mad. 8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been broken; Wail over her! Bring balm for her pain; Perhaps she may be healed. 9 We applied healing to Babylon, but she was not healed; Forsake her and let us each go to his own country, For her judgment has reached to heaven And towers up to the very skies. 10 The LORD has brought about our vindication; Come and let us recount in Zion The work of the LORD our God!

11Sharpen the arrows, fill the quivers!The LORD has aroused the spirit of the kings of the Medes,Because His purpose is against Babylon to destroy it;For it is the vengeance of the LORD, vengeance for His temple. 12Lift up a signal against the walls of Babylon; Post a strong guard,Station sentries, Place men in ambush!For the LORD has both purposed and performed What He spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon. 13O you who dwell by many waters,Abundant in treasures,Your end has come,The measure of your end. 14The LORD of hosts has sworn by Himself: "Surely I will fill you with a population like locusts,And they will cry out with shouts of victory over you."

15It is He who made the earth by His power,Who established the world by His wisdom,And by His understanding He stretched out the heavens. 16When He utters His voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens,And He causes the clouds to ascend from the end of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain,And brings forth the wind from His storehouses. 17All mankind is stupid, devoid of knowledge;Every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols,For his molten images are deceitful,And there is no breath in them. 18They are worthless, a work of mockery;In the time of their punishment they will perish. 19The portion of Jacob is not like these;For the Maker of all is He,And of the tribe of His inheritance;The LORD of hosts is His name. 20He says, "You are My war-club, My weapon of war;And with you I shatter nations,And with you I destroy kingdoms. 21"And with you I shatter the horse and his rider, 22And with you I shatter the chariot and its rider,And with you I shatter man and woman,And with you I shatter old man and youth,And with you I shatter young man and virgin, 23And with you I shatter the shepherd and his flock,And with you I shatter the farmer and his team,And with you I shatter governors and prefects.

24"But I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all their evil that they have done in Zion before your eyes," declares the LORD.

25"Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain,Who destroys the whole earth," declares the LORD, "And I will stretch out My hand against you,And roll you down from the crags And I will make you a burnt out mountain.

Rev 19:11-14

11And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. 12And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. 13And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God.

2Th 1:3-10

3We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater; 4therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. 5This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering. 6For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

### 7. Fury of

Isa 9:19; 13:13; Psa 110:5-6

Isa 9:19

19By the fury of the LORD of hosts the land is burned up,  
And the people are like fuel for the fire;  
No man spares his brother.

Isa 13:13

13Therefore I shall make the heavens tremble,  
And the earth will be shaken from its place  
At the fury of the LORD of hosts  
In the day of His burning anger.

Ps 110:5-6

5The Lord is at Thy right hand;  
He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.  
6He will judge among the nations,  
He will fill them with corpses,  
He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.

**8. Mt Zion his place Isa 18:7; Zech 14:16-17**

Isa 18:7-19:1

7At that time a gift of homage will be brought to the LORD of hosts  
From a people tall and smooth,  
Even from a people feared far and wide,  
A powerful and oppressive nation,  
Whose land the rivers divide--  
To the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, even Mount Zion.

Zec 14:16

16Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

Zec 14:18

17And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

**9. Reign from Mt.Zion Isa 24:23; Isa 12:6; Psalm 2; Zech 9:9; Mtt 21:4-5; Rev**

**14:1**

Isa 24:23

23Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed,  
For the LORD of hosts will reign on  
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,  
And His glory will be before His elders.

Isa 12:6

6Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
For great in your midst is the  
Holy One of Israel.

Ps 2:1-12

Why are the nations in an uproar,And the peoples devising a vain thing? 2The kings of the earth take their stand,And the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His Anointed: 3"Let us tear their fetters apart,And cast away their cords from us!"  
4He who sits in the heavens laughs,The Lord scoffs at them. 5Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury: 6"But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."  
7"I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'Thou art My Son,Today I have begotten Thee.  
8'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance,And the very ends of the earth as Thy possession. 9'Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron,Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware.' "  
10Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;Take warning, O judges of the earth. 11Worship the LORD with reverence,And rejoice with trembling. 12Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way,For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

Zec 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
He is just and endowed with salvation,  
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Mt 21:4-5

4Now this took place that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,  
5"Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold your King is coming to you,  
Gentle, and mounted on a donkey,  
Even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

Rev 14:1

1And I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

**10. Wage war on Mt. Zion Isa 31:4-5; Zech 9**

Isa 31:4-5

4For thus says the LORD to me,  
As the lion or the young lion growls over his prey,  
Against which a band of shepherds is called out,  
Will not be terrified at their voice, nor disturbed at their noise,  
So will the LORD of hosts come down to wage war on Mount Zion and on its hill."  
5Like flying birds so the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem.

He will protect and deliver it;  
He will pass over and rescue it.

Zec 9:1-17

1The burden of the word of the LORD is against the land of Hadrach, with Damascus as its resting place (for the eyes of men, especially of all the tribes of Israel, are toward the LORD),  
2And Hamath also, which borders on it; Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise. 3For Tyre built herself a fortress And piled up silver like dust,And gold like the mire of the streets. 4Behold, the Lord will dispossess her And cast her wealth into the sea; And she will be consumed with fire. 5Ashkelon will see it and be afraid. Gaza too will writhe in great pain;Also Ekron, for her expectation has been confounded. Moreover, the king will perish from Gaza,And Ashkelon will not be inhabited. 6And a mongrel race will dwell in Ashdod,And I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. 7And I will remove their blood from their mouth,And their detestable things from between their teeth.Then they also will be a remnant for our God,And be like a clan in Judah,And Ekron like a Jebusite. 8But I will camp around My house because of an army,Because of him who passes by and returns;And no oppressor will pass over them anymore,For now I have seen with My eyes. 9Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim,And the horse from Jerusalem;And the bow of war will be cut off.And He will speak peace to the nations;And His dominion will be from sea to sea,And from the River to the ends of the earth.

11As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. 12Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope;This very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you. 13For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim.And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece;And I will make you like a warrior's sword. 14Then the LORD will appear over them,And His arrow will go forth like lightning;And the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet,And will march in the storm winds of the south. 15The LORD of hosts will defend them.And they will devour, and trample on the sling stones;And they will drink, and be boisterous as with wine;And they will be filled like a sacrificial basin, Drenched like the corners of the altar. 16And the LORD their God will save them in that day As the flock of His people;For they are as the stones of a crown,Sparkling in His land. 17For what comeliness and beauty will be theirs! Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.

**11. Zeal of**

**Isa 37:32; 2 Ki 19:30-31; Zech 1:14-17; Psa 69:9; Jn**

**2:17**

Isa 37:32-33

32"For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and out of Mount Zion survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts shall perform this."

2Ki 19:30-32

30'And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.

31'For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and out of Mount Zion survivors. The zeal of the LORD shall perform this.

Zec 1:14-17

14So the angel who was speaking with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts,' I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion. 15"But I am very angry with the nations who are at ease; for while I was only a little angry, they furthered the disaster." 16'Therefore, thus says the LORD, "I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; My house will be built in it," declares the LORD of hosts, "and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem." 17"Again, proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts,' My cities will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem. ""

Ps 69:9

9For zeal for Thy house has consumed me,  
And the reproaches of those who reproach Thee have fallen on me.

Jn 2:17-18

17His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Thy house will consume me."

**12. Leaves survivors Isa 1:9**

Isa 1:9

9Unless the LORD of hosts  
Had left us a few survivors,  
We would be like Sodom,  
We would be like Gomorrah.

**13. Vengeance Isa 1:24; 22:14**

Isa 1:24

24Therefore the Lord GOD of hosts,  
The Mighty One of Israel declares,  
"Ah, I will be relieved of My adversaries,  
And avenge Myself on My foes.

Isa 22:14

14But the LORD of hosts revealed Himself to me,  
"Surely this iniquity shall not be forgiven you  
Until you die," says the Lord GOD of hosts.

**14. Indignation Isa 3:15**

Isa 3:15

15"What do you mean by crushing My people,  
And grinding the face of the poor?"  
Declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

**15. Oath of Isa 5:9**

Isa 5:9

9In my ears the LORD of hosts has sworn,  
"Surely, many houses shall become desolate,  
Even great and fine ones, without occupants.

**16. Judgment Isa 5:16**

Isa 5:16

16But the LORD of hosts will be exalted in judgment,  
And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

**17. Law equal to the word  
of the Holy One of Israel Isa 5:24**



Isa 5:24

24Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble,  
And dry grass collapses into the flame,,  
So their root will become like rot and their blossom blow away as dust;,  
For they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts,  
And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

**18. Precious to His remnant Isa 28:5; 60:1-3; Lk 2: 21-32**

Isa 28:5

5In that day the LORD of hosts will become a beautiful crown  
And a glorious diadem to the remnant of His people;

Isa 60:1-3

"Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

2"For behold, darkness will cover the earth,  
And deep darkness the peoples;

But the LORD will rise upon you,  
And His glory will appear upon you.

3"And nations will come to your light,  
And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lk 2:21-32

21And when eight days were completed before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

22And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord 23(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every first-born male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), 24and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 25And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, 28then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29"Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant depart  
In peace, according to Thy word;

30For my eyes have seen Thy salvation,

31Which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32A light of revelation to the Gentiles,

And the glory of Thy people Israel. "

**19. Enthroned above cherubim Isa 37:16**

Isa 37:15-16

16"O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who art enthroned above the cherubim, Thou art the God, Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. Thou hast made heaven and earth.

## Illustrations

**Little Suzie finished her prayer and said:**

**Dear God,**

**Before I finish, I want you to take care of mommy, take care of daddy, take care of my sister and my brother and please, God, take care of yourself, because if you don't we're all sunk. Amen!**

Origin is a word that can apply only to things created. When we think of anything that has origin, we are not thinking of God. God is self-existent, while all created things necessarily originated somewhere at some time. Aside from God, nothing is self-caused.

A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

The human mind, being created, has an understandable uneasiness about the Uncreated. We do not find it comfortable to allow for the presence of One who is wholly outside of the circle of our familiar knowledge. We tend to be disquieted by the thought of One who does not account to us for his being, who is responsible to no one, who is self-existent, self-dependent, and self-sufficient.

A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

**Nothing will so enlarge the intellect, nothing so magnify the whole soul of man, as a devout, earnest, continued investigation of the great subject of the Deity.**

**Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)**

**God is not discoverable or demonstrable by purely scientific means, unfortunately for the scientifically-minded. But that really proves nothing. It simply means that the wrong instruments are being used for the job.**

**J. B. Phillips (1906-1982)**

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2. **Unity (The Godhead)** Jn 1:18; 5:18; Col 2:9; Jn 8:54-59; Ex 3:14f.; Acts 5:1-4

**Basis of my own understanding:** The revelation of the essence of the complex of the perfections of God through our entire being . Matt 7:21ff.

1. Revelation because we continually come to know HIM. Jer 9:23f
2. Essence because as humans we cannot FULLY understand HIM (Isa 55:8; Dt 29:29)
4. Complex because God is not just the sum of HIS revealed characteristics, HE is the Totality of them all put together plus the things about HIM we will never know. DT 29:29
5. Perfections because each of the concepts God reveals to us are perfect in nature and can only be partially understood by us. (Isa 55:8)
6. Through our entire being because this is the medium God has given us. Although the word of God IS the revelation God uses, as receptors we understand something through our mind, our feelings and the life we live.

**The Godhead: Illustrated by**

Three springs which intertwine with one another. These three represent The Father, Jesus His Son and The Holy Spirit of God; They are joined as one yet are individuals. The outermost is the Holy Spirit, the next is the Jesus and the innermost is the Father. The Godhead is intertwined with us via the Holy Spirit which indwells us and we collectively form the body of Christ.

We understand God through the medium which HE has designed and which we are a reflection of; a mirror of the Godhead. We are made in the image and according to the likeness of God. (Gen 1:26)

1. The Father directs, so in parallel, the mind of a Christian understands.
2. The Son materially interacted with humanity, so we learn through the life we live.
3. The Spirit empowers, so the essence of our heart understands the things of God.

III. **DOCTRINE OF THE GODHEAD Alias: THE TRINITY (Tri -unity of God)**

A. **DEFINITION.. Trinity (explanation of the tri-unity of God)**

B. **Doctrine of the Trinity**

1. **What it involves-- the recognition of the three as God.**
  - a. **Father is God**
    - 1.) **Foreshadowed by the son.**
      - a.) **It is a natural thing for the son to refer to God as his Father.**  
Lk. 2:49; 24:49; Lk 11:18; Jn 20:17-18; Jn 5:18

49And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?"

Lk 24:48-49

49"And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Jn 5:18

18For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

Lk 11:18

18"And if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.

Jn 20:17-18

17Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" 18Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.

**Note: Jesus as the faithful son showed the correct attitude to have toward those who were lost. By doing this (seeking the lost) Jesus showed himself to be of God and not of the devil (Lk. 15:1-32)**

Lk 15:1-32

15:1Now all the tax-gatherers and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. 2And both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

3And He told them this parable, saying, 4"What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? 5"And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' 7"I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8"Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9"And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!' 10"In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

11And He said, "A certain man had two sons; 12and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' And he divided his wealth between them. 13"And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. 14"Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be in need. 15"And he went and attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16"And he was longing to fill his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him. 17"But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! 18'I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men. "' 20"And he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him,

and ran and embraced him, and kissed him. 21"And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22"But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; 23and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24for this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' And they began to be merry. 25"Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26"And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things might be. 27"And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' 28"But he became angry, and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began entreating him. 29"But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you, and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a kid, that I might be merry with my friends; 30but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.' 31"And he said to him, 'My child, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32'But we had to be merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.' "

### b.) This was an eternal relationship Jn. 1:18

Jn 1:18

18No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

1.)) Jn. 17:5 cf. vs. 1-4 before the world was.

Jn 17:1-5

17:1These things Jesus spoke; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee, 2even as Thou gavest Him authority over all mankind, that to all whom Thou hast given Him, He may give eternal life. 3"And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. 4"I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. 5"**And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.**

2.)) Jn. 17:23f. loved from the foundation of the world.

Jn 17:23-18:1

23I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me. 24"Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world. 25"O righteous Father, although the world has not known Thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me; 26and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them. "

## 2.) God is shown to be father of the world BY CREATION

### a.) Mal 2:10

Mal 2:10-11

10"Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?

### b.) Acts 17:24-28

Ac 17:24-28

24"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in

temples made with hands; 25neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things; 26and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, 27that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said,' For we also are His offspring.'

**c.) Eph. 4:6**

Eph 4:6

6one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

**d.) Heb. 12:9 God is the father of spirits of all flesh..  
see Nu 16:22; Zech. 12:1.**

Heb 12:9

9Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

Nu 16:22

22But they fell on their faces, and said, "O God, Thou God of the spirits of all flesh, when one man sins, wilt Thou be angry with the entire congregation?"

Zec 12:1

12:1The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

Thus declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,

**3.) God is in a special way the father of Israel. Exo. 4:22f.**

Ex 4:22-23

22Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD,' Israel is My son, My first-born. 23So I said to you, 'Let My son go, that he may serve Me'; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, I will kill your son, your first-born.' " "

**a.) Dt. 32:6**

Dt 32:6

6"Do you thus repay the LORD,  
O foolish and unwise people?  
Is not He your Father who has bought you?  
He has made you and established you.

**b.) God our father. 1 Chrn. 29:10**

1Ch 29:10

10So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed art Thou, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

**c.) Other references**

Psa. 103:13; Isa. 63:16; 64:8; Mal 1:6; Matt. 23:9

Ps 103:13

13Just as a father has compassion on his children,  
So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

Isa 63:16

16For Thou art our Father, though Abraham does not know us,

And Israel does not recognize us.  
Thou, O LORD, art our Father,  
Our Redeemer from of old is Thy name.

Isa 64:8

8But now, O LORD, Thou art our Father,  
We are the clay, and Thou our potter;  
And all of us are the work of Thy hand.

Mal 1:6-7

6"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?' says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Thy name?'

Mt 23:8-9

9"And do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

**4.) God is father to believers. (Those saved by Grace!)**

**a.) Jn. 1:12-13 right to be regenerated.**

Jn 1:12-13

12But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**b.) Rom. 8:14-17 and verse 19**

Ro 8:14-19

14For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

18For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

**c.) 1 Jn. 3:1 "Sons of God"**

1Jn 3:1

3:1See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

**d.) Matt. 6:9, 14 Jesus taught men to worship God as Father.**

Mt 6:9

9"Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

Mt 6:14

14"For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

**b. Jesus is also recognized as God.**

**1.) He is expressly called God.**

**a.) Jn. 1:1 see also Col. 1:3-17**

Jn 1:1

1:1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Col 1:3-18

3We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; 5because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel, 6which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth; 7just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, 8and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.

9For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously 12giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. 16For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him. 17And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.

**b.) Jn. 20:26-28 Jesus is called God by Thomas.**

Jn 20:26-28

26And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." 28Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

**c.) Col 2:9 Fullness of deity (Godhead)**

Col 2:9

9For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

**d.) Tit. 2:13 Great God and Savior 2 Tim. 4:1,8**

Tit 2:13

13looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

2Ti 4:1

4:1I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2Ti 4:8

8in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will



award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**2.) Old Testament descriptions of God are applied to Him.**

**a.) Use of titles and names used exclusively of God are inexplicable unless Jesus is God.**

**1.)) Isa. 7:14 Immanuel applied to Christ cp. Matt. 1:23**

Isa 7:14-15

14"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Mt 1:23

23"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."

**2.)) Rev. 22:13... cf. 1:8; 21:6; 22:13 refer to Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12**

**"I am the alpha and omega"**

Rev 22:13

13"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Rev 1:8

8"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Rev 21:6-7

6And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

Rev 22:13

13"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Isa 41:4

4"Who has performed and accomplished it,  
Calling forth the generations from the beginning?  
'I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last. I am He.'"

Isa 44:6

6"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
'I am the first and I am the last,  
And there is no God besides Me.

Isa 48:12

12"Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called;  
I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.

**3.)) Jehovah as Jesus**

**a.)) Isa. 8:13ff. quoted in 1 Pet. 2:4-8 and applied to Jesus.**

**Isa 8:13-15**

13"It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear, And He shall be your dread. 14"Then He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15"And many will stumble over them, Then they will fall and be broken; They will even be snared and caught."

**1Pe 2:3-8**

4And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but choice and precious in the sight of God, 5you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6For this is contained in Scripture:

"Behold I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone,  
And he who believes in Him shall not be disappointed."

7This precious value, then, is for you who believe. But for those who disbelieve,

"The stone which the builders rejected,  
This became the very corner stone,"

8and,

"A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense";

for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.

**b.))) Matt. 3:3...Isa. 40:3**

**Mt 3:1-3**

3:1Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 3For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness,

'Make ready the way of the Lord,

Make His paths straight!'"

**Isa 40:3**

3A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness;

Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

**4.))Jesus as almighty Rev.1:4-8 also Isa. 9:6f; 10:20-21; Jer. 32:17ff**

**Rev 1:4-8**

4John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne; 5and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood, 6and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.

8"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Isa 9:6-7**

6For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;

And the government will rest on His shoulders;

And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

7There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

**Isa 10:20-21**

20Now it will come about in that day that the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, will never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

21A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

Jer 32:17-20

17'Ah Lord GOD! Behold, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Thee, 18who showest lovingkindness to thousands, but repayest the iniquity of fathers into the bosom of their children after them, O great and mighty God. The LORD of hosts is His name; 19great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, giving to everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds;

5.)) Isa. 9:6f - Jn. 14:9f Everlasting Father

**Isa 9:6-7**

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**Jn 14:9-10**

9Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?"

6.)) Jn. 8:58--- Ex.3:13-14 "I am that I am"

**Jn 8:54-59**

54Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God'; 55and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be a liar like you, but I do know Him, and keep His word. 56"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." 57The Jews therefore said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." 59Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

**Ex 3:13-14**

13Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" 14And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

3.) The works of God are ascribed to Him (Jesus)

- a.) **The work of creation** Jn. 1:3 cf. 1 Cor. 8:6; and also  
Psa. 33:6; Jn. 1:10; Col. 1:16; Eph. 3:8-11; Heb. 1:1-2; Rev. 4:11

**Jn 1:3**

3All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

**1Co 8:5-6**

6yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

**Ps 33:6**

6By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

**Jn 1:10**

10He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

**Col 1:17**

16For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him.

**Eph 3:8-11**

8To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, 9and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things; 10in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. 11This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

**Heb 1:1-2**

1:1God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

**Rev 4:11**

11"Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

- b.) **In sustaining that creation** Col. 1:17; and 1 Cor.8:6; Heb 1:3;

**Col 1:17**

17And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

**1Co 8:6**

6yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

**Heb 1:3**

3And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

- c.) **In the final raising of the dead.**

Jn. 5:27-29; 22-23; Mt. 25:31-42, compare 2 Cor. 5:10 with Rom. 14:10

**Jn 5:25-29**

25"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live. 26"For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; 27and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. 28"Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, 29and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

**Jn 5:22-24**

22"For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, 23in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

**Mt 25:31-42**

31"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32"And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. 34"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' 37"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? 38'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' 41"Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

**2Co 5:10**

10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**Ro 14:10**

10But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.

4.) **Christ receives honor and worship ascribed only to God Jn. 20:26-28**

**Jn 20:26-28**

26And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." 28Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

a.) **Jesus is Lord Phil. 2:5-11**

**Php 2:5-11**

5Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, 11and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

b.) **All will worship Christ Christ to be revered Rev. 5:12-14; Jn. 9:35-41 Eph. 5:20-21**

**Rev 5:12-14**

12saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

13And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

14And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Jn 9:35-41**

35Jesus heard that they had put him out; and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36He answered and said, "And who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" 37Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you." 38And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him. 39And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see; and that those who see may become blind." 40Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things, and said to Him, "We are not blind too, are we?" 41Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

**Eph 5:20-21**

20always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

**6.) Jesus is associated with God on an equal footing**

**a.) Matt. 28:18-19**

**Mt 28:18-19**

18And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

**b.) Acts 2:38f**

**Ac 2:38-39**

38And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39"For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."

**c.) In greetings and benedictions 1 Cor. 1:2-3; 2 Cor.13:14**

**1Co 1:2-3**

2to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**2Co 13:14**

14The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**d.) Co-rulership of Christ and God Jn. 5:19-23, 14:1-6; Matt. 11:27; 1Cor. 12:4-6; Col. 3:1; Rev. 20:6; 22:3**

**Jn 5:19-23**

19Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. 20"For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and greater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel. 21"For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. 22"For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, 23in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

**Jn 14:1-6**

14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 "And you know the way where I am going." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

**Mt 11:27-28**

27 "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son, except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

**1Co 12:4-7**

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

**Col 3:1**

3:1 If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Rev 20:6**

6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

**Rev 22:3**

3 And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall serve Him;

**e.) Claims of Jesus      Jn. 5:18; 19-29 see also Phil. 2:6; Matt. 26:63-68**

**Jn 5:18**

18 For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

**Jn 5:19-29**

19 Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. 20 "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and greater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel. 21 "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. 22 "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, 23 in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. 24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. 25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live. 26 "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; 27 and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. 28 "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, 29 and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

**Php 2:5-7**

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**Mt 26:63-68**

63But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." 64Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." 65Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; 66what do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death!" 67Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, 68and said, "Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?"

### c. The Holy Spirit is recognized as God

#### 1.) H.S. is spoken of as God Acts 5:1-4; Jn. 14:22-27; 1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 3:17ff.

##### Ac 5:1-4

5:1But a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. 3But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back some of the price of the land? 4"While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God."

##### Jn 14:22-27

22Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him. 24"He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

25"These things I have spoken to you, while abiding with you. 26"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

##### 1Co 6:17-7:1

17But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 18Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. 19Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

##### 2Co 3:17-4:1

17Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

#### 2.) H.S. has the attributes of God

##### a.) Life bringer Rom. 8:2; 1 Cor. 15:45; Jn. 6:63see also Gal.4:6;

##### Ro 8:2

2For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

##### 1Co 15:45

45So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

##### Jn 6:63

63"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

##### Gal 4:5-6

6And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

##### b.) Spirit of Truth Jn. 16:13; 14:17

##### Jn 16:13

13"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His



own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

**Jn 14:17**

17that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.

