



Attributes / Characteristics of God

*God stretches the northern sky over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing. He wraps the rain in his thick clouds, and the clouds don't burst with the weight. He covers the face of the moon, shrouding it with his clouds. He created the horizon when he separated the waters: he set the boundary between day and night. The foundations of heaven tremble; they shudder at his rebuke. By his power the sea grew calm. By his skill he crushed the great sea monster. His Spirit made the heavens beautiful, and his power pierced the gliding serpent. These are just the beginning of all that he does, merely a whisper of his power. Who, then, can comprehend the thunder of his power." **Job 26:7-14***

*"I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you." **John 14:18***

*"When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." **Psalms 34:17-18***

God is Three in One: The Trinity

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit

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Our faith is informed by and hinges upon the truth of the Trinity. - Mary Wiley

- God the Father - primary role is creation
- God the Son- primary role is salvation
- God the Holy Spirit- primary role is sanctification

God is Holy

*"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.' At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke." **Isaiah 6:1-4***

*"Immediately I was in the Spirit, and there was a throne in heaven and someone was seated on it. The one seated there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian stone. A rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald surrounded the throne. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones sat twenty-four elders dressed in white clothes, with golden crowns on their heads. Flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder came from the throne. Seven fiery torches were burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. Something like a sea of glass, similar to crystal, was also before the throne. Four living creatures covered with eyes in front and in back were around the throne on each side. The first living creature was like a lion; the second living creature was like an ox; the third living creature had a face like a man; and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings; they were covered with eyes around and inside. Day and night they never stop, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come." **Revelation 4:1-8***





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1. What does it mean to you that God is holy?
2. How do we diminish this attribute of God? What is the danger in doing so?

God is Creator

“Lord, through all the generations you have been our home! Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God.” Psalm 90:1-2

*He is the uncreated Creator, infinite in His existence and His attributes.
He is infinitely good, infinitely holy, and infinitely faithful.
He is all-powerful and all-knowing.
He is infinitely transcendent - distinct from and superior to humanity.
And in his infinite love, God chose to create.*

- Mary Wiley

God is a Promise Keeper

Noahic Covenant	Genesis 9:8-11
Abrahamic Covenant	Genesis 17:1-14
Davidic Covenant	2 Samuel 7:12-16
New Covenant	Jeremiah 31:31-34

God is a Good Father

The Prodigal Son returns
Luke 15:11-32

*The Father lavishly forgives those who were once far away
and generously reinstates them as sons and daughters.*

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----- Discussion -----

1. In what ways does God receive glory in your life?
2. How is Jesus the fulfilment of every promise of God?
3. Why does what you believe about God matter?

