



DISCOVER GOD STUDY BIBLE



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"We can trace

all of our human problems

to our view of God."



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WELCOME TO THE DISCOVER GOD STUDY BIBLE

Everything about our lives—our attitudes, motives, desires, actions, and even our words—is influenced by our view of God. Our behavior reflects our beliefs about the One who created us.

Do you really trust God? It depends a lot on how you view God. Do you really believe He is good? Do you believe He is worthy of your trust?

The Bible is the place we mere humans meet the living God. The Bible is God's book written to us. My husband, Bill Bright, said that when he began to study the Bible, he discovered for the first time the real, living God—and what he discovered filled his heart with awe.

No one meets the God of the Bible and is unchanged. Both Bill and I want as many people as possible to truly discover God through His word and reflect His character in their lives.

To help people in the discovery process, we commissioned a team of Bible teachers and scholars to organize Scripture presenting ten core teachings of the Bible in a convenient TopicGuide (starting on page A7) to key Scripture passages.

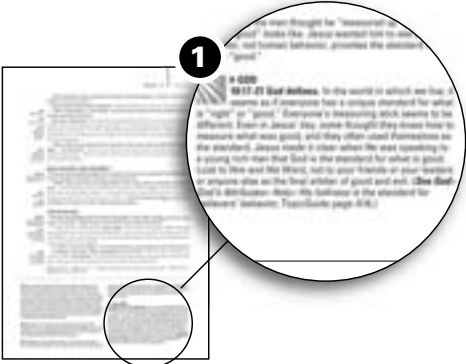
I pray this physical result of Bill's life-long vision to know and serve God will bear fruit in your life—just as it has touched my life in a deep way.

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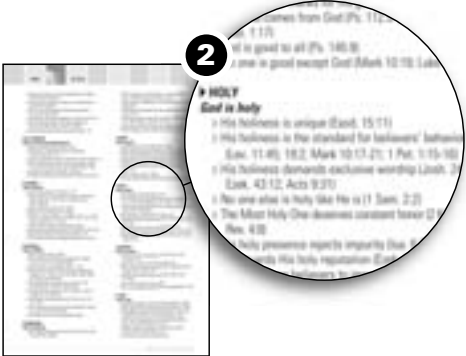
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THE TOPICLINK™ SYSTEM

HOW TO FIND MORE ABOUT A THEME WHILE READING THROUGH THE BIBLE



To study more about the theme of God when you are reading Mark 10, simply look at the last sentence of the note, which will refer you back to the TopicGuide.



Once in the TopicGuide, you'll see numerous passages pertaining to the overall theme.

Using both the TopicGuide and the TopicLink study tools, you will gain a more complete understanding of God's Word. As you understand these themes and your knowledge of God grows, your life can't help but be changed.

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TOPIC GUIDE™

INTRODUCTION

Do you feel busy? Like your world is chaos? In this busy world, some people have given up trying to find time to know God personally and understand His will with certainty. Sometimes, we feel like the best we can do is just survive!

But God has called Christians to a better way, and He's promised to give us the power to do it. God gives us a way to know Him personally and know His will for our lives—and He explains the simple message of salvation in the Bible. The following TopicGuide of the Bible is our way of helping you understand the other important issues in the Christian life—fast.

Why a TopicGuide? First, we need to know what the Bible says about God and the challenges of living for Him today. Second, we need to see how the Bible has a single message running through it—salvation through Jesus the Messiah with continued obedience and repentance empowered by the Holy Spirit. Third, sound doctrine is a necessary part of Christian maturity. Organizing doctrine in a TopicGuide is an important way to guard us and those we influence from false doctrine.

You are no less busy now than when you bought this Bible. But if you use this TopicGuide, it will point you straight to the truth about God and His creation as found in His Word, the Bible. But what is the Bible? Keep reading—you'll find out!

