


Calvary Chapel CG, Tuesday Men's Study

Prayer, Our Glorious Privilege.

By Pastor Chuck Smith

(by way of *The 25 Attributes of God*)

(Part II)

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Agenda

- Purpose
- Procedure
 - Group Effort
 - Note-taking guide
- Resources / References
- Attributes of God (25)
- *Prayer, Our Glorious Privilege*

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Purpose

- ➡ Primary: To be more effective in prayer
 - ➡ Residual benefit: To know God better.
- ➡ TAKE AWAY: “Not to be ‘intelligent’ Christians, but to be ‘empowered’ Christians.”

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Procedure

- Group Effort
- Note Taking Guide
- Introduction:
 - Privilege of Prayer (**one week**)
 - Who / What is your God?
 - Attributes of God (25)(**est. ~ 50+ weeks**)
- Overview: **Prayer, Our Glorious Privilege.** By Pastor Chuck Smith (**~3-4 weeks**)
 - The Purpose (the what) of prayer,
 - The Plan (the how) of prayer,
 - The Promises (the why) of prayer
- Inhibitors of Prayer (internal, external) (**~one week**)

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Introduction – Prayer (Ref #1)

- **James 5:16**, “Confess your trespasses to one another, and **pray** for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent **prayer** of a righteous man avails much.”
- **Phil 4:6**, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;”
- **1Thess 5:17**, “**Pray** without ceasing.”



Introduction-Prayer (cont.)

- ➡ **The privilege of prayer.** “Because we have been numbed to its truth: Prayer is a glorious privilege. It is a gift God has made available to even the weakest of His children—and one of the greatest blessings God has given to man. It is amazing that we can come into the presence of God, the Creator of this universe, and talk with Him. And what is even more amazing—He always listens...!” --Pastor Chuck Smith (Ref #4)

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Introduction-Prayer (cont.)

- ➡ **Purpose of / What is prayer?** “The purpose of **prayer** is that we may join hands with God to accomplish **His** purposes here on earth, and to accomplish what otherwise might not have been done had we not **prayed**.” Pastor Chuck Smith (Ref #4)
- ➡ “First and foremost is our relationship w/God. Without it the following pages on **prayer** make little sense.” Pastor Chuck Smith (Ref #4)



Introduction: Prayer (cont.)

- Effectiveness in **prayer** requires a relationship w/God versus a religion w/man.
 - If truly a relationship with God, then it is important (even imperative) to “know” God better?
 - How to “know” God, and answer the question:
 - **Who and / or what is your God? (i.e. attributes)**
- Defining the attributes and knowing the scripture sources can provide you a better knowledge of God, enhance your relationship with Him, thereby benefiting your **prayer** life.



Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question 1:

- ➡ Given 10 minutes and your table buddies, list as many attributes of God (22+/-) as possible.

NOTE: Three have been provided for you.

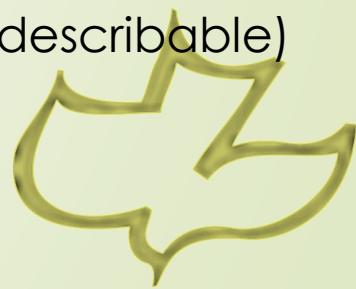
- ➡ The results will then be discussed and listed on the whiteboard.

➡ Question 2: TBAnnounced

Review: Attributes of God (25) (Ref #5)

- Eternal / Eternity / Eternality
- Faithfulness
- Foreknows
- Good
- Holy
- Immutable (does not change)
- Impartial
- Incomprehensible
- Infinite
- Jealous
- Justice
- Longsuffering
- Love
- Mercy
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent
- Omniscient
- Righteous
- Self-existent
- Self-sufficient
- Sovereign
- Transcendent (indescribable)
- Truth
- Wise
- Wrath

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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **10-12** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ **1)** Define **Love** (agape & phileo)
- ➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.
 - ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
- ➡ Scripture Solutions on whiteboard



Love – Defined (Ref #5, and others as noted)

➤ **The Bible Truth Website**, Cooper Adams:

The primary meaning of the word "love" in Scripture is a "purposeful commitment to sacrificial action for another." In the Bible it is a fact that loving God is equated with obeying His Word. The two are inseparable.

➤ **Merriam-Webster:**

“strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties...”

➤ **Urban Dictionary:**

The most spectacular, indescribable, deep euphoric feeling for someone.

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Love – Defined (Ref #5)

➤ The Baker Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology ...

- **God is love** and has demonstrated that **love** in everything that he does. Paul compares faith, hope, and **love**, and concludes that "the greatest of these is **love**" (**1Cor 13:13**).
- "God Is Love." Agape the **love** theme of the Bible, can only be defined by the nature of God. John affirms that "God is **love**" (**1John 4:8**). God does not merely **love**; he is **love**. Everything that God does flows from his **love**.
- John emphasizes repeatedly that God the Father **loves** the Son (**John 5:20; 17:23, 26**) and that the Son **loves** the Father (**John 14:31**).
- THE **LOVE** OF GOD - "God is **love**." **1 John 4:16**
- The noun denotes compassion and **love**, not just feelings or emotions, as expressed in tangible

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Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- Sovereign - **Deut 7:8; 10:15**, *the LORD loves you...keep the oath"*
- Great - **Eph 2:4**, *"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us..."*
- Abiding - **Zeph 3:17**
- Unfailing - **Isa 49:15, 16**, *"...See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me."*
- Unalienable - **Romans 8:39**, *"nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*



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- Constraining - **Hosea 11:4**, "I drew them with gentle cords, With bands of love, And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them."
- Everlasting - **Jeremiah 31:3**, "The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."
- Irrespective of merit - **Job 7:17**, "What is man, that You (God) should exalt him, That You should set Your heart on him, **18**, That You should visit him every morning, And test him every moment?"