**c.) Love Rom. 15:30; Gal. 5:22**

**Ro 15:30**

30Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

**Gal 5:22-23**

22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

**d.) Holiness- Isa 63:10; Eph 4:30; Acts 7:51**

**Isa 63:10**

10But they rebelled  
And grieved His Holy Spirit;  
Therefore, He turned Himself to become their enemy,  
He fought against them.

**Eph 4:30**

30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**Ac 7:51**

51"You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.

**e.) Eternal Heb. 9:14**

**Heb 9:14**

14how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**f.) Omnipresent Ps. 139:7ff.**

**Ps 139:7-12**

7Where can I go from Thy Spirit?  
Or where can I flee from Thy presence?  
8If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there;  
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there.  
9If I take the wings of the dawn,  
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,  
10Even there Thy hand will lead me,  
And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.  
11If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,  
And the light around me will be night,"  
12Even the darkness is not dark to Thee,  
And the night is as bright as the day.  
Darkness and light are alike to Thee.

**g.) Omniscient Acts 5:7-9; 1 Cor. 2:10; Jn 16:13**

**Ac 5:7-9**

7Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.  
8And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price." 9Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit

of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out as well."

**1Co 2:10-11**

10For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

**Jn 16:13**

13"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come

**h.) Omnipotence Micah 3:8; Rom. 15:13**

**Mic 3:8**

8On the other hand I am filled with power--  
With the Spirit of the LORD--  
And with justice and courage  
To make known to Jacob his rebellious act,  
Even to Israel his sin.

**Ro 15:13**

13Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**4.) The word he does is that of God**

**a.) Creation Gen 1:1-2; Psa. 104:30; Isa. 40:13**

**Isa 40:13**

13Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD,  
Or as His counselor has informed Him?

**Ge 1:1-2**

1:1In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

**Psa 104:30**

30Thou dost send forth Thy Spirit, they are created;  
And Thou dost renew the face of the ground.

**b.) To cast out demons Matt. 12:28; Lk 11:19-20; Acts 10:38**

**Mt 12:28**

28"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**Lk 11:19-20**

19"And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges. 20"But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**Ac 10:38**

38"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him.

**c.) Conviction of sin Jn. 16:7-12**

**Jn 16:7-12**

7"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; 9concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; 11and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. 12"I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them

now.

**d.) Regeneration Jn. 3:5-8; Tit. 3:5; 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 3:18**

**Jn 3:5-8**

5Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8"The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

**Tit 3:4-5**

5He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

**1Co 2:12**

12Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

**2Co 3:18**

18But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

**e.) Resurrection Rom. 8:11, 23**

**Ro 8:11**

11But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

**Ro 8:23**

23And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

**f.) Inspiration Eph 3:5-6; 1 Cor. 2:10-13**

**Eph 3:3-5**

3that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;

**1Co 2:10**

10For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

**5.) The honor given to him**

**a.) Spirit dwells in you 1 Cor. 3:16; Eph. 2:19-22**

**1Co 3:16-17**

16Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

**Eph 2:19-22**

19So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, 20having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; 22in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

**b.) Baptized in His name Matt. 28:19**

**Mt 28:19**

19"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son

and the Holy Spirit,

**Isa 48:16**

16"Come near to Me, listen to this:  
From the first I have not spoken in secret,  
From the time it took place, I was there.  
And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His Spirit."

**Mt 3:16-17**

16And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, 17and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

**Eph 2:18**

18for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

**1Jn 5:8**

8For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

**c.) 2 Cor. 13:14**

2Co 13:14

14The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**d.) Involved in the sanctification of the elect 1 Pet. 1:2**

**1Pe 1:1-2**

1:1Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen 2according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

**Ro 15:16**

16to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, that my offering of the Gentiles might become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

**1Co 6:11**

11And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

**2Th 2:13**

13But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

**2.) The Holy Spirit is a person**

**a.) By designations given to him.**

**1.) Masculine pronoun used of Him Jn. 16:14**

**Jn 16:13-14**

13"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14"He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you.

**2.) Who Eph. 1:12-14**

**Eph 1:12-14**

12to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. 13In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

**b.) As implied by his usage with other persons**

**1.) Christians Acts 15:28**

**Ac 15:28**

28"For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials:

**2.) Used with Christ Jn. 16:14**

**Jn 16:13**

13"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

**3.) Used with the father and the son. Matt. 28:19**

**Mt 28:19-20**

19"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

**c.) As seen in performance of acts that people do.**

- 1.) Searches-knows-speaks**
- Testifies-reveals- convicts**
- Commands-strives-moves**
- helps-guides-creates-recreates**
- sanctifies-inspires-intercedes=performs miracles-raises the dead**

**compare also... STUDY!!**

**Gen. 1:2; 6:3; Lk. 12:12; Jn. 3:8; 16:8; Acts 2:4; 8:29; 10:9-10; 13:2; 16:6-7; Rom. 8:11,26; Acts 15:9, 30; 1 Cor. 2:10-11; 12:10-11**

**d.) Responds to acts of people like a person.**

**1.) Can be resisted Acts 7:51**

**Ac 7:51**

51"You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.

**2.) Can be grieved Eph. 4:30; Isa. 63:10**

**Isa 63:10**

10But they rebelled  
And grieved His Holy Spirit;  
Therefore, He turned Himself to become their enemy,  
He fought against them.

**Eph 4:30**

30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**3.) Can be lied to Acts 5:3,4,9**

**Ac 5:3**

3But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back some of the price of the land?

**Ac 5:4**

4"While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God."

**Ac 5:9**

9Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out as well."

**4.)) Can be blasphemed Matt. 12:31f**

**Mt 12:31-32**

31"Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. 32"And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in the age to come.

**2. Nature of the distinction within the Godhead**

**a. Of "personality"**

**1.) The father and the son are distinct persons from each other.**

**a.) Christ distinguishes himself.**

**1.)) Jn. 5:32,37**

**allos= different, but of the same class (sort)**

**Jn 5:32**

32"There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the testimony which He bears of Me is true.

**Jn 5:37**

37"And the Father who sent Me, He has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

**2.)) 2 Jn. 9 "both"**

**2Jn 9**

9Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

**1Jn 1:3**

3what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**b.) There is the sender and the sent Jn. 10:36; Gal. 4:4**

**Jn 10:36**

36do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world,' You are blaspheming,' because I said, ' I am the Son of God'?

**Gal 4:4**

But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

**b. These distinctions are eternal**

**1.) Word is eternal with the father Jn. 1:1-2; Phil 2:6**

**Jn 1:1-2**

1:1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God.

**Php 2:6**

6who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**2.) Passages which assert Christ's preexistence Jn. 8:58; 1:18;**

**Jn 8:58**

58Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

**Jn 1:18**

18No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has

explained Him.

**3.) Passages which show interaction in creation of the world  
Jn. 17: 5, 24**

**Jn 17:5**

5"And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.

**Jn 17:24**

24"Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world.

**4.) Passages which show creation by Christ. Jn. 1:2-3; Heb. 1:2; Col. 1:16; 1 Cor. 8:6**

**1:16; 1**

**Jn 1:1-3**

1:1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

**Heb 1:1-2**

1:1God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

**Col 1:17**

16For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him.

**1Co 8:6**

6yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

**5.) Passages which show the spirit is eternal.  
Heb. 9:14; Gen. 1:2; Psa. 33:6**

**Heb 9:14**

14how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**Ge 1:1-2**

1:1In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

**Ps 33:6**

6By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

**c. Unity in view of distinctions**

**1.) What it is (Godhead)  
a.) Only one God**

**1.)) Dt. 6:4 with Mk 12:29**

**Dt 6:4**

4"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

**Mk 12:29**

29Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord;

**Isa 44:6**

6"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
'I am the first and I am the last,  
And there is no God besides Me.

**Dt 4:35**

35"To you it was shown that you might know that the LORD, He is God; there is no other besides Him.

**Dt 4:39**

39Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.

**Isa 43:10**

10"You are My witnesses," declares the LORD,  
"And My servant whom I have chosen,  
In order that you may know and believe Me,  
And understand that I am He.  
Before Me there was no God formed,  
And there will be none after Me.

**Isa 43:11**

11"I, even I, am the LORD;  
And there is no savior besides Me.

**Isa 46:9**

remember the former things long past,  
For I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is no one like Me,

**Isa 45:5**

5"I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
Besides Me there is no God.  
I will gird you, though you have not known Me;

3.)) Jn. 5:44 ; 17:3

**Jn 5:44**

44"How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?

**Jn 17:3**

3"And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

4.)) 1 Cor. 8:4, 6

**1Co 8:4-5**

4Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.

**1Co 8:6**

6yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

5.)) 1 Tim. 1:17with Eph. 4:4-6

**1Ti 1:17**

17Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Eph 4:4-6**

4There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

6.)) Dt. 6:4 "the word for one expresses a united one.



**compound united one"****Dt 6:4-5**

4"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

7.)) Gen 1:5 evening and morning... 1 day

**Ge 1:5**

5And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

8.)) Gen 2:24 two persons, one flesh

**Ge 2:24**

24For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

b.) **Their person is one essence or nature**

1.)) **The God head is not composed of three parts of God.**

2.)) **Unity is the controlling idea**

3.)) **One essence means three of the same kind, nature, example... three men in a group.**

1.)) **Jn. 15:1-8**

**Jn 15:1-8**

15:1"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit. 3"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6"If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. 8"By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

2.)) **Jn. 17:17-24**

**Jn 17:17-24**

17"Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth. 18"As Thou didst send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19"And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. 20"I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me. 22"And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one; 23I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me. 24"Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world.

**note: in one is each of the others**

1. **What Christ does, the father can be said to do. Gen. 1:1; Heb.1:2; Jn. 5:17-19**

**Ge 1:1**

1:1In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Heb 1:2**

2in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

### **Jn 5:9-18**

9Now it was the Sabbath on that day. 10Therefore the Jews were saying to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet." 11But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'" 12They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" 13But he who was healed did not know who it was; for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place. 14Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse may befall you." 15The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16And for this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working." 18For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

### **2. What the Father does, Christ can be said to do. Jn. 14:6-23**

#### **Jn 14:6-23**

6Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me. 7"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." 8Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father'?" 10"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11"Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise believe on account of the works themselves. 12"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father. 13"And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14"If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. 15"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. 16"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. 18"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19"After a little while the world will behold Me no more; but you will behold Me; because I live, you shall live also. 20"In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21"He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him." 22Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.

### **3. Filled with the father, son and H.S. Eph. 3:14-19**

#### **Eph 3:14-19**

14For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, 16that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.

**4. Jn. 17:21**

**Jn 17:21**

21that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.

**5. 2 Cor. 5:19 God in Christ**

**2Co 5:19**

19namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**3. There is equality in the Godhead**

**a. Equality in view of the titles used of the Godhead.**

**Mt 28:19-20**

19"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

**Rev 1:4-6**

4John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne; 5and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood,

**2Co 13:14**

14The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**Isa 48:16**

16"Come near to Me, listen to this:

From the first I have not spoken in secret,

From the time it took place, I was there.

And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His Spirit."

**Ge 1:26**

26Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

1.) **Father is not God as such; he is also the son and the H.S.**

2.) **Title of father.**

**Designates the distinction within the Godhead. By virtue of which God is related to the son, and through the church to the world.**

3.) **Title of the Son**

a.) **Is not God as such, but is also God the Father and the H.S.**

b.) **Designates the way which God:**

1.)) **Is related to the Father**

2.)) **Is sent by the father to redeem the world**

3.)) **And with the Father sends the H.S.**

4.) **Title of the Holy Spirit**

- a.) Is not God as such, but is also the Father and the Son.
- b.) Is sent by them to accomplish the work of regeneration and renewal

b. **Subordination (equality in view of subordination) Jn. 5:18; 10:30; Phil. 2:6**

**Jn 5:16-18**

16And for this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working." 18For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

**Jn 10:30**

30"I and the Father are one."

**Php 2:5-11**

5Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, 11and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

C. **The value of the Doctrine of the Trinity**

- 1. **Essential to a proper understanding of God.**
  - a. **His oneness ESSENCE AND SUBSTANCE**  
**Note: polytheism is self-destructive. Because each god would limit the other.**
  - b. **His threeness**
    - 1. **Truth demands an object**
      - a.) **God is self-knowing**
      - b.) **God is truth**
    - 2. **Love- Demands an object... God must be social to be LOVE**
    - 3. **Holiness- self willing purity**
    - 4. **Anti-trinitarianism e.g. Unitarians**
      - a.) **make creation indispensable to God's perfection... pantheism**
- 2. **Essential to any proper revelation, for there is no trinity, then Christ is not God, (and the Holy Spirit) and can not know or reveal God.**

**a. Impossible for man to know God if there is no trinity**

**1 Tim. 6:13-16; 1 Jn. 4:12; 1 Cor. 2:6-16**

**1Ti 6:13-16**

13I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15which He will bring about at the proper time-- He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords; 16who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

**1Jn 4:12**

12No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

**1Co 2:6-16**

6Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; 7but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; 8the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; 9but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

10For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 12Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God, 13which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. 14But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man. 16For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

**1.) Jn. 16:13-15 J.S. reveals not himself but Christ**

**2.) Christ is the only revealer (manifestation) of God that we can understand God by.**

**Christ:**

- a.) is God ----> Jn 20:26-28
- b.) Christ has seen God ----> Jn. 3:31-35
- c.) Christ was sent from God ----> Matt. 11:27
- d.) Christ reveals God ----> If Christ is not God, He can not know himself.

**3. Essential to any proper redemption**

**a. Only God can reconcile us to God**

**1.) If God is only one, there can be no mediation. God reconciles.**

**1 Tim. 2:5ff. ; 2 Cor. 5:18-21**

**1Ti 2:5**

5For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

**2Co 5:18-6:1**

18Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**2.) Christ can bring us no nearer to God than He is Himself.**

**Matt. 17:1-5; Acts 2:22-25; Matt. 3:17; Acts 2:33; Rom. 1:4**

**Mt 17:1-5**

17:1And six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves. 2And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. 3And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4And Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

**Ac 2:22-25**

22"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know-- 23this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. 24"And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

**Mt 3:16-17**

16And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, 17and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

**Ac 2:33-36**

33"Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. 34"For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:

'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand,

35Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet. "

36"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified."

**Ro 1:1-4**

1:1Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

**b. Only one who is God can purify our souls.**

**4. Essential to an understanding of how God dwells within his people.**

**a. Christ dwells in us Col. 1:27; Eph 3:17; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:10**

**Col 1:27**

27to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

**Eph 3:17**

17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love

**Gal 2:20**

20"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

**Ro 8:10**

10And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

b. **H.S. dwells within us**

**Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:11; 2 Cor. 1:22; 2 Tim. 1:14; 6:19**

**1Cor.****Gal 4:6**

6And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

**Ro 8:11**

11But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

**2Co 1:21**

21Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, 22who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

**2Ti 1:14**

14Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

**1Co 6:19**

19Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

c. **Father dwells within us** **Jn. 14:23ff.; 1 Jn. 4:15-16;**

**Jn 14:22-24**

22Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him. 24"He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

**1Jn 4:15-16**

15Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

d. **We dwell in God.**

**2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 3:26; Rom. 6:11; 1 Cor. 12:13; 1 Jn. 4:15**

**2Co 5:17-19**

17Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 18Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**Gal 3:26**

26For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Ro 6:11**

11Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**1Co 12:13-18**

13For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14For the body is not one member, but many. 15If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 16And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 17If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18But now God has placed the members, each one of them,

in the body, just as He desired.

**1Jn 4:15**

15Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

**e. The GODHEAD indwells Col. 3:16; Eph. 3:16-19**

**Col 3:16-17**

16Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

**Col 2:8-9**

8See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. 9For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

**Dt 11:18-19**

18"You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. 19And you shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up.

**1Jn 2:28**

27And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

**1Jn 2:24-25**

24As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

**Jn 15:4-9**

4"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6"If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. 8"By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. 9"Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.



**3. ETERNAL** Isa 41:4; 57:15; 63:16

**Isaiah 26:4 (God is an everlasting rock)**

4 "Trust in the LORD forever,  
For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.

**Isaiah 40:28 (The LORD (God) is Everlasting)**

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth  
Does not become weary or tired.  
His understanding is inscrutable.

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**Isaiah 43:13 (From eternity)**

13 "Even from eternity I am He;  
And there is none who can deliver out of My hand;  
I act and who can reverse it?"

**Isaiah 63:16 (The LORD [our redeemer] is from old)**

16 For Thou art our Father, though Abraham does not know us,  
And Israel does not recognize us.  
Thou, O LORD, art our Father,  
Our Redeemer from of old is Thy name.  
God is and that not in time but in eternity, motionless, timeless, changeless eternity, that has no before or after; and being One, he fills eternity with one now and so really is.

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**Isaiah 41:4 (I am the first, last)**

4 "Who has performed and accomplished it,  
Calling forth the generations from the beginning?  
'I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last. I am He.'"

**Isaiah 44:6 (The LORD of hosts is first and last)**

6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
'I am the first and I am the last,  
And there is no God besides Me.

**Isaiah 48:12 (I am the first and the last)**

12 "Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called;  
I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.

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**Isaiah 46:4 (I am the same)**

4 Even to your old age, I shall be the same,  
And even to your graying years I shall bear you!  
I have done it, and I shall carry you;  
And I shall bear you, and I shall deliver you.

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**Isaiah 57:15 (The one whose name is Holy lives forever)**

15 For thus says the high and exalted One  
Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,  
"I dwell on a high and holy place,

And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit  
In order to revive the spirit of the lowly  
And to revive the heart of the contrite.

Ge 21:33

Ge 21:32-33

33And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.

Ex 3:15 Ex 15:18

Ex 3:15

15And God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

Ex 15:18

18"The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

Dt 32:40 Dt 33:27

Dt 32:40

40'Indeed, I lift up My hand to heaven,  
And say, as I live forever,

Dt 33:27

27"The eternal God is a dwelling place,  
And underneath are the everlasting arms;  
And He drove out the enemy from before you,  
And said, 'Destroy!'

1Ch 16:36 1Ch 29:10

1Ch 16:36

36Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
From everlasting even to everlasting.

Then all the people said, "Amen," and praised the LORD.

1Ch 29:10-11

10So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed art Thou, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

Ne 9:5

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5Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said,  
"Arise, bless the LORD your God forever and ever!

O may Thy glorious name be blessed  
And exalted above all blessing and praise!

Job 36:26

Job 36:26

26"Behold, God is exalted, and we do not know Him;  
The number of His years is unsearchable.

Ps 9:7 Ps 33:11 Ps 41:13 Ps 55:19 Ps 68:33 Ps 90:1-2 Ps 90:4 Ps 92:8 Ps 93:2 Ps 102:12 Ps 102:24-27  
Ps 104:31 Ps 111:3 Ps 135:13 Ps 145:13 Ps 146:10

Ps 9:7

7But the LORD abides forever;  
He has established His throne for judgment,

Ps 33:11

11The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

Ps 41:13

13Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
From everlasting to everlasting.  
Amen, and Amen.

Ps 55:19

19God will hear and answer them--  
Even the one who sits enthroned from of old--  
Selah.  
With whom there is no change,  
And who do not fear God.

Ps 68:33

33To Him who rides upon the highest heavens, which are from ancient times;  
Behold, He speaks forth with His voice, a mighty voice.

Ps 90:1-2

90:1A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

2Before the mountains were born,  
Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Ps 90:4

4For a thousand years in Thy sight  
Are like yesterday when it passes by,  
Or as a watch in the night.

Ps 92:8

8But Thou, O LORD, art on high forever.

Ps 93:2

2Thy throne is established from of old;  
Thou art from everlasting.

Ps 102:12

12But Thou, O LORD, dost abide forever;  
And Thy name to all generations.

Ps 102:24-27

24I say, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days,  
Thy years are throughout all generations.  
25"Of old Thou didst found the earth;  
And the heavens are the work of Thy hands.  
26"Even they will perish, but Thou dost endure;  
And all of them will wear out like a garment;  
Like clothing Thou wilt change them, and they will be changed.  
27"But Thou art the same,  
And Thy years will not come to an end.

Ps 104:31

31Let the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
Let the LORD be glad in His works;

Ps 111:3

3Splendid and majestic is His work;  
And His righteousness endures forever.

Ps 135:13

13Thy name, O LORD, is everlasting,  
Thy remembrance, O LORD, throughout all generations.

Ps 145:13

13Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
And Thy dominion endures throughout all generations.

Ps 146:10

10The LORD will reign forever,  
Thy God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

Pr 8:23-25

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23"From everlasting I was established,  
From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.  
24"When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
When there were no springs abounding with water.  
25"Before the mountains were settled,  
Before the hills I was brought forth;

Jer 10:10 Jer 17:12

Jer 10:10

10But the LORD is the true God;  
He is the living God and the everlasting King.  
At His wrath the earth quakes,  
And the nations cannot endure His indignation.

Jer 17:12

12A glorious throne on high from the beginning  
Is the place of our sanctuary.

Lam 5:19

Lam 5:19

19Thou, O LORD, dost rule forever;  
Thy throne is from generation to generation.

Da 4:3 Da 4:34

Da 4:3

3"How great are His signs,  
And how mighty are His wonders!  
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
And His dominion is from generation to generation.

Da 4:34

34"But at the end of that period I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever;

Mic 5:2

Mic 5:2

2"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.  
His goings forth are from long ago,  
From the days of eternity."

Hab 1:12 Hab 3:6

Hab 1:12

12Art Thou not from everlasting,  
O LORD, my God, my Holy One?  
We will not die.  
Thou, O LORD, hast appointed them to judge;  
And Thou, O Rock, hast established them to correct.

Hab 3:6

6He stood and surveyed the earth;  
He looked and startled the nations.  
Yes, the perpetual mountains were shattered,  
The ancient hills collapsed.  
His ways are everlasting.

Ro 1:20 Ro 16:26

Ro 1:21

20For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Ro 16:26

26but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith;

Eph 3:21

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21to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

1Ti 1:17 1Ti 6:15-16

1Ti 1:17

17Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1Ti 6:15-16

15which He will bring about at the proper time-- He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords; 16who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

Heb 1:8 Heb 9:14

Heb 1:8

8But of the Son He says,

"Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom.

Heb 9:14

14how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

2Pe 3:8

2Pe 3:9

8But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

1Jn 2:13

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13I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.

Rev 1:4 Rev 1:6 Rev 4:8-10 Rev 5:14 Rev 10:6 Rev 11:17 Rev 15:7 Rev 16:5

Rev 1:4

4John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne;

Rev 1:6

6and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Rev 4:8

8And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

Rev 4:9-10

9And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, 10the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Rev 5:14

14And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Rev 10:6

6and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there shall be delay no longer,

Rev 11:17

17saying,

"We give Thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast, because Thou hast taken Thy great power and hast begun to reign.

Rev 15:7

7And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.

Rev 16:5

5And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous art Thou, who art and who wast, O Holy One, because Thou didst judge these things;



A man asked God how long a million years was to Him. God replied, "It's just like a single second of your time, my child." So the man asked, "And what about a million dollars?" The Lord replied, "To me, it's just like a single penny." So the man gathered himself up and said, "Well, Lord, could I have one of your pennies?" And God said, "Certainly, my child, just a second." --James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988), p. 410.

A rich man learned that he would die in a few days. He called his three friends: a doctor, preacher, and lawyer to his bedside. He said, "The preacher has told me that you can't take it with you, but I believe I have worked out a way so that I can. Doc tells me that I won't live long, so I have prepared three sealed envelopes, each containing \$10,000. When I die, I want each of you to walk by the casket and drop in your envelope with the \$10,000."

