

THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

Genesis 1:1, 26, 27

Introduction: The Bible is the Revelation of God to man. Within its pages God is found and His reason for revealing Himself to us. Remarkably man has some of God's traits, but in far lesser amounts and we handle these traits in a lesser manner than God, and have distorted these similar traits through our sin, but, we are still similar:

- We are similar in Personality (love, truth, faithfulness, holiness, justice)
- We are similar in Spirit (must worship God in Spirit and in truth), the invisible, inner person.
- We are similar in Power to Reason.
- We are similar in Being (intellect, sensibility, will).

What does God want us to know about Himself?

I. HOW GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO US

1. By the material and animal creation: Ps. 19:1-4; Ro. 1:19-20: *the heavens declare it; the earth shows it; there is no excuse for man to not know God.*
2. By the nature and makeup of man: Gen. 1:26-27; Acts 17:28-29: *made in God's image; in God mankind lives and moves and is God's offspring.*
3. By the direct revelation to man: Gen. 6:13, etc: *spoke directly to Noah, Moses, prophets, etc.*
4. By the miracles: Deut. 4:33-35; Jn. 10:38: *the wilderness miracles; Jesus' miracles; Apostles'*
5. By the life of God's people: 1 Pet. 2:9: *chosen, royal, priesthood, holy, peculiar, called out*
6. By the Bible itself: Heb. 1:1; 2 Tim. 3:16: *the word was given by prophets, Jesus; all inspired by God, Himself.*
7. By the Lord Jesus, Himself: Jn. 1:18; Jn. 14:8-9: *Jesus spoke of the Father; Jesus is God!*

II. HIS ATTRIBUTES

1. His Personality:
 - He is living: Deut. 5:26; Heb. 10:31: *people heard His voice; bad to fall into the hands of the living God.*
 - He is intelligent: 1 Sam. 2:3; Prov. 3:19-20: *He is a God of knowledge; by His wisdom He founded the earth..*
 - He is purposive: Isa. 14:26-27; Eph. 3:11: *He stretched out His hand in purpose; He had an eternal purpose in Jesus.*
 - He is active: Dan. 6:27; Jn. 5:17: *He delivers and rescues, works signs and wonders; Jesus said God, the Father worked, so He worked also.*
 - He is free: Dan. 4:35; Eph. 1:11: *All mankind is as nothing, God does as He wills; God works all things according to His will.*

- He is conscious of Himself: Ex. 3:14: *"I am, that I am..."*
 - He is emotional: Ps. 5:5; Isa. 63:9: *God hates workers of iniquity; has love and pity and He redeems the lost.*
 - He is Spirit: Jn. 4:24: *God is Spirit and must be worshiped in Spirit and in Truth.*
2. His Unity: Isa. 44:6; Mk. 12:29: *"I am the first and the last, there is none beside Me..."; The Lord is One Lord.*
3. His Greatness:
- He is self-existent: Jn. 5:26:
 - He is eternal: Deut. 33:27; Isa. 57:15: *The eternal God is our refuge, having everlasting arms; He inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy.*
 - He is unchangeable: Mal. 3:6; Jam. 1:17: *I am the Lord, I change not; there is no variability.*
 - He is omnipresent: Ps. 139:7-10; Jere. 23:24: *where shall one flee from His presence? God fills the earth and heavens.*
 - He is Omniscient: Job. 37:16; 1 Jn. 3:20: *God is perfect in knowledge; God knoweth all things.*
 - He is omnipotent: Mt. 19:25-26; Rev. 19:6: *With God, all things are possible; The Lord omnipotent reigneth.*
 - He is perfect: Ps. 18:30; Mt. 5:48: *His way is perfect; Be ye perfect as your Father is perfect.*
 - He is infinite: Ps. 147:5; Ps. 40:5: *His understanding is infinite; His thoughts are more than can be numbered.*
 - He is independent: *There is no god, but God, there is no other.*
 - He is Incomprehensible: Ps. 145:3; Ro. 11:33: *His greatness is unsearchable; His ways past finding out; the depth of His wisdom and knowledge unknoweable.*
4. His Goodness:
- He is Holy: Isa. 6:1-5; 1 Pet. 15-18: *Holy is the Lord of Hosts; He which calleth you is Holy.*
 - He is true: Jn. 17:3: *the only true God brings life eternal through His Son, Jesus.*
 - He is love: 1 Jn. 4:7-10: *Love is of God; God hath loved us.*
 - He is just: Rom. 3:26: *God justifies those who believe in Jesus Christ, His Son.*
 - He is faithful: Deut. 7:9; 1 thess. 5:24: *He is God, thy faithful God, to those who love Him; Faithful is He that calleth you.*
 - He is merciful: Deut. 4:31; 2 Cor. 1:3: *God is a merciful God and will not fosake thee; and is called "The Father of Mercies."*
5. His Tri-unity:
- He is the Father: Jn. 6:27: *God, the Father, seals those who are in Jesus, for eternity.*
 - He is the Son: Jn. 10:30: *"Jesus said, I and my Father are One."*
 - He is the Spirit: Jn. 15:26: *The Comforter (the Spirit of Truth) proceeds from the Father.*

CONCLUSION

1. Do you accept the Bible as the Word of God?
2. It reveals God as Creator of all we are and have. What can we do less than love and act for Him?