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DISCOVER GOD

Cultivating Your Relationship with God

How do you imagine God is? As long as there have been people, there have been songs and stories that explore exactly who created the universe and why. All of these stories and myths have some value, and none should be completely rejected just because they are from another religious perspective. But the Christian history of God's relationship with His creation is different because this history was written by those inspired directly by God and in His own words—that is, the Bible. In it we have God's own self-testimony of who He is and why He matters.

We can learn Greek and Hebrew and Aramaic so we can read the Bible in its original language; we can study and practice archeology so that we can recover and understand more about the civilizations with whom God dealt in the past. We can study every bit of data there is to know about God, His church, and His Word, but if we don't know *God*, then we have accomplished very little. If we don't know God personally, in the end, all our works (even reading good study Bibles!) will be for nothing. Thus, this outline begins with and is driven by the necessity of knowing the God who has real relationships with real people like you and me.

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RELATIONSHIP *Because God wants an intimate relationship with me,*

I can trust that He has sent a Savior to make peace between us.

GOD'S NATURE *Because the Triune God is the one true God,*

I can turn my back on the counterfeit deities of this world.

SALVATION *Because the Triune God is committed to saving His people,*

I can enjoy the full assurance of my salvation.

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES *Because we serve an all-powerful, holy God,*

I can trust that His love for His people never changes.

GOD'S NAMES *Because God has revealed Himself to us,*

I can know Him personally.

RELATIONSHIP

Relationship with God: *What does God want with me?*

► GOD'S DESIRE

God's desire for a relationship with us (Matt. 23:37)

- ▷ God does not leave His people without hope (Exod. 2:23)
- ▷ God pursues a relationship (1 Kgs. 18:37; Hos. 1:2; 3:1; Joel 2:27; Matt. 16:8-11; 18:12-14; John 15:16, 19)
- ▷ God loves and wants to be loved (Isa. 1:3; John 3:16-18; Rev. 2:4)

▷ God's Covenants

God covenants with people

- ↪ Adamic covenant (Gen. 2:15-17)
- ↪ Universal covenant [with nature] (Gen. 9:1-4)
- ↪ Covenant of grace (Gen. 17:1-2, 7-8; Jude 1:4)
- ↪ Sinaitic covenant (Exod. 19:5-6)
- ↪ New Covenant (New Testament)

► GOD ENABLES

God enables a relationship through Christ

- ▷ Relationship with God requires sacrificial living (Gen. 12:1; 22:3; Mark 8:34-38)
- ▷ Relationship with God requires purity (Lev. 2:1; 15:31; 18:22; Num. 19:17; Ps. 24:4; 1 Thes. 4:3-5)
- ▷ Relationship with God requires a right heart (Lev. 12:8; Ps. 4:4; Isa. 1:16; Ezek. 11:19; Dan. 7:28; Mic. 6:6-8; Rev. 22:20)
- ▷ Relationship with God requires obedience (Lev. 19:2; 2 Chr. 34:32; Job 41:11; 1 Pet. 1:13-16)
- ▷ Relationship with God requires worship (2 Sam. 6:5; Pss. 105:4; 147:1; John 4:24)
- ▷ God accepts us through Christ (Ps. 62:9; Matt. 26:69-75; John 14:6; Rom. 5:1-2; Heb. 8:1-13)
- ▷ God interacts with people (Mark 5:25-34; Phil. 4:6)
- ▷ God provides for maintenance of our relationship with Him (Rom. 8:12-15)

► BARRIERS

Barriers to a relationship with God

- ▷ Disobedience (Gen. 3:1-13; 1 Sam. 7:2; Jer. 11:15)
- ▷ Pride (Deut. 9:5; Judg. 8:22; 2 Sam. 18:9; 2 Chr. 26:16; Job 35:12; Prov. 13:10; 16:18; Isa. 39:6; Ezek. 30:18; Dan. 4:30, 35; Luke 18:9-14; John 5:31-47; Jas. 4:6)
- ▷ Unconfessed transgressions (1 Sam. 15:15; Pss. 60:1; 66:18; Isa. 30:18; Luke 5:31-32)
- ▷ Demonic influence (1 Sam. 28:14; Acts 10:38)
- ▷ Refusing to honor God as God (Ps. 20:7; Rom. 1:21)
- ▷ Sin (Hab. 1:13)
- ▷ Unforgiving heart (Matt. 6:12-15)
- ▷ Hardened heart (Mark 6:52)
- ▷ Deep-seated grudge against another (Eph. 4:26-27)

