

## Characteristics of God

- God is Creator
  - a. Follow up the last passage by going back to Genesis 1 and reading verses 1-8. What is God the Father's role in creation?
  - b. He is the one who spoke creation into existence, named it and assigned its purpose/function.
- God is Holy
  - a. Think inapproachably holy. We just read in Exodus and talked about how Moses could not see the face of God because he would've died. That's how holy God is.
  - b. Isaiah 6:3 says "And one cried to another and said 'Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory.'"
- God is Eternal
  - a. God has always existed and will always exist.
  - b. 1 Timothy 1:17 says "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."
- God is Immutable
  - a. Immutable means unchanging. So God is unchanging. For all of time, God has chosen to be good, for the highest good of all. His throne is established in righteousness (Psalm 89:14)
  - b. Malachi 3:6 says "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob"
- God is Omnipresent
  - a. He is everywhere.
  - b. Jeremiah 23:24 says "Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; 'Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the LORD."
- God is Omniscient
  - a. He is all-knowing
  - b. 1 Kings 8:39 says "Then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men)."
- God is Omnipotent
  - a. He is all-powerful
  - b. Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
- God is Light
  - a. We see in Genesis 1:3 where God says "Let there be light" He speaks light into being. Light comes from Him.
  - b. 1 John 1:5 says "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all"
- God is Love
  - a. 1 John 4:8 says "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."
- God is Provider

- a. Philippians 4:19 says “And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus”
- God is Judge
  - a. 1 Peter 4:5 says “But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.”
  - b. Romans 2:2-5 says “Now we know that God’s judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. 3 So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment? 4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.”
- God is Father
  - a. Psalm 68:5 says “A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.”
  - b. We see in Mark 1:9-13 Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist and God saying from heaven, ““You are my beloved Son;[a] with you I am well pleased.”
  - c. We also talked about last week how believers are children of God. In Galatians 4:6 it says “Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”