A short time later, they attended his funeral and then met together. The preacher said, "I've got a confession to make. We've been needing to repair the organ in the church for a long time, and I took \$2,000 out of Bill's envelope and used it on the organ." The doctor said, "This makes it easier for me, because I took \$5,000 out and used it for my new clinic and only dropped in \$5,000." The lawyer said, "Well, my conscience is clear. I did just what Bill said. I kept my envelope, picked up both of yours and dropped in a check for the whole amount of \$30,000." Many people have tried to take it with them, but all in vain.

-- Robert Cargill

God is not affected by our mutability; our changes do not alter him. When we are restless, he remains serene and calm; when we are low, selfish, mean, or dispirited, he is still the unalterable I Am. The same yesterday, today, and forever, in whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. What God is in himself, not what we may chance to feel him in this or that moment to be, that is our hope.

Frederick William Robertson (1816-1853)

Surely God would not have created such a being as man ... to exist only for a day! No, no, man was made for immortality.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

We only see a little of the ocean, A few miles distance from the rocky shore; But oh! out there beyond-beyond the eyes' horizon There's more-there's more. We only see a little of God's loving, A few rich treasures from his mighty store; But oh! out there beyond-beyond our life's horizon There's more-there's more.

When God measures men in the next world, he will not put the tape about their head; he will put it about their heart.

Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)

ETERNAL

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(e-tur'-nal) (ˈolam; aionios, from aion): The word "eternal" is of very varying import, both in the Scriptures and out of them.

1. ˈOlam: In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word ˈolam is used for "eternity," sometimes in the sense of unlimited duration, sometimes in the sense of a cycle or an age, and sometimes, in later Hebrew, in the signification of world. The Hebrew ˈolam has, for its proper New Testament equivalent, aion, as signifying either time of particular duration, or the unending duration of time in general. Only, the Hebrew term primarily signified unlimited time, and only in a secondary sense represented a definite or specific period. Both the Hebrew and the Greek terms signify the world itself, as it moves in time.

2. Aion, Aionios: In the New Testament, aion and aionios are often used with the meaning "eternal," in the predominant sense of futurity. The word aion primarily signifies time, in the sense of age or generation; it also comes to denote all that exists under time-conditions; and, finally, superimposed upon the temporal is an ethical use, relative to the world's course. Thus aion may be said to mean the subtle informing spirit of the world or cosmos-the totality of things. By Plato, in his Timaeus, aion was used of the eternal Being, whose counterpart, in the sense-world, is Time. To Aristotle, in speaking of the world, aion is the ultimate principle which, in itself, sums up all existence.. In the New Testament, aion is found combined with prepositions in nearly three score and ten instances, where the idea of unlimited duration appears to be meant. This is the usual method of expressing eternity in the Septuagint also. The aionios of 2Co 4:18 must be eternal, in a temporal use or reference, else the antithesis would be gone.

3. Aidios: In Ro 1:20 the word aidios is used of Divine action and rendered in the King James Version "eternal" (the Revised Version (British and American) "everlasting"), the only other place in the New Testament where the word occurs being Jude 6, where the rendering is "everlasting," which accords with classical usage. But the presence of the idea of eternal in these passages does not impair the fact that aion and aionios are, in their natural and obvious connotation, the usual New Testament words for expressing the idea of eternal, and this holds strikingly true of the Septuagint usage also. For, from the idea of aeonian life, there is no reason to suppose the notion of duration excluded. The word aionios is sometimes used in the futurist signification, but often also, in the New Testament, it is concerned rather with the quality, than with the quantity or duration, of life. By the continual attachment of aionios to life, in this conception of the spiritual or Divine life in man, the aeonian conception was saved from becoming sterile.

4. Enlargement of Idea: In the use of aion and aionios there is evidenced a certain enlarging or advancing import till they come so to express the high and complex fact of the Divine life in man. In Greek, aiones signifies ages, or periods or dispensations. The aiones of Heb 1:2, and 11:3, is, however, to be taken as used in the concrete sense of "the worlds," and not "the ages," the world so taken meaning the totality of things in their course or flow.

5. Eternal Life: Our Lord decisively set the element of time in abeyance, and took His stand upon the fact and quality of life-life endless by its own nature. Of that eternal life He is Himself the guarantee-"Because I live, ye shall live also" (Jn 14:19). Therefore said Augustine, "Join thyself to the eternal God, and thou wilt be eternal." See ETERNITY.

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**4. Immutable** Isa 40:28; Mal 3:6; Heb 6:16-18

Isa 40:28

28Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth  
Does not become weary or tired.  
His understanding is inscrutable.

Isa 41:4

4"Who has performed and accomplished it,  
Calling forth the generations from the beginning?  
'I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last. I am He.'"

Isa 48:12

12"Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called;  
I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.

Isa 44:6

6"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
'I am the first and I am the last,  
And there is no God besides Me.

Isaiah 31:2

2 Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster,  
And does not retract His words,  
But will arise against the house of evildoers,  
And against the help of the workers of iniquity.

Isaiah 59:1

Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short  
That it cannot save;  
Neither is His ear so dull  
That it cannot hear.

Num 23:19-20

19"God is not a man, that He should lie,  
Nor a son of man, that He should repent;  
Has He said, and will He not do it?  
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?  
20"Behold, I have received a command to bless;  
When He has blessed, then I cannot revoke it.

1Sa 15:29

29And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

Job 23:13

13"But He is unique and who can turn Him?  
And what His soul desires, that He does.

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Ps 33:11

11The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

Ps 119:89-91

89Forever, O LORD,  
Thy word is settled in heaven.  
90Thy faithfulness continues throughout all generations;  
Thou didst establish the earth, and it stands.  
91They stand this day according to Thine ordinances,  
For all things are Thy servants.

Pr 19:21

21Many are the plans in a man's heart,  
But the counsel of the LORD, it will stand

Ecc 3:14

14I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should fear Him.

Ecc 7:13

13Consider the work of God,  
For who is able to straighten what He has bent?

Hos 13:14

14Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol?  
Shall I redeem them from death?  
O Death, where are your thorns?  
O Sheol, where is your sting?  
Compassion will be hidden from My sight.

Mal 3:6

6"For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

Ro 11:29-30

29for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Heb 6:16-18

17In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, 18in order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the hope set before us.

Jas 1:17-18

17Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow. 18In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.

It fortifies my soul to know

That though I perish, truth is so,

That howsoever I stray and range

Whate'er I do, Thou dost not change.

I steadier step when I recall

That if I slip, Thou dost not fall.

Arthur Hugh Clough

5. **Omnipresence** Isa 6:1-3; 43:1-7; 1 Ki 8:27; Psa 139:7-10

Isa 43:1-7

But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! 2"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you. 3"For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. 4"Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life. 5"Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, And gather you from the west. 6"I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth, 7Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made. "

Isa 6:1-3

6:1In the year of King, Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. 2Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,, The whole earth is full of His glory."

Isa 63:15

15Look down from heaven, and see from Thy holy and glorious habitation;  
Where are Thy zeal and Thy mighty deeds?  
The stirrings of Thy heart and Thy compassion are restrained toward me.

Ge 28:16-17

16Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

Ge 28:16-17

16Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

1Ki 8:27-28

27"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built!

2Ch 2:6

6But who is able to build a house for Him, for the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain Him? So who am I, that I should build a house for Him, except to burn incense before Him?

Ps 139:3

3Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down,  
And art intimately acquainted with all my ways.

Ps 139:5

5Thou hast enclosed me behind and before,  
And laid Thy hand upon me.

Ps 139:7-10

7Where can I go from Thy Spirit?  
Or where can I flee from Thy presence?  
8If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there;  
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there.  
9If I take the wings of the dawn,  
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,  
10Even there Thy hand will lead me,  
And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.

Jer 23:23-24

23"Am I a God who is near," declares the LORD,  
"And not a God far off?  
24"Can a man hide himself in hiding places,  
So I do not see him?" declares the LORD.  
"Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.

Ac 7:47-49

48"However, the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands; as the prophet says:  
  
49'Heaven is My throne,  
And earth is the footstool of My feet;  
What kind of house will you build for Me?' says the Lord;  
'Or what place is there for My repose?

Ac 17:24-25

24"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things;

Ac 17:27-29

27that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said,' For we also are His offspring.'

Ge 28:16

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1Ki 8:27-28

27"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built!

An article in the November 1987 Reader's Digest reminded me of the truth that God is quick to hear and answer when we call upon Him in our need. It was about "enhanced 911," an important addition to the emergency telephone call program. Where this system is in operation, a person who dials 911 doesn't have to tell the operator his location. His name, address, and phone number appears immediately on an operator's screen.

"Enhanced 911" has been a dramatic success. For example, a 6-year-old boy called 911 to report that his house was on fire. Even while the operator was telling the frightened boy what to do, fire equipment was being sent. A terrified girl called to say that a man was trying to break into her home. Within 3 minutes an

arrest was being made and the child was safe. And in another city, a girl whispered to a 911 operator that a man was hurting her mother, and then hung up. Police arrived in time to capture a rapist.

God too hears the cries of His people. Whenever we call on Him, and from whatever situation, we can know that He is listening and that He answers.

Among so many, can he care?  
Can special love be everywhere?  
A myriad homes-a myriad ways,  
And God's eye over every place?  
I asked, my soul bethought of this;  
In just that very place of his  
Where he hath put and kept you,  
God hath no other thing to do!

A. D. T. Whitney

God is not a supernatural interferer; God is the everlasting portion of his people. When a man born from above begins his new life, he meets God at every turn, hears him in every sound, sleeps at his feet, and wakes to find him there.

Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

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**6. Glorious/Majestic** Isa 6:3; 35:2; 60:19

Isaiah 4:5

5 then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.

Isaiah 6:3

3 And one called out to another and said,  
"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,,  
The whole earth is full of His glory."

Isaiah 8:7

7 "Now therefore, behold, the Lord is about to bring on them the strong and abundant waters of the Euphrates,  
Even the king of Assyria and all his glory;  
And it will rise up over all its channels and go over all its banks.

Isaiah 10:16

16 Therefore the Lord, the GOD of hosts, will send a wasting disease among his stout warriors;  
And under his glory a fire will be kindled like a burning flame.

Isaiah 10:18

18 And He will destroy the glory of his forest and of his fruitful garden, both soul and body;  
And it will be as when a sick man wastes away.

Isaiah 13:19

19 And Babylon, the beauty of kingdoms, the glory of the Chaldeans' pride,  
Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

Isaiah 14:18

18 "All the kings of the nations lie in glory,  
Each in his own tomb.

Isaiah 16:14

14 But now the LORD speaks, saying, "Within three years, as a hired man would count them, the glory of Moab will be degraded along with all his great population, and his remnant will be very small and impotent."

Isaiah 17:3

3 "The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim,  
And sovereignty from Damascus  
And the remnant of Aram;  
They will be like the glory of the sons of Israel,"  
Declares the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 17:4

4 Now it will come about in that day that the glory of Jacob will fade,  
And the fatness of his flesh will become lean.

Isaiah 22:23

23 "And I will drive him like a peg in a firm place,

And he will become a throne of glory to his father's house.

Isaiah 22:24

24 "So they will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, offspring and issue, all the least of vessels, from bowls to all the jars.

Isaiah 24:16

16 From the ends of the earth we hear songs, "Glory to the Righteous One,"  
But I say, "Woe to me! Woe to me! Alas for me!  
The treacherous deal treacherously,  
And the treacherous deal very treacherously."

Isaiah 24:23

23 Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed,  
For the LORD of hosts will reign on  
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,  
And His glory will be before His elders.

Isaiah 35:2

2 It will blossom profusely  
And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy.  
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,  
The majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They will see the glory of the LORD,  
The majesty of our God.

Isaiah 35:2

2 It will blossom profusely  
And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy.  
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,  
The majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They will see the glory of the LORD,  
The majesty of our God.

Isaiah 40:5

5 Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,  
And all flesh will see it together;  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken. "

Isaiah 41:16

16 "You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away,  
And the storm will scatter them;  
But you will rejoice in the LORD,  
You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 42:8

8 "I am the LORD, that is My name;  
I will not give My glory to another,  
Nor My praise to graven images.

Isaiah 42:12

12 Let them give glory to the LORD,  
And declare His praise in the coastlands.

Isaiah 43:7

7 Everyone who is called by My name,  
And whom I have created for My glory,  
Whom I have formed, even whom I have made. "

Isaiah 44:23

23 Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it!  
Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth;  
Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains,  
O forest, and every tree in it;  
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob  
And in Israel He shows forth His glory.

Isaiah 45:25

25 "In the LORD all the offspring of Israel  
Will be justified, and will glory."

Isaiah 46:13

13 "I bring near My righteousness, it is not far off;  
And My salvation will not delay.  
And I will grant salvation in Zion,  
And My glory for Israel.

Isaiah 48:11

11 "For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act;  
For how can My name be profaned?  
And My glory I will not give to another.

Isaiah 49:3

3 And He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel,  
In Whom I will show My glory."

Isaiah 58:8

8 "Then your light will break out like the dawn,  
And your recovery will speedily spring forth;  
And your righteousness will go before you;  
The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

Isaiah 59:19

19 So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west  
And His glory from the rising of the sun,  
For He will come like a rushing stream,  
Which the wind of the LORD drives.

Isaiah 60:1

1 "Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:2

2 "For behold, darkness will cover the earth,  
And deep darkness the peoples;  
But the LORD will rise upon you,  
And His glory will appear upon you.

Isaiah 60:13

13 "The glory of Lebanon will come to you,  
The juniper, the box tree, and the cypress together,  
To beautify the place of My sanctuary;  
And I shall make the place of My feet glorious.

Isaiah 60:19

19 "No longer will you have the sun for light by day,  
Nor for brightness will the moon give you light;  
But you will have the LORD for an everlasting light,  
And your God for your glory.

Isaiah 62:2

2 And the nations will see your righteousness,  
And all kings your glory;  
And you will be called by a new name,  
Which the mouth of the LORD will designate.

Isaiah 66:12

12 For thus says the LORD, "Behold, I extend peace to her like a river,  
And the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
And you shall be nursed, you shall be carried on the hip and fondled on the knees.

Isaiah 66:18

18 "For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory.

Isaiah 66:19

19 "And I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations.

Mt 4:8 Mt 5:16 Mt 6:13 Mt 6:29 Mt 16:27 Mt 19:28 Mt 24:30 Mt 25:31

Mt 4:7-8

8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory;

Mt 5:16

16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Mt 6:13

13'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.]'

Mt 6:29

29yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.

Mt 16:27

27"For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds.

Mt 19:28

28And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Mt 24:30

30and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

Mt 25:31

31"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

Mk 8:38 Mk 10:37 Mk 13:26

Mk 8:38

38"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Mk 10:37-38

37And they said to Him, "Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on Your left."

Mk 13:26-27

26"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

Lk 2:9 Lk 2:14 Lk 2:32 Lk 4:6 Lk 9:26 Lk 9:26 Lk 9:31 Lk 9:32 Lk 12:27 Lk 13:17 Lk 17:18 Lk 19:38 Lk 21:27 Lk 24:26

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Jn 11:40 Jn 12:28 Jn 12:28 Jn 12:41 Jn 13:32 Jn 13:32 Jn 16:14 Jn 17:1 Jn 17:1 Jn 17:5 Jn 17:5 Jn 17:22  
Jn 17:24 Jn 21:19

Ac 2:20 Ac 7:2 Ac 7:55 Ac 12:23

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2Co 3:18 2Co 3:18 2Co 4:4 2Co 4:6 2Co 4:15 2Co 4:17 2Co 6:8 2Co 8:19 2Co 8:23 2Co 9:13

Gal 1:5

Eph 1:6 Eph 1:12 Eph 1:14 Eph 1:17 Eph 1:18 Eph 3:13 Eph 3:16 Eph 3:21 Eph 5:27

Php 1:11 Php 2:11 Php 2:16 Php 3:3 Php 3:19 Php 3:21 Php 4:19 Php 4:20

Col 1:1 1Col 1:27 Col 1:27 Col 3:4

1Th 2:6 1Th 2:12 1Th 2:20

2Th 1:9 2Th 2:14

1Ti 1:11 1Ti 1:17 1Ti 3:16

2Ti 2:10 2Ti 4:18

Tit 2:13

Heb 1:3 Heb 2:7 Heb 2:9 Heb 2:10 Heb 3:3 Heb 5:5 Heb 9:5 Heb 13:21  
Jas 1:9 Jas 1:10 Jas 2:1

1Pe 1:7 1Pe 1:8 1Pe 1:21 1Pe 1:24 1Pe 2:12 1Pe 4:11 1Pe 4:13 1Pe 4:14 1Pe 4:16 1Pe 5:1 1Pe 5:4  
1Pe 5:10

2Pe 1:3 2Pe 1:17 2Pe 1:17 2Pe 3:18

Jude 24 Jude 25

Rev 1:6 Rev 4:9 Rev 4:11 Rev 5:12 Rev 5:13 Rev 7:12 Rev 11:13 Rev 14:7 Rev 15:4 Rev 15:8 Rev  
16:9 Rev 18:1 Rev 19:1 Rev 19:7 Rev 21:11 Rev 21:23 Rev 21:24 Rev 21:26



**7. Invisible** Isa 45:15; Jn 1:18; 1 Jn 4:12

Isa 45:15

15 Truly, Thou art a God who hides Himself,  
O God of Israel, Savior!

Dt 4:15-16

15 "So watch yourselves carefully, since you did not see any form on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire,

Job 9:11

11 "Were He to pass by me, I would not see Him;  
Were He to move past me, I would not perceive Him.

Job 23:8-9

8 "Behold, I go forward but He is not there,  
And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;  
9 When He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him;  
He turns on the right, I cannot see Him.

Jn 1:18

18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

Heb 11:27-28

27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

1 Jn 4:12-13

12 No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

**B. The Personhood of God**

**1. Perfection** Dt 32:4; Matt 5:48; Jas 1:17

Isa 38:1-3

38:1 In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'" 2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD, 3 and said, "Remember now, O LORD, I beseech Thee, how I have walked before Thee in truth and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in Thy sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

Isa 49:7

7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One,



To the despised One,  
To the One abhorred by the nation,  
To the Servant of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and arise,  
Princes shall also bow down;  
Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

Dt 32:4

4"The Rock! His work is perfect,  
For all His ways are just;  
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,  
Righteous and upright is He.

2Sa 22:31

31"As for God, His way is blameless;  
The word of the LORD is tested;  
He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

Ps 18:30

30As for God,  
His way is blameless;  
The word of the LORD is tried;  
He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

Mt 5:48-6:1

48"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Ro 12:2

2And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Jas 1:17-18

17Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.

You might want to ask yourself whether you have a big God or a little God? A little girl listened attentively as her father read the family devotions. She seemed awed by her parents' talk of God's limitless power and mercy. "Daddy," she asked, placing her little hands on his knees, "how big is God." Her father thought for a moment and answered, "Honey, he is always just a little bigger than you need."

God is compelled to conceal himself in a measure from the natural world, for the divine illumination would blind the eyes of mortal man were it to shine upon him in full strength.

L. S. Thornton

Napoleon (cited by Vernon C. Grounds, *The Reason for Our Hope*) said: "I know men; and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man. Superficial minds see a resemblance between Christ and the founders of empires, and the gods of other religions. That resemblance does not exist. There is between Christianity and whatever other religions the distance of infinity.... Everything in Christ astonishes me. His spirit overawes me, and His will confounds me. Between him and whoever else in the world, there is no possible term of comparison. He is truly a being by Himself. His ideas and sentiments, the truth which he announces, His manner of convincing, are not explained either by human organization or by the nature of things.... The nearer I approach, the more carefully I examine, everything is above me -- everything remains grand, of a grandeur which overpowers. His religion is a revelation from an intelligence which certainly is not that of man.... One can absolutely find nowhere, but in Him alone, the imitation or the example of His life.... I search in vain in history to find the similar to Jesus Christ, or anything which can approach the gospel. Neither history, nor humanity, nor the ages, nor nature, offer me anything with which I am able to compare it or to explain it. Here everything is extraordinary."

PERFECT, PERFECTION

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Without flaw or error; a state of completion or fulfillment. God's perfection means that He is complete in Himself. He lacks nothing; He has no flaws. He is perfect in all the characteristics of His nature. He is the basis for and standard by which all other perfection is to be measured (Job 36:4; Ps 18:30; 19:7; Mt 5:48).

By contrast, man's perfection is relative and dependent on God for its existence. As applied to a person's moral state in this life, perfection may refer either to a relatively blameless lifestyle (Ge 6:9; Job 1:1; Jas 3:2) or to a person's maturity as a believer (Php 3:15; Jas 1:4). Because perfection in this life is never reached, man will continue to sin (Php 3:12,15; 1Jn 1:8). A believer's perfection in the next life, however, will be without sin (Eph 5:27; Col 1:28; 1Th 5:23).

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PERFECT, PERFECTION

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(pur'-fekt), (per-fek'-shun) (shalem, tamim; teleios, teleiotes):

1. In the Old Testament: "Perfect" in the Old Testament is the translation of shalem, "finished," "whole," "complete," used (except in Dt 25:15, "perfect weight") of persons, e.g. a "perfect heart," i.e. wholly or completely devoted to Yahweh (1Ki 8:61, etc.; 1Ch 12:38; Isa 38:3, etc.); tamim, "complete," "perfect," "sound or unblemished," is also used of persons and of God, His way, and law ("Noah was a just man and perfect," the Revised Version margin "blameless" (Ge 6:9); "As for God, his way is perfect" (Ps 18:30); "The law of Yahweh is perfect" (Ps 19:7), etc.); tam, with the same, meaning, occurs only in Job, except twice in Psalms (Job 1:1,8; 2:3, etc.; Ps 37:37; 64:4); kalil, "complete," and various other words are translated "perfect."

Perfection is the translation of various words so translated once only: kalil (Lam 2:15); mikhlah, "completeness" (Ps 50:2); minleh, "possession" (Job 15:29, the King James Version "neither shall the prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth," the American Standard Revised Version "neither shall their possessions be extended on the earth," margin "their produce bend to the earth"; the English Revised Version reverses this text and margin); tikhlah, "completeness," or "perfection (Ps 119:96); takhlith (twice), "end," "completeness" (Job 11:7, "Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?" 28:3, "searcheth out all the Revised Version (British and American) the King James Version, the Revised Version (British and American) "to the furthest bound"; compare 26:10, "unto the confines of light and darkness"); tom, "perfect," "completeness" (Isa 47:9, the King James Version "They shall come upon thee in their perfection," the Revised Version (British and American) "in their full measure"). the Revised Version margin gives the meaning of "the Urim and the Thummim" (Ex 28:30, etc.) as "the Lights and the Perfections."

2. In the New Testament: In the New Testament "perfect" is usually the tr of teleios, primarily, "having reached the end," "term," "limit," hence, "complete," "full," "perfect" (Mt 5:48, "Ye therefore shall be perfect,

as your heavenly Father is perfect"; Mt 19:21, "if thou wouldst be perfect; Eph 4:13, the King James Version "till we all come .... unto a perfect man," the Revised Version (British and American) "full-grown"; Php 3:15, "as many as are perfect," the American Revised Version margin "full-grown"; 1Co 2:6; Col 1:28, "perfect in Christ"; 4:12; Jas 3:2 m, etc.).

Other words are teleioo. "to perfect," "to end," "complete" (Lk 13:32, "The third day I am perfected," the Revised Version margin "end my course"; Jn 17:23, "perfected into one"; 2Co 12:9; Php 3:12, the Revised Version (British and American) "made perfect"; Heb 2:10, etc.); also epiteleio, "to bring through to an end" (2Co 7:1, "perfecting holiness in the fear of God OQ; Gal 3:3, "Are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" the King James Version, the Revised Version (British and American) "perfected in the flesh," margin "Do ye now make an end in the flesh?"); katartizo "to make quite ready," "to make complete," is translated "perfect," "to perfect" (Mt 21:16, "perfected praise"; Lk 6:40, "Every one when he is perfected shall be as his teacher"; 1Co 1:10; 2Co 13:11, "be perfected"; 1Th 3:10; 1Pe 5:10, the Revised Version margin "restore"); akribos, "accurately," "diligently," is translated "perfect" (Lk 1:3, "having had perfect understanding," the Revised Version (British and American) "having traced .... accurately"; Ac 18:26 the King James Version, the Revised Version (British and American) "more accurately"). We have also artios, "fitted," "perfected" (2Ti 3:7, the Revised Version (British and American) "complete"); pleroo, "to fill," "to make full" (Rev 3:2, the American Standard Revised Version "perfected," the English Revised Version "fulfilled"); katartismos, "complete adjustment," "perfecting" (Eph 4:12, "for the perfecting of the saints").