GOD'S NATURE

The Nature of the Trinity: *How is the triune God different from false gods?*

► ALIVE

The Triune God is alive

- ▷ God lives, false gods don't (Exod. 3:14; 1 Sam. 5:4)

- ▷ God lives; idols don't (Judg. 18:24; Jer. 10:6-11; 44:18)
- ▷ The Living One endures forever (Dan. 6:26)
- ▷ The Living One is the source of all life (John 5:25-26)
- ▷ The Living God dwells in believers (2 Cor. 6:16)
- ▷ Conversion is turning to the Living God (1 Thes. 1:9)

► DIVINE

The Triune God has a divine nature

- ▷ Three persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) (Gen. 1:26; Matt. 28:19)
- ▷ One being (Deut. 6:4-5)
- ▷ God is Spirit (John 4:24)
- ▷ One essence (John 10:30; 14:9)

► ETERNAL

The Triune God is eternally existent (See God's Attributes > Self-existent)

- ▷ Assumed throughout Scripture (Gen. 1:1; Exod. 3:15; Ps. 41:13; Eccl. 3:11; Isa. 9:6; 40:28, 57:15; Jer. 10:10; Rom. 1:20; 1 Jn. 1:2; 5:20; Rev. 1:8)
- ▷ God's eternity expressed in His name (Exod. 3:6; 13-15)
- ▷ He precedes all else that exists (Ps. 41:13; Rom. 4:17; Rev. 4:11)

► PERSONALITY

The Triune God has a personality

▷ Emotion

God's Emotion

- ↪ God is compassionate and loving (Gen. 34:30; Exod. 34:6; Lev. 13:3; 2 Kgs. 4:2; Ps. 56:8; Isa. 17:10; Jer. 30:16-17; 42:10; Lam. 2:20; Mark 8:1-9)
- ↪ God jealously desires exclusive worship (Exod. 34:14; Deut. 4:24; Hos. 2:6-8; 1 Cor. 10:21-22)
- ↪ Rebellion rightly angers God (Num. 20:10-17; Deut. 1:37; 1 Sam. 6:6; Ezek. 20:7-8; Amos 1:8)
- ↪ God executes vengeance on all disobedient nations (Judg. 16:28; Mic. 5:15)
- ↪ God can be moved to grief (1 Sam. 15:10-11; Isa. 15:5; John 11:35)
- ↪ God loves the whole world (Isa. 66:18; John 3:16)
- ↪ The disobedient will ultimately fall under wrath (Rev. 6:15-17)

▷ Intellect

God's Intellect

- ↪ God knows everything there is to know (Ps. 61:2; Col. 2:3)
- ↪ God needs no teachers (Isa. 40:14)
- ↪ God's thoughts surpass people's (Isa. 55:8-9)

▷ Relationships

God's Relationships

- ↪ God has always dialogued with people (Gen. 3:8ff)
- ↪ God wants a relationship with His people (Gen. 17:7-8; Rev. 21:7)
- ↪ He wants to be known (Ruth 1:16; 1 Sam. 6:13; Ezek. 34:30; 39:28)
- ↪ God walks and lives with His people (Ps. 63:8; 2 Cor. 6:16)

▷ Will

God's Will

- ↪ He accomplishes His purposes and good pleasure (2 Chr. 10:15; Eccl. 3:11; Isa. 46:5-11)



