

The Doctrine of God

Various scriptures

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." John 1:1-3

In your opinion, what are some common misunderstandings people have about God?

*God is not _____.

*God knows my _____, therefore I have a pass.

*There are many ways to be _____.

We also tend to stumble and doubt God over questions like, "Who is God?" "When was God born?" "Where is God?" "Why does God allow sickness or death?" "How do you know there is a God?"

Although God is inexhaustible, incomprehensible, and one we cannot totally fathom, we can still know Him truly. The only way to know Him truly is through His Word. Psalm 19:7-14

It's also important to note, the Bible is not written to _____ God exists, it simply states that He does as the one and only true God. It is for man to determine whether or not we will believe and trust Him completely.

Psalm 14:1; James 2:19

● Who is GOD?

Creator:

He is the personal _____ and Lord of the universe, the _____ of His people, the ultimate author and principal subject of scripture, and the object of the church's confession, worship and service.

Cross References: Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 33:6; 148:5

The opening verses of scripture not only begin with the affirmation of God's _____ but also of God's unique action in speaking the universe into being out of nothing.

As you reflect on all that God created in 6 days, what are two ways we can honor Him through His creation?

*Being good _____ of the _____.

*Taking care of _____.

Lord:

God is both superior over and immanent in His world. As we read the Bible, we discover that God is presented as the Lord who is exalted _____ and _____ His world.

Cross References: 1 Kings 8:27; Psalm 7:17; 9:2; 21:7; 97:9

In these verses we see God's distinction and separateness from His creation giving Him complete lordship over it/us. What does this mean?

God is...

Eternal: To be the true God, God must have neither _____ nor _____. God always was in the past and He will always be in the future. God had no beginning and His existence will never end. He is the Alpha and Omega. Psalm 90:2

Immutable: This means God will not forget and change His promises, He cannot lie, or sin. He does not get older in age. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Malachi 3:6

All powerful: (Omnipotent) Omni= ALL; God has all power. If God did not have all power He would not be God. God has more power than all of the powers of the world. God is _____ than Satan, sin, and death. No one, nation, or thing is greater than God. He is the sovereign ruler. Job 42:2

All seeing: (Omnipresent) God is everywhere at the same time. God is not far from all of us. A person may be able to hide things from family and friends, but we cannot hide anything from the sight of God. Psalm 139:7-10

All knowing: (Omniscience) God knows all things. He knows the amount of hair you have, the number and names of the stars, and our thoughts and desires. He knows the answers to all the problems. He does not need a _____ or a counselor to increase learning or wisdom because He is God. Therefore we can trust the wisdom and knowledge of God. Isaiah 41:13-14

Just: God is no respecter of persons in the sense of showing _____. Since He is all powerful, all seeing, and all knowing, His justice will always be administered fairly. Psalm 139:1-5

Righteous: God cannot and will not overlook wrongdoing. It was because God's righteousness and justice that in order for our sins to be forgiven, Jesus had to endure God's wrath when our sins were placed on Him. Romans 3:21-26

Holy: God is completely _____ from all moral defilement and is hostile towards it. At the sight of evil and wickedness God is angered. Therefore

He is a consuming fire that will destroy all those who reject Him and continue in sin.
Revelation 14:10

Gracious: God's grace includes His goodness, kindness, mercy, and _____.
If it were not for God's grace, His holiness would exclude us from His presence. It
is because of His grace that He desires to know us personally. 1 Peter 1:3

One: There is no other God who is able to meet the deepest needs and longings of
our hearts. He is the _____ true God. In summation, God alone is self-existent,
self-sufficient, and in need of nothing outside of Himself. Therefore He alone is to
be worshiped, trusted, and obeyed. Deuteronomy 4:6; Isaiah 42:8

**As you consider all of these attributes of God, which ones are you encouraged by
and drawn to the most and why?**

Names of God:

The word El in the Bible is a reference to deity and as a synonym for Yahweh. One
of the most interesting uses of El is its alliance with other terms to reveal the
character of God.

- **El-Shaddai:** "God of the mountains", or " _____ God"; Genesis 17:1-2
- **El-Elyon:** "The most High God" or "Exalted One"; Melchizedek was a priest of
El-Elyon and blessed Abraham in this name. Genesis 14:19-20
- **El-Olam:** "God of Eternity" or God the Everlasting One"; Genesis 21:33 God's
sovereignty extends through the passing of _____ and beyond our
ability to see or understand.
- **El-Berith:** "God of the Covenant" Judges 9:46; This transforms the Canaanite
Baal Berith to show God alone makes and keeps covenant.
- **El-Roi:** "God who sees me" or "God of vision"; God sees the needs of His people
and responds. Genesis 16:13
- **Elohim:** Plural form of deity and majesty. Genesis 1:26

Other uses of El...

*Isra-el: (One who is _____ by God)

*Beth-el: (_____ of God)

*Peni-el: (Face of God)

*Eloi: When Jesus cried out from the cross He said, Eloi, Eloi which is, My God, My
God taken from Psalm 22

Of these names, which one encourages you to have a closer walk with our Heavenly Father?

More Names

The name Yahweh in the Bible is the covenant name for God. These names were so unique and powerful that God formed a covenant with His people based upon His self-revelation.

- **Yahweh-Jireh:** “The Lord will _____”; Abraham gave this name when God provided a lamb to sacrifice in the place of Isaac. Genesis 22:14
- **Yahweh-Nissi:** “The Lord is my banner”; Moses ascribed this name to God after a victory over the Amalekites. The Lord’s name to them was a battle cry. Exodus 17:15
- **Yahweh-Mekaddesh:** “The Lord sanctifies”; God calls for a people who are set _____ from the world. Exodus 31:13
- **Yahweh-Shalom:** “The Lord is peace”; This was the name of the altar that Gideon built at Ophrah signifying that God brings well being not death to His people. Judges 6:24
- **Yahweh-Saboath:** “The Lord of hosts” or “The Lord Almighty” This is a representation of God’s _____. 1 Samuel 1:3
- **Yahweh-Rohi:** “The Lord is my shepherd”; God is the one who provides loving care for His people. Psalm 23:1
- **Yahweh-Tsidkenu:** “The Lord is our righteousness” Jeremiah gave this name to God, the righteous king, after they returned from captivity. Jeremiah 23:5-6
- **Yahweh-Shammah:** “The Lord is there”; This is the name of God associated with the restoration of Jerusalem. Ezekiel 48:35

Jehovah is used interchangeably with Yahweh;

Of these names, which one could you see yourself using to encourages others in their relationship with God?

“Peace on the outside comes from knowing God on the inside.”