

# **THE NATURE & ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**

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## **Who Is God?**

- 1) Trinity
- 2) Self-Existent  
Self-sufficient  
Eternal  
Infinite
- 3) Sovereign
- 4) Immutable
- 5) Omniscient
- 6) Omnipotent
- 7) Omnipresence
- 8) Holy
- 9) Love
- 10) Goodness
- 11) Mercy
- 12) Grace
- 13) Justice
- 14) Longsuffering
- 15) Wrath

## **Names of God**

Jehovah-Jireh  
Jehovah-Rophi  
Jehovah-Nissi  
Jehovah-M'Kaddesh  
Jehovah-Shalom  
Jehovah-Tsidkenu  
Jehovah-Rohi  
Jehovah-Shammah

## He is a Tri-Unity

God is to be:

- Worshipped
- Trusted
- Valued

Jesus is:

- Eternal
- God-man
- Savior
- High Priest

Holy Spirit is:

- Person
- Gives truth & Guides

Psalm 50:21 “These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself...”

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

What do you think about the person of God? The study of the nature and attributes of God will help us to find out what God is like and who He is.

We may learn about God, but we will never comprehend Him. He is incomprehensible:

Job 5:7-9 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward. I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:

Job 11:7-9 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? *It is* as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? The measure thereof *is* longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

Psalm 36:5-6 Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds. Thy righteousness *is* like the great mountains; thy judgments *are* a great deep...

Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Humans have traits, characteristics and qualities – but we are unstable compared to God. His nature and attributes are unchanging. His nature and attributes are a very part of Him. When we say God is holy, He can be nothing other than holy. It is a very part of His being.

This course will take a study of Who the Creator, the Almighty One is.

Isaiah 40:15-18 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. All nations before him *are* as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

## 1) Trinity

The doctrine of the trinity cannot be fully understood.

To try to understand the trinity – you will lose your mind

To try to discredit the trinity – you will lose your soul

Trinity = Tri-unity

Some earthly illustrations to help us possibly understand how God can be a trinity:

Man – body, soul, spirit - yet just one man

Egg – white, yoke, shell – yet just one egg

Triangle – three sides – yet one triangle

Three leaf clover

Water – can be a liquid, vapor or solid

Proof text for the Trinity:

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

Literally in the Hebrew:

Jehovah our Elohim is one Jehovah

Elohim is a plural word - “im” on the end of Hebrew words make them plural

Cherub – one, Cherubim – plural

EI – God (singular) – like EI-Shaddai                      Elohim – plural

Thus Deut. 6:4 literally:

Jehovah (One) our Elohim (Plural) is one Jehovah (One)

One may say: “Can you explain that?” No, but I just believe it.

### Other O.T. examples of God (plural)

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:26 And God (Elohim) said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after our likeness:

Genesis 11:6-7 And the LORD (Jehovah) said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let **us** go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord (Adonai), saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for **us**?

Jesus in the O.T. as part of trinity Ps 2:1-9, Ps 110:1-5

Holy Spirit in O.T. as part of trinity Gen. 1:1-3, Isa 48:16, 63:9-10

### Trinity in the N.T.:

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Matthew 3:16-17 And **Jesus**, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit** of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a **voice** from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all.

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

### Jesus is God:

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.**

John 10:30-33 I and *my* Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that **thou, being a man, makest thyself God.**

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, **O God**, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom. {righteousness: Gr. rightness, or, straightness}

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his **Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.**

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the **great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

## 2) Self Existence

### A) God is absolutely independent

Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

He is independent of all else except Himself for continuation of His being.

God is self-sustaining.

This is unlike anything we have ever seen or heard about.

### B) Self Sufficient

John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

Psalm 50:10-12 For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof.

### C) Eternal

Psalm 90:1-2 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

Isaiah 43:10 Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.

Habakkuk 1:12 *Art* thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One?

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:1 tells us that space, time, matter and energy all had a beginning.  
God sees time in a 4<sup>th</sup> dimension

### D) Infinite

Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Jeremiah 23:24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

When we contemplate who God is, it ought to cause us to examine ourselves. This is exactly what happened in Psalms 139:

Psalms 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting...

### 3) Sovereign

This can be a very difficult subject of theology. No matter where you draw the line between Calvinism and Arminianism, we will never be able to fully grasp this Bible truth because our minds are finite.

Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

It is without dispute that God is sovereign. To declare God sovereign is to declare Him God. If He is not sovereign, He would be finite.

God is supreme:

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.

Psalms 47:2 For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth. Because He is supreme, He is Sovereign:

Psalms 115:3 But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Isaiah 14:24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

There is balance and harmony with God

When God sends one to hell – there is still harmony in His attributes of love, holiness and justice.

When God is sovereign, it does not interfere with the free will of man.

Romans 10:13 would not be a legitimate offer if God chose the elect to be saved and the rest are damned.

Rewards are given (II Cor 5:10) due to the choosing of man – yet God still remains sovereign.

Verses showing His sovereignty:

Ephesians 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself... vs 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Ephesians 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

There are some things that go along with His sovereignty:

### **A) Foreknowledge**

One of the most difficult questions of theology deal with sovereignty and foreknowledge.

Nothing ever occurs to God

His foreknowledge would fall under the category of omniscience.

He knows the beginning from the end – any event, thought, word, deed of man,

Every soul saved is known to God and was known to God in eternity past:

Isaiah 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

God foreknew of need for a Savior

Acts 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

God foreknew who would receive Him as Savior

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...

God foreknew of His chosen people, Israel

Romans 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,



God foreknew the scriptures

Psalms 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Predestination is based upon foreknowledge Rom 8:29

Election is based upon foreknowledge 1 Pet 1:1-2

Predestination has to do with a believer being predestinated to heaven  
(Rom 8:29-30, Eph 1:4-5&11)

Election has to do with God "choosing us for Himself."

Many use the book of Romans to show how God's choosing of national Israel directly corresponds to personal salvation. However, Paul teaches us that each individual chooses or rejects God:

Romans 2:6-8 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: **To them** who by patient continuance in well doing **seek** for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: **But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth**, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath...

### **B) Counsel of God**

This is an aspect of His wisdom. We may define it as an expression of His infinite wisdom.

The counsel of God is the Word of God:

Psalms 33:11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Psalms 73:24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Psalms 107:11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

Acts 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Hebrews 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath:

### **C) Decrees of God**

God's decrees are stated in the Word of God. There are six of them:

- 1) Decree to provide rain Job 28:26
- 2) Decree of Jesus Christ Ps 2:7
- 3) Decree to establish the heavens Ps 148:4-6
- 4) Decree to contain the sea Prov 8:19, Jer 5:22
- 5) Decree to deliver Israel Isa 10:22
- 6) Decree of King Neb. Dan 4:24

These are inclusive on the decrees of God in the Bible. There are some other things that are determined by God:

Prophetic events Zech 12:10, Rev. 1:7....

The days of man Job 14:5

Boundaries of nations Acts 17:26, Deut 32:8 (Man has violated these)

### **D) Will of God**

There is a general will of God – this is the same for all (i.e. will of God for all to be in church), and there is a specific will of God (i.e. will of God for me to be in this church). The general will of God is the same thing as the counsel of God. God has sovereignly determined to reveal Himself to man and His will as expressed through the Word of God. (Deut 29:29)

The specific will of God comes from following the leading of the Holy Spirit

Romans 1:10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

Acts 16:6-10 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

An example of specific will of God is a calling:

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God

I Cor 1:1, II Cor 1:1, Eph 1:1, II Tim 1:1

A calling and a burden are not the same – Paul was burdened for the Jews (Rom 9:1-2, Rom 10:1) but was called to the Gentiles (Acts 26:16-17)

The general will of God comes from obeying the Word of God:

The will of God can be known

Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

The will of God can be done (these are all the general will of God):

A) Salvation is the will of God

Mark 3:35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

Matthew 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Salvation is the will of God - II Pet 3:9

B) Sanctification is the will of God

Sanctification is actually a part of salvation. Salvation includes past, present and future standing with God. You have been saved, you are being saved (sanctified), you will be saved (glorified).

2 Corinthians 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us*;

Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

C) Glorification is the will of God

Ephesians 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

D) Being thankful is the will of God

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (See Job 1:20-22, 2:10)

E) Submitting to authority is the will of God

1 Peter 2:13-23 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously...

To do the perfect will of God – Rom 12:1-2

A) Lay your all on the altar

B) Renew yourself daily

Is there a permissive will of God?

The term is applied to a situation where the express will of God – the perfect will of God – is not followed, yet where the Lord permits certain things to proceed anyway.

