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Introduction

To truly know God, we must understand His character as revealed in Scripture. The Bible describes Him with many attributes—some reflecting His limitless power, others His moral perfection, and still others His deep love for humanity. By studying these attributes, we grow in our faith, deepen our relationship with Him, and better understand His plans and purposes for our lives.

Each of God's attributes is perfect and unchanging. Unlike human characteristics that fluctuate with time and circumstances, God's nature remains the same from eternity past to eternity future. As we explore His attributes, let us stand in awe of who He is and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

GOD'S NATURE AND BEING

These attributes define God's essence—His eternal, infinite, and unchangeable nature.

1. Omnipotent – God is All-Powerful

God possesses unlimited power and authority over all creation. Nothing is beyond His ability, and no force can oppose His will.

"For with God nothing shall be impossible." (Luke 1:37)

2. Omniscient – God is All-Knowing

God has complete and perfect knowledge. He knows the past, present, and future, and nothing is hidden from Him. His wisdom is beyond human comprehension.

"Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite." (Psalm 147:5)

3. Omnipresent – God is Everywhere at All Times

There is no place in all creation where God is not present. Whether in the highest heavens or the depths of the earth, He is near to His people.

"Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" (Psalm 139:7)

4. Immutable – God is Unchanging

The Character of God

God does not change in His nature, character, or purposes. He remains steadfast, faithful, and true, unaffected by time or circumstances.

"For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." (Malachi 3:6)

5. Eternal – God Has No Beginning or End

Unlike all created things, God is not bound by time. He is from everlasting to everlasting, the Alpha and the Omega.

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." (Psalm 90:2)

6. Sovereign – God Reigns Over All

God exercises supreme authority over all things. He rules the universe, directing history according to His perfect plan.

"The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all." (Psalm 103:19)

II. GOD'S MORAL ATTRIBUTES

God's moral attributes define His absolute righteousness, holiness, and truth.

7. Holy – God is Perfectly Pure and Set Apart

God is completely without sin, separate from all that is impure. His holiness demands reverence and worship.

"Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Exodus 15:11)

8. Just – God is Righteous and Fair

God always acts in righteousness and justice. He cannot be bribed, swayed, or corrupted. His judgments are true and fair.

"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Genesis 18:25)

9. Truthful – God Cannot Lie

God is the source of all truth. Every word He speaks is true, and His promises are certain.

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent." (Numbers 23:19)

10. Righteous – God Acts in Perfect Moral Integrity

Everything God does is right, just, and good. He defines what is morally pure.

"The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works." (Psalm 145:17)

III. GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

God's love, grace, and mercy are central to His dealings with humanity.

11. Loving – God's Love is Unconditional and Eternal

God's love is sacrificial and unchanging. He loves not because we are worthy, but because He is love.

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." (1 John 4:8)

12. Merciful – God Shows Compassion to Sinners

God does not treat us as our sins deserve but offers forgiveness and compassion.

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy." (Psalm 103:8)

13. Gracious – God Extends Undeserved Favor

Salvation is not earned; it is a gift of God's grace.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

14. Forgiving – God Pardons Sin

God delights in forgiving those who turn to Him in repentance.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

15. Long-Suffering – God is Patient with Sinners

God's patience gives time for repentance.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

IV. GOD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CREATION

God actively engages with His creation, providing, healing, and protecting His people.

16. Provider – God Supplies All Our Needs

God takes care of His children, supplying physical and spiritual needs.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

17. Healer – God Restores and Strengthens

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up wounds.

"For I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Exodus 15:26)

18. Redeemer – God Saves and Rescues

God delivers His people from sin and destruction.

"I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee." (Isaiah 44:22)

19. Comforter – God Gives Peace in Trials

God consoles the hurting and gives strength in times of distress.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort." (2 Corinthians 1:3)

20. Refuge – God is a Safe Shelter

In times of trouble, God is our strong tower.

"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble." (Psalm 9:9)

CONCLUSION

The character of God is vast, beyond full human comprehension, yet revealed to us in Scripture so that we may know Him. Each of His attributes is perfectly balanced—His justice does not negate His mercy, His power does not override His love, and His sovereignty does not cancel out His compassion.

As we meditate on who God is, let us respond in worship, trust, and obedience. He is not a distant deity but a personal, loving Father who invites us to know Him. Let us seek Him with all our hearts, for He alone is worthy of our devotion and praise.