Love

Additional Scriptures (Ref #2 & #5)

➡ LOVE MANIFESTED TOWARDS:

- ➡ Perishing sinners - **John 3:16; Titus 3:4**
- ➡ His saints - **John 16:27; 17:23; 2 Thess 2:16; 1 John 4:16**
- ➡ The destitute - **Deut 10:18**
- ➡ The cheerful giver - **2 Cor 9:7**

➡ LOVE PERFECTED IN SAINTS:

- ➡ By obedience - **1 John 2:5**
- ➡ By brotherly love - **1 John 4:12**
- ➡ The source of our love to him - **1 John 4:19**
- ➡ To be sought in prayer - **2 Cor 13:14**

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➡ LOVE EXHIBITED IN:

- ➡ The giving of Christ - **John 3:16**
- ➡ The sending of Christ - **1 John 4:9**
- ➡ Christ's dying for us while sinners - **Rom 5:8; 1 John 4:10**
- ➡ Election - **Mal 1:2,3; Rom 9:11-13**
- ➡ Adoption - **1 John 3:1**
- ➡ Redemption - **Isaiah 43:3,4; 63:9**
- ➡ Freeness of salvation - **Titus 3:4-7**
- ➡ Forgiving sin - **Isaiah 38:17**

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➡ Love Exhibited in:

- ➡ Quickening of souls - **Eph 2:4,5**
- ➡ Drawing us to himself - **Hosea 11:4**
- ➡ Temporal blessings - **Deut 7:13**
- ➡ Chastisements - **Hebrews 12:6**
- ➡ Defeating evil counsels - **Deut 23:5**
- ➡ Shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Spirit - **Rom 5:5**
- ➡ Saints know and believe - **1 John 4:16**
- ➡ Saints should abide in - **Jude 1:21**

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Mercy – Defined (Ref #5, #2)

- ➡ **Definition, Blue Letter Bible:** Mercy is when that which is deserved is withheld to the benefit of the object of the mercy. God has demonstrated this attribute in abundance with respect to mankind. We from ... beginning of our existence have deserved nothing but wrath; having sinned and fallen short of eternal life in glory, we can do nothing to commend ourselves to or defend ourselves before God. **But thankfully, God has been so amazing in His mercy.** Over and against merely having the mercy to allow us to live out our miserable lives without destroying us instantly, God has chosen us to greatness and glory by the hand of His Son. The believer finds himself in Christ and enjoys full well the fruits of God's mercy.

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Mercy – Defined (Ref #5)

➤ (1) Mercy is...

- (a) an essential quality of God (**Ex 34:6,7; Deut 4:31; Ps 62:12**, etc.); it is His delight (**Micah 7:18,20; Psa 52:8**); He is "the Father of **mercies**" (**2Cor 1:3**), "rich in **mercy**" (**Eph 2:4**), "**full of pity, and merciful**" (**James 5:11**);
- (b) associated with forgiveness (**Ex 34:7; Num 14:18; 1 Tim 1:13,16**);
- (d) associated with His covenant (**1 Kings 8:23; Neh 1:5**), with His justice (**Psa 101:1**), with His faithfulness (**Psa 89:24**), with His truth (**Psa 108:4**); **mercy** and truth are united in **Pr 3:3; 14:22**, etc. (in **Psa 85:10** we have "**Mercy** and truth are met together");



Mercy –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

➡ Cont. (1) **Mercy** is:

- ➡ (e) goes forth to all (**Psa 145:9**, "Yahweh is good to all; and his tender **mercies** are over all his works"; compare **Psa 145:16**, "Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing," the Revised Version margin "satisfiest every living thing with favor");
- ➡ (f) shows itself in pitying help (**Ex 3:7; Ezr 9:9f**), supremely in Christ and His salvation (**Luke 1:50,54,58; Eph 2:4**);
- ➡ (g) abundant, infinite (**Psa 86:5,15**; For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. **119:64**);



Mercy

Additional Scriptures (Ref #2 & #5)

- ➡ (2) **"Mercy"** is used of man as well as of God, and is required on man's part toward man and beast
 - ➡ **Deut 25:4; Psa 37:21; 109:16; Prov 12:10; Dan 4:27; Mic 6:8;**
 - ➡ **Matt 5:7**, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy"; **25:31-46;**
 - ➡ **Luke 6:36**, "Be ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful";
 - ➡ **Luke 10:30 f**, the Good Samaritan; **Luke 14:12-16;**
 - ➡ **James 3:17**, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy..'"



