

According to the Bible,
What is God Like?

God has lovingly revealed Himself to man by providing us with a written description of Himself and His expectations in His Holy Word, the Bible. II Peter 1:2-4 promises that, “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” God says that each person who seeks to know Him has His promise of all that they will need for “life and godliness” or a godly life. John 17:3 explains further by saying, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” For this reason, let us consider a few of God’s attributes revealed throughout the Bible so that we can know God and understand His plan and expectations for our lives.

God is Love
John 4:7-8

- 7 Beloved, let us love one another:
for love is of God
and every one that loveth is born of God,
and knoweth God.**
- 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God;
for God is love.**

God reveals Himself to man as being all loving. He perfectly fulfills the true definition of love (charity) found in I Corinthians 13:4-8 which says, “Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth ...” Love can be summed up by saying “Love worketh no ill to his neighbour ...” (Romans 13:10). True love is self sacrificial and follows God’s example of love presented in Jesus

Christ when He died on the cross for every man. John 15:13 says, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” The God of the Bible has perfectly displayed His love, not by emotions or sentiments, but by self sacrifice by sending His Son to die on the cross for you.

God is Mercy
II Corinthians 1:3

Blessed be God,
even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies,
and the God of all comfort;

Because of God’s love, He is merciful and kind to all men. Daily He provides for the man’s basic needs, “... for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matthew 5:45). “For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations” (Psalm 100:5) Titus 3:4-7 describes God’s mercy to those who trust him as their personal Savior by saying, “But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” God is “the father of mercies” (II Corinthians 1:3).

God is Holy
Isaiah 6:3

... Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

God is holy or pure. Habakkuk 1:13 speaks plainly about God’s purity by saying, “Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity ...” (I Peter 1:16). Because of God’s holiness, He says to man, “Be ye holy; for I am holy” (I Peter 1:16) God’s holiness demands that He is separated from sin. For this reason, man, when he sins, chooses to be separated from his creator God. Therefore, the only way for man to be cleansed from his sin is by asking God for His forgiveness. David said, “Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight ... Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” (Psalm 51:4-7). This must also be the humble response of every individual in order to receive cleansing from their sins and enjoy a personal relationship with the one and only Holy God.

God is Righteous
Psalms 9:8

And he shall judge the world in righteousness,
he shall minister judgment to the people
in uprightness.

God always does right and therefore must always judge those who do wrong by sinning against Him. Because man’s works are always influenced by sin, the Bible says, “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...” (Isaiah 64:6). Jesus Christ stated, “That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:20). The Scribes and Pharisees followed every detail of the law, and yet they still violated God’s holiness and could not enter heaven on their own. The apostle Paul, who had been a Pharisee, after he realized that God’s righteousness far exceed his own and he would need to be rightfully judge by God, decided to not depend on his “own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith” (Philippians 3:9).

After looking at these four attributes of God, we might be confused as to how they can all work together. Love and mercy seem to contradict holiness and righteousness, but that is what is so special about God. He fulfills each of His attributes perfectly at all times. God’s holiness and righteousness have been violated by man’s sinfulness and Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death ...” God, knowing the payment of sin to be death, has in His love and mercy provided that payment through the perfect and eternal God-man, Jesus Christ. “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (I Corinthians 5:21). John 3 16 explains God’s plan very simply. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” God’s holiness has been violated by every person’s own sin, and His righteousness demands payment. So, God in His love, sent His Son, Jesus, to make the payment of death so that He could show mercy to everyone who will by faith trust in Him. Have you by faith accepted God’s love and received “the gift of God [which] is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23b). Simply pray and tell God that you understand that you have violated His holiness and deserve His judgement, but you are trusting in His gift of love through the death of Jesus Christ in order to experience His mercy of eternal life.

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The pamphlet you are reading represents our heart and teaching. Our desire is to study the Word of God to find the answers to life's questions so that we can apply them correctly to our day-to-day practices. We desire to share what we have learned with those who may have the same questions and have an interest in finding God's solutions.

In no way do we believe that we are better than anyone else or that we have secrets unavailable to everyone, but that God's Word promises that we have been given "all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (II Peter 1:3)

I Corinthians 2:12-13

12 Now we have received,
Not the spirit of the world,
But the spirit which is of God,
That we might know the things
that are freely given to us of God.
13 Which things also we speak,
Not in the words
which man's wisdom teacheth,
But which the Holy Ghost teacheth;
comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

We invite you to join us during our regular service times so that we can study God's Word together and find His answers to life's questions. We also encourage you to communicate with us at any time if we can help you personally with any spiritual questions you may be facing. Please, do not wait. Visit or communicate with us as soon as possible.

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Así que la fe es por el oír, y el oír, por la palabra de Dios. Romanos 10:17



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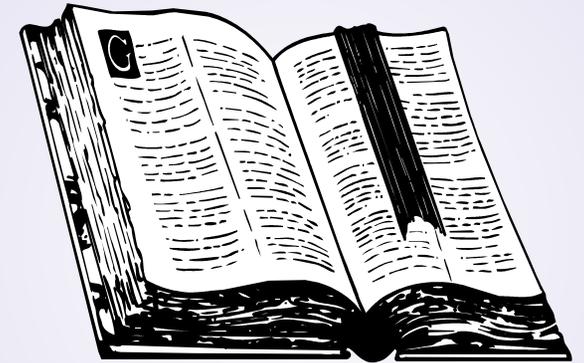
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Jeremiah 9:23-24

23 Thus saith the LORD,

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
neither let the mighty man glory in his might,
let not the rich man glory in his riches:



24 But let him that glorieth glory in this,
that he understandeth and knoweth me,
that I am the LORD
which exercise lovingkindness,
judgment, and righteousness, in the earth:
for in these things I delight,
saith the LORD.

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