

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD

Intro. The people of earth can know that God exists through seeing His creation.

(NAS Rom 1:19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.)

*[Of course, many do not believe God exists, relying on their own wisdom and intelligence. God says; **The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good. (Psa.14:1)***

It is one thing to know that God exists, but it is another to KNOW God, i.e. know His nature , character & qualities! We can ONLY begin to know & understand God through His writings; THE BIBLE! This is the only place He has revealed Himself! From His book we learn the following;

1. **God is eternal;**

Psa.102:27 “Thy years will not come to an end”

1Tim.1:17 “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

2. **God is CREATOR of ALL things;**

Gen.1:1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Act.17:24-28 “The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things; 26 and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, 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; 28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His offspring.’”

3. **God is omniscient; He knows everything!**

Rom.11:33-35 “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 35 Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.” (see also Psa.147:4-5)

4. **God is omnipresent; He is everywhere;**

Heb.4:13 “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”

5. **God is omnipotent; all powerful;**

Heb.13:5-6 “Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," 6 so

that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT SHALL MAN DO TO ME?"

God is impartial;

Rom.2:11-12 "For there is no partiality with God. 12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;"

7. **God is Faithful;**

1John 1:8-10 "If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

8. **God is Holy; (separate from the world of sin & perfect)**

1Pet.1:15-16 "but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; 16 because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

9. **God is Merciful;**

Rom.2:4 "2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"

10. **God searches our hearts & knows our thoughts;**

Psa.139:2-4 "Thou dost know when I sit down and when I rise up; Thou dost understand my thought from afar. 3 Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down, And art intimately acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, Thou dost know it all." (see Acts 1:24)

11. **God is LOVE;**

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 eternal life."

1John 4:7-8 "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

It is sad to know that many people do NOT truly know or understand God. He is NOT an IT, a FORCE, a COSMIC astronaut, nor a FIGMENT of man's emotions. He is real. He made us and gave us the most precious gift; *the power of choice!*