Mercy

Additional Scriptures (Ref #2 & #5)

- The experience of God's people is that God's [mercy](#), unlike human [mercy](#), cannot be exhausted (**2 Sam 24:14; Lam 3:22**).
- Yet divine [mercy](#) is not blind or dumb; although God tolerated Israel's rebellion with [mercy](#) for a very long time (**Neh 9:17, 19, 31; Jer 3:12**),
- ultimately ungodliness in Israel was met by a withdrawal of God's mercy, leading to judgment (**Lam 2:2, 21**)
- **Zech 1:12**, *Then the Angel of the LORD answered and said, "O LORD of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these seventy years?").*

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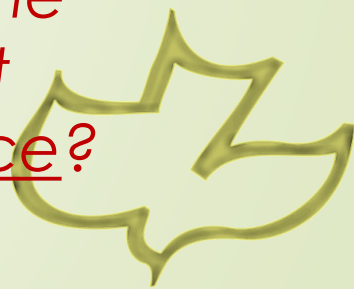
Mercy

Additional Scriptures (Ref #2 & #5)

- But even in judgment and discipline God's [mercy](#) can be seen and hoped for (**2 Sam 24:14; Psalm 57:1; Isa 55:7; 60:10; Jer 31:20**)
- **Hab 3:2**, O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.
- associated with His forbearance (**Psa 145:8**, "Yahweh is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great lovingkindness"; **compare Romans 2:4**; Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

11:32).

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- Eternal / Eternity / Eternality
- Faithfulness
- Foreknows
- Good
- Holy
- Immutable/Unchangeable
- Impartial
- Incomprehensible
- Infinite
- Jealous
- Justice
- Longsuffering
- Love
- Mercy
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent
- Omniscient
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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

➡ Given **10-12** minutes and your table buddies,

➡ **1)** Define **Omnipotent**

➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.

➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.

➡ Scripture Solutions on whiteboard



Omnipotent – Defined (Ref #5, #8)

➤ Definition:

- “means God is all powerful and thus has unlimited authority & influence. He has the ability to do whatever His will dictates. (**Psa 68:14; 91:1-2; 115:3; 2 Cor 6:18**)” (#5)
- “God’s **Omnipotence** (Power, Sovereignty). Means that *God is able to do all His holy will*. The word is derived from two Latin words, *omni*, “all,” and *potens*, “powerful,” and means “**all-powerful**.” Whereas God’s freedom referred to the fact that there are no external constraints on God’s decisions, God’s **omnipotence** has reference to His own power to do what he decides to do. (#8)”



Omnipotent – Defined (Ref #5)

- “The term **omnipotence** is not found in Scripture but clearly is declared in Scripture (**Gen 18:14**; “*Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.*” **Job 42:2; Num 11:23; Matt 19:26**; But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is **impossible**, but with God all things are possible.” **Rev 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 19:6**” Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!”).
- His omnipotence is seen in:
 - His act of creating (**Gen 1:1-3; Ps 33:6-9**).
 - and sustaining everything (**Col 1:17b**-And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.; **Heb 1:3**),”



Omnipotent–Defined (cont.) (Ref #5)

- “in His relation to mankind (**Gen. 45:4-8; Ex. 4:11; Dan 4:17, 25, 32; Luke 12:20; Acts 12:21-24**),
- in His relation to the hosts of heaven (**Dan 4:35; Heb 1:14**, “Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”),
- in His power over Satan and his minions (**Job 1:12; 2:6; Luke 22:31-32, ...**” And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you...”),
- and as Commander in chief (**Ex 9:3-6, 23-26, 33; Psa. 107:25-29, ...**Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, So that its waves are still... ; **Jonah 1:17; 4:6-8; Dan 3:22-28**).”

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Omnipotent –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- Although God has all power:
 - He **cannot** do that which contradicts His holy character or essence and thus
 - He cannot annihilate Himself because He is eternal, immutable, and all wise.
 - He cannot lie because He is truth (**Titus 1:2; Heb 6:18**).
 - He **cannot not** keep His Word because He is faithful (**2 Tim 2:13**).
 - God cannot be tempted by evil (**James 1:13**).
- The **omnipotence** of God gives every saint a firm foundation to trust Him and confidence in His ability to keep the precious and magnificent promises in Scripture.



Omnipotent

Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

- ➡ To make matters easy to understand, let's list four categories of scripture that lead us to the doctrine of omnipotence:

- ➡ **A. Nothing is too hard for God.**

Jeremiah 32:17 "Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."

Luke 1:37 "For nothing is impossible with God."

- ➡ **B. No one can stop God's plans.**

Job 42:2 "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted!"

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Omnipotent

Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

➡ To make matters easy to understand, let's list four categories of scripture that lead us to the doctrine of omnipotence (**cont**):

➡ **C. He made all things and all things serve him.**

Psalm 119:91, "Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you."

➡ **D. He does whatever he pleases.**

Psalm 115:3 "Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him."

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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **11** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ **1)** Define **Omnipresent**
- ➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.
 - ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
- ➡ Scripture Solutions on whiteboard
- ➡ Definition / Scripture Solutions on Overhead Screen



Omnipresent – Defined (Ref #5)

➤ Definition:

- This is an eminently practical attribute of God which describes His presence in every place at the same time! As a result there is nowhere in the universe that lies outside of God's cognition and care. God can be scoffed at, mocked at, disbelieved, impugned, spurned, blasphemed, etc, but ultimately He is unavoidable!
- William Secker put it "A man may hide God from himself, and yet he cannot hide himself from God."



Omnipresent – Defined (Ref #5)

- ➡ **God is:**
 - ➡ everywhere.
 - ➡ His circumference is nowhere,
 - ➡ but his center is everywhere. (Spurgeon)
 - ➡ Distance is no distance in the sight of God.
- ➡ **Omnipresence** is the hardest for us to grasp.
 - ➡ We can only be one place at one time, but God is everywhere at the same time. (Tony Evans)
- ➡ **Satan is Not Omnipresent** - But we're not alone in this. Only God is omnipresent. All other beings are restricted to a given place at a given time.



Omnipresent–Defined (cont) (Ref #5)

- ➡ The famous scientist Isaac Newton , a believer in Jesus Christ, drew this profound conclusion about God...
- ➡ He is not eternity and infinity, but eternal and infinite;
- ➡ He is not duration or space, but He endures and is present. He endures forever and is everywhere present; and by existing always and everywhere He constitutes duration and space.



Omnipresent –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- ➡ God is Not Limited by time or space - **Psalm 139:7-12**. *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...*

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Omnipresent

Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

OLD TESTAMENT.

- ➡ **Deut 4:39** "Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.
- ➡ **Jeremiah 23:23** "Am I a God who is near," declares the LORD, "And not a God far off? **24** Can a man hide himself in hiding places, So I do not see him?" declares the LORD. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.
- ➡ **Isaiah 66:1** Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?"

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Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

NEW TESTAMENT

- **Acts 17:27** *that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us*
- **Matthew 28:20** *and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **11** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ **1)** Define **Omniscient**
- ➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.
 - ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
- ➡ Scripture Solutions on whiteboard
- ➡ Definition / Scripture Solutions on Overhead Screen



Omniscient – Defined (Refs #6, 7, 8,)

➤ Definition:

- The term does not occur in Scripture.
- If you combine the Latin roots omnis (meaning "all") and scientia (meaning "knowledge"), you'll get **omniscient**, meaning "knowledge of all." (vocab.com)
- "God knows everything, things actual and possible, effortlessly and equally well." (Ref 6)
- "God fully knows himself and all things actual and possible in one simple and eternal act." (Ref 8)
- "God differs from other spirits not only in being but also in knowledge. His intellectual capabilities are unlimited, and uses them fully and perfectly." (Ref 7)



Omniscient – Defined (Ref #5)

- “Scripture everywhere teaches the absolute universality of the divine knowledge. In the historical books, although there is no abstract formula, ... God has cognizance (knowledge) e.g. of the doings of man, about the hearing of prayer, the disclosing of the future (Ref 5)
 - **1Sam 16:7; 23:9-12; 1Kings 8:39** *"then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men);*
 - **2Chr 16:9** *"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."*



Omniscient –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- **Job 37:16**, 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.
- **John 21:17**, "...Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep..."



Omniscient

Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

- Next to Himself God knows the world in its totality. This knowledge extends to small as well as to great affairs
 - (**Matthew 6:8,32; 10:30** *"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*");
 - to the hidden heart and mind of man as well as to that which is open and manifest
 - (**Job 11:11**; *For He knows deceitful men; He sees wickedness also. ...?* **34:21,23; Psalms 14:2; 17:2; 33:13-18; 102:19; 139:1-4; Proverbs 5:21; 15:3; Isaiah 29:15; Jeremiah 17:10; Amos 4:13; Luke 16:15; Acts 1:24; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 2:23).**

Omniscient

Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

- It extends to all the divisions of time, the past, present and future alike
 - (**Job 14:17; Psalms 56:8** *You number my wanderings...Are they not in Your book? ; **Isaiah 41:22-24; 44:6-8;***
 - **Jeremiah 1:5** *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; ..."; **Hosea 13:12; Malachi 3:16***).



Omniscient

Additional Scriptures (Ref #5)

- It embraces that which is contingent from the human viewpoint as well as that which is certain
 - (**1 Samuel 23:9-12**; “Then David said, “Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?” And the LORD said, “They will deliver you.” **Matthew 11:22-23**.
 - **Prov 15:3**, “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.”)



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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **11** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ **1)** Define **Righteous**
- ➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.
 - ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
- ➡ Scripture Solutions on whiteboard
- ➡ Definition / Scripture Solutions on Overhead Screen



Righteous – Defined (Refs #5, 6)

Definition:

- “Righteousness is the character or quality of being right or just” and was formerly spelled “rightwiseness,” which clearly expresses the meaning. God is totally righteous because He is totally as He should be.” (#5)
- “Though related to holiness, righteousness is a distinctly different attribute of God. Holiness relates to God’s separateness; righteousness relates to God’s justice.
 - Has to do with the law, morality, and justice
 - In relation to Himself, God is righteous; i.e., there is no law, either within His own being or of His own making, which is violated by anything in His nature.” (#6)



Righteous – Defined (cont.) (Refs #8, 7, 5)

- “God’s righteous means that God always acts in accordance with what is right and is himself the final standard of what is right. (important that God is both righteous and omnipotent-ensures justice prevails). (#8)
- “In righteousness he delivers the needy (us) from injustice and persecution. Eventually he will create a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness will dwell.” (#7)
(Isa 65:17)
- “God’s justice, love & mercy must be harmonized with His righteousness which cannot be compromised. As an attribute of God it is united with His holiness as being essential in His nature” (#5)



Righteous –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- **Psalm 11:7**, “For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.”
- **Psalm 19:9**, “The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”
- **Nehemiah 9:8**, “...To give it to his descendants. You have performed Your words, For You are righteous.”
- **Daniel 9:7**, “O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah...”
- **Lamentations 1:18**, “The LORD is righteous, For I rebelled against His commandment....”



Righteous

Additional Scriptures (cont.)

- **John 17:25**, "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me."
- **Romans 1:17**, "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith..."
- **Acts 17:31**, "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness..."
- **Rev 16:5**, "And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things."
- **Rev 19:2**, "For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged..."

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Attributes of God (19/25) (Ref #5)

- Eternal / Eternity / Eternality
- Faithfulness
- Foreknows
- Good
- Holy
- Immutable/Unchangeable
- Impartial
- Incomprehensible
- Infinite
- Jealous
- Justice
- Longsuffering
- Love
- Mercy
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent
- Omniscient
- Righteous
- **Self-existent**
- Self-sufficient
- Sovereign
- Transcendent
- Truth
- Wise
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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **11** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ **1)** Define **Self-Existent**
- ➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.
 - ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
- ➡ Scripture Solutions on whiteboard
- ➡ Definition / Scripture Solutions on Overhead Screen



Self-Existent – Defined (Ref #5)

Definition:

- God is not dependent upon anything else for existence but has eternally existed without any external or prior cause. God is the essence of life and the unending Source of self-sustenance. (#5)
- The noun **aseity** (Latin derivation - a = from + se = oneself) literally means from oneself and so being from oneself and in philosophy describes that which has its existence derived from itself, having no other source. (#5)
- The divine property of being completely independent of everything distinct from God himself. Everything other than God depends on God, but God depends on nothing besides himself. (Evans, C. S. Pocket Dictionary of Apologetics & Philosophy of Religion. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press)

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Self-Existent – Defined (cont.) (Refs #8, 7)

- “God does not depend upon the world or anyone in it for his existence. The world depends on God for its existence.” (#7)
- “God is uncaused, the one who always is (**Exodus 3:14-“I AM WHO I AM.”**)” (#7)
- “God does not need anything from mankind.” (#8)
- “God is underived, necessary, nondependent existence.” (#7)
- “God is unlimited by anything, or infinite, free, self-determined, and not determined by anything other than himself contrary to his own sovereign purposes.” (#7)



Self-Existent –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- ➡ **Psalm 102:25-28. v25**, “Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands... **v27**, But You are the same, And Your years will have no end...”
- ➡ **Job 41:11**, Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine.
- ➡ **Isaiah 40:28-31**, “Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable...”



Self-Existent

Additional Scriptures (cont.)

- **John 5:26**, "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself," (**v27**, "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.")
- **Rev 4:10**, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: **v11**,...For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created."



Attributes of God (18/25) (Ref #5)

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- Faithfulness
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- Good
- Holy
- Immutable/Unchangeable
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- Incomprehensible
- Infinite
- Jealous
- Justice
- Longsuffering
- Love
- Mercy
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent
- Omniscient
- **Righteous**
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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **11** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ **1)** Define **Righteous**
- ➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.
 - ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
- ➡ Scripture Solutions on whiteboard
- ➡ Definition / Scripture Solutions on Overhead Screen



Righteous – Defined (Refs #5, 6)

Definition:

- “Righteousness is the character or quality of being right or just” and was formerly spelled “rightwiseness,” which clearly expresses the meaning. God is totally righteous because He is totally as He should be.” (#5)
- “Though related to holiness, righteousness is a distinctly different attribute of God. Holiness relates to God’s separateness; righteousness relates to God’s justice.
 - Has to do with the law, morality, and justice
 - In relation to Himself, God is righteous; i.e., there is no law, either within His own being or of His own making, which is violated by anything in His nature.” (#6)



Righteous – Defined (cont.) (Refs #8, 7, 5)

- “God’s righteous means that God always acts in accordance with what is right and is himself the final standard of what is right. (important that God is both righteous and omnipotent-ensures justice prevails). (#8)
- “In righteousness he delivers the needy (us) from injustice and persecution. Eventually he will create a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness will dwell.” (#7)
(Isa 65:17)
- “God’s justice, love & mercy must be harmonized with His righteousness which cannot be compromised. As an attribute of God it is united with His holiness as being essential in His nature” (#5)



Righteous –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- **Psalm 11:7**, “For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.”
- **Psalm 19:9**, “The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”
- **Nehemiah 9:8**, “...To give it to his descendants. You have performed Your words, For You are righteous.”
- **Daniel 9:7**, "O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah..."
- **Lamentations 1:18**, “The LORD is righteous, For I rebelled against His commandment....”



Righteous

Additional Scriptures (cont.)

- **John 17:25**, "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me."
- **Romans 1:17**, "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith..."
- **Acts 17:31**, "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness..."
- **Rev 16:5**, "And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things."
- **Rev 19:2**, "For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged..."



Attributes of God (20/25) (Ref #5)

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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

- ➡ Given **11** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ **1)** Define **Self-Sufficient**
- ➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.
 - ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
- ➡ Scripture Solutions on whiteboard
- ➡ Definition / Scripture Solutions on Overhead Screen



Self-Sufficient – Defined (LivingBiblestudies)

➡ Definition:

- ➡ “God has **self-sufficient** life. He is not dependent on anyone or anything outside of Himself for the sustenance of His Being. He was, is, and always shall be. He exists, and immutably (unchanging) so.” (Chuck Swindoll)
- ➡ “By way of definition, He is *perfectly complete within His own being*.” “Found in Three parts:
 - ➡ **First**, the essence of His **sufficiency**; ... He created all things. (**John 1:1-3**)



Self-Sufficient – Defined (cont.) (Ref #5)

- ➡ (cont.) **Second**, the extent of His **sufficiency**. “...not only did God create all things, but that He sustains all things as well. God not only created all things, but He keeps everything going...” (**Colossians 1:16-17**)
- ➡ **Third**, the extension of His **sufficiency** to you and me.” “...but the most wonderful truth...is that He extends this **sufficiency** to human beings. (**Heb 7:25**); He is sufficient to save us as we come to Him through Jesus Christ. (**2 Tim 1:12**)
(LivingBiblestudies)



Self-Sufficient –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- **John 1:1-3, v1** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...**v3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”
- **Colossians 1:16-17**, For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- **Heb 7:25**, “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”



Self-Sufficient

Additional Scriptures (cont.)

- **Job 12:10;** *“In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?”*
- **Acts 17:25,** *Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things...v28, for in Him we live and move and have our being, ...”*
- God assures us that if we take care of His spiritual purposes such as the pursuit of sanctification (**Heb. 12:14,** *...”For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”*)



Self-Sufficient

Additional Scriptures (cont.)

- He will provide for all our needs—from daily food and clothes to our deepest feelings of inadequacy:
 - **Matt. 6:25–34**, “...**v33**, But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. **v34**, Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”;
 - **Phil. 4:6–7**, “**v6**, Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **v7**, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

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- Holy
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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

- ➡ Given ~**11** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ **1)** Define **Sovereign**
- ➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.
 - ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
- ➡ Scripture Solutions on whiteboard
- ➡ Definition / Scripture Solutions on Overhead Screen



Sovereign – Defined (Ref #5,)

Definition:

- 1828 Edition of Webster's defines Sovereign as:
 - Supreme in power; possessing supreme dominion; as a sovereign ruler of the universe. Supreme; superior to all others; chief. God is the sovereign good of all who love and obey him. Supremely efficacious (producing or capable of producing a result); superior to all others; predominant; effectual; as a sovereign remedy.“
- Easton's Bible Dictionary says **Sovereignty** is God's
 - absolute right to do all things according to his own good pleasure



Sovereign – Defined (cont.) (Ref #5)

(cont.)

- ➡ New Unger's Bible Dictionary says that regarding the Sovereignty of God, that
 - ➡ He is under no external restraint whatsoever. He is the Supreme Dispenser of all events. ...
 - ➡ (**Further**-emphasis added) God has seen fit to create beings with the power of choice between good and evil. He rules over them in justice and wisdom and grace."

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Sovereign –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- God is free to do all he wills: **Psa 135:6, Isa 46:10; Dan 4:35;**
- God is able to do whatever he wills: **Lk 1:37** Gabriel speaking to Mary.
- God cannot be successfully opposed: **Job 42:2 1 Sam 2:10;**
- God rules and reigns-He is King: **Psa 29:10, Rev 15:3, 19:6**
- He is Lord of heaven and earth: **Deut 4:39, Josh 2:11;**
- His throne is a symbol of his sovereignty: **Ex 17:16; Psalm 45:6;**
- God's sovereignty extends over all things
- He is sovereign over creation: **Rev 4:11, Psa 93:1; Isa 40:22;**
- He is sovereign over human life: **1 Chron 29:12, James 4:15**

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Additional Scriptures (cont.)

- He is sovereign over the minutest details of life: **Matt 10:29-30**
- He is sovereign in electing his people: **Eph 1:11 Rom 8:29, 9:11, 18**
- He is sovereign in the life and salvation of his people: **1 Cor 1:30, Jer 18:6; 1 Cor 12:11; Phili 2:13; James 1:18**
- He is sovereign over the sufferings of believers: **Phili 1:29;**
- He is sovereign over world history: **Prov 21:1; Ex 9:16; Dan 4:35**
- God is sovereign over all other gods and over demonic forces
- God is supreme over all gods: **Psa 95:3** “gods” are part of the created order and subject to God's sovereignty. **Daniel 2:47; Colossians 1:16**

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Additional Scriptures (cont.)

- Satan is defeated through God's sovereign purposes at work in Jesus Christ:
Col 2:15; John 12:31; Rom 16:20; 2 Thess 2:8; Heb 2:14; 2 Pet 2:4; 1 John 3:8; Jude 6; Rev 12:7-10.
- **Isa 40:25**, "To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. ;
- **Isa 43:13**, "Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?";
- **Job 42:2**, "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You."
- **1 Tim 6:15-16**, "which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, **v16**, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power."

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Additional Scriptures (cont.)

- **Dan 4:34-35**, “**v34**...For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation. **v35**, All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"
- **Isa 46:9**, Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, **v10**, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'
- **Isa 14:24**, “The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:" **27**;
- **Eph 1:11**, “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,”



Attributes of God (22/25) (Ref #5)

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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

- ➡ Given ~**11** minutes and your table buddies,
- ➡ **1)** Define **Transcendent**
- ➡ **2)** Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.
 - ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
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Transcendent – Defined (Ref #5)

Definition:

- **Transcendent** is defined by the modern Webster's dictionary:
 - "as exceeding usual limits; extending or lying beyond the limits of ordinary experience."
- The more Bibliocentric 1828 Webster's Dictionary defines transcendent as:
 - "Very excellent; superior or supreme in excellence; surpassing others; as transcendent worth; transcendent valor. Cloth'd with transcendent brightness. Transcendental quantities, among geometricians, are indeterminate ones, or such as cannot be expressed or fixed to any constant equation."



Transcendent – Defined (cont.) (Ref #5)

(cont.)

