

Attributes of God

Introduction:

1. All Christians are children of God and heirs of God! Romans 8:16-17.
2. It makes sense therefore for us to want to become as acquainted with God as possible!
3. This is especially true in view of the facts that:
 - a. God exists! Hebrews 11:6.
 - b. God created us in His image! Gen. 1:26-27; Heb. 12:9.
 - c. God is knowable! Jeremiah 9:23-24.(1) In fact, it is imperative that we know Him! John 17:3

Discussion:

I. Some Incorrect Concepts of God.

- A. That of Being a Celestial Santa Claus.
 1. Some seemingly look upon God as a glorious Santa Clause, a grandfather type figure Who pats us on the back and smiles at everything we do.
 - a. Many preachers, based on their "funeral sermons," evidently have this perception of God.
 - b. This perception does make people feel safe, comfortable, and secure.
 2. But this is not a true picture of God! Psalm 7:11; Romans 11:22; 2 Peter 2:4-6.
- B. That of being "the Man Upstairs."
 1. A big "man" no doubt, perhaps a larger than life John Wayne.
 2. "God is a spirit," John 4:24.
 - a. "A spirit hath not flesh and bones," Luke 24:36-39.
 - b. Being "Spirit," God is not limited by shape, form, or physical boundaries.
- C. Many View God Simply as "The Force."
 1. I've never seen a Star Wars movie, but it is my understanding that God is portrayed as "the force," or a glorified "it."
 2. But God is not simply a "force," or an "it." He is a real Person – a Person Who made it possible for each one to be in fellowship with him.
 3. The pronoun "He" is ascribed to God, John 3:16.
 4. As a divine Person, God:
 - a. Loves, 2 Cor. 9:7.
 - b. Sees, I Sam. 16:7.
 - c. Thinks, Isa. 55:8-9.
 - d. Feels. Eph. 4:30; Heb. 3:17.
 - e. Speaks, Gen. 8:15.(1) "And God said" occurs repeatedly in the first chapter of the Bible. Vs. 3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,29.

II. Attributes of God Which are Not Possessed by Man.

- A. God is Self-Existent.
 1. Exodus 3:14; John 5:26; Psalm 102:25-27.
- B. God is Infinite.
 1. "Infinite" in that He is without any limits. Infinite means endless, vast, immeasurable, not restricted by space and time.
 2. Rev. 1:4; Psalm 145:3; 147:5; I Kings 8:27; 2 Chron. 2:5-6; Isa. 40:28.
- C. God is Perfect.
 1. He is infinitely holy! Isa. 6:1-3.
 2. His word is perfect. Psalm 19:7.
 3. His works are perfect, Deut. 32:4.
 4. His will is perfect, Rom. 12:2.
- D. God is Immutable, or Unchangeable.
 1. Mal. 3:6; Num. 23:19; Ex. 3:14; Psalm 102:25-27; James 1:17.
- E. God is Omnipotent.
 1. God can do anything that He desires to do. He can't do that which is against His nature.
 - a. He can't cease to be God. Psalm 90:2.
 - b. He can't lie, Titus 1:2.

- c. He can't be tempted by sin, James 1:13.
- 2. He can do anything He desires to do; What He wills He has power to accomplish!
 - a. Gen. 17:1; Psalm 115:3; Isa. 46:9-10.
- F. God is Omniscient.
 - 1. He knows all that has ever existed, does exist, and will exist! I John 3:20.
 - 2. He knows the location of every star in the universe, of every atom in the universe, whether past, present, or future!
 - 3. He knows the thoughts and intents of our hearts! Job 42:2; Gen. 6:5; Isa. 66:18; Matt.10:29; Ps. 66:18.
- G. God is Omnipresent.
 - 1. Psalm 139:7-8
 - 2. We cannot flee from the presence of God!

III. There are Other Attributes of God that May be Possessed by Man.

- A. God is Holy. Isa. 6:1-3.
 - 1. He wants us to be holy, I Peter 1:16.
- B. God is love, I John 4:7.
 - 1. He wants us to be filled with love, I John 4:7,11-12.
- C. God is merciful, Deut. 4:31; Eph. 2:3-5; Tit. 3:5.
 - 1. He wants us to be merciful, Matt. 5:7; Luke 6:36.
- D. God is Patient, Psalm 145:8; 2 Pet. 3:9,15.
 - 1. He wants us to be patient or longsuffering, Col. 3:12; Rom. 2:6-7.
- E. God is faithful, I John 1:9; I Cor. 1:9; 10:13.
 - 1. He wants us to be faithful, Gal. 5:22-23; Matt. 25:21,23.

Conclusion:

- 1. It is good that we learn all that we can about God. The greater our knowledge is of God the greater will be our awe, reverence, devotion, and love for God.
- 2. The more we learn about God the more we become like God! 2 Cor. 3:18.
- 3. The more we come to love God the greater will be our desire to do the will of God! John 14:15,23.
- 4. Question: If you are not saved, do you have enough love for God to obey Him?

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