Perfection is the translation of katartisis "thorough adjustment," "fitness" (2Co 13:9, the Revised Version (British and American) "perfecting"); of teleiosis (Heb 7:11); of teleiotes (Heb 6:1, the Revised Version margin "full growth"); it is translated "perfectness" (Col 3:14); "perfection". In Lk 8:14 is the translation of telesphoreo, "to bear on to completion or perfection." In Apocrypha "perfect," "perfection," etc., are for the most part the translation of words from telos, "the end," e.g. Wisd 4:13; Ecclus 34:8; 44:17; 45:8, suntelia "full end"; 24:28; 50:11.

The Revised Version (British and American) has "perfect" for "upright" (2Sa 22:24,26 twice); for "sound" (Ps 119:80); for "perform" (Php 1:16); for "undefiled" (Ps 119:1, margin "upright in way"); for "perfect peace, and at such a time" (Ezr 7:12), "perfect and so forth"; for "He maketh my way perfect" (2Sa 22:33), "He guideth the perfect in his way," margin "or, `setteth free.' According to another reading, `guideth my way in perfectness' OQ; "shall himself perfect," margin "restore," for, "make you perfect" (1Pe 5:10); "perfecter" for "finisher" (Heb 12:2); "perfectly" is omitted in the Revised Version (British and American) (Mt 14:36); "set your hope perfectly on" for the King James Version "hope to the end for" (1Pe 1:13).

3. The Christian Ideal: Perfection is the Christian ideal and aim, but in much as that which God has set before us is infinite—"Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48)—absolute perfection must be forever beyond, not only any human, but any finite, being; it is a divine ideal forever shining before us, calling us upward, and making endless progression possible. As noted above, the perfect man, in the Old Testament phrase, was the man whose heart was truly or wholly devoted to God. Christian perfection must also have its seat in such a heart, but it implies the whole conduct and the whole man, conformed thereto as knowledge grows and opportunity arises, or might be found. There may be, of course, a relative perfection, e.g. of the child as a child compared with that of the man. The Christian ought to be continually moving onward toward perfection, looking to Him who is able to "make you perfect in every good thing (or work) to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen (Heb 13:21).

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## 2. Holiness/righteousness Isa 6:3; 29:19; 43:14-15; 51:8

The old word for holy in the German language, heilig, also means healthy. And so heilbronn means holy-well, or healthy-well. You could not get any better definition of what holy really is than healthy-completely healthy.

Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881)

Justice is the activity of God's holiness.

A holy life will produce the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns; they only shine.

Dwight Lyman Moody (1837-1899)

Holiness has love for its essence, humility for its clothing, the good of others as its employment, and the honor of God as its end.

Nathanael Emmons (1745-1840)

Holiness is not inability to sin, but ability not to sin.

G. Campbell Morgan (1863-1945)

Holy is the way God is. To be holy he does not conform to a standard. He is that standard. He is absolutely holy with an infinite, incomprehensible fullness of purity that is incapable of being other than it is. Because he is holy, all his attributes are holy; that is, whatever we think of as belonging to God must be thought of as holy.

A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

Christianity is not just a high-sounding ritual which we perform on Sundays. Christianity is abiding by Biblical standards of personal holiness and in turn seeking to bring holiness into the society in which we live.

-- Charles Colson, *Loving God*.

The beauty of holiness is companionship with God.

God is holy with an absolute holiness that knows no degrees, and this he cannot impart to his creatures. But there is a relative and contingent holiness which he shares with angels and seraphim in heaven and with redeemed men on earth as their preparation for heaven. This holiness God can and does impart to his children. He shares it with them by imputation and by impartation, and because he has made it available to them through the blood of the Lamb, he requires it of them.

A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

Between two evils, choose neither; between two goods, choose both.

-- Tryon Edwards -- As quoted in Bob Phillips, *Phillips' Book of Great Thoughts & Funny Sayings*, (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1993), p. 68.

Isaiah 5:16

16 But the LORD of hosts will be exalted in judgment,  
And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

Isaiah 6:3

3 And one called out to another and said,  
"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,,  
The whole earth is full of His glory."

Isaiah 12:6

6 Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
For great in your midst is the  
Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 29:19

19 The afflicted also shall increase their gladness in the LORD,  
And the needy of mankind shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 29:23

23 But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst,  
They will sanctify My name;  
Indeed, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob,  
And will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

Isaiah 41:14

14 "Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel;  
I will help you," declares the LORD, "and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 43:14-15

14 Thus says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,  
"For your sake I have sent to Babylon,  
And will bring them all down as fugitives,  
Even the Chaldeans, into the ships in which they rejoice.  
15 "I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
The Creator of Israel, your King."

Isaiah 45:19

19 "I have not spoken in secret,  
In some dark land;  
I did not say to the offspring of Jacob,  
'Seek Me in a waste place';  
I, the LORD, speak righteousness  
Declaring things that are upright.

Isaiah 47:4

4 Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name,  
The Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 49:7

7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One,  
To the despised One,  
To the One abhorred by the nation,

To the Servant of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and arise,  
Princes shall also bow down;  
Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

Isaiah 52:10

10 The LORD has bared His holy arm  
In the sight of all the nations,  
That all the ends of the earth may see  
The salvation of our God.

Isaiah 57:15

15 For thus says the high and exalted One  
Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,  
"I dwell on a high and holy place,  
And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit  
In order to revive the spirit of the lowly  
And to revive the heart of the contrite.

Ex 3:5 Ex 15:11

Lev 11:44 Lev 19:2 Lev 20:26 Lev 21:8

Dt 32:4

Jos 5:15 Jos 24:19

1Sa 2:2 1Sa 6:20

1Ch 16:10

Job 4:17-19 Job 6:10 Job 15:15 Job 25:5 Job 34:10 Job 36:23

Ps 11:7 Ps 18:30 Ps 22:3 Ps 30:4 Ps 33:4-5 Ps 36:6 Ps 47:8 Ps 48:1 Ps 48:10 Ps 60:6  
Ps 89:35 Ps 92:15 Ps 98:1 Ps 99:3 Ps 99:5 Ps 99:9 Ps 105:3 Ps 108:7 Ps 111:9 Ps 119:142 Ps 145:17 Pr  
9:10

Jer 2:5

Lam 3:38

Eze 36:21-22 Eze 39:7 Eze 39:25

Da 4:8

Hos 11:9

Hab 1:12-13

Mt 5:48

Mt 19:17

Mk 10:18

Lk 1:49 Lk 18:19

Jn 7:28 Jn 17:11

Ro 1:23

Heb 1:8

Jas 1:13

1Pe 1:15-16

1Jn 1:5

1Jn 2:20

Rev 4:8 Rev 6:10

Rev 15:4

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## **Righteousness**

Righteousness in your heart produces beauty in your character.

-- Croft M. Pentz, *The Complete Book of Zingers* (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1990).

Isaiah 41:10

10 'Do not fear, for I am with you;  
Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,  
Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 51:8

8 "For the moth will eat them like a garment,  
And the grub will eat them like wool.  
But My righteousness shall be forever,  
And My salvation to all generations."

Isaiah 56:1

1 Thus says the LORD,  
"Preserve justice, and do righteousness,

For My salvation is about to come  
And My righteousness to be revealed.

Jdg 5:11

Ezr 9:15

Job 36:3

Ps 5:8 Ps 7:9 Ps 48:10 Ps 50:6 Ps 71:15 Ps 71:19 Ps 72:1 Ps 88:12 Ps 89:16 Ps 97:2 Ps 111:3 Ps 112:4  
Ps 116:5 Ps 119:40 Ps 119:137 Ps 119:142 Ps 119:144 Ps 119:172 Ps 143:1 Ps 145:7 Ps 145:17

Jer 4:2 Jer 9:24 Jer 12:1

Lam 3:34 Lam 3:36

Da 9:7

Hos 14:9

Mic 7:9

Mt 6:33

Jn 17:25

Ac 17:31

Ro 1:17 Ro 3:4-6 Ro 3:21-22 Ro 9:14 Ro 10:3-4

2Ti 4:8

1Pe 2:23

2Pe 1:1

1Jn 2:1

Rev 16:5

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**3 Omniscient** Isa 40:13-14, 26-28; 46:10; 48:5-6

God knows instantly and effortlessly all matter and all matters, all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all being and every being, all creaturehood and all creatures, every plurality and all pluralities, all law and every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all enigmas, all feeling, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven, and hell.

A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

Isaiah 28:29



29 This also comes from the LORD of hosts,  
Who has made His counsel wonderful and His wisdom great.

Isaiah 29:15-16

15 Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the LORD,  
And whose deeds are done in a dark place,  
And they say, "Who sees us?" or "Who knows us?"  
16 You turn things around!  
Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay,  
That what is made should say to its maker, "He did not make me";  
Or what is formed say to him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Isaiah 37:28

28 "But I know your sitting down,  
And your going out and your coming in,  
And your raging against Me.

Isaiah 40:13-14

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD,  
Or as His counselor has informed Him?  
14 With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding?  
And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge,  
And informed Him of the way of understanding?

Isaiah 40:26-28

26 Lift up your eyes on high  
And see who has created these stars,  
The One who leads forth their host by number,  
He calls them all by name;  
Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power  
Not one of them is missing.  
27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel,  
"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"?  
28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth  
Does not become weary or tired.  
His understanding is inscrutable.

Isaiah 41:4

4 "Who has performed and accomplished it,  
Calling forth the generations from the beginning?  
'I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last. I am He.'"

Isaiah 42:9

9 "Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
Now I declare new things;  
Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you."

Isaiah 44:7

7 'And who is like Me?  
Let him proclaim and declare it;  
Yes, let him recount it to Me in order,  
From the time that I established the ancient nation.  
And let them declare to them the things that are coming  
And the events that are going to take place.

Isaiah 45:4

4 "For the sake of Jacob My servant,  
And Israel My chosen one,  
I have also called you by your name;  
I have given you a title of honor  
Though you have not known Me.

Isaiah 45:21

21 "Declare and set forth your case;  
Indeed, let them consult together.  
Who has announced this from of old?  
Who has long since declared it?  
Is it not I, the LORD?  
And there is no other God besides Me,  
A righteous God and a Savior;  
There is none except Me.

Isaiah 46:10

10 Declaring the end from the beginning  
And from ancient times things which have not been done,  
Saying, ' My purpose will be established,  
And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

Isaiah 48:3

3 "I declared the former things long ago  
And they went forth from My mouth, and I proclaimed them.  
Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass.

Isaiah 48:5-6

5 Therefore I declared them to you long ago,  
Before they took place I proclaimed them to you,

Lest you should say, 'My idol has done them,  
And my graven image and my molten image have commanded them.'  
6 "You have heard; look at all this.  
And you, will you not declare it?  
I proclaim to you new things from this time,  
Even hidden things which you have not known.

Isaiah 66:18

18 "For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory.

Ge 16:13 Ge 20:6

Ex 3:3 Ex 3:7 Ex 3:9 Ex 3:19-20 Ex 6:1 Ex 11:1 Ex 14:3-4

Nu 14:27

Dt 2:7 Dt 31:21

1Sa 2:3 1Sa 16:7

2Sa 7:20

1Ki 8:39 2Ki 19:27 1Ch 28:9 1Ch 29:17 2Ch 6:30 2Ch 16:9

Ne 9:10

Job 11:11 Job 12:13 Job 12:16 Job 12:22 Job 21:22 Job 22:13-14 Job 23:10 Job 24:1 Job 24:23 Job 26:6  
Job 28:10 Job 28:24 Job 31:4 Job 34:21-22 Job 34:25 Job 36:4-5 Job 37:16 Job 42:2

Ps 1:6 Ps 7:9 Ps 10:11 Ps 11:4 Ps 33:13-15 Ps 37:18 Ps 38:9 Ps 44:21 Ps 66:7 Ps 69:19 Ps 73:11 Ps 92:5  
Ps 94:7 Ps 94:9-11 Ps 103:14 Ps 104:24 Ps 119:168 Ps 121:3-4 Ps 136:5 Ps 139 Ps 142:3 Ps 147:4-5

Pr 3:19-20 Pr 5:21 Pr 15:3 Pr 15:11 Pr 16:2 Pr 17:3 Pr 21:2 Pr 24:12

Jer 5:3 Jer 10:7 Jer 10:12 Jer 11:20 Jer 17:10 Jer 20:12 Jer 23:24 Jer 32:19 Jer 51:15

Eze 9:9 Eze 11:5

Da 2:20 Da 2:22 Da 2:28

Am 4:13 Am 9:2-4

Zec 4:10

Mt 6:4 Mt 6:8 Mt 6:18 Mt 6:32 Mt 10:29-30 Mt 24:36

Mk 13:32

Lk 16:15

Ac 1:24 Ac 2:23 Ac 15:8 Ac 15:18

Ro 8:27 Ro 8:29 Ro 11:33-34 Ro 16:27

1Co 1:25 1Co 2:7 1Co 3:20 1Co 8:3

Gal 4:9

Eph 1:8

Eph 3:10

1Th 2:4

1Ti 1:17

2Ti 2:19

Heb 4:13

1Pe 1:2

1Jn 1:5 1Jn 3:20 Jude 25

**a. Actions**

Isa 26:7; 1 Sam 2:3; Psa 90:8; 139:3, 4; Prov 5:21; Jer 16:17; 32:19; Hos 7:2

**b. Thoughts**

Isa 66:18; 55:10; Jer 17:10; Ez 11:5; Am 4:13; 1 Thess 2:4

**c. Knowledge**

Isa 42:9; 44:7; 45:11; 46:10; 48:3,5

**4. Omnipotent**

Isa 40:15; 2:12; 6:3,5; 8:13; 1:24; 49:26; 60:16; Gen 18:14

David swung. And God made his point. Anyone who underestimates what God can do with the ordinary has rocks in his head.

Max L. Lucado (1955- )

God has delegated power to his creatures, but being self-sufficient, he cannot relinquish anything of his perfections, and power being one of them, he has never surrendered the least iota of his power. He gives, but he does not give away. All that he gives remains his own and returns to him again. Forever he must remain what he has forever been, the Lord God omnipotent.

A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

Nothing, therefore, happens unless the Omnipotent wills it to happen; he either permits it to happen, or he brings it about himself.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

How dread are thine eternal years,  
O everlasting Lord!  
By prostrate spirits day and night  
Incessantly adored!  
How beautiful, how beautiful  
The sight of thee must be,  
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,  
And awful purity!

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863) -Edythe Draper, Draper's Book of Quotations for the Christian World (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1992). Entry 4659.

Were it not good that evil things should also exist, the omnipotent God would most certainly not allow evil to be. It is just as easy for him not to allow what he does not will, as it is for him to do what he will. Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

The only limits to God's grace are the limits we put on it. -- Croft M. Pentz, The Complete Book of Zingers (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1990).

Nothing, therefore, happens unless the Omnipotent wills it to happen; he either permits it to happen, or he brings it about himself.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

God's problem is not that God is not able to do certain things. God's problem is that God loves. Love complicates the life of God as it complicates every life.

Douglas John Hall

Isaiah 26:4

4 "Trust in the LORD forever,  
For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.

Ge 17:1 Ge 18:14

Job 42:2

Isa 26:4

Mt 19:26

Lk 1:37

Ac 26:8

Rev 19:6 Rev 21:22

Isa 1:24

2:12

6:3

6:5

8:13  
9:8  
10:5  
10:15  
17:13  
18:4-6  
28:2  
29:5  
30:29  
32:15  
40:12ff  
40:15  
40:28  
43:13  
43:19  
45:1  
49:26  
50:2  
60:16

Ge 17:1 Ge 18:14

Job 42:2

Isa 26:4

Mt 19:26

Lk 1:37

Ac 26:8

Rev 19:6 Rev 21:22

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5. **Wisdom**

Pro 1:22-23; 1 Cor 1:18-25

Upon first reading, these precepts gleaned from the gospels seem to defy human logic. A deeper study, however, will reveal that in them the Lord has outlined a wondrous pattern and a wise design for believers who want to enjoy a successful, overcoming life. Note these paradoxes:

- We see unseen things (2 Cor. 4:18);
- we conquer by yielding (Rom. 6:16-18);
- we find rest under a yoke (Mt. 11:28-30);
- we reign by serving (Mark 10:42-44);
- we are made great by becoming little (Luke 9:48);
- we are exalted by being humble (Mt. 23:12);
- we become wise by being fools for Christ's sake (1 Cor. 1:20, 21);
- we are made free by becoming His bond servants (Rom. 6:10);
- we wax strong by being weak (2 Cor. 12:10);
- we triumph by defeat (2 Cor. 12:7-9);
- we find victory by glorying in our infirmities (2 Cor. 12:5);

and we live by dying (John 12:24,25; 2 Cor. 4:10,11).

God does not always change circumstances, but he may often change us.

-- Croft M. Pentz, *The Complete Book of Zingers* (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1990).

You cannot make a crab walk straight.

What can you expect from a hog but a grunt.

The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.

-- Lord Macaulay

Character--the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life--is the source from which self-respect springs.

-- Joan Didion

In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.

-- Thomas Jefferson

Talents are best nurtured in solitude: character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world.

-- Johann Goethe

Everyone is a moon and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.

-- Mark Twain

Character building begins in our infancy, and continues until death.

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

Character is long-standing habit.

-- Plutarch

Moderation is an ostentatious proof of our strength of character.

-- La Rochefoucauld -- As quoted in Bob Phillips, *Phillips' Book of Great Thoughts & Funny Sayings*, (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1993), p. 62.

And the Lord said unto Noah: "Where is the ark which I commanded thee to build?" And Noah said unto the Lord: "Verily, I have had three carpenters off ill. The gopherwood supplier hath let me down--yea, even though the gopherwood hath been on order for nigh upon twelve months. What can I do, O Lord?"

And the Lord said unto Noah: "I want that ark finished even after seven days and seven nights."

And Noah said: "It will be so."

And it was not so. And the Lord said unto Noah: "What seemeth to be the trouble this time?"

And Noah said unto the Lord: "Mine subcontractor hath gone bankrupt. The pitch which Thou commandest me to put on the outside and on the inside of the ark hath not arrived. The plumber hath gone on strike. Shem, my son who helpeth me on the ark side of the business, hath formed a pop group with his brothers Ham and Japheth. Lord, I am undone."

And the Lord grew angry and said: "And what about the animals, the male and female of every sort that I ordered to come unto thee to keep their seed alive upon the face of the earth?"

And Noah said: "They have been delivered unto the wrong address but should arrive on Friday."

And the Lord said: "How about the unicorns, and the fowls of the air by sevens?"

And Noah wrung his hands and wept, saying: "Lord, unicorns are a discontinued line; thou canst not get them for love nor money. And fowls of the air are sold only in half-dozens. Lord, Lord, Thou knowest how it is."

And the Lord in His wisdom said: "Noah, my son, I knowest. Why else dost thou think I have caused a flood to descend upon the earth?"

--James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988) pp. 181-182.

Isaiah 31:2

2 Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster,  
And does not retract His words,  
But will arise against the house of evildoers,  
And against the help of the workers of iniquity.

Ezr 7:25

Job 9:4 Job 12:13 Job 12:16

Ps 104:24 Ps 136:5 Ps 147:5

Pr 3:19-20 Pr 8:12 Pr 8:22 Pr 8:27-31

Isa 31:2

Jer 10:7 Jer 10:12 Jer 51:15

Da 2:20-22 Da 2:28

Ro 16:27

1Co 1:24-25

Eph 1:8 Eph 3:10

1Ti 1:17

Jude 25

Rev 7:12

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**6. Truth** Isa 65:16; Psa 31:5; Jn 17:17

Isaiah 25:1

1  
O LORD, Thou art my God;  
I will exalt Thee, I will give thanks to Thy name;  
For Thou hast worked wonders,  
Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

Isaiah 65:6

6 "Behold, it is written before Me,  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will even repay into their bosom,

Nu 23:19



Dt 32:4

1Sa 15:29

Ps 25:10 Ps 31:5 Ps 33:4 Ps 40:10 Ps 43:3 Ps 57:3 Ps 71:22 Ps 86:11 Ps 86:15 Ps 89:14 Ps 91:4 Ps 100:5  
Ps 108:4 Ps 117:2 Ps 132:11 Ps 138:2 Ps 146:6

Isa 25:1 Isa 65:6

Jer 10:10

Da 4:37 Da 9:13

Jn 8:26 Jn 17:17 Jn 17:19

Ro 3:4 Ro 3:7

Tit 1:2

Rev 6:10 Rev 15:3

**7. Faithfulness**

Isa 25:1; 44:21; 49:7; 51:6

God calls our loved ones,  
But we lose not wholly  
What he hath given;  
They live on earth  
In thought and deed  
As truly in his heaven.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

When God calls a man, he does not repent of it. God does not, as many friends do, love one day, and hate another; or as princes, who make their subjects favorites, and afterwards throw them into prison. This is the blessedness of a saint; his condition admits of no alternation. God's call is founded upon his decree, and his decree is immutable. Acts of grace cannot be reversed. God blots out his people's sins, but not their names. Thomas Watson (C. 1557-1592)

An old seaman said, "In fierce storms we can do but one thing. There is only one way (to survive); we must put the ship in a certain position and keep her there."

Commenting on this idea, Richard Fuller wrote:

This, Christian, is what you must do. Sometimes, like Paul, you can see neither sun nor stars, and no small tempest lies on you. Reason cannot help you. Past experiences give you no light. Only a single course is left. You must stay upon the Lord; and come what may -- winds, waves, cross seas, thunder, lightning, frowning rocks, roaring breakers -- no matter what, you must lash yourself to the helm and hold fast your confidence in God's faithfulness and his everlasting love in

Christ Jesus.

Have you ever heard of the unusual account of how the news of the battle of Waterloo reached England? The word was carried first by sailing ship to the southern coast. From there it was relayed by signal flags to London. When the report was received at Winchester, the flags on the cathedral began to spell it out: "Wellington defeated..." Before the message could be completed, however, a heavy fog moved in. Gloom filled the hearts of the people as the fragmentary news spread throughout the surrounding countryside. But when the mists began to lift, it became evident that the signals of Winchester Cathedral had really spelled out this triumphant message: "Wellington defeated the enemy!"

Too often we allow the future to be colored by what we understand at the moment. We have a tendency to become so absorbed with our current difficulties that we forget God's faithfulness in the past.

I will bless Thee, Gen. 12:2  
 I will not fail Thee, Josh. 1:5  
 I will heal Thee, 2 Kings 20:5  
 I will guide Thee, Ps. 32:8  
 I will instruct Thee, Ps. 32:8  
 I will teach Thee, Ps. 32:8  
 I will deliver Thee, Ps. 50:15  
 I will satisfy Thee, Ps. 132:15

I will help Thee, Is. Isa 41:10  
 I will strengthen Thee, Isa 41:10  
 I will uphold Thee, ; Isa 41:10  
 I will hold Thine hand, Isa 42:6

I will not forget Thee, Isa 49:15  
 I will comfort Thee, Isa 66:13  
 I will forgive, Jer. 31:34  
 I will restore, Jer. 30:17

I will be your God, Eze. 36:28  
 I will put my Spirit within you, Eze 36:27  
 I will save you, Eze. 36:27, 29  
 I will love him, John 14:21

I will manifest myself, John 14:21  
 I will come again, John 14:3  
 I will sup with him, Rev. 3:20  
 I will give Thee a crown of life, Rev. 2:10

Isaiah 11:5  
 5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins,  
 And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

Isaiah 25:1  
 1  
 O LORD, Thou art my God;

I will exalt Thee, I will give thanks to Thy name;  
 For Thou hast worked wonders,  
 Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

Isaiah 42:16

16 "And I will lead the blind by a way they do not know,  
 In paths they do not know I will guide them.  
 I will make darkness into light before them  
 And rugged places into plains.  
 These are the things I will do,  
 And I will not leave them undone."