- “...is a theological term referring to the relation of God to creation. God is “other,” “different” from His creation. He is independent and different from His creatures (**Isa 55:8, 9**).” (#5)
- “He is higher than and surpasses in every respect His creation. He is beyond it and not limited by it or to it.” (#5)
- “...our transcendent God is also the omnipresent God and is never farther than a prayer away.” (#5)
- “...God is far “above” the creation in the sense that he is greater than the creation and he is independent of it.” (#8)



Transcendent –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #7)

- “God’s **transcendence** is frequently expressed biblically in terms of time and space.”
 - “*He exists before all creation*” (**Psa 90:2**)
 - “*...and neither the earth nor the highest heavens can contain him. (1 Kings 8:27)*”
 - “...is biblically balanced with the teaching of his immanence (to be within), which signifies that he is wholly present in his being and power in every part and moment of the created universe. He is “*...one God and Father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.*” (**Eph 4:6**)



Transcendent

Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #8)

- **Acts 17:25&28**, "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. v28, "for in Him we live and move and have our being,..."
- **Col 1:17**, "And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."
- **Heb 1:3**, "...and upholding all things by the word of His power,..."
- God is in all and over all. Nothing has an independent existence that transcends Him, not even Truth or Love. God is the ultimate value. He does not set, for example, the standard of righteousness; He is the standard of righteousness. **(cont)**



Transcendent

Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #5)

- ➡ (cont).
- ➡ **Isa 46:9-10. v9**, Remember the former ... For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, **v10** Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';
- ➡ **Psa 115:3**, But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

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Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #5)

- As Immanent (to be within) God pervades and sustains the universe, yet He is always distinct from it. He is everywhere, yet not in everything. He is personally and intimately involved, yet distinct.
 - **Prov 5:21** *For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths.*
 - **Psa 33:13**, *The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; v14 From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth.*
 - **Rom 11:34**, *For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? v35 Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? v36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever.*



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- Foreknows
- Good
- Holy
- Immutable/Unchangeable
- Impartial
- Incomprehensible
- Infinite
- Jealous
- Justice
- Longsuffering
- Love
- Mercy
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- Sovereign
- Transcendent
- Truth
- Wise
- Wrath

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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

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Truth – Defined (Ref #5, 6)

Definition:

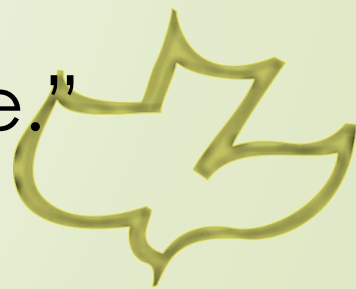
- “God is the definition of truth;
 - He is absolutely true, and all truth accords with God’s actions.
 - God is all that He, as God, should be and that His word and revelation are completely reliable.
 - He is absolutely dependable, without falseness of any kind.
 - God’s plan, principles, and promises are completely reliable, accurate, real, and factual.” (Ref#5)
- “**Meaning**. Truth means “agreement to that which is represented” and includes the ideas of veracity (conformity to facts; accuracy), faithfulness, and consistency. (Ref #6) (cont.)

Truth – Defined (cont.) (Ref #6)

(cont.)

- He is consistent with Himself,
- that He is all that He should be,
- that He has revealed Himself as He really is, and
- that He and His revelation are completely reliable.”
- **“Ramifications.** Because God is true, He can do nothing inconsistent with Himself. His promises can never be broken or unfulfilled (**2 Tim 2:13**), and the Bible, which is His Word, must also be inerrantly true.”

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Truth –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- And since God is **truth**, He desires that those who would give a proper opinion of Him also be **truthful** in the words and deeds:
 - **Rom 12:9**, “Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.”)
- Scriptures on God is **truth**:
 - **Ex 34:6**, “And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,”;



Truth

Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #8)

- **Num 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?"
- **Psa 19:9**, "...The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether; **91:4; 100:5; 146:6;**"
- **Isa 25:1**, "... I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth;" **65:16;**

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Truth

Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #5)

- ➡ **(cont).**
- ➡ **Daniel 4:37**, “Now I... praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice...”; **Micah 7:20**;
- ➡ **John 17:17**, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”;
- ➡ **2 Cor 1:20**; “Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?”



Truth

Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #5)

➡ **Rev 16:7**, *"And I heard another from the altar saying, 'Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.'"*

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➤ **Wise / Wisdom**

➤ Wrath



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Attributes of God (Group Effort)

➡ Question:

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- ➡ 1) Define **Wise / Wisdom**
- ➡ 2) Provide scripture verses (proof texts) which support your table's definition.
 - ➡ Be prepared to present the table solution.
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Wise / Wisdom – Defined (Ref #5,#8)

Definition:

- “Wisdom is the ability to judge correctly and to follow the best course of action, based on knowledge and understanding. God Alone is the Source of this quality of wisdom, quite different from the best wisdom of fallen men (#5).
- **God's wisdom** means that God always chooses the best goals and the best means to those goals. ...that is they always will bring about the best results (fm God's perspective), and they will bring about those results through the best possible means.(#8)
- **Earthly wisdom** appeals to the senses and the emotions. In contrast, the wisdom that is from God reflects Him.

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Wise / Wisdom – Defined (cont.) (Ref #5)

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- The **wisdom of God** which is "*from above (and) is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*" **(James 3:15-18)** This godly wisdom is made available to godless men through the God-Man, Christ Jesus.
- The Hebrew word for wisdom is chakmah, the Greek word is Sophia
- The source of all wisdom is a personal God Who is holy, righteous, and just. His wisdom is expressed against the background of his omnipotence and omniscience.



