



Attributes of God

Lesson Summary

Because there is no way to comprehend the vast depth of our holy God, we are at risk of conjuring up in our minds what we want him to be. This is not acceptable, but is a form of idolatry. We can begin to know who God is only by the revelation of his Word—what he has revealed to us.

David said of him, “Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable” (Psalm 145:3). And, “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all” (1 Chronicles 29:11). We can’t say it any better than the Apostle Paul: “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways” (Romans 11:33)! The glimpses of God we observe from his Word are far, far from complete.

Question 4 of the historic Westminster Shorter Catechism, penned in the 1640s, asks, “What is God?” The answer? “God is Spirit (John 4:24), infinite (Jeremiah 23:24), eternal (Psalm 90:2), and unchangeable (Malachi 3:6) in his being (James 1:17), wisdom (Psalm 147:5), power (Revelation 19:6), holiness (1 Samuel 2:2), justice (Psalm 7:11), goodness (Psalm 107:8), and truth (Deuteronomy 32:4).”

Read and Discuss

1. Read the following passages and discuss together which attributes of God each passage mentions.

- Exodus 34:4-8
- Exodus 20:4-6
- Job 42:2
- Isaiah 40:25-28
- Psalm 48:3-5
- Psalm 90:1-6
- Psalm 147:1-7
- 1 John 4:7-11
- 2 Peter 3:8-9

2. Can we ever fully describe or understand God? Why or why not?

3. After reading these passages, do you think you have a clearer understanding of who God is?

4. Which attribute(s) of God do you sometimes fail to think about?

5. Which attribute(s) of God gives you hope? Comfort?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Psalm 119:89–90 Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Prayer

Spend some time praising God for who he is (be specific!). Thank him for those attributes that give you hope, comfort, and peace. Thank God that at the cross he demonstrated both his justice and his love, and ask him to help you live in light of who he is.

Family Prayer Requests: