

WHO ARE YOU, LORD?

LEARNING ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

God is Eternal & Sovereign. It is the "Elohim" who by His mighty power created the vast universe; who says, and it is done; who brings into being what was not; by whose word the worlds were formed so that things which are seen were not made of things which appear. Isaiah 40:28-29

God is Self-Existent. "I AM WHO I AM" only belongs to Yahweh. Yahweh merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth; keeping loving kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Psalm 89:15-17

God is Majestic. "Omnipotent" The word "majesty", when applied to God is always a declaration of His greatness and an invitation to worship.

1 Chronicles 29:11-13, Jeremiah 32:17-18

The One True God. God is Creator of all that is, in contrast with idols made of metal, wood or stone. Apart from Him there is no God. Isaiah 45 5-7, Romans 8:9-11

God is Holy. Holiness is the beauty of all God's attributes. Because God is Holy He hates all sin. He loves everything which is in conformity to His law and loathes everything that is contrary to it. 1 Peter 1:14-16

God Doesn't Change. "Immutable" God can never cease to be what He is. God's life doesn't change: His character doesn't change, His truth doesn't change, His ways do not change, His purposes do not change and God's Son does not change. Psalm 90:2, James 1:17

God is my Provider. "Yahweh Jireh" God stopped Abraham from sacrificing his own son on Mt Moriah. God provided an offering which was already there. This looks forward to the day when God allowed his own Son to be sacrificed, the Lamb of God provided for us. Genesis 22:14

God is Love. Love is God's very nature. Because God is God, He does as He pleases; because God is love, He loves whom He pleases. Spiritual blessings are the principal gifts of Divine love. Ephesians 3:16-18

God who Heals. "Yahweh Rophe" The One who alone has the remedy for the sins of mankind, the balm for the sorrows and sufferings of His people. Exodus 15:22-26, Isaiah 53:4-5

God with us. "Yahweh Shammah" In Old Testament times both tabernacle and Temple were the place of His abode and His visible manifestation. In the New Testament Jesus came and dwelt with us, went through experiences of life as we do and suffered death on the cross for us. Psalm 89:15-17

God is Jesus. Jesus has shielded us from retributive justice by becoming our representative substitute, in obedience to His Father's will, and receiving the wages of sin in our place. The sins of all that will ever be pardoned were judged and punished in the person of God the Son. 2 Timothy 2:11-13

God Forgives us. God lays the foundations of our restored relationship with Him by forgiving our sins as we trust His Son. He does so in order that we might live in fellowship with Him; to make us capable of love, trust, delight, hope and obedience toward Him. Romans 8:1-5

God is our Righteousness. "Yahweh-Tsidkenu" This is the measure of our acceptance before God; cleansed in the blood of the Lamb; clothed with the white robe of the righteousness of our Lord Jesus. Matthew 5:6, 1 Peter 2:24

God Hears us. Jesus says, "I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it." John 16:24

God is our Father. To those who are Christ's, the holy God is a loving father; they belong to His family; they may approach Him without fear, and always be sure of His fatherly concern and care. Sonship to God is a supernatural gift which one received through receiving Jesus. John 1:12-13

God is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit abides with the church to testify of Christ; opening blinded eyes, restoring spiritual vision, enabling sinners to see that the gospel is indeed God's truth and Scripture is indeed God's Word and Christ is indeed God's Son. John 16:7, Romans 8:16

God is our Peace. "Yahweh Shalom" God could never give to others a peace that passes understanding if He were not perfect, unending peace Himself; God's Peace is in His Presence. Romans 5:1, Philippians 4:6,7

God is our Shepherd. "Yahweh-Rohi" Yahweh as Shepherd offers His people the intimacy of His presence. It's the word for friend in Exodus 33:11. It signifies to associate with, take pleasure in, to cherish as something treasured. Isaiah 40:10-11, Isaiah 53:6-7, John 10:11

God Knows Us. Just as there are no bounds to His presence with me, so there are no limits to His knowledge of me. Just as I am never left alone, so I never go unnoticed. Psalm 139

God is our Lord. "Adoni" All God's people must acknowledge themselves as His servants, recognising His right to command their lives. Psalm 73:25-26

God is Patient & Gracious. Think how God has borne with you, and still bears with you, when so much in your life is unworthy of Him, learn to marvel at His patience, and seek grace to imitate it in your dealings with others. Romans 8:28

God Guides us. The basic form of divine guidance is the presentation to us of positive ideals as guidelines for all our living. Be the kind of person Jesus was; Seek the virtues that lead to rightness with God; Know your responsibilities and fulfill them. Romans 12:2, Jeremiah 29:11, Proverbs 3:5,6

God our Strength. "Yahweh Nissi" God's presence is indispensable for victory and success. Keeping our eyes on Jesus we may go from strength to strength with each victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 6:11-18

God is our Victory. God allows our faith in Him to be tested through opposition and discouraging influences as much as we are able to bear. He thus builds our character, strengthens our faith and prepares us to help others.

2 Chronicles 32:7-8a, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Revelation 22:12-13

SUGGESTION - As you think about these aspects of God's Character, pray through them using the following attitudes:

- 1) Adoration
- 2) Confession
- 3) Thanksgiving
- 4) Supplication

Father, thank You for the wealth of love You have lavished upon me, that I should be Your child. I love You and deeply appreciate that You are strong, yet tenderly affectionate; You are exalted, yet personally involved with me. Thank You that You care enough to establish guidelines and expect obedience. I bow before You as the great, majestic ruler of the universe, and acknowledge how weak and insignificant I am compared to You, how dependent I am on Your goodness and mercy, how far short I fall of Your glory, and how grateful I am for Your forgiveness and Your warm welcome! W & R Myers

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