- A) Israel permitted to have a king I Sam 8:1-23
- B) John Mark went home Acts 13:5&13
- C) Paul & Barnabus had a split Acts 13:2, 15:36-40, Prov 13:10
- D) Permitted / leanness

Psalms 106:15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

Is there a purpose to God's will?

Some believe God's ultimate aim is the happiness and holiness of man. Others think it is the establishment of His rule over all creation. While these aims may be a part of His will, the single purpose of His will is His glory. Everything God does is designed to bring Him glory.

I Chr 16;24, 28-29, Ps 115:1, Eph 1:12, Phil 2:11, I Tim 1:17, I Pet 4;11, Jude 25, Rev 4:11, Prov. 16:4

### **E) Providence of God**

This means to provide for the individual. It is the provision and care of God exerting to accomplish His divine purpose.

Defined: God's bidding, direction, over-ruling and permission.

God is wise, good and all powerful, therefore He works all things for our good.

Purpose of God's providence

For saved - for our good

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Gen 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.

For unsaved - to bring them to salvation

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

### I) Individual Realm:

- A) In birth and death I Sam 16:1, Esther 4:14, Ps 139:16, Isa 45:1-5, Jer 1:5
- B) In course of your life Matt. 10:30, I Sam 2:6-8
- C) Needs of man Ps 121:3, Isa 64:4, Phil 4:19
- D) Guidance of man Ps 73:24, Ps 37:23-24

God's timing in providence (more than a coincidence)

#### A) Birth of Christ

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

#### B) Decree of Caesar Augustus (Micah 5:2)

Luke 2:1-7

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

#### C) Star in the East

Gen 1:16 – “He made the stars also...”

Matt. 2:9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

#### D) A Witness

John 4:3-7 He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. And he must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and it was about the sixth hour*. There cometh woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

Note the providence of where He went, the time He went and who He met.

E) Death of Saved Ps 166;15, Jn 11:21, 11:4,  
Acts 7:55-58 (Stephen), Acts 9:1-10 (Saul)

F) Salvation Acts 2:1a, 2:41

Our disappointments are often God's appointments.

When life gives lemons, make lemonade. James 5:10-11

Expect God to use you Here and Now.

Life takes twists and turns, God is sovereign, His timing is never off.

## **II) Spiritual Realm**

“The battle is the Lord’s” is a true saying in this arena.

I Sam 7:10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

Ps 103:19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Acts 14 15-17 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

## **III) Animal Kingdom**

Job 12:10 In whose hand *is* the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

Ps 104:21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. God feeds these creatures and controls their death:

Ps 104:28-29 *That* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Ps 147:9 He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.

Matt 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

## **IV) Affairs of Nations**

This intersects with prophecy and the purposes of God and His will.

Job 12:23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them *again*.

Ps 22:28 For the kingdom *is* the LORD’S: and he *is* the governor among the nations.

Ps 75:6-7 For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

Prov 21:1 The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

Dan 4:25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

Isa 40:15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

#### **V) Preservation of His Word**

Ps. 12:6-7 The words of the LORD *are* pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Theories that oppose Providence of God:

- 1) Naturalism - Everything is governed by laws of nature and man's happiness depends on cooperating with these laws.
- 2) Fatalism - Everything is determined by fate
- 3) Pantheism – Man is part of God, the universe is God, thus we are a part of God.

Difficulties associated with the Providence of God

- 1) Does the providence of God deny human freedom?

Sometimes God allows man to do as He pleases, other times He puts a restraint on man from doing as He pleases.

Acts 12:1-9 God allowed James killed (vs.2)

God prevented Peter from being killed (vs 4-9)

Acts 7:51-58 God allowed Stephen killed

Acts 14:19-20 God prevented Paul from being killed

We ought to use our best judgment, not rest on the providence of God:  
Acts 9:24-25 & II Cor. 11:32-33 - Paul escaped by his efforts.

In the end, God overrules all to accomplish His will (Rev. 22:20)



2) Does the providence of God mean I don't have to pray?

To say this would deny many scriptural exhortations to pray.

We pray, we work, we trust God, we pray some more, continue to work & trust...

#### **4) Immutability**

Mal. 3:6 "For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

Ps 102:26-27 "They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end."

See Heb 13:8, I Sam 15:29, Js. 1:17

God never changes. God cannot change.

