

What is God Really Like?

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Message Truth:

Humans have always sought to conceptualize images of God in order to satisfy our curiosity and our need for worship. Are these ideas accurate? Can we know God by thinking about Him? No! This process of thinking about God and fashioning Him after our own imagining is the age old sin of idolatry. Our only means of knowing God is through His revelation. God reveals himself to us in two ways: general and special revelation. Jesus Christ is the perfect representation of God. He is the living Word. The Bible is the word written. Today we are going to examine four aspects of God's characteristics which the special revelation of His written word reveals to us.

Common misconceptions people have about God:

- God is a _____ a _____
- God is i _____

⁹ . . . for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. 1 Chronicles 28:9b

1. God is a t _____ u _____

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: Deuteronomy 6:4 (KJV)

⁶ Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside

me there is no God. ⁷ And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. ⁸ Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God I know not any.

Isaiah 44:6-8 (KJV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. John 1:1-2 (ASV)

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:14,17 (ASV)

Scripture teaches us that the Word:

- was in the b _____
- was w _____ God
- Word i _____ God

According to the Scripture, Jesus is the "Word!"

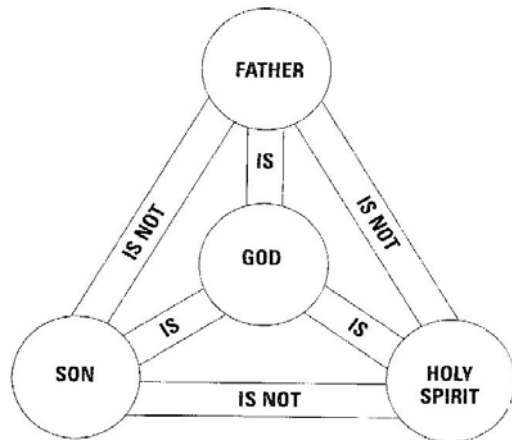
¹⁶ Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens I am there." And now the Sovereign Lord has sent Me, with His Spirit. ¹⁷ This is what the Lord says — your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. Isaiah 48:16-17

God is: S _____ Lord = The Father
M _____ = Jesus Christ
His S _____ = Holy Spirit

²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Genesis 1:26 (KJV)

In this scripture, "Us" is the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

¹ In the beginning, **God** created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (ESV)



2. God is h_____

¹ In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also **the Lord** sitting upon a throne, **high and lifted up**, and **his train filled the temple**. ² Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³ And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: **the whole earth is full of his glory**. ⁴ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone;

because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Isaiah 6:1-5 (KJV)

¹⁵ But like as **he who called you is holy**, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; ¹⁶ because it is written, Ye shall be holy; for **I am holy**. 1 Peter 1:15-16 (ASV)

3. God is j_____

¹³ After all this, there is only one thing to say: have reverence for God, and obey his commands, because this is all that we were created for. ¹⁴ **God is going to judge everything we do**, whether good or bad, **even things done in secret**. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (GN)

¹⁰ For all of us must appear before Christ, to be judged by him. **We will each receive what we deserve**, according to everything we have done, good or bad, in our bodily life. 2 Corinthians 5:10 (GN)

4. God is g_____, slow to a_____, f_____

⁶And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, ⁷Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. ⁸And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. Exodus 34:6-8 (KJV)