Isaiah 44:21

21 "Remember these things, O Jacob,  
 And Israel, for you are My servant;  
 I have formed you, you are My servant,  
 O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me.

Isaiah 49:7

7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One,  
 To the despised One,  
 To the One abhorred by the nation,  
 To the Servant of rulers,  
 "Kings shall see and arise,  
 Princes shall also bow down;  
 Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

Isaiah 49:16

16 "Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands;  
 Your walls are continually before Me.

Isaiah 51:6

6 "Lift up your eyes to the sky,  
 Then look to the earth beneath;  
 For the sky will vanish like smoke,  
 And the earth will wear out like a garment,  
 And its inhabitants will die in like manner,  
 But My salvation shall be forever,  
 And My righteousness shall not wane.

Isaiah 51:8

8 "For the moth will eat them like a garment,  
 And the grub will eat them like wool.  
 But My righteousness shall be forever,

And My salvation to all generations."

Isaiah 54:9-10

9 "For this is like the days of Noah to Me;  
When I swore that the waters of Noah  
Should not flood the earth again,  
So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,  
Nor will I rebuke you.

10 "For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake,  
But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you,  
And My covenant of peace will not be shaken,"  
Says the LORD who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 65:16

16 "Because he who is blessed in the earth  
Shall be blessed by the God of truth;  
And he who swears in the earth  
Shall swear by the God of truth;  
Because the former troubles are forgotten,  
And because they are hidden from My sight!

Ge 6:18 Ge 9:15-16 Ge 21:1 Ge 24:27 Ge 28:15 Ge 32:10

Ex 2:24 Ex 6:4-5 Ex 12:41 Ex 34:6

Lev 26:44-45

Dt 4:31 Dt 7:8-9 Dt 9:5 Dt 31:6 Dt 32:4

Jos 21:45 Jos 23:14 Jdg 2:1

1Sa 12:22

2Sa 7:14-15 2Sa 7:28 2Sa 22:31 2Sa 23:5

1Ki 8:15 1Ki 8:20 1Ki 8:23-24 1Ki 8:56

2Ki 8:19 2Ki 13:23

1Ch 17:27 1Ch 28:20

2Ch 6:4-15 2Ch 21:7

Ezr 9:9

Ne 1:5 Ne 9:7-8 Ne 9:32

Ps 9:10 Ps 18:30 Ps 19:9 Ps 25:10 Ps 31:5 Ps 33:4 Ps 36:5 Ps 37:28 Ps 40:10 Ps 89:1-2 Ps 89:5 Ps 89:8

Ps 89:14 Ps 89:24 Ps 89:28 Ps 89:33-34 Ps 92:1-2 Ps 92:14-15 Ps 94:14 Ps 98:3 Ps 100:5 Ps 103:17 Ps 105:8  
Ps 105:42 Ps 111:5 Ps 111:7-9 Ps 117:2 Ps 119:65 Ps 119:89-90 Ps 121:3-4 Ps 132:11 Ps 138:2 Ps 146:6

Jer 29:10 Jer 31:36-37 Jer 32:40 Jer 33:14 Jer 33:20-21 Jer 33:25-26 Jer 51:5

Lam 3:23

Eze 16:60 Eze 16:62

Da 9:4

Hos 2:19-20

Mic 7:20

Hag 2:5

Zec 9:11

Mt 24:34-35

Lk 1:54-55 Lk 1:68-70 Lk 1:72-73

Jn 8:26

Ac 13:32-33

Ro 3:3-4 Ro 11:1-2 Ro 11:29 Ro 15:8

1Co 1:9 1Co 10:13

2Co 1:20

1Th 5:24

2Ti 2:13 Tit 1:2

Heb 6:10 Heb 6:13-19 Heb 10:22-23 Heb 10:37

1Pe 4:19

2Pe 3:9

1Jn 1:9

Rev 6:10 Rev 15:3

faithful

Isaiah 1:21

21 How the faithful city has become a harlot,

She who was full of justice!  
Righteousness once lodged in her,  
But now murderers.

Isaiah 1:26

26 "Then I will restore your judges as at the first,  
And your counselors as at the beginning;  
After that you will be called the city of righteousness,  
A faithful city."

Isaiah 8:2

2 "And I will take to Myself faithful witnesses for testimony, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of  
Jeberechiah."

Isaiah 26:2

2 "Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter,  
The one that remains faithful.

Isaiah 49:7

7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One,  
To the despised One,  
To the One abhorred by the nation,  
To the Servant of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and arise,  
Princes shall also bow down;  
Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

Isaiah 55:3

3 "Incline your ear and come to Me.  
Listen, that you may live;  
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
According to the faithful mercies shown to David.

### **faithfulness**

Is 11:5 Is 16:5 Is 25:1 Is 38:18 Is 38:19

Isaiah 11:5

5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins,  
And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

Isaiah 16:5

5 A throne will even be established in lovingkindness,  
And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David;  
Moreover, he will seek justice  
And be prompt in righteousness.

Isaiah 25:1

1  
O LORD, Thou art my God;  
I will exalt Thee, I will give thanks to Thy name;

For Thou hast worked wonders,  
Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

Isaiah 38:18

18 "For Sheol cannot thank Thee,  
Death cannot praise Thee;  
Those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Thy faithfulness.

Isaiah 38:19

19 "It is the living who give thanks to Thee, as I do today;  
7A father tells his sons about Thy faithfulness.

Faithfulness

Mt 23:23

Ro 3:3

Gal 5:22

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**8. Goodness** Isa 63:7; 1 Chr 16:34; 2 Chr 30:18; Psa 145:9

God always gives his very best to those who leave the choice with him.  
James Hudson Taylor (1832-1905)

Between two evils, choose neither; between two goods, choose both.

-- Tryon Edwards -- As quoted in Bob Phillips, Phillips' Book of Great Thoughts & Funny Sayings,  
(Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1993), p. 68.

A little book, long out of print, called Expectation Corner, tells of a king who prepared a city for some of his poor subjects. Not far away he constructed a large storehouse where everything they needed would be supplied if they would only send him their requests. There was one condition, however: they should constantly be on the lookout for his messengers so that when they came with the gifts in answer to their urgent pleas, the petitioners would always be found waiting and ready to receive them. One faithless subject, not actually expecting to get what he asked for, never watched for their delivery. One day he was taken to the king's storehouse; and there, to his amazement, he saw scores of packages that had originally been made ready for him. The messengers had come to his door, but because he was not looking for them, the king's gifts never satisfied his needs.

Sometimes God makes us wait for things, simply because we are so unbelieving and insipid in the way we ask for His heavenly favors. Many miss out on desired blessings because they close themselves in the gloomy chambers of doubt. How much better to be stationed in the faith-illuminated section of the garden of prayer called "Expectation Corner".

Isaiah 63:7

7 I shall make mention of the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, the praises of the LORD,  
According to all that the LORD has granted us,  
And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,  
Which He has granted them according to His compassion,  
And according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

Ex 33:19 Ex 34:6

Dt 30:9

1Ch 16:34

2Ch 5:13 2Ch 7:3

Ps 8 Ps 17:7 Ps 25:8-10 Ps 33:5 Ps 34:8 Ps 36:7 Ps 52:1 Ps 52:9 Ps 68:19 Ps 69:16 Ps 73:1 Ps 86:5 Ps 100:5 Ps 106:1 Ps 107:8-9 Ps 107:43 Ps 118:29 Ps 119:64 Ps 119:68 Ps 135:3 Ps 136:1 Ps 139:17-18 Ps 143:10 Ps 144:3 Ps 145:7 Ps 145:9

Jer 9:24

Lam 3:25

Hos 3:5

Na 1:7

Mt 7:11 Mt 19:17

Mk 10:18

Lk 1:53 Lk 6:35 Lk 18:19

Ro 2:4 Ro 11:22

2Th 1:11

Tit 3:4

Jas 1:5 Jas 1:17

1Jn 4:8

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**9. Love** Isa 43:4; 1 Jn 4:8, 16; Jn 21:15-17

I will bless Thee, Gen. 12:2

I will not fail Thee, Josh. 1:5

I will heal Thee, 2 Kings 20:5

I will guide Thee, Ps. 32:8

I will instruct Thee, Ps. 32:8

I will teach Thee, Ps. 32:8

I will deliver Thee, Ps. 50:15

I will satisfy Thee, Ps. 132:15



I will help Thee, Is. Isa 41:10  
I will strengthen Thee, Isa 41:10  
I will uphold Thee, ; Isa 41:10  
I will hold Thine hand, Isa 42:6

I will not forget Thee, Isa 49:15  
I will comfort Thee, Isa 66:13  
I will forgive, Jer. 31:34  
I will restore, Jer. 30:17

I will be your God, Eze. 36:28  
I will put my Spirit within you, Eze 36:27  
I will save you, Eze. 36:27, 29  
I will love him, John 14:21

I will manifest myself, John 14:21  
I will come again, John 14:3  
I will sup with him, Rev. 3:20  
I will give Thee a crown of life, Rev. 2:10

Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the heav'ns of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry,  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretch'd from sky to sky.  
Chaldee Ode

God is love, not, God is loving. God and love are synonymous. Love is not an attribute of God, it is God; whatever God is, love is. If your conception of love does not agree with justice and judgment and purity and holiness, then your idea of love is wrong.

Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

God soon turns from his wrath, but he never turns from his love.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

God's love is measureless. It is more: it is boundless. It has no bounds because it is not a thing but a facet of the essential nature of God. His love is something he is, and because he is infinite, that love can enfold the whole created world in itself and have room for ten thousand times ten thousand worlds beside.

A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

If literally God is love, then literally love is God, and we are in all duty bound to worship love as the only God there is. If love is equal to God, then God is only equal to love, and God and love are identical. Thus we destroy

the concept of personality in God and deny outright all his attributes save one, and that one we substitute for God.

A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

There is nothing you can do to make God love you more! There is nothing you can do to make God love you less! His love is unconditional, impartial, everlasting, infinite, perfect! God is love!

God	the greatest Giver
so loved	the greatest motive
the world	the greatest need
that He gave	the greatest act
His only Son	the greatest gift
that whosoever	the greatest invitation
believes in Him	the greatest opportunity
should not perish	the greatest deliverance
but have eternal life	the greatest joy

More sky than man can see,  
 More seas than he can sail,  
 More sun than he can bear to watch,  
 More stars than he can scale.  
 More breath than he can breathe,  
 More yield than he can sow,  
 More grace than he can comprehend,  
 More love than he can know.

Ralph W. Seager

I counted all my dollars while God counted crosses;  
 I counted gains while he counted losses;  
 I counted my worth by the things gained in store,  
 But He sized me up by the scars that I bore.  
 I coveted honors and sought for degrees;  
 He wept as He counted the hours on my knees.  
 I never knew till one day by a grave  
 How vain are the things that we spend life to save.  
 I did not know till a friend went above  
 That richest is he who is rich in God's love.

We call it mercy--it is God's forgiving love.  
 We call it providence--it is God's caring love.  
 We call it kindness--it is God's understanding love.  
 We call it Christ's passion and death--it is God's proven love.  
 We call it happiness--it is God's encouraging love.  
 We call it the will of God--it is God's unerring love.  
 We call it heaven--it is God's rewarding love.  
 We call it eternity--it is God's unending love.

Pulpit Helps

In the parable of the prodigal, Jesus pictures the father waiting patiently for his son to come home. In the parable of the ninety and nine he pictures the shepherd leaving the flock in search for the one lost sheep.

J. W. Stevenson in his book, *God, In My Disbelief* tells how Dr. Christopher, an old minister, had gone south to London to seek for his son who had dishonored his home and left father and mother. "There was no address to guide him. Only after many days was the name of the street discovered; and when the old minister, with his white hair, stood at the end of it he knew it was beyond him to go from door to door of its length. But a street musician came by just then and Dr. Christopher stopped him. Did he know an old tune, one that had been a favorite in the home when the children were young? Would he walk with him along the street as he played? And he told him why.

"So they went slowly, the street musician and the old minister with his hat in his hand so that his face could be seen, taking this last slender chance to find the son who had no use for him; seeking him who had no understanding of the love in his father's heart.

See: Matt 18:12-14

I used to go out in the morning to get the paper when we lived in El Paso. Our house was a good four miles from the main parade ground at Fort Bliss. On most mornings I could hear the whump, whump, whump of the thirteen-gun salute which was sounded every morning at seven o'clock. But on some mornings I could hear the sound of the drum corps as they rolled their cadences.

However, if the morning was clear and still, as in the winter time when the air was crisp and cold, I could also hear the sound of the music of the army band, the blast of the trumpets, the wail of the clarinets, and the mellow tone of the horns.

But on the mornings I could only hear the cannon, I knew the drum and the horns were there, whether I could hear them or not.

Our fathers, in their theology, heard the cannon and the drum, the stirring of the wrath of God. Modern ears have heard the soft music of the flute and the horn, but have not listened for the cannon and the drum.

But the music of God's message demands the whole gamut of sound. He is just, but He is also loving. He is strong, but He is also merciful. Kindness without justice is mushiness. Justice without mercy has no power to move or change the stubborn heart. The cross is the only place where the picture is in focus. God's justice and mercy come together in His love for us sinners.

--James S. Hewett, *Illustrations Unlimited* (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988), p. 345.

A farmer printed on his weather vane the words "God is love." Someone asked him if he meant to imply that the love of God was as fickle as the wind. The farmer answered: "No, I mean that whichever way the wind blows, God is love. If it blows cold from the North, or biting from the East, God is still love just as much as when the warm South or gentle West winds refresh our fields and flocks. God is always love."

In Catherine Marshall's book about her husband Peter, she cites a touching story of a young terminally ill son asking his mother what death was like, if it hurt.

"Kenneth," she said, "you remember when you were a tiny boy how you used to play so hard all day that when night came you would be too tired even to undress, and you would tumble into mother's bed and fall asleep?

"That was not your bed -- it was not where you belonged.

"And you would only stay there a little while. In the morning, much to your surprise, you would wake up and find yourself in your own bed in your own room.

"You were there because someone had loved you and taken care of you.

Your father had come -- with big strong arms -- and carried you away.

"Kenneth, death is just like that.

We just wake up some morning to find ourselves in the other room -- our own room where we belong -- because the Lord Jesus loved us."

The lad's shining, trusting face looking up into hers told her that the point had gone home and that there would be no more fear -- only love and trust in his little heart as he went to meet the Father in Heaven. He never questioned again. And several weeks later he fell asleep just as she had said.

-- Catherine Marshall, A Man Called Peter.

Be near me, Lord, when dying;  
O show thy cross to me;  
And, for my succour flying,  
Come, Lord to set me free;  
These eyes, new faith receiving,  
From thee shall never move;  
For he who dies believing  
Dies safely through thy love.  
Bernard Of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

A Sunday school superintendent read this text. "Who can tell me what a yoke is?" he asked. "Something they put on the necks of animals," answered a ten-year-old girl. "Then," asked the leader, "what is God's yoke?" There was silence until a four-year-old raised his hand and said, "God, putting His arms around our neck." The Oriental shepherd was always ahead of his sheep. He was down in front. Any attack upon the sheep had to take him into account. Now our God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows.  
-- F. B. Meyer

An old seaman said, "In fierce storms we can do but one thing. There is only one way (to survive); we must put the ship in a certain position and keep her there."  
Commenting on this idea, Richard Fuller wrote:

This, Christian, is what you must do. Sometimes, like Paul, you can see neither sun nor stars, and no small tempest lies on you. Reason cannot help you. Past experiences give you no light. Only a single course is left. You must stay upon the Lord; and come what may -- winds, waves, cross seas, thunder, lightning, frowning rocks, roaring breakers -- no matter what, you must lash yourself to the helm and hold fast your confidence in God's faithfulness and his everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 38:17

17 "Lo, for my own welfare I had great bitterness;  
It is Thou who hast kept my soul from the pit of nothingness,  
For Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back.

Isaiah 43:4

4 "Since you are precious in My sight,  
Since you are honored and I love you,  
I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life.

Dt 4:37 Dt 7:7-8 Dt 7:13 Dt 9:29 Dt 10:15 Dt 10:18 Dt 23:5 Dt 33:3 Dt 33:12

2Sa 12:24

1Ki 8:51-53

Ne 13:26

Job 7:17

Ps 42:8 Ps 47:4 Ps 63:3 Ps 78:61-62 Ps 78:65 Ps 78:68 Ps 89:33 Ps 103:13 Ps 146:8

Pr 15:9

Jer 31:3

Hos 11:1

Mal 1:2

Jn 3:16 Jn 5:20 Jn 14:21 Jn 14:23 Jn 16:27 Jn 17:10 Jn 17:23 Jn 17:26 Jn 20:17

Ro 1:7 Ro 5:8 Ro 9:13 Ro 11:28

2Co 9:7 2Co 13:11

Eph 2:4-5

2Th 2:16

Tit 3:4-5

Heb 12:6

1Jn 3:1 1Jn 4:8-10 1Jn 4:12-13 1Jn 4:15-16 1Jn 4:19

Jude 21

Rev 3:12 Rev 14:1

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**10. Patience** Isa 5:1-4; 30:18; 48:9

Isaiah 5:1-4

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Let me sing now for my well-beloved  
A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard.  
My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill.  
2 And He dug it all around, removed its stones,  
And planted it with the choicest vine.  
And He built a tower in the middle of it,  
And hewed out a wine vat in it;  
Then He expected it to produce good grapes,  
But it produced only worthless ones.  
3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
Judge between Me and My vineyard.  
4 "What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?,  
Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones?

Isaiah 30:18

18 Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you,  
And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you.  
For the LORD is a God of justice;  
How blessed are all those who long for Him.

Isaiah 42:14

14 "I have kept silent for a long time,  
I have kept still and restrained Myself.  
Now like a woman in labor I will groan,  
I will both gasp and pant.

Isaiah 48:9

9 "For the sake of My name I delay My wrath,  
And for My praise I restrain it for you,  
In order not to cut you off.

Isaiah 48:11

11 "For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act;  
For how can My name be profaned?  
And My glory I will not give to another.

Ge 6:3 Ge 15:16

Ex 34:6

Nu 14:18

Ps 86:15 Ps 103:8-10

Jer 7:13 Jer 7:23-25 Jer 11:7 Jer 15:15

Eze 20:17

Joel 2:13

Hab 1:2-4

Mt 19:8 Mt 21:33-41 Mt 23:37 Mk 12:1-9

Lk 13:6-9 Lk 13:34 Lk 20:9-16

Ac 14:16 Ac 17:30

Ro 2:4 Ro 3:25 Ro 9:22-23 Ro 15:5

1Pe 3:20

2Pe 3:9 2Pe 3:15

Rev 2:21-22

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**11. Just** Isa 30:18; 61:8; Matt 16:27; 25:14-46; Isa 42:1-4; 9:7; Psa 67:4

God of all mercy is a God unjust.

Edward Young (1683-1765)

God's compassion flows out of his goodness, and goodness without justice is not goodness. God spares us because he is good, but he could not be good if he were not just.

A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

God's justice and love are one. Infinite justice must be infinite love.

Frederick William Robertson (1816-1853) -Edythe Draper, Draper's Book of Quotations for the Christian World (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1992). Entries 4722-4725.

God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberty of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever. -- Thomas Jefferson

Justice is the activity of God's holiness.

Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which was my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin, through which I run,  
And do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more.  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won  
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
A year or two, but wallowed in, a score?  
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more.  
I have a sin fear, that when I have spun  
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;

But swear by Thyself that at my death Thy Son  
Shall shine as He shines now, and heretofore;  
And having done that, Thou hast done, I fear no more.  
John Donne, "A Hymn to God the Father"

--James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988) p. 142.

I used to go out in the morning to get the paper when we lived in El Paso. Our house was a good four miles from the main parade ground at Fort Bliss. On most mornings I could hear the whump, whump, whump of the thirteen-gun salute which was sounded every morning at seven o'clock. But on some mornings I could hear the sound of the drum corps as they rolled their cadences.

However, if the morning was clear and still, as in the winter time when the air was crisp and cold, I could also hear the sound of the music of the army band, the blast of the trumpets, the wail of the clarinets, and the mellow tone of the horns.

But on the mornings I could only hear the cannon, I knew the drum and the horns were there, whether I could hear them or not.

Our fathers, in their theology, heard the cannon and the drum, the stirring of the wrath of God. Modern ears have heard the soft music of the flute and the horn, but have not listened for the cannon and the drum.

But the music of God's message demands the whole gamut of sound. He is just, but He is also loving. He is strong, but He is also merciful. Kindness without justice is mushiness. Justice without mercy has no power to move or change the stubborn heart. The cross is the only place where the picture is in focus. God's justice and mercy come together in His love for us sinners.

--James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988), p. 345.

Isaiah 10:11

11 Shall I not do to Jerusalem and her images  
Just as I have done to Samaria and her idols?"

Isaiah 11:16

16 And there will be a highway from Assyria  
For the remnant of His people who will be left,  
Just as there was for Israel  
In the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 14:24

24 The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand,

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Isaiah 28:9

9 "To whom would He teach knowledge?  
And to whom would He interpret the message?  
Those just weaned from milk?  
Those just taken from the breast?

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And to whom would He interpret the message?



Those just weaned from milk?  
Those just taken from the breast?

Isaiah 29:17

17 Is it not yet just a little while  
Before Lebanon will be turned into a fertile field,  
And the fertile field will be considered as a forest?

Isaiah 52:14

14 Just as many were astonished at you, My people,  
So His appearance was marred more than any man,  
And His form more than the sons of men.

Isaiah 58:2

2 "Yet they seek Me day by day, and delight to know My ways,  
As a nation that has done righteousness,  
And has not forsaken the ordinance of their God.  
They ask Me for just decisions,  
They delight in the nearness of God.

Isaiah 66:20

20 "Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD.

Isaiah 66:22

22 "For just as the new heavens and the new earth  
Which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD,  
"So your offspring and your name will endure.

Mt 8:8 Mt 9:18 Mt 12:40 Mt 13:40 Mt 14:36 Mt 20:28 Mt 21:6 Mt 24:27 Mt 24:37 Mt 25:14 Mt 26:24 Mt 28:6

Mk 1:23 Mk 4:36 Mk 5:28 Mk 6:56 Mk 9:13 Mk 11:6 Mk 14:16 Mk 14:21 Mk 16:7

Lk 1:2 Lk 2:20 Lk 5:14 Lk 6:31 Lk 6:36 Lk 7:7 Lk 11:1 Lk 11:30 Lk 13:23 Lk 13:31 Lk 13:34 Lk 17:24 Lk 17:26 Lk 17:30 Lk 19:32 Lk 22:13 Lk 22:29 Lk 24:24

Jn 5:21 Jn 5:26 Jn 5:30 Jn 11:8 Jn 12:50 Jn 15:9 Jn 15:10 Jn 15:12 Jn 17:22

Ac 1:11 Ac 2:22 Ac 3:17 Ac 7:44 Ac 7:51 Ac 10:3 Ac 10:26 Ac 10:47 Ac 11:15 Ac 14:13 Ac 15:8 Ac 15:15 Ac 22:3 Ac 26:10

Ro 1:28 Ro 2:13 Ro 2:24 Ro 3:8 Ro 3:26 Ro 4:6 Ro 5:12 Ro 6:19 Ro 8:36 Ro 9:13 Ro 9:29 Ro 9:33 Ro 10:15 Ro 11:8 Ro 11:26 Ro 11:30 Ro 12:4 Ro 15:1 Ro 15:7

1Co 1:31 1Co 2:9 1Co 4:17 1Co 5:7 1Co 10:33 1Co 11:1 1Co 11:2 1Co 12:11 1Co 12:18 1Co 13:12 1Co 14:34 1Co 15:38 1Co 15:49 1Co 16:7

2Co 1:5 2Co 1:14 2Co 3:18 2Co 6:16 2Co 8:7 2Co 8:11 2Co 9:7 2Co 10:7 2Co 11:12 2Co 11:21

Gal 2:7 Gal 5:21

Eph 1:4 Eph 4:4 Eph 4:17 Eph 4:21 Eph 4:32 Eph 5:2 Eph 5:25 Eph 5:29 Php 2:12

Col 1:6 Col 1:7 Col 2:7 Col 3:13

1Th 1:5 1Th 2:4 1Th 2:11 1Th 3:6 1Th 3:12 1Th 4:1 1Th 4:6 1Th 4:11 1Th 5:2 1Th 5:11

2Th 1:6 2Th 3:1 2Ti 3:8

Tit 1:8

Heb 2:2 Heb 3:3 Heb 3:7 Heb 4:2 Heb 4:3 Heb 4:7 Heb 5:6 Heb 8:5

Jas 2:26 Jas 4:14

1Pe 3:18

2Pe 2:1 2Pe 3:4 2Pe 3:15

1Jn 2:18 1Jn 2:27 1Jn 3:2 1Jn 3:3 1Jn 3:7 1Jn 3:23

2Jn 4 2Jn 6

3Jn 2

Jude 7

Isaiah 1:17

17 Learn to do good; Seek justice,  
Reprove the ruthless;  
Defend the orphan,  
Plead for the widow.

Isaiah 1:21

21 How the faithful city has become a harlot,  
She who was full of justice!  
Righteousness once lodged in her,  
But now murderers.