- ▷ God has the power to create anything from nothing (Job 26:14; Ps. 33:6-9)
- ▷ God's creative power is beyond our comprehension (Job 38:4; Ps. 96:12)
- ▷ No one can challenge what God does (Job 40:4; Isa. 37:5-6; Dan. 4:35)
- ▷ God speaks and things happen (Ps. 29:3-9; Rev. 9:1-5)
- ▷ His resurrection power is immeasurably great (Dan. 6:17; Matt. 28:5, 10; Eph. 1:19-20)
- ▷ His powerful word sustains everything (Heb. 1:3)

▶ ALL-PRESENT

God is all-present (omnipresent)

- ▷ God can always hear us (Exod. 33:11)
- ▷ All creation is dependent upon His presence (1 Sam. 4:22; Col. 1:17)
- ▷ God is everywhere (1 Kgs 13:2; Job 3:3; 31:4; Ps. 139:7-12)
- ▷ God's continual presence brings contentment (2 Kgs. 2:14; Job 10:15; Eccl. 6:9; Lam. 3:22-23; Heb. 13:5)
- ▷ One cannot hide from God (Jer. 23:23-24)
- ▷ No task is too large or too difficult for Him (Jer. 32:17, 27)

▶ ETERNAL

God is eternal

- ▷ God is eternal (Gen. 21:33; Eccl. 3:11)
- ▷ The eternal God is the believer's source of security (Deut. 33:27; Ps. 125:1; Prov. 14:26; Isa. 25:1; Rom. 8:38-39)
- ▷ God is timeless (Job 4:20; Ps. 90:2)
- ▷ God has no end of days (Ps. 102:27)
- ▷ The Son's reign will have no end (Ps. 132:11; Isa. 16:5; Luke 1:32-33; Rev. 11:15-17)
- ▷ The Living One endures forever (Dan. 6:26)
- ▷ God alone possesses immortality in Himself (1 Tim. 6:16)
- ▷ God always existed and always will (Rev. 1:8)
- ▷ He lives and will be worshiped forever (Rev. 4:9-10)

▶ FAITHFUL

God is faithful

- ▷ God is gracious (Gen. 43:29)
- ▷ God is faithful to fulfill His promises (Lev. 26:42; 1 Sam. 4:11; Ps. 12:6; Heb. 10:23)
- ▷ God is faithful to the faithful (Deut. 7:7-11)
- ▷ God deserves thanks for His constant faithfulness (Judg. 16:17; 1 Sam. 15:12; Pss. 92:2; 100:5; 138:1; Isa. 38:16; Luke 1:68-79)
- ▷ God faithfully matures believers (2 Sam. 21:15; Ps. 66:10; Rom. 4:18-25; 1 Thes. 5:24)
- ▷ His faithfulness endures (1 Chr. 28:20; Pss. 48:14; 119:90; Jer. 2:3-8; 51:5)
- ▷ God forgives the repentant (2 Chr. 6:24; Lam. 2:17; 1 Jn. 1:9)
- ▷ God is faithful through calamity (Job 3:25; Ps. 44:26; Jer. 20:11-18; Lam. 3:22-23)
- ▷ His faithfulness is immeasurable (Ps. 36:5)

▶ FORGIVING

God is forgiving

- ▷ God's forgiveness clears one's record (Lev. 4:2; 5:18; Ps. 130:3; Jer. 50:20)

- ▷ God's forgiveness leads believers to forgive others (Lev. 14:23-34; 1 Sam. 24:10; Col. 3:13)
- ▷ God is ready to forgive (Num. 14:5; Ps. 86:5; Mic. 7:18-20; Heb. 8:12)
- ▷ God forgives His people when they repent (Deut. 30:1-3; 2 Chr. 7:14)
- ▷ God forgives those who repent (2 Sam. 12:13; Ps. 85:2; Jon. 3:5-10; Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Jn. 1:9)
- ▷ Jesus has authority to forgive sins (Luke 5:17-26)
- ▷ Those forgiven much will love much (Luke 7:36-50)

