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What is God Like?

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Lecture Six: The Attributes of God

Introduction:

Power is God's hand or arm; Omniscience His eye; Mercy His bowels; Eternity His duration but Holiness is His beauty – Stephen Charnock

God is....

1. ...simplicity/spirituality
God is uncompounded, incomplex, indivisible, unique and spirit in essential being
John 1:18; John 4:24; I Tim. 1:17; I Tim. 6:15-16
2. ...unity
God is one
Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:6
3. ...infinity
God is without termination and finitude
I Kings 8:27; Ps. 145:3; Acts 17:24
4. ...eternity
God is free from succession of time
Gen. 21:33; Ps. 90:2; I Tim. 1:17
5. ...immutability/constancy
God is unchanging and unchangeable in his being
Ps. 102:27; Mal. 3:6; James 1:17; Deut. 32:4; Rom. 11:29; Ps. 33:11; Heb. 13:8; Heb. 1:12; Isa. 26:4; Jer. 10:10; Rev. 1:8
6. ...omnipresence
God is present everywhere
Ps. 139:7-12; Jer. 23:23-24
7. ...Sovereignty
God is the supreme ruler, independent of any authority outside of Himself
Eph.1:21; Ps. 135:6; Daniel 4:35; Ps. 29:10; Hab. 3:19; Jer. 32:17; 2 Sam. 7:22

8. ...Omniscience
God knows all actual and possible things
Ps. 139:1-4; Ps. 147:4-5; Luke 12:6-7; Matt. 10:30; Gen. 50:20; Jer. 1:5
9. ...Omnipotence
God is all powerful
Matt. 19:26; Rev. 19:6
10. ...justice
God has moral equity; He does not show favoritism
Acts 10:34-35; Rom. 2:11; Isa. 33:22; Isa. 43:3-4
11. ...love
God seeks the highest good of humans at His own infinite costs
Ps. 103:17; Eph. 2:4-5; I John 4:8,10; Eph. 3:17-19; Ps. 103:17-18
12. ...benevolent
God has unselfish concern for the welfare of those He loves
Deut. 7:7-8; John 3:16; Rom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9
13. ...grace
God supplies those He loves with undeserved favors according to their need
Exod. 34:6; Eph. 1:5-8; Titus 2:11; Deut. 9:4
14. ...goodness
that which constitutes the character of God and is shown by benevolence, mercy and grace
Exod. 33:19; Ps. 145:9; Ps. 139:23-24; 2 Cor. 12:9-10
15. ...freedom
God is independent from His creatures
Ps. 115:3; Isa. 40:23; Dan.4:35
16. ...holiness
God is righteous, perfect, set apart or separate from all sin or evil
I Pet. 1:16; Lev. 11:44; Lev. 19:2; Hab. 1:13; Isa. 6:2-3; Exodus 15:11;
Ps. 96:9; Ezek. 38:23; Ezek. 36:25;
17. ...righteousness
Holiness applied to relationships; God's law and His actions are exactly right
Ps. 19:7-9; Jer. 9:24a; Deut. 1:16-17; Ps. 36:5-6; Rom. 3:22; Isa. 45:8



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18. ...truth
Agreement and consistency with all that is represented by God Himself
John 14:6; John 17:3; John 1:14; John 18:38

19. ...genuineness
God is real/true
Jer. 10:5-10; John 17:3

20. ...veracity
God speaks the truth and is trustworthy
I Sam. 15:29; John 17:17, 19; Heb. 6:18; Titus 1:2

21. ...faithfulness
God proves true; He keeps His promises
Num. 23:19; Ps. 89:2; I Thess. 5:24; Ps. 138:2; Ps. 36:5-6

22. ...personality
God is personal. He has self-cognizance, will, intellect, self-determination
Exod. 3:14; Gen. 3

23. ...life
God is life and the ultimate source of all of life
Exod. 3:14; Jer. 10:10; John 5:26

24. ...mercy
God's tenderhearted showing compassion toward the miserable, needy people He loves and also His not bringing on fallen people what they deserve
Exod. 3:6-7, 17; Ps. 103:13; Matt. 9:36; Ps. 130:3-4; Ps. 145:8-9, 14; I Pet. 1:3

25. ...persistence
God's long-suffering nature and His patience toward His people
Ps. 86:15; Rom. 2:4; Rom. 9:22