

What God is Like

- I. Introduction:
 - a. **(Psalms 19)**
 - b. Two major classes of people in the world
 - i. Those that believe in God
 - ii. Those that do not
 - c. Nature teaches us that there is a God
 - i. **(Rom 1:20)** “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are **clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:”
 - 1. Something can not come from nothing
 - 2. Something is
 - 3. Therefore, something has always existed
 - ii. A watch tells us there is a watchmaker
 - iii. A house teaches us there is a house builder
 - 1. **(Heb 3:4)** “For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.”
 - iv. **(Ps 19:1)** “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”
 - 1. If the universe exhibits design, there must be a Great Designer
 - 2. If it operates with mathematical precision, there must be a Great Mathematician
 - 3. If it gives us important chemical combinations, there must be a Great Chemist
 - 4. If it is a great engineering feat, there must be a Great Engineer
 - d. Atheist’s Faith
 - i. For one to truly be an atheist he must believe in these things:
 - 1. Matter is eternal
 - a. Matter gives no evidence of being eternal
 - 2. Original life came from dead matter without outside stimuli
 - a. A greater miracle than the resurrection of the dead
 - b. Christians believe life comes from life, Atheist does not!
 - c. Easier to believe in the virgin birth as to believe in the birth of life without a Mother and Father
 - 3. All things exist purely as a result of chance directed by no intelligence
 - a. **(Ps 14:1)** “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”
- II. What is God like?
 - a. Nature and logic tell us that God exists

- i. They do not tell us what God is like
 - ii. He tells us what He is like in his revealed word
- b. God is One
 - i. **(Deut 6:4)** “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:”
 - ii. Many false gods, but only one true and living God
- c. Three Persons (Divine) make up One Godhead (Deity)
 - i. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 - 1. These three are separate persons
 - ii. One in agreement and plan
 - 1. **(Gen 1:26)** “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness”
 - 2. **(Matt 3:16-17)** “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
 - iii. We are baptized into this relationship
 - 1. **(Matt 28:19)** “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”
 - iv. One as in a Marriage
 - 1. Husband
 - 2. Wife
 - a. One family
- d. God is Spirit
 - i. **(John 4:24)** “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
 - ii. Not Material – Flesh
 - 1. **(Luke 24:39)** “Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.”
 - iii. Spiritual Body
 - 1. **(1 John 3:2)** “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”
- e. God is Eternal
 - i. **(Ps 90:2)** “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”
 - 1. God is on the outside of time
 - 2. He has always existed
 - ii. **(1 Tim 1:17)** “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”
- f. God is Omniscient

- i. He knows everything
 - 1. Proved by His works and by the scriptures
 - 2. (**Heb 11:3**) “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”
- ii. Has the knowledge to Create
 - 1. (**Rom 11:33-36**) “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his **counselor**? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.”
- iii. Knowledge is proven by Prophecy
 - 1. Hundreds of prediction in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New Testament
 - 2. (**2 Peter 1:19**) “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:”
- g. God is Omnipotent
 - i. He has all power
 - 1. (**Ps 8:3**) “When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;”
 - 2. (**Ps 19:1**) “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”
 - ii. He is the Creator of all things
 - 1. (**Prov 16:4**) “The Lord hath made all things for himself...”
 - iii. Scriptures declare that God has all power
 - 1. (**Gen 17:1**) “And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.”
- h. God is Omnipresent
 - i. (**1 Kings 8:27**) “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?”
 - ii. God is everywhere at all times
 - 1. (**Ps 139:7-10**) “Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.”
 - 2. (**Jer 23:23-24**) “Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places

that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.”

3. (**Acts 17:24-28**) “God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, **dwelleth not in temples made with hands**; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.”
 - iii. God is at all places
 1. Impossible for man to flee from Him
 - i. God is infinitely just
 - i. (**Ps 89:14**) “**Justice and judgment** are the habitation of thy throne: **mercy and truth** shall go before thy face.”
 1. God is complete and absolute justice and impartiality.
 2. (**Acts 10:34-35**) “Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.”
 - ii. Because of Justice we may be lost
 1. (**Isa 59:1-2**) “Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”
 2. When we sin we transgress God's law
 - a. (**1 John 3:4**) “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”
 3. God's justice requires punishment for sin
 - a. (**James 1:14-15**) “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth **death**.”
 - b. Ultimate punishment is Hell
 - i. (**Rev 21:7-8**) “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall

have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

4. If God would not punish sin he would lie
 - a. (**Titus 1:2**) “In hope of eternal life, which **God**, that **cannot lie**, promised before the world began;”
 - i. God cannot lie

j. God is Love

- i. (**1 John 4:16**) “And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.”

1. God’s Justice requires our punishment
2. God’s Love and mercy gives us a way of salvation
 - a. (**Heb 2:3**) “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation...?”

- ii. God’s love gave us his Son for our salvation

1. (**John 3:16-17**) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

- iii. Justice had to be given – Christ took our place

1. (**1 John 4:10**) “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

- iv. God’s love is shown in His plan of Salvation

1. Now that the Son has taken our place on the cross we can receive the forgiveness of sins
 - a. (**Matt 26:28**) “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

2. We now can take part of his blood through obedience to His gospel

- a. (**Acts 2:38**) “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

- i. Gift of the Holy Ghost

1. (**Acts 2:41**) “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were **added unto them** about three thousand souls.”

- ii. Added to the Church – Become a Christian

1. (**Acts 2:47**) “And the Lord **added to the church** daily such as should be **saved**.”