▶ GOOD

God is good

- ▷ God provides for our needs (Exod. 16:12)
- ▷ God creates only good things (Deut. 2:30; 1 Tim. 4:4)
- ▷ All are invited to experience the goodness of God (Ps. 34:8)
- ▷ God is good to His covenant people (Ps. 73:1; Jer. 32:40)
- ▷ God deserves thanks for His goodness (Pss. 79:13; 100:5)
- ▷ All good comes from God (Ps. 112:5-7; Ezek. 27:3; Jas. 1:17)
- ▷ God is good to all (Ps. 145:9)
- ▷ No one is good except God (Mark 10:18; Luke 18:19)

▶ HOLY

God is holy

- ▷ His holiness is unique (Exod. 15:11)
- ▷ His holiness is the standard for believers' behavior (Lev. 11:45; 19:2; Mark 10:17-21; 1 Pet. 1:15-16)
- ▷ His holiness demands exclusive worship (Josh. 24:19; Ezek. 43:12; Acts 9:31)
- ▷ No one else is holy like He is (1 Sam. 2:2)
- ▷ The Most Holy One deserves constant honor (2 Kgs. 16:18; Rev. 4:8)
- ▷ His holy presence rejects impurity (Isa. 6:3-5)
- ▷ God guards His holy reputation (Ezek. 35:11; 36:21-23)
- ▷ He disciplines believers to impart His holiness to them (Heb. 12:10)

▶ INFINITE

God is infinite

- ▷ He has no limits, boundaries, or end (1 Sam. 4:12; Isa. 40:12-14)
- ▷ Even heaven cannot limit God (1 Kgs. 8:27)
- ▷ God, who exists before and after time, deserves honor (2 Kgs. 20:11; Jude 1:25)
- ▷ Heaven and earth cannot contain Him (2 Chr. 6:18; Ps. 76:4)
- ▷ He is not limited by time (Ps. 90:2)
- ▷ He is at the beginning and the end of all things (Rev. 22:13)

▶ JUST

God is just

- ▷ He exercises justice toward all humanity (Gen. 18:25)
- ▷ God's justice often requires punishment (Exod. 12:29)
- ▷ God judges all people with justice (Exod. 21:24; Job 18:8; Ps. 9:8; Prov. 21:15; Ezek. 30:3; Rom. 2:3)
- ▷ God's law and judgments are completely righteous (Lev. 17:4; 2 Sam. 6:8; Ps. 19:7-9)
- ▷ All God's ways are righteous and deserve praise (Deut. 8:19; Ps. 148:1; Rev. 15:3)
- ▷ He is just in all His ways (Deut. 32:4)

- ▷ Jesus, our righteous defender before the Father (Judg. 3:31; Job 17:3; 1 Jn. 2:1)
- ▷ God rightly judges heart, mind, and deeds (Ruth 4:13; 1 Sam. 12:19; Eccl. 8:13; Jer. 7:14; 17:10)
- ▷ All sin is ultimately against a righteous God (Ps. 51:4)
- ▷ The Messiah will judge all with complete justice (Ps. 58:1; Isa. 11:4-5)
- ▷ God alone is the judge (Isa. 10:1; Jas. 4:12)
- ▷ The righteous Messiah will establish a righteous people (Jer. 33:16)
- ▷ The righteous God justifies those who believe in Jesus (Mic. 6:10-12; Rom. 3:25-26)
- ▷ A day is fixed for His righteous judgment of the world (Mal. 4:1-3; Acts 17:31)

▶ LOVING

God is loving

- ▷ To love enemies and the wicked is to be like God (Exod. 23:5; Job 31:29; Ezek. 32:18; Luke 6:35)
- ▷ God loves His people, even when they are faithless (Num. 13:33; Hos. 3:1; Mark 16:7)
- ▷ God loves and preserves His godly people (Ps. 37:28)
- ▷ God deserves thanks because of His perpetual love (Pss. 42:4; 100:5)
- ▷ Nothing can separate the believer from His love (Ps. 136:1; Rom. 8:38-39)
- ▷ As a father, God corrects His beloved children (Prov. 3:12)
- ▷ Eternal plans are motivated by His love (Jer. 31:3-4; Eph. 1:4-5)
- ▷ Believers should imitate God's universal love (Matt. 5:44-45)
- ▷ God loved the world enough to send His Son to die (Luke 23:33-49; John 3:16)
- ▷ God loves those who love His Son (and obey Him) (John 2:7; 14:21)
- ▷ His love is poured into believers' hearts (Rom. 5:5)
- ▷ God is love, and those who know God love others (1 Jn. 4:7-8, 9-10, 20-21)

