

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Hebrews 10:30-31; 1 Timothy 6:17; 4:10; Romans 9:26; Acts 14:15; Matthew 16:16; Daniel 6:26; Psalms 42:1-3; 84:2; Joshua 3:10

Introduction: An "attribute" is some characteristic that is permanent and distinguishes a thing or a person from other things or persons, such as a rose is different from a person. God has a large number, probably an uncountable and unknown number of attributes which set Him apart from all other things persons and imaginations of mankind.

How can God, who created all things be Someone that we can know personally and even have free access to and who cares for us? There are human beings that we do not have free access to, like the president of the United States and yet we can go to God at any time.

God is not out there somewhere far off but is God whom we can know and have fellowship with. True, He can hurt us, destroy us but He loves us and knows all things and always acts on behalf of our best interest. God has intelligence, purpose, freedom, self-consciousness, emotion, Spirit and wants to be our Heavenly Father.

GOD IS NOT THE FIGMENT OF SOMEONE'S IMAGINATION, GOD IS LIVING

- 1. God has all wisdom.** He is not an insensitive "thing." God is someone to whom we can relate to no matter how smart or dumb we are, no matter what level we are on, God can/will relate to us.
- 2. God is sensitive.** We have a "Father-Child" relationship with God and He feels what we feel. He understands our ups and downs and is very sensitive to our acts of disobedience. God hurts for us.
- 3. God is free to do whatever.** God is not locked into a set of "man-made" rules and ideas of how we think He should act and be. **It is God who made the rules and laws - NOT people!**
- 4. God speaks to people.** God listens to us in our prayers and speaks to us through His written word, through others, and sometimes directly in an audible way to us. (*Deuteronomy 5:6*)
- 5. God helps those who believe in His Son, Jesus.** Every Christian has been helped at one time or other by God. (*Joshua 3:10*)
- 6. God causes others to love one another as He loves them.** People, through the centuries, have given their lives for God and for others and for His Word. (*Psalms 42:1-3*)
- 7. God is always true to His Word and is everlasting God.** God will always be as He was and is and will always do what He has said. (*Jeremiah 10:10*)
- 8. God is to be feared.** Indeed God is full of love, but He is also a God of judgment as well and every person will one day stand before Him and be judged. (*Daniel 6:26*)
- 9. God loves us so much that He sent His Son to die for us.** God loves us so much that He gave His Son, Jesus to become a substitute for us and because of His death, God can now forgive us and give us eternal life. (*Matthew 16:16*)

- 10. God is responsible for the heavens and the earth.** God is not something that "evolved" into live as man thinks the heavens and earth and mankind came into being. God has always been and all life and things come from Him. (*Acts 14:15*)
- 11. God is the Father of many "Children."** By believing in God's Son, Jesus, who died on a cross, God accepts that person into His "Family" as a son/daughter. God becomes that person's Heavenly Father. (*Romans 9:26*)
- 12. God is man's Savior as well as God.** God not only gave His Son, Jesus, but Jesus was and is God as much as God the Father is. God died for our wrong that we might have eternal life with Him. (*1 Timothy 4:10*)
- 13. God should be trusted in instead of worldly things and wealth.** God is responsible for all that we call "ours" and all that we are and have and God can take it away as easily as He allowed us to have it. We are not to trust in things accumulated from/through the world, but trust in what God has given to us. God is the place/person/one for us to put all our trust in. (*1 Timothy 6:17*)
- 14. God will one day judge those who never become His Children.** Indeed God will judge those who never became one of His Children by believing in His Son, Jesus, but God will also hold those who have believed in His Son, been saved, accountable for their works and actions after being saved. (*Hebrews 10:30-31*)
- 15. God actually indwells His Children.** God did more than just create us, He did more than just save us, God also indwells each and every believer in His Son, Jesus. God is never absent from living within His Children. (*2 Corinthians 6:16*)

CONCLUSION:

1. Why do people worship sticks, stones, planets, things they make with their hands when they can worship the real, true, only, living God who loves them so much?
2. God put within every human heart a space that only He can occupy and yet people try to fill that empty space with false gods, careers, wealth, material things, fame, everything in the world except God.
3. Anything that is made a priority before God is an Idol. What about your own life? What do you put before God? Call it what you may, but if you have to put God behind or after something, then that is an idol.
4. God loves us so much, why in the world do we allow things, people, even our own interests to take us away from fellowship with God? It is God who is really interested in our needs, our hurts, our joys, our trials, our learning, everything about us, God is interested in us and can actually do something for us.
5. Joshua said, a long time ago, "*...as for me and my house, we will serve the (living) God.*" So, how will it be with you?