

God Is Not a Man

Psalms 50:21 – God says: You thought that I was altogether like you.

This study considers ways that people need to appreciate that God is not like us.

God Is Eternal Spirit.

God Is Spirit.

John 4:24 – God is spirit, so we must worship Him in spirit and truth.

Romans 1:23 – When people turned from the true God, they changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man or an animal.

Acts 17:24,25 – God is not worshiped with men's hands, as though He needs anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

God Is Eternal.

Psalms 90:2 – Before He formed the world, God existed from everlasting.

Romans 1:20 – God's eternal power and Godhead are seen through the things He made. He existed in eternity before He created the world.

But some think God was created or will cease to exist or has a nature and needs like men. All such views deny the exalted nature of God by making Him “altogether like us.”

(Genesis 21:33; Exodus 3:13,14; Deuteronomy 32:40; 33:27; Psalm 93:2; Isaiah 44:6-8; Habakkuk 1:12; 1 Timothy 1:17)

God Is All-Powerful.

God Created the Universe, Accomplishes Miracles, and Rules over All.

Isaiah 42:5; 45:18 – God created heavens and earth, and He gives breath and spirit to people. Because He created, there is no other Lord besides Him.

Acts 17:24,25 – God created the world and everything in it. He gives life, breath and everything needed to life on the earth. Since He created everything, He rules over all.

Matthew 19:26 – With God all things are possible. (Luke 18:27)

(Job 9:10; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalms 33:6-9; Jeremiah 23:17; 2 Kings 5:7; Daniel 3:29)

Nothing Is Too Hard for God; No One Can Withstand Him.

Job 42:2 – God can do everything. No purpose of His can be withheld.

Jeremiah 32:17 – God created heaven and earth. Nothing is hard for Him.

2 Chronicles 14:11 – He is God, so man cannot prevail against Him.

(1 Samuel 14:6; Jeremiah 17:5; Joshua 23:10; Psalms 118:8; Hebrews 13:6; Romans 8:31,35-39; Ezekiel 28:6-10)

So Only God Deserves Worship.

1 Chronicles 29:11-13 – We worship God because He is great, rules over all, gives power.

Matthew 4:10 – You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.

Acts 14:15 – When idol worshipers sought to make sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas, they said: “We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God” who made all things.

Acts 10:25,26 - Cornelius fell down at Peter's feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I myself am a man.” (Revelation 22:9)

God is the all-powerful Creator and Ruler of the universe. He deserves our worship and praise as God. Anytime we fail to recognize and appreciate His power or fail to properly respect Him in worship, we are treating Him as being not much different than we are.

(Romans 1:23; Matthew 23:9; Revelation 15:4; Isaiah 42:8; 48:11)

God Is All-Knowing.

His Knowledge Is Infinitely Above Ours.

Isaiah 55:8,9 – As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are _God’s ways and thoughts_.

Isaiah 41:21-23 – God can even know and infallibly predict _things to come_.

Romans 11:33,34 – God’s wisdom and knowledge are _unsearchable, past finding out_.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 – Many people reject God’s inspired message as _foolishness_.

(Ezekiel 28:2-5; Ecclesiastes 8:17)

God Knows All About Our Conduct and Hearts.

1 Kings 8:39 – Only God knows _the hearts of all men_.

1 Chronicles 28:9 – We should serve God with a loyal heart and willing mind, because He searches _hearts_ and understands _all intent of thoughts_.

Psalms 139:7-12 – Wherever we go and whatever we do, we cannot hide from God. He sees and knows everything.

Psalms 94:7 – People say, “The Lord does not _see_ , nor does God understand.”

Many people think they can hide from God or fool him. Such thinking fails to consider that God is not like us. He is infinitely wise, knows everything about us, and never makes mistakes.

(1 Samuel 16:7; Matthew 10:29-31; Psalms 33:13-15; Jeremiah 17:10; Proverbs 21:2)

God Is Righteous and Just

God Cannot Be Tempted and Does Not Sin.

Deuteronomy 32:4 – His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; _righteous and upright_ is He.

Numbers 23:19 – God is not a _man_ , that He should _lie_ , nor a son of man, that He should _repent_ . (Titus 1:2; Romans 3:4)

James 1:13 - God cannot be _tempted_ , nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

(1 Samuel 2:2; Daniel 9:7; Psalms 99:5,9; 33:4; Revelation 15:4; Job 4:17; 9:2; 25:4)

God Makes and Reveals the Laws that Distinguish Right from Wrong.

Psalms 33:4 – The word of the Lord is _right_ ; His works are done in _truth_ .

Acts 5:29 – We ought to obey _God_ rather than _man_ .

Luke 16:15 – What is highly esteemed by men is _abomination_ in the sight of God.

2 Cor. 10:18 – Not he who commends himself is approved, but whom _God commends_ .

Matthew 15:1-9 – Following human doctrine makes our worship _vain_ (Mark 7:8)

Often people conclude they are right or wrong based on what they think or what some other person thinks. This fails to recognize God as the standard of right and wrong.

God Has the Right to Reward and Punish Men for Their Conduct.

Note: Romans 2:2-11. Verse 2 – He will judge according to _truth_ .

Verses 4,5 – God’s _goodness_ leads us to repentance.

Verses 5,11 – His judgment will be _righteous and impartial_ .

Zephaniah 1:12 – Some say, “The Lord will not do _good_ , nor will He do _evil_ .”

Psalms 50:18-23 – Sinners thought God would not punish, because _He is like us_ .

God’s right to judge men and reward us eternally is based on His own infinite righteousness, goodness, and justice.

(Titus 1:2; Jeremiah 17:10)

Conclusion

Have you thought God was “like us”: maybe somewhat above us, but not infinite in His character? Have you, perhaps unintentionally, belittled or failed to appreciate His true greatness? Or do you recognize God’s infinite superiority to yourself and to all mankind?

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