▶ MERCIFUL

God is merciful

- ▷ God reveals Himself (Exod. 6:3)
- ▷ God is merciful according to His own purposes (Exod. 7:14; 33:19; 1 Kgs. 14:13; Rom. 9:15)
- ▷ God is merciful to sinners (Judg. 15:18; Zeph. 1:12; John 8:1-11)
- ▷ God gives mercy to those who are merciful (1 Sam. 11:13; 24:4; 2 Kgs. 6:22; Matt. 5:7)
- ▷ God's mercy endures through trials (1 Kgs. 19:4; Job 16:17; Lam. 3:22)
- ▷ God is merciful (2 Chr. 28:9; Ps. 86:15)
- ▷ Salvation and new life come through His mercy (Isa. 24:16; Titus 3:5)
- ▷ In Christ God kept His promise of mercy to His people (Luke 1:54-55)
- ▷ God's rich mercy gives believers new life in Christ (Eph. 2:4)
- ▷ He causes believers to be born again by His mercy (1 Pet. 1:3)

▶ PATIENT

God is patient

- ▷ God is slow to anger (Exod. 15:24-25; 34:6; 1 Sam. 18:29)

- ▷ God patiently awaits repentance (2 Sam. 12:1-7; Jon. 4:2)
- ▷ Believers can appeal to their patient God (Ps. 86:15; Zech. 1:12)
- ▷ God delays punishment as he awaits repentance (Jer. 16:10-13; 2 Pet. 3:9, 15)
- ▷ God is patient—but he will not wait forever (Joel 2:12-17)

▶ RIGHTEOUS

God is righteous

- ▷ People must declare humbly that God alone is righteous (Exod. 9:27; 2 Chr. 12:6)
- ▷ His righteousness demands punishment (Exod. 34:7)
- ▷ His righteousness is absolute (Ps. 71:19)
- ▷ He rules out of righteousness (Ps. 97:2)
- ▷ He is righteous in everything He does (Ps. 145:17)
- ▷ He delights in demonstrating righteousness (Jer. 9:24)
- ▷ The Lord's name: "The LORD Is Our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:6; 33:16)
- ▷ In the end, the righteous Judge will judge righteously (2 Tim. 4:8)

▶ SELF-EXISTENT

God is self-existent (independent and uncreated)

- ▷ God exists; false gods don't (Exod. 3:14)
- ▷ We have nothing materially that God needs or wants (Ps. 50:12; Luke 21:1-4)
- ▷ The King is before and after everything (Isa. 6:1-4; Rev. 21:6)
- ▷ The Creator is completely independent (Isa. 40:12-31)
- ▷ The living God is the source of life (John 5:26)

▶ SELF-SUFFICIENT

God is self-sufficient (has no needs)

- ▷ God supplies all things their life and breath (2 Chr. 23:21; Job 14:2, 5; 34:14-15; Acts 17:25)
- ▷ The One Creator originates and controls His creation (Job 9:9; Eccl. 12:1; Jer. 10:6-14)
- ▷ We need the Creator, but He's entirely independent (Isa. 40:12-31)
- ▷ God has no equal (Isa. 40:25)
- ▷ He does things simply because He wants to (Dan. 4:34-35)
- ▷ The Source of all life needs no one to give Him life (John 5:25-26)

