

Attributes of God

Introduction

Hosea 6:3a

*Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn ... (ESV)*

The Scripture affirms the knowability of God.

To Know God;

- Is Our Chief End (Jer. 9:23-24)
- Is a matter of life and death (John 17:3)
- Is necessary to worship Him rightly (John 4:23-24)
- Leads to godliness (Lk. 6:36, 1 Peter 1:15-16)

Categories on the Doctrine of God (Theology Proper):

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| 1) Names of God | 3) Attributes of God | 5) Persons of the Godhead |
| 2) Being of God | 4) Works of God | |

A Few Introductory Juxtapositions:

- Incomprehensible and Knowable
- Transcendent and Immanent
- Affirmation and Negation
- Communicable and Incommunicable

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 4.

What is God?

A. God is a **Spirit**, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

God is Spirit

John 4:24

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” (ESV)

Meaning – God does not have a body like men.

God is Incorporeal – (Deut. 4:12; Psalm 139:7)

“God is infinite, He has no body and therefore no boundaries to His being.” – Gerald Bray, *The Attributes of God*, pg. 30.

*Note: Anthropomorphic language (Is. 59:1, 2 Chron. 16:9)

God is Invisible – (John 6:45b-46, 1 Tim. 1:17, 6:15b-16; Heb. 11:27; 1 John 4:12)

- Q: Can you see God?

- A: ___

- Q: Has God made Himself visible?

- A: ___

○ O.T. Manifestations (Ex. 3:2-6, Is. 6:1; Daniel 3:25)

○ The Incarnation (John 1:14,18; Col. 1:15)

For Further Study:

Gerald Bray, *The Attributes of God: An Introduction*.

Paul Washer, *Knowing the Living God: Workbook*.

Brad Klaasen, *No One Like Him*, Lesson 5: Spirituality.