Isaiah 1:27

27 Zion will be redeemed with justice,  
And her repentant ones with righteousness.

Isaiah 5:7

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
And the men of Judah His delightful plant.,  
Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;,  
For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.

Isaiah 9:7

7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Isaiah 10:2

2 So as to deprive the needy of justice,  
And rob the poor of My people of their rights,  
In order that widows may be their spoil,  
And that they may plunder the orphans.

Isaiah 16:5

5 A throne will even be established in lovingkindness,  
And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David;  
Moreover, he will seek justice  
And be prompt in righteousness.

Isaiah 28:6

6 A spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment,  
A strength to those who repel the onslaught at the gate.

Isaiah 28:17

17 "And I will make justice the measuring line,  
And righteousness the level;  
Then hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,  
And the waters shall overflow the secret place.

Isaiah 30:18

18 Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you,  
And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you.  
For the LORD is a God of justice;  
How blessed are all those who long for Him.

Isaiah 32:16

16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,  
And righteousness will abide in the fertile field.

Isaiah 33:5

5 The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high;  
He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

Isaiah 40:14

14 With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding?  
And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge,  
And informed Him of the way of understanding?

Isaiah 40:27

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"?

Isaiah 42:1

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"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold;  
My chosen one in whom My soul delights.  
I have put My Spirit upon Him;  
He will bring forth justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42:3

3 "A bruised reed He will not break,  
And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish;  
He will faithfully bring forth justice.

Isaiah 42:4

4 "He will not be disheartened or crushed,  
Until He has established justice in the earth;  
And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."

Isaiah 49:4

4 But I said, "I have toiled in vain,  
I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity;  
Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD,  
And My reward with My God."

Isaiah 51:4

4 "Pay attention to Me, O My people;  
And give ear to Me, O My nation;  
For a law will go forth from Me,  
And I will set My justice for a light of the peoples.

Isaiah 56:1

1 Thus says the LORD,  
"Preserve justice, and do righteousness,  
For My salvation is about to come  
And My righteousness to be revealed.

Isaiah 59:8

8 They do not know the way of peace,  
And there is no justice in their tracks;  
They have made their paths crooked;  
Whoever treads on them does not know peace.

Isaiah 59:9

9 Therefore, justice is far from us,  
And righteousness does not overtake us;  
We hope for light, but behold, darkness;  
For brightness, but we walk in gloom.

Isaiah 59:11

11 All of us growl like bears,  
And moan sadly like doves;  
We hope for justice, but there is none,  
For salvation, but it is far from us.

Isaiah 59:14

14 And justice is turned back,  
And righteousness stands far away;  
For truth has stumbled in the street,  
And uprightness cannot enter.

Isaiah 59:15

15 Yes, truth is lacking;  
And he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey.  
Now the LORD saw,  
And it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice.

Isaiah 61:8

8 For I, the LORD, love justice,  
I hate robbery in the burnt offering;  
And I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
And I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Mt 12:18 Mt 12:20 Mt 23:23

Lk 7:29 Lk 11:42 Lk 18:7 Lk 18:8

Ac 28:4

Col 4:1

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**12 Sovereign** Isa 24:23; 33:22; 40:22-23; 45:23; 52:7; 54:5

The more clearly we see the sovereignty of God, the less perplexed we are by the calamities of man.

Adam was created to be the friend and companion of God; he was to have dominion over all the life in the air and earth and sea, but one thing he was not to have dominion over, and that was himself.

Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

Our destiny is not determined for us, but it is determined by us. Man's free will is part of God's sovereign will. We have freedom to take which course we choose, but not freedom to determine the end of that choice. God makes clear what he desires, we must choose, and the result of the choice is not the inevitableness of law, but the inevitableness of God.

Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

There is no death.  
What seems so is transition;  
This life of mortal breath  
Is but the suburb of the life elysian,

Whose portal we call death.  
She is not dead-the child of our affection-  
But gone unto that school  
Where she no longer needs our poor protection,  
And Christ himself doth rule.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

We plough the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's Almighty hand.

Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1879)

Isaiah 24:23

23 Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed,  
For the LORD of hosts will reign on  
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,  
And His glory will be before His elders.

Isaiah 33:22

22 For the LORD is our judge,  
The LORD is our lawgiver,  
The LORD is our king;  
He will save us--

Isaiah 37:16

16 "O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who art enthroned above the cherubim, Thou art the God, Thou alone,  
of all the kingdoms of the earth. Thou hast made heaven and earth.

Isaiah 40:22-23

22 It is He who sits above the vault of the earth,  
And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,  
Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain  
And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.  
23 He it is who reduces rulers to nothing,  
Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

Isaiah 43:15

15 "I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
The Creator of Israel, your King."

Isaiah 44:6

6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
'I am the first and I am the last,

And there is no God besides Me.

Isaiah 45:7

7 The One forming light and creating darkness,  
Causing well-being and creating calamity;  
I am the LORD who does all these.

Isaiah 45:23

23 "I have sworn by Myself,  
The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness  
And will not turn back,  
That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.

Isaiah 52:7

7 How lovely on the mountains  
Are the feet of him who brings good news,  
Who announces peace  
And brings good news of happiness,  
Who announces salvation,  
And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Isaiah 54:5

5 "For your husband is your Maker,  
Whose name is the LORD of hosts;  
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,  
Who is called the God of all the earth.

Ge 14:18-20 Ge 14:22 Ge 24:3

Ex 8:22 Ex 9:29 Ex 15:18 Ex 18:11 Ex 19:5

Nu 27:16

Dt 2:19 Dt 4:39 Dt 10:14 Dt 10:17 Dt 32:8 Dt 32:39 Dt 32:41-43

Jos 2:11 Jos 3:11

1Sa 2:6-8

2Ki 19:15

1Ch 29:11-12

2Ch 20:6

Ne 9:6

Job 9:12 Job 12:9-10 Job 12:16-17 Job 25:2 Job 33:13 Job 34:13 Job 34:24 Job 34:33 Job 36 Job 41:11

Ps 10:16 Ps 22:28-29 Ps 24:1 Ps 24:10 Ps 29:10 Ps 44:4 Ps 47:2-3 Ps 47:7-8 Ps 50:10-12 Ps 59:13 Ps 65:5  
Ps 66:7 Ps 67:4 Ps 74:12 Ps 75:6-7 Ps 76:11-12 Ps 82:1 Ps 82:8 Ps 83:18 Ps 89:11 Ps 89:18 Ps 93:1-2 Ps  
95:3-5 Ps 96:10 Ps 97:1-2 Ps 97:5 Ps 97:9 Ps 98:6 Ps 99:1 Ps 103:19 Ps 105:7 Ps 113:4 Ps 115:3 Ps  
115:16 Ps 135:5-6 Ps 136:2-3 Ps 145:11-13 Ps 146:10

Ecc 9:1

Isa 24:23 Isa 33:22 Isa 37:16 Isa 40:22-23 Isa 43:15 Isa 44:6 Isa 45:7 Isa 45:23 Isa 52:7 Isa 54:5 Jer 10:10

Jer 18 Jer 27:5-7 Jer 32:27-28 Lam 3:37-38

Lam 5:19

Eze 16:50 Eze 17:24 Eze 18:4

Da 2:20-21 Da 2:47 Da 4:3 Da 4:17 Da 4:25 Da 4:34-35 Da 4:37 Da 5:18 Da 5:26-28 Da 6:26

Mic 4:7 Mic 4:13 Hag 2:8 Mal 1:14 Mt 6:10 Mt 6:13

Mt 11:25 Mt 20:15

Lk 1:53 Lk 10:21

Jn 10:29 Jn 19:11

Ac 17:24-26

Ro 9:19 Ro 14:11

1Co 10:26

Eph 4:6

1Ti 6:15-16

Heb 1:3

Jas 4:12

Rev 1:6 Rev 4:11 Rev 11:4 Rev 11:13 Rev 11:17 Rev 19:6

**13. Incomparable** Isa 40:18, 25; Dt 33:26; Psa 113:4-6; 96:5; Jer 10:6; Ex 15:11

Isa 40:13

13Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD,  
Or as His counselor has informed Him?



Isa 40:18

18To whom then will you liken God?  
Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

Isa 40:25

25"To whom then will you liken Me  
That I should be his equal?" says the Holy One.

Dt 33:26

26"There is none like the God of Jeshurun,  
Who rides the heavens to your help,  
And through the skies in His majesty.

Ps 89:8

8O LORD God of hosts, who is like Thee, O mighty LORD?  
Thy faithfulness also surrounds Thee.

Ps 113:4-6

4The LORD is high above all nations;  
His glory is above the heavens.

5Who is like the LORD our God,  
Who is enthroned on high,  
6Who humbles Himself to behold  
The things that are in heaven and in the earth?

Jer 10:6

6There is none like Thee, O LORD;  
Thou art great, and great is Thy name in might.

a. gods Exo 15:11; 18:11; 1 Ki 8:23; Psa 86:8; 95:3; 96:4, 5; Dan 2:47; 3:29

Ex 15:11

11"Who is like Thee among the gods, O LORD?  
Who is like Thee, majestic in holiness,  
Awesome in praises, working wonders?

Ex 18:12

12Now I know that the LORD is greater than all the gods; indeed, it was proven when they dealt proudly  
against the people."

1Ki 8:23-24

23And he said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in heaven above or on earth beneath, who art keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their heart,

Ps 86:8

8There is no one like Thee among the gods, O Lord;  
Nor are there any works like Thine.

Ps 95:3

3For the LORD is a great God,  
And a great King above all gods,

Ps 96:4

4For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
He is to be feared above all gods.

Ps 96:5

5For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
But the LORD made the heavens.

Da 2:47-48

47The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery."

Da 3:29

29"Therefore, I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way."

b. man Isa 55:8-9; Job 33:12; Psa 50:21; Jer 10:7

Isa 55:8-9

8"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.  
9"For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways,  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Job 33:12

12"Behold, let me tell you, you are not right in this,

For God is greater than man.

Ps 50:21

21"These things you have done, and I kept silence;  
You thought that I was just like you;  
I will reprove you, and state the case in order before your eyes.

Jer 10:7

7Who would not fear Thee, O King of the nations?  
Indeed it is Thy due!  
For among all the wise men of the nations,  
And in all their kingdoms,  
There is none like Thee.

## Judge

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910)

When I stand at the judgment seat of Christ  
And He shows me His plan for me.  
The plan of my life as it might have been  
Had He had His way, and I see.  
How I blocked Him here, and I checked Him there,  
And I would not yield my will --  
Will there be grief in my Savior's eyes,  
Grief, though He loves me still?  
He would have me rich, and I stand there poor,  
Stripped of all but His grace,  
While memory runs like a hunted thing  
Down the paths I cannot retrace.  
Then my desolate heart will well-nigh break  
With the tears that I cannot shed;  
I shall cover my face with my empty hands,  
I shall bow my uncrowned head...  
Lord of the years that are left to me,  
I give them to Thy hand;  
Take me and break me, mold me to  
The pattern Thou hast planned!

One notable Bible expositor explained the Wrath of God like this:

Surely this phrase: "The Wrath of God" is greatly misunderstood. Many think invariably of some sort of peevish deity -- a kind of cosmic-terrible tempered Mr. Bang who indulges in violent uncontrolled displays of temper when human beings do not do what they ought to do. But such a concept only reveals the limitations of our understanding.

The Bible never deals with the Wrath of God that way. According to the scriptures, the Wrath of God is God's moral integrity. When man refuses to yield himself to God, he creates certain conditions not only for

himself but for others as well which God has ordained for harm. It is God who makes evil result in sorrow, heartache, injustice and despair. It is God's way of saying to man, "Look, you must face the truth: You were made for Me. If you decide that you don't want Me, then you will have to bear the consequences." The absence of God is destructive to human life. That absence is God's Wrath and God cannot withhold it. In His moral integrity, He insists that these things should occur as a result of our disobedience. He sets man's sin and His Wrath in the same frame.

Someone has figured that we have thirty-five thousand laws trying to enforce the Ten Commandments.

I am told that an Indiana cemetery has a tombstone (more than a hundred years old) which bears the following epitaph:

Pause Stranger, when you pass me by,  
As you are now, so once was I  
As I am now, so you will be,  
So prepare for death and follow me.

An unknown passerby read those words and underneath scratched this reply:

To follow you I'm not content,  
Until I know which way you went.

--James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988) p. 145.

Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which was my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin, through which I run,  
And do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more.  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won  
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
A year or two, but wallowed in, a score?  
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more.  
I have a sin fear, that when I have spun  
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
But swear by Thyself that at my death Thy Son  
Shall shine as He shines now, and heretofore;  
And having done that, Thou hast done, I fear no more.  
John Donne, "A Hymn to God the Father"

--James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988) p. 142.

Isaiah 2:4

4 And He will judge between the nations,  
And will render decisions for many peoples;  
And they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not lift up sword against nation,  
And never again will they learn war.

Isaiah 3:2

2 The mighty man and the warrior,  
The judge and the prophet,  
The diviner and the elder,

Isaiah 3:13

13 The LORD arises to contend,  
And stands to judge the people.

Isaiah 3:14

14 The LORD enters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people,  
"It is you who have devoured the vineyard;  
The plunder of the poor is in your houses.

Isaiah 4:4

4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem  
from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,

Isaiah 5:3

3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
Judge between Me and My vineyard.

Isaiah 5:16

16 But the LORD of hosts will be exalted in judgment,  
And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

Isaiah 11:3

3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,  
And He will not judge by what His eyes see,  
Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

Isaiah 11:4

4 But with righteousness He will judge the poor,  
And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth;  
And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,  
And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

Isaiah 16:5

5 A throne will even be established in lovingkindness,  
And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David;  
Moreover, he will seek justice  
And be prompt in righteousness.

Isaiah 28:6

6 A spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment,  
A strength to those who repel the onslaught at the gate.

Isaiah 28:7

7 And these also reel with wine and stagger from strong drink:  
The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink,  
They are confused by wine, they stagger from strong drink;  
They reel while having visions,  
They totter when rendering judgment.

Isaiah 33:22

22 For the LORD is our judge,  
The LORD is our lawgiver,  
The LORD is our king;  
He will save us--

Isaiah 34:5

5 For My sword is satiated in heaven,  
Behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom,  
And upon the people whom I have devoted to destruction.

Isaiah 41:1

1  
"Coastlands, listen to Me in silence,  
And let the peoples gain new strength;  
Let them come forward, then let them speak;  
Let us come together for judgment.

Isaiah 51:5

5 "My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth,  
And My arms will judge the peoples;  
The coastlands will wait for Me,  
And for My arm they will wait expectantly.

Isaiah 53:8

8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away;  
And as for His generation, who considered  
That He was cut off out of the land of the living,  
For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?

Isaiah 54:17

17 "No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper;  
And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn.  
This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,  
And their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.

Isaiah 66:16

16 For the LORD will execute judgment by fire  
And by His sword on all flesh,

And those slain by the LORD will be many.

Isaiah 1:27

27 Zion will be redeemed with justice,  
And her repentant ones with righteousness.

Isaiah 3:13-14

13 The LORD arises to contend,  
And stands to judge the people.  
14 The LORD enters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people,  
"It is you who have devoured the vineyard;  
The plunder of the poor is in your houses.

Isaiah 10:17-18

17 And the light of Israel will become a fire and his Holy One a flame,  
And it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day.  
18 And He will destroy the glory of his forest and of his fruitful garden, both soul and body;  
And it will be as when a sick man wastes away.

Isaiah 26:7

7 The way of the righteous is smooth;  
O Upright One, make the path of the righteous level.

Isaiah 28:17

17 "And I will make justice the measuring line,  
And righteousness the level;  
Then hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,  
And the waters shall overflow the secret place.

Isaiah 28:21

21 For the LORD will rise up as at Mount Perazim,  
He will be stirred up as in the valley of Gibeon;  
To do His task, His unusual task,  
And to work His work, His extraordinary work.

Isaiah 30:18

18 Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you,  
And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you.  
For the LORD is a God of justice;  
How blessed are all those who long for Him.

Isaiah 30:27

27 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a remote place;  
Burning is His anger, and dense is His smoke;  
His lips are filled with indignation,  
And His tongue is like a consuming fire;

Isaiah 30:30

30 And the LORD will cause His voice of authority to be heard.  
And the descending of His arm to be seen in fierce anger,  
And in the flame of a consuming fire,  
In cloudburst, downpour, and hailstones.

Isaiah 31:2

2 Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster,  
And does not retract His words,  
But will arise against the house of evildoers,  
And against the help of the workers of iniquity.

Isaiah 33:22

22 For the LORD is our judge,  
The LORD is our lawgiver,  
The LORD is our king;  
He will save us--

Isaiah 45:21

21 "Declare and set forth your case;  
Indeed, let them consult together.  
Who has announced this from of old?  
Who has long since declared it?  
Is it not I, the LORD?  
And there is no other God besides Me,  
A righteous God and a Savior;  
There is none except Me.

Isaiah 61:8

8 For I, the LORD, love justice,  
I hate robbery in the burnt offering;  
And I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
And I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Ge 16:5 Ge 18:20-21 Ge 18:25

Ex 20:5 Ex 34:7

Nu 16:22



Dt 4:24 Dt 10:17 Dt 32:4 Dt 32:35

Jos 24:19

Jdg 9:56-57 Jdg 11:27

1Sa 2:3 1Sa 2:10 1Sa 24:12 1Sa 24:15

2Sa 14:14 2Sa 22:25-27

1Ki 8:32

1Ch 16:33

2Ch 6:22-23 2Ch 19:7

Ne 9:33

Job 4:17 Job 8:3 Job 9:15 Job 9:28 Job 21:22 Job 23:7 Job 31:13-15 Job 34:10-12 Job 34:17 Job 34:19 Job 34:23 Job 35:14 Job 36:3 Job 36:19 Job 37:23

Ps 7:8-9 Ps 7:11 Ps 9:4 Ps 9:7-8 Ps 11:4-5 Ps 11:7 Ps 18:25-26 Ps 19:9 Ps 26:1-2 Ps 33:5 Ps 35:24 Ps 43:1 Ps 50:4 Ps 50:6 Ps 51:4 Ps 58:11 Ps 62:12 Ps 67:4 Ps 71:19 Ps 75:7 Ps 76:8-9 Ps 82:8 Ps 85:10 Ps 89:14 Ps 90:8 Ps 90:11 Ps 92:15 Ps 94:1-2 Ps 94:10 Ps 96:10 Ps 96:13 Ps 97:2 Ps 98:2-3 Ps 98:9 Ps 99:4 Ps 99:8 Ps 103:6 Ps 111:7 Ps 119:137 Ps 129:4 Ps 135:14 Ps 143:2 Ps 145:17

Pr 11:31 Pr 16:2 Pr 17:3 Pr 21:2-3 Pr 24:12 Pr 29:13 Pr 29:26

Ecc 3:15 Ecc 3:17 Ecc 11:9 Ecc 12:14

Jer 9:24 Jer 10:10 Jer 11:20 Jer 12:1 Jer 20:12 Jer 32:19 Jer 50:7 Jer 51:10

Lam 1:18

Eze 14:23 Eze 18:25 Eze 18:29-30 Eze 33:7-19

Da 4:37 Da 7:9-10 Da 9:7 Da 9:14

Hos 10:10

Am 8:7

Na 1:3 Na 1:6

Zep 3:5

Mal 3:5 Mal 3:18

Ac 10:34 Ac 17:31

Ro 1:32 Ro 2:2 Ro 2:5-16 Ro 3:4-6 Ro 3:26 Ro 9:14 Ro 11:22

Eph 6:8-9

Col 3:25

2Th 1:4-6

Heb 6:10 Heb 10:30-31 Heb 12:22-23 Heb 12:29

1Pe 1:17

2Pe 2:9

1Jn 1:9

Jude 6

Rev 6:16-17 Rev 11:18 Rev 15:3 Rev 16:5-7 Rev 18:8 Rev 19:2

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#### 14. Other

a. **Irresistible** Isa 43:13; 2 Chr 20:6; Job 9:12; Jer 50:44; Dan 4:35

b. **Does not remain angry** Numb 12:9; Judg 10:7; Ez 5:13

c. **Impartial** Dt 10:17; Job 36:5; 37:24; Acts 10:34-35; Rom 2: 5-6,11

d. **Difficult to know, but knowable to a degree**

1. God is invisible Isa 45:15; Dt 4:15; Job 9:11, 23:8-9; Jn 1:18; Heb 11:27; 1 Jn 4:12

2. God is unsearchable Isa 40:28; Job 11:7-9; 26:14; 36:26; Rom 11:33

3. God is knowable Matt 11:27; Rom 1:19, 20; 1 Cor 2:10-16; Col 1:10; 1 Jn 5:20

4. God and secrets

a. God in secret Matt 6:4, 6, 18

b. God's secrets Dt 29:29; Isa 48:6; Psa 25:14; Mk 4:11; Eph 6:19; Eph 3:4; Col 4:3; Col 2:2;  
1 Tim 3:9, 16

There is an ancient tale from India about a young man who was seeking God. He went to a wise old sage for help. "How can I find God?" he asked the old man. The old man took him to a nearby river. Out they waded into the deep water. Soon the water was up just under their chins. Suddenly the old man seized the young man by the neck and pushed him under the water. He held the young man down until the young man was flailing the water in desperation. Another minute and he may well have drowned. Up out of the water the two

of them came. The young man was coughing water from his lungs and still gasping for air. Reaching the bank he asked the man indignantly, "What did that have to do with my finding God?" The old man asked him quietly, "While you were under the water, what did you want more than anything else?" The young man thought for a minute and then answered, "I wanted air. I wanted air more than anything else?" The old man replied, "When you want God as much as you wanted air, you will find him."

God is compelled to conceal himself in a measure from the natural world, for the divine illumination would blind the eyes of mortal man were it to shine upon him in full strength.

L. S. Thornton

Isaiah 40:12-31

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,  
And marked off the heavens by the span,  
And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure,  
And weighed the mountains in a balance,  
And the hills in a pair of scales?

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD,  
Or as His counselor has informed Him?

14 With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding?  
And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge,  
And informed Him of the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales;  
Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.

16 Even Lebanon is not enough to burn,  
Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

17 All the nations are as nothing before Him,  
They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless.

18 To whom then will you liken God?  
Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

19 As for the idol, a craftsman casts it,  
A goldsmith plates it with gold,  
And a silversmith fashions chains of silver.