▶ SOVEREIGN

God is sovereign

- ▷ God powerfully delivered His people from Egypt (Exod. 12:29-32; 13:13-31)
- ▷ He raises and removes rulers (Deut. 2:33; Eccl. 4:1; Isa. 45:11-13; Jer. 25:9; Dan. 2:21)
- ▷ He is the only Sovereign (Deut. 4:32; Ezek. 29:6-7; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:15)
- ▷ He has a plan for His people and will carry it out (Judg. 14:4; Ps. 138:8; Joel 3:16; Eph. 1:5, 11)
- ▷ God is in control of all things (2 Sam. 24:1; 2 Chr. 18:21, 33)
- ▷ God has dominion over the affairs of people (1 Kgs. 19:13; Job 12:16; Eccl. 9:11; Isa. 41:26; Amos 1:4-5; Acts 23:10-11)
- ▷ The Creator looks after His creation (Ezra 5:5; Ps. 104:9)
- ▷ God controls nature for His purposes (Job 37:2-13; Isa. 10:15; Matt. 8:23-27)



- ▷ God controls time and seasons (Job 38:33; Ps. 148:8; Dan. 2:21; Zeph. 1:5)
- ▷ The powerful Creator reduces human rulers to nothing (Isa. 40:24)
- ▷ God chose His people to become like Christ (Rom. 8:28-30; Phil. 2:5-11)
- ▷ God chose His people before He made the world (Eph. 1:4)
- ▷ God's eternal purpose is to make His wisdom known (Eph. 3:10-11)
- ▷ He chose His people to save and purify them (2 Thes. 2:13)

► TRUE

God is true/truthful

- ▷ His Spirit guides believers into all truth (Lev. 5:1; 2 Chr. 35:19; John 16:13)
- ▷ God follows through on His promises (Lev. 5:4; Num. 11:22-23, 31-34; Ps. 65:5; 2 Cor. 5:6-8)
- ▷ God doesn't lie but keeps His word (Num. 23:19; 2 Sam. 1:10; Pss. 3:5; 19:7; 21:2, 5; 22:1, 18; 23:1, 4; 27:4, 10; 37:25)
- ▷ God's words are faithful and true (Job 29:23; Ezek. 2:8-3:4; Rev. 21:5; 22:6)
- ▷ God's words are true and completely righteous (Ps. 19:9; Matt. 15:12-14)
- ▷ He is "the God of truth" (Ps. 31:5; Isa. 65:16)
- ▷ God's truth is everlasting (Ps. 117:2; Jer. 40:2)
- ▷ God's truth can be suppressed to our peril (Prov. 9:10; Rom. 1:18ff)
- ▷ He is full of grace and truth (John 1:14)
- ▷ Believers know that God is true (John 3:33)
- ▷ True freedom comes from abiding in God's truth (John 8:31-32; Gal. 5:13-15)
- ▷ God is the Truth (John 14:6)
- ▷ The Holy Spirit is characterized by truth in every way (John 14:17; 15:26; 1 Jn. 5:10-11)
- ▷ Eternal life is knowing the only true God (John 17:3)
- ▷ God's word is truth (John 17:17)
- ▷ Even if all humanity lies, God remains true (Rom. 3:4)

► UNCHANGING

God is unchanging

- ▷ He doesn't lie and is true to His word (Num. 23:19)
- ▷ God is consistent throughout all time (Num. 23:27; Heb. 13:8)
- ▷ Though the universe will change, God never will (Ps. 102:25; Heb. 1:10-12)
- ▷ His love is never-ending (Song 5:1; Lam. 3:22-23; Mal. 3:6)
- ▷ God never changes (Jer. 26:17-19; Mal. 3:6)
- ▷ God is good—all the time (Jas. 1:17)

GOD'S NAMES

The Names and Nature of God: *Who is God?*

► GOD

God has many names and roles in Scripture

- ▷ God (*Ei/Elohim*) (Gen. 1:1; 35:1)
- ▷ LORD God (*YHWH Elohim*; the one existing God of power) (Gen. 2:4)
- ▷ LORD (*YHWH*; the one true God who exists) (Gen. 12:1)