Change must be for the better or for the worse. Or change can be from within or change can occur from one order to another. God cannot change because He is perfect.

In God – no change is possible

In man – change is impossible to escape

His attributes do not change: loving, holy, just, pure, wise – always the same

His nature does not change: self-existent, eternal, infinite...

To change would mean He is not perfect. "I am the LORD, I change not..."

He is a Rock (Solid, stable, unchanging – safe, secure, trustworthy)

Deut. 32:1-4, 13, 15, 18, 30-31, 37, II Sam 22:1-3, 32, 47, 23:1-3

Ps. 18, Ps. 40:1-4, Ps. 61:2, Ps. 62:2-8

Build your life upon this Rock Matt. 7:24-28

Christ builds His church upon it Matt. 16:18

#### **5) Omniscience of God**

God knows all things and is absolutely perfect in knowledge. He who can number and name and call the stars is able to call each of them by name even out of their captivity. His knowledge is not to be measured by ours.

I John 3:20 "...God ... knoweth all things." His knowledge is so complete that he knows what is happening at one given moment everywhere, not only on earth but throughout infinity.

Prov. 15:3 “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”

How comforting a thought that we are never left unattended but under the watchful eye of a God who sees us, knows us, and even knows our most innermost thoughts. Of all the sparrows on earth, perhaps millions of them, He knows when one falls to the ground (Matt. 10:29).

Psalms 139:1-6 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*. Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways. For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.

God also knows things actually existing, such as:

Inanimate creation	Ps 147:4
Brute creation	Matt 10:29
Work of man	Ps 33:13-15
Thoughts / heart of man	Ps 139:1-4
Man's wants	Matt. 6:8 & 32

God knows all things possible:

- Keilah would betray David to Saul – I Sam 23:11-12
- Tyre & Sidon would have repented – Matt. 11:21
- Sodom & Gomorrah would have been spared – Matt. 11:23-24
- God knows the answer to a hypothetical questions!

God knows the future:

- Foreknew the future in general – Isa 46:9-10, Dan. Ch 2&7
- Evil course Israel would take – Deut. 31:20-21
- Coming and work of Cyrus – Isa 44:26-45
- Coming of Messiah – Micah 5:2
- Men would crucify the Savior – Acts 2:23, 3:18, Rev. 13:8

God knows all about us, yet:

- He still loves me
- He understands Ps.139, Ps. 103:14
  - He know the way I take - Job 23:10
  - He knows our sorrows - Ex. 3:7
- He cares - I Pet 5:7, Ps. 139:17-18, Ps. 40:5,
  - We ought to share our whole heart with Him - Ps. 62:8
  - We need to invite Him into all (He knows it all already)
  - We need to be honest with Him

God's omniscience means that He is all wise - Rom 8:28, I Tim 1:17, Jude 25

## 6) Omnipotence of God

God is all powerful. He is the Creator. Gen. 1:1  
He can bring to pass that which He wills. Job 42:2

Having said that, there are some things that God cannot do:

- Things contrary to His nature
  - Like look on iniquity Hab. 1:13
  - Hate a person
- Commit sin Jas. 1:13
- Deny Himself I Tim. 2:13
- Lie Titus 1:2, Heb. 6:18

God can control nature Ps. 107:25-29, Nah. 1:5-6, Matt 14:25-29, Dan 6:22

He holds together the whole universe

- Col. 1:16-17
- By Him all things were created
- By Him all things consist – are held together

He is all powerful in dealings with man:

- Authority Rom 13:1-2 Prov. 21:1
- Experience of Neb. Dan. Ch 4
- Conversion of Saul Acts 9
- Pharaoh Rom. 9:17, 22, Ex. 7:1-5

We are dependent upon the will and power of God

- For breath Acts 17:25
- Ability to work Deut 8:18
- Progress of the church I Cor 3:6-9
- Salvation of soul John 6:44

Satan can only do what God allows

- God started the process Job 1:8, 2:3-6
- God protected Job Job 1:10-12
- Satan will be bound for 1000 years Rev. 20:2
- He will be allowed to be loosed for a season Rev. 20:7

God is omnipotent

- He can do the impossible
  - Matthew 19:26 But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.
  - Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.

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Mark 10:27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men *it is* impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Mark 14:36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Luke 18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

He is the greatest power.

