

The Attributes of God

Divine attributes are the essential qualities that belong to God. Each attribute is simply a way of describing one aspect of God's total character or being.

- ❖ **Self-existence:** God exists by virtue of His very nature. He was never created and never came into being. (John 5:26; Ex. 3:14; Gen. 1:1; Ps. 90:2; John 1:3; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col 1:16-17; Rev. 4:11) Neither does God need any part of creation for any reason. (Job 35:7; Acts 17:24-25; Rom. 11:35-36)
- ❖ **Eternity:** God has no beginning, end, or succession of moments in His own being. (Gen. 21:33; Ex. 3:14; Deut. 33:27; Ps. 90:2; 102:26-27; Isa. 40:28; 44:6; 57:15; Rom. 1:20, 23; 1 Tim. 1:17; Rev. 1:8; 4:8)
- ❖ **Spirituality:** God is an invisible spirit. (Isa. 31:3; John 1:18; 4:24; Acts 7:55-56; Col. 1:15; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:15-16; Heb. 11:27; 1 John 4:12)
- ❖ **Glory & Splendor:** The radiance of God's being—He dwells in unapproachable light. (Ex. 15:11; 24:16-17; 40:34-35; 1 Kings 8:10-11; 2 Chron. 5:13-14; 7:1-3; Ps. 63:2; 76:4; 104:1-2; Ezek. 1:26-28; 3:23; 10:4; Acts 7:55-56; 1 Tim. 6:15-16; Rev. 21:11, 23)
- ❖ **Immutability:** God is unchanging in His being, perfections, purposes, and promises. (Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Ps. 33:11; 102:25-27; Mal. 3:6; James 1:17)
- ❖ **Transcendence:** God is uniquely other and incomparably greater than anything else that exists. He is the creator; everything else is His creation. (1 Kings 8:27; Ps. 47:2; 89:5-8; 145:3; Isa. 40:18, 25; 45:5, 6, 14, 18, 22; 46:5, 9; 57:15; Jer. 23:23; Rom. 1:25; Eph. 4:6)
- ❖ **Immanence:** God is actively involved in His creation. (Deut. 4:7; Ps. 104:10-23; 145:13-20; 147:8-9; Isa. 57:15; Jer. 23:23; Matt. 6:26-30; Luke 12:6-7; Acts 17:27-28; Eph. 4:6)
- ❖ **Omnipresence:** God is always present everywhere with His whole being. (1 Kings 8:27; Ps. 139:7-12; Isa. 66:1-2; Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 7:48-49; 17:27; Eph. 1:23.)
- ❖ **Omniscience:** God knows all things. He has infinite knowledge. (1 Sam. 2:3; Job 12:13; 28:23; 37:16; Ps. 139:1-4, 6, 12; 147:5; Prov. 5:21; 15:3, 11; Isa. 55:8-9; Rom. 11:33-34) Foreknowledge: God's omniscience includes future events. He knows everything that will take place before any of it happens. (Deut. 31:20-21; Ps. 139:4, 15-16; Isa. 46:9-10; 48:5; Acts 2:23; Rom. 8:29-30; 11:1-2; 1 Peter 1:1-2)
- ❖ **Wisdom:** God always chooses the best goals and the best means to those goals. (Job 9:4; 12:13; Ps. 104:24; 147:5; Isa. 28:29; Dan 2:20; Rom. 11:33-34; 16:27; 1 Cor. 1:25; Eph. 3:10)
- ❖ **Omnipotence:** God is all-powerful. The only limits to what He can do are His own character and will. (Gen. 17:1; 18:14; Ps. 62:11; 147:5; Jer. 32:17, 27; Matt. 19:26; Eph. 1:19-22; 3:20; Rev. 19:6)

- ❖ **Sovereignty:** God is the ultimate ruler over all creation. There is no higher authority, and He is in complete control. (Deut. 10:17; 2 Kings 19:15; 1 Chron. 29:11-12; Job 12:23; 25:2; Ps. 83:18; 93:1; 95:3-5; 97:9; 103:19; 113:4; 115:3; Prov. 16:4; Isa. 40:22-23; Dan. 4:3, 17, 25-26, 34-35; Eph. 1:20-22; 4:6; 1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 6:10)
- ❖ **Holiness:** God is righteous, perfect, and separated from all sin or evil. (Ex. 15:11; Lev. 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:26; 1 Sam. 6:20; Ps. 5:4; 99:3, 5, 9; Isa. 6:3; Hab. 1:13; 1 Peter 1:14-16; Rev. 4:8; 6:10; 15:4)
- ❖ **Righteousness (Justice):** In Greek and Hebrew they are both the same word. God always does what is right and is Himself the standard of what is right. (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 19:9; 89:14; 97:2; 145:17; Isa. 45:21; 61:8; Jer. 9:24; 11:20; Dan. 9:7, 14; Zeph. 3:5; Rom. 2:5; 3:25; Heb. 6:10; Rev. 15:3)
- ❖ **Wrath:** Closely related to holiness and justice, it means that God intensely hates all sin and evil. (Ex. 32:9-10; Deut. 9:7-8; 29:23; 2 Kings 22:13; Mark 3:4-5; John 3:36; Rom. 1:18; 2:5, 8; 5:9; 9:22; Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:5-6; 1 Thes. 1:10; 2:16; Heb. 3:7-11; 10:26-31; Rev. 6:16-17; 14:17-20; 19:15)
- ❖ **Goodness:** All that God does is worthy of approval. He is good and therefore the standard of goodness. (2 Chron. 5:13; Ps. 25:8; 34:8; 52:9; 86:5; 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:29; 119:68; 145:7, 9; Nahum 1:7; Luke 18:19)
- ❖ **Truthfulness:** He is the true God and all His knowledge and words are both true and the final standard of truth. (Ps. 31:5; 119:160; Jer. 10:10; John 14:6, 17; 17:3, 17; Heb. 6:18; 1 John 5:6, 20)
- ❖ **Faithfulness:** Trustworthiness and dependability. He always keeps His word. (Ex. 34:6; Num. 23:19; Deut. 7:9; 32:4; Josh. 23:14; Ps. 25:10; 33:4; 36:5; 57:10; 86:15; 89:1, 8, 14; 117:2; 119:90; 145:13; Isa. 25:1; Lam. 3:22-23; 2 Cor. 1:18; 1 Thes. 5:24; 2 Thes. 3:3; Heb. 10:23; 1 John 1:9)
- ❖ **Love:** God eternally and unconditionally gives of Himself to others. (Deut. 7:7-8; Ps. 36:5, 7; 57:10; 69:13; 86:15; 89:2, 14; 100:5; 103:8-13, 17; 108:4; 118:1-2; 145:8; John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 1:4-5; 2:4-5; 3:18-19; 1 John 3:1; 4:8, 10, 19; Jude 21)
- ❖ **Mercy (Grace):** God's generous and tenderhearted compassion on those who don't deserve it. (Deut. 4:31; 2 Sam. 24:14; Neh. 9:31; Ps. 25:6; 86:15; 103:8, 13; Dan. 9:9; Luke 6:36; Rom. 3:23-24; 2 Cor. 1:3-4; Eph. 2:4, 8-9; Titus 2:11; 3:5; James 5:11; 1 Peter 1:3; 5:10)