







The Essential Nature of God

He is spiritual – Romans 1:21-22. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Spiritual nature - but Immortal

I Tim 1: 17

Now to the King eternal,
immortal, invisible, to God
who alone is wise, be
honor and glory forever
and ever. Amen.

Spiritual nature - Not physically constrained

Acts 17: 24

God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, **does not dwell in temples** made with hands.

Spiritual nature – but bodily described:

Hands (**Exodus 15:17**)

Feet (**Psalm 110:1**)

Eyes and ears (**Exodus 3:7**)

Lungs (**Genesis 2:7**)

Self Existent nature & Eternal

Psalm 102: 24b – 27

Your years are throughout all generations. Of old You laid the foundation of **the earth, and the heavens** are the work of Your hands. They will perish, **but You will endure**; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. But **You are the same, And Your years will have no end.**

Psalm 102:12

But **You, O LORD, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations.**

Personal nature

Has a name – I AM (YAHWEH): **Exodus 3:14**,

And God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM.**" And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, '**I AM** has sent me to you.' "

Exodus 20:7 – a name not be taken in vain.

"**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain**, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

POSSESSES:

Intellect (**Genesis 18:19; Acts 15:18**),

Sensibility (**Genesis 6:6; Psalm 103:8-14**)

Volition – the exercise of will (**Genesis 3:15; John 6:38**).

Personal Nature – cont'd

He speaks (**Genesis 1:3**),

sees (**Genesis 11:5**),

Hears (**Psalm 94:9**),

grieves (**Genesis 6:6**),

gets angry (**Deuteronomy 1:37**),

gets jealous (**Exodus 20:5**),

and is compassionate (**Psalm 111:4**).

Triune Nature

Matt 28:19

Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the **Father** and of the
Son and of the **Holy Spirit**,

Immanent & Transcendent

Job 34: 14 -15

If He should set His heart on it, If He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath, all flesh would perish together, And man would return to dust.

Immanent & Transcendent

Colossians 1:17

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Jeremiah 23:24

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.

Acts 17: 27-28

God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

Immanent & Transcendent

Isaiah 55:8-9

For **My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are our ways My ways,**" says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 6: 1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "**Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.**"

Psalms 113: 5-6

Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high, Who humbles Himself to behold the things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

Infinite

Psalm 147: 5

Great is our Lord, and
mighty in power; **His**
understanding is infinite.

Immutable

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Immutable

Psalm 33: 11

The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.

Psalm 102: 26-28

They will perish, but **You will endure**; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. But **You are the same**, And **Your years will have no end** The children of Your servants will continue, And their descendants will be established before you.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, **with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning**.

Immutable

Malachi 3: 6-7

For I am the LORD, I do not change;
Therefore you are not consumed, O
sons of Jacob. Yet from the days of your
fathers You have gone away from My
ordinances And have not kept them.
Return to Me, and I will return to you,"
Says the LORD of hosts. "But you said,
'In what way shall we return?'

Omnipresent

I Kings 8:27

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, **heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You**. How much less this temple which I have built!

Deuteronomy 4:7

For **what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us**, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?

Jeremiah 23:23-24

"**Am I a God near at hand,**" says the LORD, "**And not a God afar off?** 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.

Omnipresent

Psalm 139:7-10

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

Omniscient

Job 37:16

Do you know how the clouds are balanced, Those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?

1 John 3:20

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

Omnipotent

Job 42: 1-2

Then Job answered the LORD and said: "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You."

Matthew 19:26

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Jeremiah 32:17

'Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

Holy & Righteous

Leviticus 11: 44-45

'For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; **for I am holy**. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, **for I am holy**.

James 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for **God cannot be tempted by evil**, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

Jeremiah 9:24

But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That **I am the LORD, exercising** lovingkindness, judgment, and **righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight**," says the LORD.

Just

Psalm 94: 1-3

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs--O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth! Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud. LORD, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph?

Genesis 18:25

"Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Psalm 97:2

Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Truthful & Faithful

John 17:17

Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth.**

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Titus 1:2

in hope of eternal life **which God, who cannot lie,** promised before time began,

Truthful & Faithful

Deuteronomy 7: 9

Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

1 Thessalonians 5:24

He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Loving

1 John 4:8-10

He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Merciful & Gracious

Luke 1:50

And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation.

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Ephesians 1:7-8

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

Merciful & Gracious

Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of **God** our Savior appeared, he **saved us**, not because of righteous things we had done, but **because of his mercy**. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, **so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life**

Conclusion

Deuteronomy 7:21

You shall not be terrified of them; for **the LORD your God, the great and awesome God, is among you.**

Daniel 9:4

And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "**O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,**

Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.

conclusion

Exodus 34:8

So Moses made haste
and bowed his head
toward the earth, and
worshiped.