He indwells us Rom 8:9, I Cor 6:19-20, John 17:21-23

We have access to rely upon that Great Power – the Lord God Almighty

His Word can change us I The 2:13

Holy Spirit can transform us II Cor 3:18

Circumstances can conform us to Christ Rom 8:28-30

## 7) Omnipresence of God

Psalm 139:7-10 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*. *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Since God is infinite – there is no place that He is not. There is no limit to His presence. You cannot go anywhere – but God is there. (The universe is infinite, yet God inhabits it all : Isaiah 57:15 “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity...”)

Omnipresence does not mean that God is in everything (Pantheism). God is not a stick or a stone. He is present everywhere. --- God is a Spirit (Jn. 4:24).

Verses proclaiming His omnipresence

Acts 17:24-28, Matt. 28:20

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

One cannot run from or hide from God:

Jeremiah 23:23-24 *Am* I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

God's Word works with His omnipresence and omniscience in your heart:

Hebrews 4:12-13 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Practical aspect of His omnipresence:

It is comforting:

Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conversation be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

It is convicting:

Psalms 139:4-12 For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*. If I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to thee*.

Be honest with God – cannot fool Him; cannot run from Him; cannot hide from Him; cannot butt heads with Him and win.

Practice the presence of God:

Psalms 139:18 *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Psalms 3:5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

To know God is everywhere is blessed, to feel His presence is bliss.

God dwells everywhere, yet He decides to dwell within you!

1 Kings 8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

## 8) Holiness of God

Leviticus 19:2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy.

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

(See also Ps 99:9, 47:8, 111:9, I Pet 1:15)

Holy is the way God is. To be holy He does not conform to a standard. He is the standard. He is absolutely holy with a fullness of purity that is incapable of being other than it is. Whatever is holy is healthy. Evil leads to death.

The English word for “holy” derives from Anglo-Saxon “Halig, hal, meaning ‘well, whole.’

Every wrathful judgment in the history of the world has been a holy act of preservation. God hates sin as we hate cancer.

We see God’s holiness:

### I Direct commandments

- 1) Moral Law (10 commandments) Ex. 20:1-17
- 2) Spiritual Law (feasts & offerings) Ex. 35-40, Lev. 1-7 & 23
- 3) Ceremonial Law (diet, sanitation) Lev. 11-15, 11:44-47

### II Personal Visions

- 1) Abraham Gen. 15:17
- 2) Moses Ex. 3:2-6, 33:18-23
- 3) Isaiah Isa. 6:1-8
- 4) Daniel Dan. 7:9-14
- 5) John Rev. 4:8-11, 1:12-15

### III Individual Judgments

- 1) Nadab & Abihu - offering strange fire (Lev. 10:1-3)
- 2) Korah - rebellion (Num 16:4-12, 31-33)
- 3) Uzziah - intruding into the office of the priest (II Chr. 26:16-21)
- 4) Herod - blasphemy (Acts 12:20-23)
- 5) Christ - for sins of the whole world (Isa. 53:1-10, Ps 22:1, Heb. 2:7, Gal. 3:13, I Pet. 2:21-25, 3:18)

Holiness has been termed the emphatic attribute. The holiness of God is the one attribute that God would have us remember Him most by. It is the Attribute of Attributes.

Holiness means, “Set apart.”

God assumes the name “The Holy One.” Isa. 40:25, 57:15, Hosea 11:9

There is no other god / angel / being like Him I Sam. 2:2, Ex. 15:11  
The repetition of ‘holy, holy, holy’ is used in certainty – an absolute saying.  
(Like used in Eze. 21:24-27, Rev. 8:13)

#### **IV Practical Application**

1) We must approach God His way:

Blood

A) Salvation - Lev. 16, I Pet. 1:18-19, Rev. 5:9

B) Prayer

O.T. Blood on mercy seat was left there all year. They were to look  
toward the blood when they prayed I KI 8:29-30&35,36,42,44,48, II Chr. 6:26,34,38.

N.T. We look toward the blood on mercy seat in heaven

Heb. 4:16, 10:19

2) Our desire should be to be conformed to Him. I Pet. 1:15-16

3) Because life is short and this world will be destroyed and will pass away (I Jn. 2:15-17), we ought to be holy:

2 Peter 3:11 *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.*

### **9) Love of God**

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

God is love. This is at once the most universally known and universally misunderstood attribute of all. Millions have simply equated love with God, thus weakening or totally denying his other perfections.

