



The Person of God

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Introduction

The study of God has been the ambition of philosophers, etc., for millennia. Some sit and meditate and try to think into the realm of the eternal Being. The only true knowledge about God can be gained from the Bible.

- John 1:18 "No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him."
- 1 John 4:12 "No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us."
- Exodus 33:20 (God speaking to Moses) "But He said, 'You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.'"
- Exodus 33:23 "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

Moses talked to God and saw a part of Him but did not see the Lord's face. Jesus who is God's Son came from heaven to reveal the Father God to us. Jesus speaking to Philip in John 14:7-11 says that Jesus is the revelation of God. Pagan wisdom says "Man, know thyself", but Jesus says, "Man, learn of the Father".

John 17:3 tells us that to know God and Christ His Son is to have eternal life, "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

I. God's Personality

Personality is characterized by possessing knowledge, feeling and will power. An idol is devoid of personality for it neither knows, feels nor responds. Our God is an individual that is living and has definite characteristics. God is a Person. He is not an influence or unseen force or power like electricity.

- Jeremiah 10:10, "But the Lord is the true God, He is the living God."
- Acts 14:15, "...turn from these vanities unto the living God."
- 1 Thessalonians 1:9, "...how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God."
- 2 Chronicles 16:9, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect." The moving eyes denote life and personality unknown to idols or false gods.
- Psalm 94:11, "The Lord knows the thoughts of man," that is, He has knowledge.

II. God's Nature

God is a Spirit. A spirit is a ghost – it has neither flesh, bones nor blood.

- Luke 24:39, "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have."
- John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."
- 1 Timothy 1:17, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God."
- 1 Timothy 6:16, speaking of God, "...who only has immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man has seen, nor can see."

III. God's Unity

The Lord our God is one God in contrast to the plurality of pagan gods.

- Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord."
- Isaiah 44:6, "Thus says 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."
- Isaiah 45:21, "...and there is no God else beside Me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside Me."

IV. God's Natural Attributes

An attribute is a quality, property or unique characteristic of something. We reason that to be God, He must possess certain basic qualities. These include the following:

1. He is eternal. To be the true God, He must have neither beginning nor ending. An idol is disqualified for it was made by someone, thus it had a beginning.
 - Psalm 90:2, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."
 - 1 Timothy 1:17, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal." (also see Psalm 102:24, 27; Isaiah 57:15)
 - Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, God..." God has always existed.
2. He is unchangeable. God is so constituted that He cannot change.
 - 1 Samuel 15:29 "And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; for He is not a man, that He should repent."
 - Malachi 3:6, "For I am the Lord, I change not"
 - James 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."
3. He possesses all power (omnipotent). To lack this He could not be God.
 - Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." – creative power
 - Genesis 1:3 "And god said, let there be light; and there was light." Power by speaking
 - Man makes things out of existing materials. God creates out of non-existent materials, objects that are good and perfect. Genesis 1:4 "It was good."
 - Job 42:2 "I know that You can do every thing" – Job speaking to God.
 - Psalm 33:9 "For He spoke and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast."
 - Jeremiah 32:27, "Behold I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for Me?" Certainly not, for He can do anything or everything.
4. He is present everywhere at one and the same time (omnipresent). 1 Kings 8:27
 - Psalm 139:7-9 "Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend up into heave, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall You hand lead me."
 - Jeremiah 23:23 "Am I a God at hand, says the Lord, and not a God afar off?"
 - Ephesians 1:23 "Which is His body, the fullness of Him that fills all in all."
5. He has all knowledge (Omniscient). Nothing is hidden from the Lord.
 - 1 Chronicles 28:9, ""As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever."
 - 2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly;

therefore from now on you shall have wars.’”

- Psalm 94:11 “The Lord knows the thoughts of man, That they are futile.”
- Daniel 2:20 “The Lord knows the thoughts of man, That they are futile.”
- Job 42:2 “The Lord knows the thoughts of man, That they are futile.”
- Isaiah 42:28 “Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.”

V. God’s Moral Attributes

God is:

1. Holy
2. Righteous
3. Merciful
4. Love
5. Faithful

Also God is:

- Glorious
- Longsuffering
- Compassionate
- Unsearchable
- Good
- Immutable
- True
- Incorruptible
- Consuming fire
- Gracious
- Jealous
- Great
- Invisible
- Upright
- Light
- Perfect
- Immortal
- None like Him

Conclusion

Love Him. Worship Him. Serve Him. Obey Him. Fear Him.