

Who is God?

God exists. We believe that God exists (Heb. 11:6). This is understood by faith (Heb. 11:3). Even the devils believe this and tremble (James 2:19).

There is only one God (Deut. 6:4).

He does not change (Malachi 3:6) or age. He does not increase in wisdom or knowledge, for in all things he is complete and perfect (Isa. 40:13-14).

There are five intrinsic attributes of God, and whoever possesses these attributes is God. They are:

Eternal

God is eternal (Psa.90:2).

God has always existed and always will. He is eternal, or everlasting. He never began, for he always was. In the beginning, God (Gen. 1:1).

God will never end, for he always will be (Rev 1:8 and Hab. 1:12).

No one ever made God but he made all things. God was never "born" or "made".

Creation

God brought everything in to existence by his own power. He spoke, and it was. (Gen. 1:1-3 and Psa. 33:9) stood firm. God is our maker (Psa. 100:3).

Nothing that exists was made by anyone other than God.

Omniscient

God knows all things. He knows all that will happen past present and future (Isa. 41:22).

He knows every thought and feeling of every human heart (Psa. 139:1-4).

He knows every idle word we speak (Matt. 12:36), and all that happens within our hearts (1 Chron. 28:9).

God has a book for every individual, in which is written all their deeds, and which on the day of judgement will be made known (Rev 20:12).

Omnipresent

God is everywhere present at the same time (Psa. 139:7-10). There is no place in the whole of creation where God is not. God fills all of time and space (Jer. 23:24).

Even the heavens of heavens (that is, the entire universe) cannot contain him (2 Chron. 2:6).

Omnipotent

God is all powerful, the almighty. He who created all things has all resources, and can never be exhausted of his power (Isa. 40:28).

In terms of his power, There is nothing God cannot do (Luke 1:37) although remember that there are certain things which God cannot do, because they would be unholy (e.g. lie - Heb. 6:18).

What is God's nature?

God is not a man (Num. 23:19).

When the Bible says that God has eyes, it means that he sees all things, not that he has human organs (2 Chron. 16:9).

When the Bible speaks of the hand of the Lord, it means that he is strong and able to do things, not that he has physical hands (Isa. 59:1).

God is spirit (John 4:24). As such he is invisible and has never been seen by any man.

Even angels are unable to see him (and saw God only when he took human form (1 Tim. 3:16). They cover their eyes when they worship (Isa. 6:2).

God for they are a different order of spirit. Angels are created spirits, God is uncreated.

That is why God forbids men to make idols to represent him or for men to worship him (Deut. 5:8).

We will learn more about the many attributes of God later in our "Back to Basics" studies, but the five attributes listed above are the most basic.

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