God’s love cannot be separated or isolated from His holiness and hatred for sin. God’s love is more quickly seized upon by seeking sinners than any other quality. The smallest of children can sing with great understanding, “Jesus loves me so, for the Bible tells me so....”

Love is unselfish concern about another’s welfare

Love is that act of one person seeking the highest good for another person.

Angels cannot understand this thought --“God loves me”

Yet we, as corrupt, wicked sinners experience His love with so great salvation

Ephesians 3:18-19 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

## **I Scriptural Fact of God's Love**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

## **II Objects of God's Love**

The Son	Matt. 3:17, 17:5, Jn. 5:20, 17:23-24, 3:35
The Believer	Jn 16:27
The Sinner	Jn 3:16, Rom. 5:8, II Pet. 3:9, I Tim. 2:3-4
Israel	Deut. 7:7-8, Isa 49:15, Jer. 31:3, Hos. 11:1, Mal. 1:2
Cheerful Giver	II Cor. 9:7

## **III Manifestation of His Love**

In Christ's sacrifice on the cross Jn 3:16  
In offering full & complete pardon Isa 55:7  
As He ministers to His own people Deut 32:9-12  
In chastening His children Heb 12:6-11  
In His co-affliction with the oppressed Isa 63:9

## **IV The Quality of God's Love**

It is compassionate Isa 63:9  
It is affectionate Jn 17:23  
It is merciful Isa 55:7  
It is uninfluenced Deut 7:7-8  
It is unaffected I Jn 4:19  
It is eternal Eph 1:4-5, Jer 31:3  
It is infinite Eph 3:19  
It is immutable Jn 13:1, Rom 8:35-39, Song of sol. 8:6-7  
It is holy Heb. 12:6

## **V Our Response:**

Love God with all our heart:

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Perfect Love casts out fear:

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.



There is no fear in love. Perfect love casts out fear. Fear is a painful emotion – we may be harmed or made to suffer. The fear continues while we are subject to one who does not desire our well-being.

The moment we come under the protection of one of good will, fear is cast out. An example – a lost child is fearful of strangers --- when that child sees it's mother, fear is cast out – the good will of a caring mother casts out fear.

Trust (Prov. 3:5-6) and perfect love (I Jn. 4:18) go hand in hand. When we trust God will look after our good will, we can cast all our care upon Him. (I Pet. 5:7)

## 10) Goodness of God

Gen 1:31 All that emanates from God is good.

His creation is good Gen 1:4-31

His decrees are good

His laws are good Neh. 9:13, Ps. 19:7

His Word is good Heb. 6:5

His will is good Rom. 12:1-2, I Jn. 2:17

“Thou art good and doest good.” Ps 119:68

His providence is good Rom 8:28, Ps. 23:6

The goodness of God is that which disposes Him to be kind, cordial, benevolent, and full of good will toward men.

He is tender-hearted and of quick sympathy Ps. 52:1, 107:8, 23:6

The goodness of God leads to repentance II Tim. 2:25-26, Rom. 2:4

## 11) Mercy of God

Mercy – God not giving us what we deserve – namely, hell

Mercy is the attribute which is most frequently used in the O.T. (26 times in Ps 136)

His mercy is great Ps 103:8,11,17

He is rich in mercy Eph 2:4 (see Eph 2:1-3)

Mercy saves us Titus 3:5, I Tim 1:13-16

Mercy forgives and forgets Heb. 8:8,12

His mercies are:

Great I KI 3:6

Plenteous Ps 86:5

From everlasting to everlasting Ps 103:17

Tender Ps 145:9

Abundant I Pet 1:3

Measureless Ps 103:11, 119:64

It is God's right to show mercy on whom He will. We do not deserve mercy. He is not obligated to save sinners. But He chose to. Rom. 9:15,18

Ps 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me...

## 12) Grace of God

God's mercy – God withholds merited punishment

God's grace - God allows Him to freely bestow unmerited favor. Grace is getting what we do not deserve – blessings and heaven (divine help Heb. 4:16)

Grace is the attribute most frequently used in the N.T.

It is a free gift Eph. 2:7-9, Rom 3:24

It brings salvation Titus 2:4

Grace means salvation – in O.T. or N.T. Gen. 6:8, Eph. 2:8-9

Grace brings peace Rom. 1:7

This salvation salutation is often. "Grace and peace" – always in that order.