20 He who is too impoverished for such an offering  
Selects a tree that does not rot;  
He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman  
To prepare an idol that will not totter.

21 Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is He who sits above the vault of the earth,  
And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,  
Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain  
And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

23 He it is who reduces rulers to nothing,  
Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

24 Scarcely have they been planted,  
Scarcely have they been sown,  
Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth,

But He merely blows on them, and they wither,  
And the storm carries them away like stubble.  
25 "To whom then will you liken Me  
That I should be his equal?" says the Holy One.  
26 Lift up your eyes on high  
And see who has created these stars,  
The One who leads forth their host by number,  
He calls them all by name;  
Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power  
Not one of them is missing.  
27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel,  
"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"?  
28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth  
Does not become weary or tired.  
His understanding is inscrutable.  
29 He gives strength to the weary,  
And to him who lacks might He increases power.  
30 Though youths grow weary and tired,  
And vigorous young men stumble badly,  
31 Yet those who wait for the LORD  
Will gain new strength;  
They will mount up with wings like eagles,  
They will run and not get tired,  
They will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 55:8-9

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.  
9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways,  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Ex 20:21

Dt 4:11 Dt 5:22

1Ki 8:12

Job 11:7-9 Job 15:8 Job 37

Ps 18:11 Ps 97:2

Ecc 3:11

Isa 40:12-31

Isa 55:8-9

1Co 2:16

**e. Gracious and merciful** Isa 1:18; 55:7; 65:2

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.

A SUBJECTIVE person came along and said:

"I FEEL for you, down there."

An OBJECTIVE person came along and said:

"It's logical that someone would fall, down there."

A CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST came along:

"You only THINK that you are in a pit."

A PHARISEE said:

"Only BAD people fall into a pit."

A MATHEMATICIAN

calculated HOW he fell into the pit.

A NEWS REPORTER

wanted the exclusive story on his pit.

A FUNDAMENTALIST said:

"You DESERVE your pit."

CONFUCIUS said;

"If you would have listened to me, you would not be in that pit."

BUDDHA said:

"Your pit is only a state of mind."

A REALIST said:

"That's a PIT."

A SCIENTIST

calculated the pressure necessary (lbs./sq.in.) to get him out of the pit.

A GEOLOGIST

told him to appreciate the rock strata in the pit.

AN EVOLUTIONIST said:

"You are a rejected mutant destined to be removed from the evolutionary cycle." In other words, he is going to DIE in the pit, so that he cannot produce any "pit-falling offspring."

The COUNTY INSPECTOR asked

if he had a permit to dig a pit.

A PROFESSOR gave him a lecture on:

"The Elementary Principles of the Pit."

An EVASIVE person

came along and avoided the subject of his pit altogether

A SELF-PITYING person said:

"You haven't seen anything until you've seen MY PIT!!!"

A CHARISMATIC said:

"Just CONFESS that you're not in a pit."

An OPTIMIST said:

"Things COULD be worse."

A PESSIMIST said:

"Things WILL get worse!!"

JESUS, seeing the man, took him by the hand and LIFTED HIM OUT of the pit.

See: Psa 40:1-2

God hath two wings, which he doth ever move,  
The one is mercy, and the next is love;  
Under the first the sinners ever trust,  
And with the last he still directs the just.

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

God in his mercy made  
The fixed pains of hell.  
That misery might be stayed,  
God in his mercy made  
Eternal bounds and bade  
Its waves no further swell.  
God in his mercy made  
The fixed pains of hell.

C. S. Lewis (1898-1963)

God's throne is mercy--not marble.

God's wrath comes by measure; his mercy without measure.

Whoever is on God's side is on the winning side and cannot lose; whoever is on the other side is on the losing side and cannot win. Here there is no chance, no gamble. There is freedom to choose which side we shall be on but no freedom to negotiate the results of the choice once it is made. By the mercy of God we may repent a wrong choice and alter the consequences by making a new and right choice. Beyond that we cannot go.

A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which was my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin, through which I run,  
And do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more.  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won  
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
A year or two, but wallowed in, a score?  
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My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
But swear by Thyself that at my death Thy Son  
Shall shine as He shines now, and heretofore;  
And having done that, Thou hast done, I fear no more.

John Donne, "A Hymn to God the Father"

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I used to go out in the morning to get the paper when we lived in El Paso. Our house was a good four miles from the main parade ground at Fort Bliss. On most mornings I could hear the whump, whump, whump of the thirteen-gun salute which was sounded every morning at seven o'clock. But on some mornings I could hear the sound of the drum corps as they rolled their cadences.

However, if the morning was clear and still, as in the winter time when the air was crisp and cold, I could also hear the sound of the music of the army band, the blast of the trumpets, the wail of the clarinets, and the mellow tone of the horns.

But on the mornings I could only hear the cannon, I knew the drum and the horns were there, whether I could hear them or not.

Our fathers, in their theology, heard the cannon and the drum, the stirring of the wrath of God. Modern ears have heard the soft music of the flute and the horn, but have not listened for the cannon and the drum.

But the music of God's message demands the whole gamut of sound. He is just, but He is also loving. He is strong, but He is also merciful. Kindness without justice is mushiness. Justice without mercy has no power to move or change the stubborn heart. The cross is the only place where the picture is in focus. God's justice and mercy come together in His love for us sinners.

--James S. Hewett, *Illustrations Unlimited* (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988), p. 345.

#### MERCY; MERCIFUL

(mur'-si), (mur'-si-fool) (chechedh, racham, chanan; eleos, eleeo, oiktirmos): "Mercy" is a distinctive Bible word characterizing God as revealed to men.

In the Old Testament it is oftenest the translation of chechedh, "kindness," "loving-kindness" (see LOVINGKINDNESS), but rachamim, literally, "bowels" (the sympathetic region), and chanan, "to be inclined to," "to be gracious," are also frequently translated "mercy"; eleos, "kindness," "beneficence," and eleeo, "to show kindness," are the chief words rendering "mercy" in the New Testament; oiktirmos, "pity," "compassion," occurs a few times, also oiktirmon, "pitiful," eleemon, "kind," "compassionate," twice; hileos, "forgiving," and anileos, "not forgiving," "without mercy," once each (Heb 8:12; Jas 2:13).

(1) Mercy is (a) an essential quality of God (Ex 34:6-7; Dt 4:31; Ps 62:12, etc.); it is His delight (Mic 7:18,20; Ps 52:8); He is "the Father of mercies" (2Co 1:3), "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4), "full of pity, and merciful" (Jas 5:11); (b) it is associated with forgiveness (Ex 34:7; Nu 14:18; 1Ti 1:13,16); (c) with His forbearance (Ps 145:8, "Yahweh is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great lovingkindness"; compare Ro 2:4; 11:32); (d) with His covenant (1Ki 8:23; Ne 1:5), with His justice (Ps 101:1), with His faithfulness (Ps 89:24), with His truth (Ps 108:4); mercy and truth are united in Pr 3:3; 14:22, etc. (in Ps 85:10 we have "Mercy and truth are met together"); (e) it goes forth to all (Ps 145:9, "Yahweh is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works"; compare verse 16, "Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing," the Revised Version margin "satisfiest every living thing with favor"); (f) it shows itself in pitying help (Ex 3:7; Ezr 9:9 f), supremely in Christ and His salvation (Lk 1:50,54,58; Eph 2:4); (g) it is abundant, practically infinite (Ps 86:5,15; 119:64); (h) it is everlasting (1Ch 16:34,41; Ezr 3:11; Ps 100:5; 136 repeatedly).

(2) "Mercy" is used of man as well as of God, and is required on man's part toward man and beast (Dt 25:4; Ps 37:21; 109:16; Pr 12:10; Da 4:27; Mic 6:8; Mt 5:7, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy"; 25:31-46; Lk 6:36, "Be ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful"; 10:30 f, the Good Samaritan; 14:12-16; 3:17).

(3) In the New Testament "mercy" (eleos, usually the Septuagint translation of chechedh) is associated with "grace" (charis) in the apostolical greetings and elsewhere. Trench points out that the difference between them is that the freeness of God's love is the central point of charis, while eleos has in view misery and its relief; charis is His free grace and gift displayed in the forgiveness of sins—extended to men as they are guilty; His eleos (is extended to them) as they are miserable. The lower creation may be the object of His mercy (eleos), but man alone of His grace (charis); he alone needs it and is capable of receiving it (Synonyms of the New Testament, 163 f).

(4) From all the foregoing it will be seen that mercy in God is not merely His pardon of offenders, but His attitude to man, and to the world generally, from which His pardoning mercy proceeds. The frequency with which mercy is enjoined on men is specially deserving of notice, with the exclusion of the unmerciful from sonship to the all-merciful Father and from the benefits of His mercifulness. Shakespeare's question, "How canst thou hope for mercy rendering none?" is fully warranted by Our Lord's teaching and by Scripture in general; compare especially the parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Mt 18:21-35).

(5) As the rule, the American Standard Revised Version has "lovingkindness" for "mercy" when checedh is used of God, and "kindness" when it is used of men in relation to each other. "Compassion" (translation of racham) is also in several instances substituted for "mercy" (Isa 9:17; 14:1; 27:11; Jer 13:14; 30:18), also "goodness" (translation of checedh referring to man) (Hos 4:1; 6:6).

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The aspect of God's love that causes Him to help the miserable, just as grace is the aspect of His love that moves Him to forgive the guilty. Those who are miserable may be so either because of breaking God's law or because of circumstances beyond their control.

God shows mercy upon those who have broken His law (Da 9:9; 1Ti 1:13,16), although such mercy is selective, demonstrating that it is not deserved (Ro 9:14-18). God's mercy on the miserable extends beyond punishment that is withheld (Eph 2:4-6). Withheld punishment keeps us from hell, but it does not get us into heaven. God's mercy is greater than this.

God also shows mercy by actively helping those who are miserable due to circumstances beyond their control. We see this aspect of mercy especially in the life of our Lord Jesus. He healed blind men (Mt 9:27-31; 20:29-34) and lepers (Lk 17:11-19). These acts of healing grew out of his attitude of compassion and mercy.

Finally, because God is merciful, He expects His children to be merciful (Mt 5:7; Jas 1:27).

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Isaiah 1:5

5 Where will you be stricken again,  
As you continue in your rebellion?  
The whole head is sick,  
And the whole heart is faint.

Isaiah 1:18

18 "Come now, and let us reason together,"  
Says the LORD,  
"Though your sins are as scarlet,  
They will be as white as snow;  
Though they are red like crimson,  
They will be like wool.

Isaiah 6:7

7 And he touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

Isaiah 21:1



1 The oracle concerning the wilderness of the sea.  
As windstorms in the Negev sweep on,  
It comes from the wilderness, from a terrifying land.

Isaiah 17:6

6 Yet gleanings will be left in it like the shaking of an olive tree,  
Two or three olives on the topmost bough,  
Four or five on the branches of a fruitful tree,  
Declares the LORD, the God of Israel.

Isaiah 24:13

13 For thus it will be in the midst of the earth among the peoples,  
As the shaking of an olive tree,  
As the gleanings when the grape harvest is over.

Isaiah 54:9

9 "For this is like the days of Noah to Me;  
When I swore that the waters of Noah  
Should not flood the earth again,  
So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,  
Nor will I rebuke you.

Isaiah 55:7-9

7 Let the wicked forsake his way,  
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
And let him return to the LORD,  
And He will have compassion on him;  
And to our God,  
For He will abundantly pardon.  
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Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.  
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11 "Of whom were you worried and fearful,  
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Was I not silent even for a long time  
So you do not fear Me?

Isaiah 57:15-16

15 For thus says the high and exalted One

Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,  
"I dwell on a high and holy place,  
And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit  
In order to revive the spirit of the lowly  
And to revive the heart of the contrite.  
16 "For I will not contend forever,  
Neither will I always be angry;  
For the spirit would grow faint before Me,  
And the breath of those whom I have made.

Isaiah 57:18-19

18 "I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;  
I will lead him and restore comfort to him and to his mourners,  
19 Creating the praise of the lips.  
Peace, peace to him who is far and to him who is near,"  
Says the LORD, "and I will heal him. "

Isaiah 60:10

10 "And foreigners will build up your walls,  
And their kings will minister to you;  
For in My wrath I struck you,  
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Isaiah 65:2

2 "I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people,  
Who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts,

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8 Thus says the LORD,  
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And one says, 'Do not destroy it, for there is benefit in it,'  
So I will act on behalf of My servants  
In order not to destroy all of them.

Isaiah 1:5

5 Where will you be stricken again,  
As you continue in your rebellion?  
The whole head is sick,  
And the whole heart is faint.

Isaiah 1:18

18 "Come now, and let us reason together,"  
Says the LORD,  
"Though your sins are as scarlet,  
They will be as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson,  
They will be like wool.

Isaiah 6:7

7 And he touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

Isaiah 21:1

1 The oracle concerning the wilderness of the sea.  
As windstorms in the Negev sweep on,  
It comes from the wilderness, from a terrifying land.

Isaiah 17:6

6 Yet gleanings will be left in it like the shaking of an olive tree,  
Two or three olives on the topmost bough,  
Four or five on the branches of a fruitful tree,  
Declares the LORD, the God of Israel.

Isaiah 24:13

13 For thus it will be in the midst of the earth among the peoples,  
As the shaking of an olive tree,  
As the gleanings when the grape harvest is over.

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Ex 2:24-25 Ex 15:13 Ex 20:2 Ex 20:6 Ex 20:22 Ex 22:27 Ex 25:17 Ex 32:14 Ex 32:34 Ex 33:19 Ex 34:6-7

Lev 26:40-45

Nu 14:18-20 Nu 16:48 Nu 21:8

Dt 4:31 Dt 5:10 Dt 5:29 Dt 7:9 Dt 32:29 Dt 32:36 Dt 32:43

Jdg 2:18 Jdg 3:9 Jdg 3:15 Jdg 10:16

2Sa 12:13 2Sa 14:14 2Sa 24:14 2Sa 24:16

1Ki 8:23 1Ki 11:39

2Ki 13:23 2Ki 14:26-27

1Ch 16:34

2Ch 5:13 2Ch 7:3 2Ch 7:6 2Ch 7:14 2Ch 24:19 2Ch 30:9 2Ch 36:15

Ezr 9:7-14

Ne 1:10 Ne 9:17-20 Ne 9:27-31

Job 11:6 Job 23:2-6 Job 24:12 Job 33:14-30

Ps 18:50 Ps 25:6 Ps 30:5 Ps 31:7 Ps 32:1-2 Ps 32:5 Ps 36:5 Ps 50:21 Ps 57:10 Ps 62:12 Ps 65:3 Ps 69:16  
 Ps 78:4-72 Ps 80:1 Ps 85:2-3 Ps 85:10 Ps 86:5 Ps 86:13 Ps 86:15 Ps 89:2 Ps 89:28 Ps 99:8 Ps 100:5 Ps  
 103:3 Ps 103:8-14 Ps 103:17 Ps 106:1 ps 106:43-46 Ps 107:1 Ps 108:4 Ps 111:4 Ps 116:5 Ps 117:2 Ps  
 118:1-4 Ps 118:29 Ps 119:64 Ps 119:156 Ps 130:3-4 Ps 130:7-8 Ps 135:14 Ps 136:3-26 Ps 138:2 Ps 145:8-9  
 Ps 146:7-8

Pr 16:6 Pr 28:13

Jer 2:9 Jer 3:1-22 Jer 4:27 Jer 5 Jer 10 Jer 7:25 Jer 9:24 Jer 29:11 Jer 30:11 Jer 31:20 Jer 31:34 Jer 31:37  
 Jer 32:18 Jer 33:8 Jer 33:11 Jer 36:3 Jer 36:6-7 Jer 46:28 Jer 50:20 Jer 51:5

Lam 3:22-23 Lam 3:31-33

Eze 14 Eze 22 Eze 16:6 Eze 16:42 Eze 16:63 Eze 18:23 Eze 18:31-32 Eze 20:11-44 Eze 33:11 Eze 36:25

Da 4:22-27 Da 9:4 Da 9:9

Hos 2:14-23 Hos 11:8-9 Hos 14:1-8

Joel 2:13 Joel 2:18 Joel 3:21

Am 7:3

Jnh 4:2 Jnh 4:10-11

Mic 7:18-19

Na 1:3

Zep 2:7 Zec 1:16-17 Zec 3:9 Zec 10:6

Mal 3:6

Mt 6:14 Mt 18:11-14 Mt 18:23-27

Lk 1:50 Lk 1:77-78 Lk 6:36 Lk 15:4-7

Ac 3:19 Ac 17:30 Ac 26:18

Ro 9:15 Ro 9:18 Ro 10:12-13 Ro 11:32 Ro 15:9

1Co 15:10

2Co 1:3 2Co 4:15 2Co 12:9

Eph 1:6-8 Eph 2:4-7

1Ti 1:13

Tit 3:5

Heb 4:16 Heb 8:12

Jas 2:13 Jas 4:8 Jas 5:11 Jas 5:15

1Pe 1:3 1Pe 2:10 1Pe 5:10

2Pe 3:9 2Pe 3:15

1Jn 1:9

Rev 2:21

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**f. Human representations**

- 1. **Face** Gen 32:30; Ex 33:11; 33:20; Dt 5:4; 34:10
- 2. **Eyes** 2 Chrn 16:9; Prov 22:12;
- 3. **Nostrils** 2 Sam 22:9; 22:16; Psa 28:15
- 4. **Breath** Isa 30:28; Psa 18:8
- 5. **Shoulders** Dt 33:12
- 6. **Hand** Isa 52:10; Psa 21:8; 74:11; 89:13; 118:16
- 7. **Fingers** Exo 8:19; Psa 8:3; Lk 11:20; Ex 31:18; Dt 9:10
- 8. **Back** Ex 33:21-23

- 9. **Voice** Ex 3:4; 19:19; 20:19; 20:22; Dt 4:12; 4:33, 36; 1 Ki 19:12-13; Heb 12:19; 12:26
- 10. **Laughs and sleeps** Psa 2:4; 59:8; 78:65
- 11. **A warrior** Isa 66:16; Ex 15:3; 17:16; Jer 21:5; Zech 14:3
- 12. **Uses weapons** Isa 34:5; Dt 32:23; Psa 7:12, 13; 21:12; 64:7; Lam 2:4
- 13. **Jealous** Ex 34:14; Dt 4:24; 32:21; Psa 78:58; 79:5

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged.

"You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth."

The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve.

"What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

Isaiah 30:1-2

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"Woe to the rebellious children," declares the LORD,

"Who execute a plan, but not Mine,  
And make an alliance, but not of My Spirit,  
In order to add sin to sin;

2 Who proceed down to Egypt,  
Without consulting Me,  
To take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh,  
And to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

Isaiah 31:1

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Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help,  
And rely on horses,  
And trust in chariots because they are many,  
And in horsemen because they are very strong,  
But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD!

Isaiah 31:3

3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God,  
And their horses are flesh and not spirit;  
So the LORD will stretch out His hand,  
And he who helps will stumble  
And he who is helped will fall,  
And all of them will come to an end together.

Ex 20:5 Ex 20:7 Ex 34:14

Dt 4:24 Dt 5:9 Dt 5:11 Dt 6:15 Dt 29:20 Dt 32:16 Dt 32:21

Jos 24:19

2Ch 16:7-10

Eze 23:25 Eze 36:5 Eze 39:25

Joel 2:18

Na 1:2

Zec 1:14

1Co 10:22

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14. **Angry** Isa 30:30; 66:15; Numb 12:9; Dt 32:22; Judg 10:7; 2 Sam 22:8; Job 19:11; Ez 5:13; 38:18; Nah 1:6
15. **Hates** Psa 11:5; Mal 1:2-3; Lev 26:30; Dt18:12; Psa 11:5; Prov 6:16; Rev 2:6
16. **Vengeance** Isa 1:24; 34:8; Dt 32:34-35, 41; Psa 94:1; Nah 1:2; Heb 10:30
17. **Makes oaths** Isa 14:24; 45:23; Numb 14:20-21, 28; Jer 22:5; 44:26; 46:18; 49:13; 51:14; Heb 3:11; 6:13, 17
18. **Changes his purpose** Gen 6:7; Ex 32:14; 1 Sam 15:11, 23, 35; Joel 2:13-14; Jonah 3:9-10
19. **Wrath** Isa 43:2; 48:9; 59:18; 63:3, 6
20. **Will** Isa 41:10; 42:6; 49:15; 66:13; Jer 31:34; 30:17; Gen 12:2; Josh 1:5; 2 Ki 20:5; Psa 32:8; 132:15; Ezek 36:22-29; Jn 14:21; 14:3; Rev 2:10; 3:20

### III. In revelation by His actions

#### A. Creator

One consolation of death is that it is also the end of your taxes.

One may live as a conqueror, a king, or a magistrate; but he must die a man. The bed of death brings every human being to his pure individuality, to the intense contemplation of that deepest and most solemn of all relations-the relation between the creature and his Creator. Daniel Webster (1782-1852)

Creator

Isa 27:11 Isa 40:28 Isa 43:1 Isa 43:15 Isa 17:7 Isa 27:11 Isa 29:16 Isa 44:24 Isa 45:9 Isa 45:11 Isa 51:13



Isa 54:5

Isaiah 17:7

7 In that day man will have regard for his Maker,  
And his eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 37:16

16 "O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who art enthroned above the cherubim, Thou art the God, Thou alone,  
of all the kingdoms of the earth. Thou hast made heaven and earth.

Isaiah 40:12

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,  
And marked off the heavens by the span,  
And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure,  
And weighed the mountains in a balance,  
And the hills in a pair of scales?

Isaiah 40:26

26 Lift up your eyes on high  
And see who has created these stars,  
The One who leads forth their host by number,  
He calls them all by name;  
Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power  
Not one of them is missing.

Isaiah 40:28

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth  
Does not become weary or tired.  
His understanding is inscrutable.

Isaiah 42:5

5 Thus says God the LORD,  
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
Who spread out the earth and its offspring,  
Who gives breath to the people on it,  
And spirit to those who walk in it,

Isaiah 44:24

24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb,  
"I, the LORD, am the maker of all things,  
Stretching out the heavens by Myself,  
And spreading out the earth all alone,

Isaiah 45:7

7 The One forming light and creating darkness,  
Causing well-being and creating calamity;  
I am the LORD who does all these.

Isaiah 45:12

12 "It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it.  
I stretched out the heavens with My hands,  
And I ordained all their host.

Isaiah 45:18

18 For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens  
(He is the God who formed the earth and made it,  
He established it and did not create it a waste place,  
But formed it to be inhabited),  
"I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Isaiah 48:13

13 "Surely My hand founded the earth,  
And My right hand spread out the heavens;  
When I call to them, they stand together.

Isaiah 51:13

13 That you have forgotten the LORD your Maker,  
Who stretched out the heavens,  
And laid the foundations of the earth;  
That you fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor,  
As he makes ready to destroy?  
But where is the fury of the oppressor?

Isaiah 51:16

16 "And I have put My words in your mouth, and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, to establish  
the heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, 'You are My people.'"