- ▷ God Most High (*Ei Elyon*) (Gen. 14:20; Ps. 78:35)
- ▷ Sovereign LORD (*Adonai YHWH*; the Lord of all) (Gen. 15:2)
- ▷ God Almighty (*Ei Shaddai*; properly, the Almighty God) (Gen. 17:1)
- ▷ Lord (*Adonai*; Ruler or owner of all creation) (Gen. 18:26-27)
- ▷ The Eternal God (*Ei Olam*) (Gen. 21:33)
- ▷ The LORD, the provider (*YHWH Jireh*) (Gen. 22:14; Song 1:7)
- ▷ Shepherd (Gen. 48:15; Song 1:7; Ezek. 34:12)
- ▷ Helper (Gen. 49:25; Ps. 22:19; Isa. 41:14)
- ▷ The LORD, the healer (*YHWH Rapha*) (Exod. 15:26; Isa. 38:3)
- ▷ The LORD, the banner of his people (*YHWH Nissi*) (Exod. 17:15)
- ▷ The LORD is peace (*YHWH Shalom*) (Lev. 3:1; Judg. 6:23-24; Isa. 9:6; Matthew 5:9)
- ▷ Lawgiver (Josh. 2:4; Isa. 33:22; Jas. 4:12)
- ▷ LORD of Heaven's Armies (*YHWH Sabaoth*; the warrior God) (Josh. 5:13-15; Isa. 6:3; 26:21; 44:6; Nah. 2:13)
- ▷ Holy One of Israel (2 Kgs. 19:22; Isa. 41:14; Ezek. 39:7)
- ▷ King (Ezra 1:1; Ps. 47:2; Isa. 6:5; 33:22; 44:6; Jer. 23:5-6)
- ▷ Redeemer (Job 19:25; Isa. 41:14; 63:16)
- ▷ Refuge (Pss. 16:1-11; 46:1; 61:3)
- ▷ Rock (Pss. 18:2; 19:14; 89:26; 92:15)
- ▷ Fortress (Pss. 18:2; 31:3; 59:16)
- ▷ The LORD, the Shepherd (*YHWH Ra-ah*) (Ps. 23:1)
- ▷ Tower (Ps. 61:3; Prov. 18:10)
- ▷ Deliverer/Savior (Ps. 79:9; Isa. 11:1; 43:3, 11; Dan. 3:29)
- ▷ Judge (Isa. 3:13; 33:22)
- ▷ LORD GOD (*YH YHWH*; the one true God who exists) (Isa. 12:2; 26:4)
- ▷ Husband (Isa. 54:5; Ezek. 16:32)
- ▷ The LORD, the righteousness of His people (*YHWH Tsidkenu*) (Jer. 23:6)
- ▷ The LORD who is there (*YHWH Shammah*) (Ezek. 48:35)
- ▷ Just One (Rom. 3:26)
- ▷ Justifier (Rom. 3:26)

► FATHER

The Father has many names and roles in Scripture:

Who is God the Father?

- ▷ Creates (Gen. 1:1; 2:25; Job 10:11)
- ▷ Shepherd (Gen. 48:15)
- ▷ "I AM" (Exod. 3:14)
- ▷ Father (2 Sam. 7:14; Ps. 89:26)
- ▷ Gardener (Vinedresser) (Ps. 80:14; John 15:1)
- ▷ Heavenly Father (Matt. 6:26)
- ▷ Sends the Holy Spirit (John 14:26)
- ▷ Sender of Christ (John 16:5)
- ▷ Holy Father (John 17:11)
- ▷ Righteous Father (John 17:25)
- ▷ Abba Father (Rom. 8:15)
- ▷ Predestines (Rom. 8:28-30; Eph. 1:3-6)
- ▷ Father of Compassion (2 Cor. 1:3)
- ▷ Father of Christ (Eph. 1:3)
- ▷ Glorious Father (Eph. 1:17)

► SON

The Son has many names and roles in Scripture:

Who is God the Son?

- ▷ Friend of sinners (Gen. 26:30; Ps. 25:14; Prov. 20:6; Ezek. 5:13; Matt. 11:19; Luke 7:34)