Grace is greater than our sin Rom 5:20

God's grace is what makes a sinner what he is for Jesus' sake I Cor 15:10

Grace given to us bt God is to be given to others by us I Pet. 4:8-10

Eph 2:7 may be why God created us.

The manifold grace of God:

1) Saving Grace Eph 2:8-9

From the penalty of sin Rom 6:23

From the power of sin Rom 6:14, Gal. 1:4

From the presence of sin Titus 2:11

2) Standing Grace Rom 5:1-2

Because of our position Eph. 1:7, I Cor. 8:1

Because we have been purchased by Christ I Pet. 1:18-19

Because we are predestined Eph. 1:3-5

Because of the presence of the Holy Spirit Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30

3) Sufficient Grace

For sorrow

For suffering II Cor 12:9, Acts 14, Heb. 4:16

4) Singing Grace Col. 3:16

5) Serving Grace Heb. 12:28, Col. 4:8-14

6) Speaking Grace Col. 4:6

### 13) Justice of God

Justice is the execution of righteousness

Fact of God's justice: Ps. 97:2-5, Zeph 3:5, Deut. 32:4

- 1) God is just in punishment of unrighteousness Ps. 19:7, Rev. 16:4-7, 19:2
- 2) Every sin must and will be punished Rom. 6:23, Dan. 9:11-16
- 3) Our job is to forgive others; we do not give justice Rom. 2:9, 12:19, II Tim. 4:14
- 4) God is just in forgiving those who trust in Christ's blood because the penalty of sin has been paid in full. II Cor. 5:21, Rom. 3:24-26, 4:3-8, I Pet. 2:24
- 5) God is just in rewarding the righteous II Tim. 4:8, Heb. 6:10, 11:26, Matt. 10:42  
God's justice guarantees rewards, His goodness and faithfulness gives them.

### 14) Longsuffering of God / Patience of God

God's mildness is a companion to His goodness. The greater the goodness, the greater the mildness.

Who so holy as Christ – and who so meek?

“The Lord is full of compassion, slow to anger...” Ps. 145:8

The wheels of God's justice turn mighty slow, but they turn mighty fine.

Days of Noah:

1 Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

It took God 120 years before He sent the flood.

40 Years in the wilderness:

Acts 13:18 And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.

40 years wandering due to unbelief. All died in the wilderness but Joshua and Caleb. His justice is slow – but fine.

Many want God to judge wickedness now. Like Numb 16:32&35 -- 250 sinned, 250 died.

Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias & Sapphira sinned and died.

God is slow to anger.

He loves to forgive. (Lk. 15 and story of prodigal son – wanting to forgive)

He wants to forgive:

Ezekiel 33:11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Nehemiah 9:17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou *art* a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

He forgave Ninevah (Jonah ch 1-4)

It takes power to control oneself – to wait – to be patient – to be longsuffering.

God is great in power – in power to control Himself to not pour out His wrath – until it is time to.

When the time is come, God will pour out His wrath:

Genesis 15:16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet full.

1 Thessalonians 2:15-16 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

## 15) Wrath of God

The wrath of God is God's holiness stirred into activity. The wrath of God is the eternal destination of all unrighteousness.

The unsaved will have the wrath of God poured out upon them for rejecting God:  
Psalm 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

God is a God of wrath and vengeance:

Deuteronomy 32:39-43 See now that I, *even I, am he*, and *there is no god with me*: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. Rejoice, O ye nations, *with his people*: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, *and* to his people.

His wrath is deserved:

Revelation 19:1-3 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous *are* his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

God has dealt with their heart, and they have rejected Him:

John 1:9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Psalms 19:1-3 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. *There is no speech nor language, where* their voice is not heard.

Romans 1:18-23 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even his eternal power and Godhead*; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

God's wrath is averted by trusting in the shed blood of Christ for your salvation:

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

1 John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

Propitiation means that God's wrath is appeased. Appeased by the blood of Christ.

The saved escape His wrath:

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Christ took our sins:

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Isaiah 53:5-6 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Flee from the wrath to come. (Matt 3:7)

Turn to Christ. He is our city of refuge.

He will save; He will forgive; He will deliver you from the wrath to come.

God has revealed Himself to all:

Romans 1:19-21 Because **that which may be known of God is manifest in them**; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that **they are without excuse**: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened...

Not all have enough Light to save them, but all have enough Light to damn them.