Wise / Wisdom –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- ➡ **Prov 3:19**, The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;
- ➡ **Job 38:37**, By His wisdom God numbered the clouds
- ➡ **Psa 104:24**, O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions—
- ➡ **Prov 2:6**, For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;
- ➡ **Job 11:6**, That He would show you the secrets of wisdom! For they would double your prudence. Know therefore that God exacts from you Less than your iniquity deserves.



Wise / Wisdom

Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #2)

(cont.)

- **Dan 2:20-22**, “Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. And it is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men, and knowledge to men of understanding. It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; ...”
- **Luke 2:40**, “And the Child (Jesus) grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.”
- **1 Cor 1:19**, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”

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Wise / Wisdom

Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #2)

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- **1 Cor 1:20**, “Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?”
- **1 Cor 3:19**, For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their own craftiness”;
- **Eph 1:17**, “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,”
- **Eph 3:10**, “to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,”

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Wrath – Defined (Ref #5)

Definition: Nelson's New illustrated Bible dictionary:

- Wrath is "the personal manifestation of God's holy, moral character in judgment against sin."
- Wrath is neither an impersonal process nor irrational and fitful like anger. It is in no way vindictive or malicious. It is holy indignation—God's anger directed against sin.
- God's wrath is an expression of His holy love. If God is not a God of wrath, His love is no more than frail, worthless sentimentality; the concept of mercy is meaningless; and the Cross was a cruel and unnecessary experience for His Son.



Wrath – Defined (cont.) (Ref #5)

- God's wrath is not ?
 - Uncontrollable rage.
 - Vindictive bitterness.
 - God losing his temper.
- the Bible says in more than one place that God is "*slow to anger*" (**Neh 9:17; Psalm 103:8**). God never "*loses his temper*" the way we do.
- Wrath is God's "natural" response to sin in the universe.
 - He cannot overlook it,
 - he cannot wink at it,
 - he cannot pretend it is not there.



Wrath –

Salient Points / Proof Texts (Ref #5)

- Wrath is what happens when holiness meets sin!
- Wrath is what happens when justice meets rebellion!
- Wrath is what happens when righteousness meets unrighteousness!
- Wrath is what happens when perfect good meets pure evil!
- God's anger while slow, and not easily aroused (**Ps 103:8; Isa 48:9; Jonah 4:2; Nah 1:3**)
- is to be dreaded (**Psa 2:12; 76:7; 90:11; Matt 10:28**);
- is not to be provoked (**Jer 7:19; 1 Cor 10:22**);



Wrath

Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #5)

- when visited, in the present life, should be borne with submission (**2Sam 24:17; Lam 3:39,43; Mic 7:9**);
- prayer should be earnestly made for deliverance from it (**Psa 39:10; 80:4; Dan 9:16; Hab 3:2**);
- it should be the means of leading man to repentance (**Isa 42:24,25; Jer 4:8**).
- Certain specific things are said especially to arouse God's anger:
 - continual provocation (**Num 32:14**),
 - unbelief (**Psa 78:21,22; Heb 3:18,19**),
 - Impenitence (no shame or regret) (**Isa 9:13,14; Rom 2:5**),

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Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #5)

- ➡ **(cont).**
- ➡ Apostasy (falling away) (**Heb 10:26,27**),
- ➡ idolatry (**Deut 32:19,20,22; 2 Kings 22:17; Jer 44:3**),
- ➡ sin in God's people (**Ps 89:30-32; Isa 47:6**),
- ➡ and it is manifested especially against opponents of the gospel of Jesus Christ (**Psa 2:2,3,5; 1Thess 2:16**).



Wrath

Additional Scriptures (cont.) (Ref #5)

Ex 22:24; 32:10; 33:5; **Num** 11:1,10,33; 12:9; 14:11; 16:20,21,45; 25:3,4,11; 32:10,11,13; **Duet** 6:14,15; 9:13,14,18-20; 32:21,22; **Josh** 7:1,26; 23:16; **Jdg** 2:12; 3:8; 10:7; **1Sam** 28:18; **2Sam** 6:7; 22:8,9; **1Kings** 11:9; 16:2-13; **2Kings** 13:3; 17:18; 22:13; 23:26; **Psa** 7:11; 69:24; 74:1; 76:7; 78:21,38,49,50; 85:3; 90:11; 103:8; 106:23,29,32; 110:5; **Isa** 5:25; 9:17,19,21; 12:1; 13:9,13; 30:27; 42:25; 48:9; 57:16,17; 63:3-6; 66:15; **Jer** 3:12; 4:4,8,26; 7:20; 10:10; 17:4; 21:5,6; 23:20; 25:15, 16, 17,37,38; 30:24; 32:37; 33:5; 36:7; 42:18; 44:6; 51:45; **Lam** 2:1,3,6; 4:11; **Ezek** 5:13,15; 25:14, 15, 16, 17; **Dan** 9:16; **Hosea** 11:9; 13:11; 14:4; **Nah** 1:2,3,6; **Matt** 22:7,13; **Rom** 1:18; 2:5; **Ep** 5:6; **Col** 3:6; **He** 3:11; 4:3; **Rev** 6:16,17; 14:10,11; 15:1,7; 16:19; 19:15

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