Isaiah 66:2

2 "For My hand made all these things,  
Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD.  
"But to this one I will look,  
To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

Ge 1:1-28 Ge 1:31 Ge 2 Ge 5:1-2 Ge 9:6

Ex 20:11

1Sa 2:8

2Ki 19:15

1Ch 16:26

Ne 9:6

Job 9:8-9 Job 10:3 Job 10:8 Job 12:7-9 Job 26:7-13 Job 28:23-26 Job 37:16 Job 37:18 Job 38:4-38  
Ps 8:3 Ps 19:1 Ps 19:4 Ps 24:1-2 Ps 33:6-7 Ps 33:9 Ps 65:6 Ps 74:16-17 Ps 78:69 Ps 89:11-12 Ps 89:47  
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Ps 121:2 Ps 124:8 Ps 136:5-9 Ps 146:5-6 Ps 148:5-6

Pr 3:19 Pr 8:26-29 Pr 16:4 Pr 22:2 Pr 26:10 Pr 30:4

Ecc 3:11 Ecc 7:29 Ecc 11:5

Jer 5:22 Jer 10:12-13 Jer 10:16 Jer 27:5 Jer 31:35 Jer 32:17 Jer 33:2 Jer 51:15-16 Jer 51:19

Am 4:13 Am 5:8 Am 9:6

Jnh 1:9

Zec 12:1

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Ac 4:24 Ac 7:50 Ac 14:15 Ac 17:24-26

Ro 1:20 Ro 11:36

1Co 8:6 1Co 11:12

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Heb 1:1-2 Heb 2:10 Heb 3:4 Heb 11:3 Rev 4:11 Rev 10:6 Rev 14:7

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1. **The universe** Isa 37:16; 40:12, 28; 42:5; 45:12, 18; 51:13
2. **Light and Darkness** Isa 45:7; Gen 1:3-5; 2 Cor 4:6
3. **The heavens** Gen 1:6, 7, 8; Psa 19:1; 33:6
4. **The earth** Gen 1:9-13; Job 38:4; Psa 24:1-2

5. **Celestial objects** Gen 1:14-19; Job 9:5-9; Psa 104:19; Psa 148: 4-5
6. **Animals and Man** Isa 42:5; 45:12; 64:8; Gen 1:20-27

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Who gives breath to the people on it,  
And spirit to those who walk in it,

Isaiah 43:1

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But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob,  
And He who formed you, O Israel,  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are Mine!

Isaiah 43:7

7 Everyone who is called by My name,  
And whom I have created for My glory,  
Whom I have formed, even whom I have made. "

Isaiah 43:15

15 "I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
The Creator of Israel, your King."

Isaiah 44:2

2 Thus says the LORD who made you  
And formed you from the womb, who will help you,  
Do not fear, O Jacob My servant;  
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And all of us are the work of Thy hand.

Ge 1:26-27 Ge 2:7 Ge 5:1-2 Ge 9:6

Ex 4:11

Nu 16:22 Nu 27:16

Dt 4:32 Dt 32:6 Dt 32:15 Dt 32:18

Job 10:8-9 Job 10:11-12 Job 12:10 Job 27:3 Job 31:15 Job 33:4 Job 34:19 Job 38:36

Ps 33:15 Ps 86:9 Ps 94:9 Ps 95:6 Ps 100:3 Ps 119:73 Ps 139:13 Ps 149:2

Pr 16:4 Pr 20:12 Pr 22:2

Ecc 11:5 Ecc 12:1

Jer 27:5

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Zec 12:1

Mal 2:10

Ac 17:24-26 Ac 17:28-29

1Co 12:18 1Co 12:24-25 1Co 15:38

Heb 12:9

1Pe 4:19

7. **Nature**
  - a. **Seasons** Gen 8:22; Psa 74:17; Acts 14:17
  - b. **Day and Night** Isa 50:3; Job 9:7; 38:32, 33; Jer 31:35; 33:25-26
  - c. **Rain and Rainbow** Gen 9:12-17; Psa 65:9-10; Psa 104:13; 135:7; Prov 3:20; Jer 51:16
  - d. **Clouds** Job 26: 8-9; 37:11, 15-16
  - e. **Hail, snow, cold** Job 37:6; Psa 147:16-17
  - f. **Thunder and lightning** 2 Sam 22:14; Job 37:3-5; Psa 29:3; 77:18; 97:4; Jer 10:13
  - g. **Winds** Job 37:14-17; Psa 78:26; 147:18
  - h. **Man** Isa 46:3-4; Job 10:12

## B. Involvement with human beings

1. **Intervenes in the affairs of men** 1 Chrn 29: 11-12, 14; Prov 29:26; Eccl 3:1-11
2. **Human plans** Isa 10:5-7; Gen 31:29; 45:5, 7; Jer 10:23; Jn 7:30; 8:20
  - a. **Futile without God** Psa 127:1-2
  - b. **Resistance to God is futile** Isa 44:26-27; Gen 24:50; 1 Ki 12:22-24; Acts 5: 38-39
3. **Appoints rulers** Isa 45:28; 1 Ki 19:15; Dan 4:17
4. **Sends opposition** Isa 37:26-29; Judg 9:22-23; 1 Ki 11:14, 23; Jer 27:1-7
5. **Gives favor** Gen 39:21; Exo 3:21; Dan 1:9; Acts 7:9-10

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| 6. | <b>Supplies needs or wants</b>        | Isa 41:17-18; 1 Chrn 29:16; 2 cor 9:8; Phil 4:19   |
| 7. | <b>Changes fortunes</b>               | Sam 2:4-8; Job 5:17-18; Lk 1:52f.  |
| 8. | <b>Provides prosperity/protection</b> | Isa 63:14; 1 Sam 15:17; 2 Sam7:8-9; 1 Chrn 17:7-8  |
| 9. | <b>Provides comfort, removes fear</b> | Is 7:3-4; 8:12-13; 10:24; 33:5-6; Is 35:4; 41:10; 41:13; 41:14; 43:1; 43:5; 44:2; 51:7; 54:4, 14 |

### **Comfort, No fear**

Isaiah 7:4

4 and say to him, 'Take care, and be calm, have no fear and do not be fainthearted because of these two stubs of smoldering firebrands, on account of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram, and the son of Remaliah.

Isaiah 8:12

12 "You are not to say, 'It is a conspiracy!'

In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy,

And you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it.

Isaiah 10:24

24 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, "O My people who dwell in Zion, do not fear the Assyrian who strikes you with the rod and lifts up his staff against you, the way Egypt did.

Isaiah 11:2

Isaiah 35:4

4 Say to those with anxious heart,

"Take courage, fear not.

Behold, your God will come with vengeance;

The recompense of God will come,

But He will save you."

Isaiah 40:9

9 Get yourself up on a high mountain,

O Zion, bearer of good news,

Lift up your voice mightily,

O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;

Lift it up, do not fear.

Say to the cities of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

Isaiah 41:10

10 'Do not fear, for I am with you;

Isaiah 41:13

13 "For I am the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand,

Who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

Isaiah 41:14

14 "Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel;  
I will help you," declares the LORD, "and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 43:1

1 But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob,  
And He who formed you, O Israel,  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are Mine!

Isaiah 43:5

5 "Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
And gather you from the west.

Isaiah 44:2

2 Thus says the LORD who made you  
And formed you from the womb, who will help you,'  
Do not fear, O Jacob My servant;  
And you Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

Isaiah 51:7

7 "Listen to Me, you who know righteousness,  
A people in whose heart is My law;  
Do not fear the reproach of man,  
Neither be dismayed at their revilings.

Isaiah 54:4

4 "Fear not, for you will not be put to shame;  
Neither feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced;  
But you will forget the shame of your youth,  
And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

Isaiah 54:14

14 "In righteousness you will be established;  
You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear;  
And from terror, for it will not come near you.

Isaiah 57:11

11 "Of whom were you worried and fearful,  
When you lied, and did not remember Me,  
Nor give Me a thought?  
Was I not silent even for a long time  
So you do not fear Me?

### **Fear God**

Isaiah 8:13

13 "It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy.  
And He shall be your fear,



And He shall be your dread.

2 And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him,  
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The spirit of counsel and strength,  
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11:3

3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,  
And He will not judge by what His eyes see,  
Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

Isaiah 33:6

6 And He shall be the stability of your times,  
A wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge;  
The fear of the LORD is his treasure.

Isaiah 59:19

19 So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west  
And His glory from the rising of the sun,  
For He will come like a rushing stream,  
Which the wind of the LORD drives.

**C. God's purposes**

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| <b>1. Distinct</b>                         | Isa 14:24-27; Job 23:13; Numb 23:19   |
| <b>2. Eternal</b>                          | Eccl 3:14; Matt 25:34; 1 Corth 2:7; Eph 3: 8-11; Psa 33:11; Mal 3:6                                 |
| <b>3. Brought about through humans</b>     | Isa 13:5; 2 Ki 5:1-14; 1 Sam 15:17; 1 Sam 4:1-15; Gal 1:11-16; Acts 9:1-6; Ruth 4:16-22             |
| <b>4. Chooses for Holiness</b>             | Eph 1:4; 2 Tim 1:9; Jn 15:16; 17:6  |
| <b>5. Control of evil for his purposes</b> | Isa 6:9-10; 19: 13-14; 44:18; Gen 37:1-28 with 45:3-8   |
| <b>6. Hardens hearts</b>                   | Exo 4:21; 7:3, 4, 13; 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:9-10; 14:4, 8, 17; Dt 2:30; Josh 11:19-20; Rom 9:17-18 |
| <b>7. Temptation (testing)</b>             | Gen 22:1-14; Dt 13:1-3; 1 Corth 10:13   |
| <b>8. Brings good out of evil</b>          | Gal 1:11-24; Gen 37:1-28 with 45:3-8; Acts 2:22-36  |

9. **Allows freedom of choice** Dt 11:26-28; 30:15, 19; Josh 24:15
10. **Allows for His own sorrow** Isa 48:18; Psa 81:13-15; Matt 23:37; Lk 13:34
11. **No pleasure in the sinner's death** Ez 18:23; 31-32; Matt 18:14; 2 Pet 3:9; Ezek 33:10-11
12. **Brings repentant sinners to Himself** Isa 55:1-3; Jer 26:2-3; Joel 2:32; Jn 6:37; Acts 2:21
13. **Described**
  - a. **Perfect** Dt 32:4
  - b. **Great** Psa 111:2; Joel 2:21; Psa 126:2,3
  - c. **Awesome** Psa 111:9-10; 66:3,5
  - d. **Unhindered** Isa 43:13
  - e. **Unified** Dt 6:4; Jn 5:17; Matt 28:18-20; Jn 10:30

**IV. In conclusion (What this means to me)**



# Who says there is a God? Theology in question

Jn 20:24-29; 1 Pet 3:15 "Our God, He is alive" # 672

## I. Introduction

- A. Understanding God is necessary for the Christian. 1 Pet 3:15
- B. Understanding God begins at an early age.  
Amanda.- where did I come from? why am I here?....
- C. Understanding God begins with questioning His existence.
- D. Understanding God is what theology is about (discourse on God).
- E. Understanding God is the theme of this four part series.
  - 1. Who says there is a God? Theology in question.
  - 2. Who is God? Theology in action.
  - 3. What is God? Theology in conception.
  - 4. What does God mean to me? Theology in practice.
- F. Understanding God starts with explaining His existence; and that is the focus of our lesson.

## II. Body

- A. **The *Cosmological* argument for God's existence. (cause and effect) Psa 19:1-2**
  - 1. Things just don't happen, there are causes. Creation of matter.

2.. These things didn't just happen, their existence is an inherent proof of deity.

**B. The Teleological argument for God's existence. (plain man's argument) Eccl 12:13**

1. Everything man makes has a purpose (an end design).
2. Every complex thing has a higher intelligence designing it.
3. Everyone asks "why am I here"... can't be answered without God!

**C. The Ontological argument for God's existence (philosopher's argument)**

1. Proof God exists because man universally conceives of God.
2. Perception of God (whether or not He exists) and the assertion He does not exist is impossible, because this would invalidate reasoning. No atheism possible.

**D. The Moral argument for God's existence (right vs. wrong)**

1. Man is different from the animal; he has reasoning, a conscience, remorse.
2. Man's universal concept of morality proves the existence of God.

**E. The General argument for God's existence (religious necessity)**

1. All men feel the necessity to worship God. This is fact.
2. An understanding of religion is seen in the human tendency to conceive of the reality of life in terms of what is true or not true. This means standards. Who provides perfect standards... God.

**F. The Historical argument for God's existence. (The Jewish people)**

**III. Conclusion**

- A. Realizing God exists is fundamental to Christianity. Heb 11:1-6
  - B. Really questioning all our beliefs is healthy, it makes us THINK, PROVIDES CONFIDENCE.
  - C. Ready arguments for God's existence reveal our hope of eternal life to the world.
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# Who is God? Theology in Action

BR: John 1:43-51

Song: "We're marching on to Zion"

**I. Introduction**

- A. Coming to know who God is.... How? Scriptures, Wisdom, Association
- B. Consider that understanding God is a **VERY INDEPTH TOPIC**. (This is a short study)
- C. Completeness of our understanding is equal to the extent of God's revelation to us. (John 20:30f.)
- D. Consider the actions and character of a person to know him... God as well.

E. Character next week, this week ACTIONS..

## II. Body

A. God is the creator of all things. Gen 1:1, 27; Jn 1:1; 1Cor 6:19-20

B. God is wise. (judicial use of knowledge) 1 Cor 1:18-21; Pro 3:19-20

C. God searches the hearts of men. 1 Chrn 28:9; Jere 17:10; Ac 1:24

10:13 D. God is involved with men. Gen 45:7; Pro. 16:9; Gal 4:4; 1 Cor.

E. God is the savior of men. 1Tim 2:4-6; Matt 28:19; Eph 1:13

F. God is a jealous God.(zealous for purity) Exo 20:5; 34:13-14; Numb 25:1-13

G. God reveals himself. Isa 40:12-31; 1Cor. 2:16; Eph 3:1-6

H. God is the supreme judge. 1Chrn 16:14; Jn 12:48-50; 1 Cor 4:4-5

## III. Conclusion

A. God was not so much a theological concept to the Jews as He was a concrete reality.

B. God revealed himself to men over thousands of years in many ways, but in these last days he has shown himself through his son.

C. God shows Himself to us daily, as He works in our lives.

D. God will be further revealed to us in heaven, where our understanding of Him will not be clouded by sin.

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# What is God? Theology in conception

BR: 1 John 4:8

Song: "Oh to be like thee"

## I. Introduction

A. What amazes me about New Jersey is the diversity of the people.

B. What is extraordinary about Christians is that there are so many levels of spirituality.

C. What would you think about a Christian who knew God only by 1 John 4:8?

D. What a task ... explaining God ! Definition by A. H. Strong:

"God is the infinite and perfect Spirit in whom all things have their source, support and end."

- E. What needs to be understood is the complexity of the subject. It would take many, many sermons to do more than just briefly understand God.
- F. What this lesson will attempt to do is understand God by His composition (Godhead [Trinity]), His natural characteristics, and His moral attributes.

## II. **Body**

### A. **Understanding God means a comprehension of the Godhead. Col 2:9**

- 1. God is the **Father**. Mal 2:10; Eph 4:6; Heb 12:9; Exo 4:22f.; 1 Chr 29:10
- 2. God is the **Son**. Jn 1:1, 18; 20:28; Titus 2:13
- 3. God is the **Holy Spirit**. Acts 5:3-4; Jn 14:23 (14-17); 1 Cor 6:19
- 4. God is **one, yet three**. Dt 6:4; Mk 12:29; Jn 15:1-9; 17:22f; Jn 5:18; 10:30

### B. **Understanding God means considering His natural attributes.**

- 1. God is **Spirit**. Jn 4:24; Lk 24:39; 2 Cor 3:17; 1 Tim 1:17
- 2. God is **immutable**. Heb 1:10-12; 13:8; Mal 3:6
- 3. God is **omnipotent**. Gen 17:1; 18:13-14
- 4. God is **omniscient**. Rom 11:33-36; Col 2:2-3; Psa 147:5
- 5. God is **omnipresent**. Psa 139:7-12; Jer 23:23-24; Prov 15:3; 1 Ki 8:27
- 6. God is **eternal**. 2 Pet 3:8; Rev 1:8; 1 Tim 1:17; Psa 90:4

### C. **Understanding God means understanding His moral attributes.**

- 1. God is **Holy**. Isa 6:1-3; Eph 4:24; Exo 15:11; Isa 57:15; Rev
- 2. God is **Righteous**. Gen 18:25 Dt 32:4; Rom 2:2-5
- 3. God is **Just**. Dt 32:3-4; Psa 97:2; Isa 30:18; Jer 9:24
- 4. God is **Truth**. Isa 65:16; Jn 14:6; Psa 31:5
- 5. God is **Love**. 1 Jn 4:8; Jn 3:16; Eph 2:4; 2 Cor 13:11
- 6. God is **Mercy**. 2 Cor 1:3; Psa 116:5; 62:12; Exo 34:6; Mic 7:18

## III. **Conclusion**

- A. There has been much diversity of opinion concerning what God is like over the centuries.
- B. There are many, many scriptures which explain God, but the most important thing to remember is that understanding God begins with being known by Him.
- C. The three things that will determine my understanding of God are:
  - 1. My attitude.
  - 2. My effort to try to understand Him.
  - 3. My actions as a result of trying to please Him.

# What does God mean to me?

## Theology in Practice

BR: 2 Cor 11:18-30

Song: "I want to be a worker for the Lord"

### I. Introduction

- A. God can not be ignored -- we have a choice to make. Dt 5:7
- B. God was never an impersonal deity -- He got involved with us.
- C. God expects us to live a spiritual life. Dt 6:4-9
- D. God in us, the hope of Glory Col 1:27

### II. Body

#### A. Understanding God means understanding ourselves.

- 1. Our origins. Gen 1:26ff.; Acts 17:28
- 2. Our purpose in life. 1 Pet. 2:9; Eccl 12:13
- 3. Our ultimate goal. 2 Tim 4:7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-4, 50-58

#### B. Understanding God means knowing and being known by Him.

Mtt 7:21-23; 2 Cor 10:17; Phil 3:7-11; 1 Jn 2:4, 3:14; Jer 31:34

#### C. Understanding God means becoming like Him.

- 1. A change from our ways to His ways. 2 Cor 7:10; 1 Lk 18:13-14
- 2. A Great example. Mtt 4:1-10; Heb 4:14-16
- 3. A Godly life. Heb 12:14; Eph 5:1-2

#### D. Understanding God will enable us to detect and exterminate sin in our lives.

1 Tim 1:15-16; Eph 4:22-24; Heb 12:1-2

#### E. Understanding God will allow us to obey His commands in Spirit and Truth.

1 Cor 1:18-31; Dt 5:6-21; Matt 5:2-18; Jn 4:24

#### F. Understanding God correctly will help us to acceptably worship Him.

Jn 4:24; Acts 17:22-31.; Heb 11:6; Matt 15:7-9; Psa 51:17

#### G. Understanding God will help us mature spiritually.

Eph 4:11-16; 2 Pet 1:1-8

#### H. Understanding God will enable us to share Christ with others.

1 Pet 3:15; Jn 3:11-16; 2 Tim 3:14-15

### III. Conclusion

- A. Learning about God will reinforce our faith.
- B. Learning about God will give us new goals of spirituality.
- C. Learning about God will give us encouragement to reach out to others.



**Jehovah Yahweh.** One of the most important names for God in the Old Testament is Yahweh, or Jehovah, from the verb "to be," meaning simply but profoundly, "I am who I am," and "I will be who I will be." The four-letter Hebrew word YHWH was the name by which God revealed Himself to Moses in the burning bush <Ex. 3:14>.

**Jehovah-jireh--** This name is translated as "The-LORD-Will-Provide," commemorating the provision of the ram in place of Isaac for Abraham's sacrifice <Gen. 22:14>.

**Jehovah-nissi--** This name means "The-LORD-Is-My-Banner," in honor of God's defeat of the Amalekites <Ex. 17:15>.

**Jehovah-shalom--** This phrase means "The-LORD-Is-Peace," the name Gideon gave the altar which he built in Ophrah <Judg. 6:24>.

**Jehovah-shammah--** This phrase expresses the truth that "The-LORD-Is-There," referring to the city which the prophet Ezekiel saw in his vision <Ezek. 48:35>.

**Jehovah-tsebaoth--** This name, translated "The-LORD-of-hosts," was used in the days of David and the prophets, witnessing to God the Savior who is surrounded by His hosts of heavenly power <1 Sam. 1:3>.

**Jehovah Elohe Israel--** This name means "LORD-God-of-Israel," and it appears in Isaiah, Jeremiah, and the Psalms. Other names similar to this are Netsah Israel, "The Strength of Israel" <1 Sam. 15:29>; and Abir Yisrael "The Mighty One of Israel" <Is. 1:24>.

**El.** Another important root name for God in the Old Testament is El. By itself it refers to a god in the most general sense. It was widely used in ancient eastern cultures whose languages are similar to Hebrew and therefore may refer either to the true God or to false gods.

**Elohim.** Elohim is the plural form of El, but it is usually translated in the singular. Some scholars have held that the plural represents an intensified form for the supreme God; others believe it describes the supreme God and His heavenly court of created beings. Still others hold that the plural form refers to the triune God of <Genesis 1:1-3>.

**Branch of Righteousness.** <Jeremiah 23:5-6> names the coming messianic figure, the "Branch of righteousness,"

who will descend from David and be raised up to reign as King to execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

**King.** This descendant of David will have several divine qualities. He will be a Branch of Righteousness, a King, and His name will be called "The Lord Our Righteousness" (Jehovah Tsidkenu).

**Wisdom.** This person also appears in <Proverbs 8:1-36> as Wisdom, the speaker who always says and does what is righteous, is equal to Jehovah, and works with Him in the creation of the universe. Paul describes Christ in these terms in <Colossians 1:13-19; 2:1-3>.

**Shepherd.** God is also described in prophecy as the Shepherd who will feed His flock, gather the lambs in His arms, carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those with young <Is. 40:11; Jer. 31:10; Ezek. 34:11-16>. Jesus applied this name to Himself <Luke 15:4-7; John 10:11-16>.

**Servant.** The name of Servant also identifies this divine person and His saving ministry on behalf of His people. God's Servant is described in terms that apply to Jesus. He is upheld and chosen by God; He delights in God; He receives God's Spirit. Like Wisdom in <Proverbs 8>, He is holy, just, and righteous. He will bring Jacob back to Him and will be a light to the nations since He is an offering for sin <Is. 42:1-4; 49:1-7; 53:1-12>.

**Word of God.** The Word of God figures prominently in Scripture as another name of God. The Word is not as clearly a person in the Old Testament as in the New Testament where Jesus Christ is identified as the personal Word of God <John 1:1, 14>. But it is evident from <Psalm 33:4,6>, and <9>

that the Word should be understood in a personal sense, for "the word of the Lord is right" indicating a personified Word. "By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made" <v. 6>, echoing the creation in <Genesis 1:3,6>. In the New Testament Jesus is seen to be both Word and Law personified.

**Glory.** God is described as Glory (Shekinah) in <Exodus 16:7; Psalm 104:31>; and <Isaiah 60:1>. In the New Testament Jesus shares the glory of God <Matt. 25:31; 1 Cor. 2:8; Heb. 1:3>.

**In the New Testament God is known as** Father <Matt. 5:16; 28:19> and Abba <Mark 14:36; Gal. 4:6>. Jesus is known as Son <Matt. 11:27>, Son of God <John 9:35>, and Son of man <Matt. 8:20>, Messiah <John 1:41>, Lord <Rom. 14:8>, Word <John 1:1>, Wisdom <1 Cor. 1:30>, Bridegroom <Mark 2:19>, Shepherd <John 10:11>, Vine <John 15:1>, Light <John 1:9>, and "I AM" <John 8:12>. The Holy Spirit is known as the Helper <John 14:16>.

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The earliest Old Testament appearance of the appellation as a title of deity ("God Almighty") is in <Gen. 17:1>, where "God" identifies Himself in this way to Abraham.

El Elyon ("God Most High"). The word 'elyon, an adjective meaning "high," is derived from the root 'lh ("to go up" or "ascend"). The name El Elyon occurs only in Gen. 14: 18-22 and Ps. 78:35, although God is known by the shorter title Elyon in a significant number of passages.

**Adonai.** The root 'dn occurs in Ugaritic with the meanings "lord and father." If the word originally connoted "father," it is not difficult to understand how the connotation "lord" developed from that. The basic meaning of the word in the OT is "lord."

**Ancient of Days** is an appellation applied to God in Dan. 7. It occurs with other depictions of great age (vs. 9) to create the impression of noble venerability.

**Abba** is an alternate Aramaic term for "father." It is the word that Jesus used to address God in Mark 14:36. Paul pairs the word with the Greek word for "father" in Rom. 8:15 and Gal. 4:6.