

God's Attributes



Developing a deeper understanding of God

ABOUT THIS STUDY

This study is designed to last 7 weeks and begin the process of understanding who God is. When discussing God's attributes, it is important to know that there are "Incommunicable" attributes of God (attributes that He does not share with us) and "Communicable" attributes (attributes that He does share with us). This study primarily focuses on His "Communicable" attributes.

Each week you will study several different Scriptures to get a better understanding of who God is. Looking up all the verse can take sometime so make sure you allocate some time to your study. You can take this study as deep as you want, so enjoy. This is not an exhaustive study of God but is designed to act as a starting point in your journey to a better understanding God.

May you be blessed by this study and your time with God.

A study of God's Attributes Week 1

1. **You loved me first, before I loved You.** Jer 31:3; *1 Jn 4:9-10*; 19; Rom 5:8; 8:38-39; Jn 3:16; Jn 15:9; 17:26; Ps 18:1; 116:1-2; 138:8; 1 Pt 1:8; Rv 1:5.
 - a. What do these verses teach about God?
 - b. Do you represent this attribute of God accurately to the world around you?
 - c. How well do you rest in this attribute of God?

2. **You are love.** Ex 34:6-7; Ps 86:5;13; 100:5; 103:8;11;17a; 107:1; 115:1; 136:1-9; 25; 26; *Eph 2:4-5*; I Jn 4:8; 16;18a; Jer 31:3; Jn 3:16.
 - a. What do these verses teach about who God is and/or His power?
 - b. In light of God's love, what is your responsibility towards loving others?
 - c. How well do you emulate God's love?

3. **You are my song.** Ps 40:3; 66:1-4; 96; 89:1; 59:16-17; 21:13; 101:1; 104:33-34; 107:21-22; 118:14.
 - a. God created us to desire Him as the center of our worship. How hard is it for you to live this out?
 - b. Many things often compete for our worship. Are there times when God is not the center of your worship?
 - c. How does this shape the way you view worship?

4. **You are my protector.** Ps 7:1; 27:1; 41:1-2; 91; 146:9; 121; Is 43:1b-2; 2 Thes 3:3.
 - a. Do you see God as your protector during times of adversity?
 - b. How does knowing God as your protector shape the way you view those who persecute you?
 - c. What can you do to draw strength from these verses?

5. **You are my God.** *Is 41:10;13*; Ps 5:2; 18:28-29; 38:15;21; 40:5;8; 63:1-2; 25:1-2; 91:2; Is 25:1; Eph 3:17; *2 Cor 6:16*; Jer 30:22.

- a. What do these verses teach about who God is and/or His power?

- b. What does it mean to you that God said, “I will dwell in them and walk among them?”

- c. God said, “Do not fear, for I am with you”, are you living in the truth of this statement or are you living in fear?

May you be blessed this week as the Lord reminds you of His love and protection.

Trust in Action

- Meditate on one of these verses each day this week.

- Write out a prayer thanking God for an element of His character and ask Him to enable you to live appropriately in light of that attribute.

- Write out the verse that had the most impact on you on a 3x5 card and memorize it.

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A study of God's Attributes Week 2

1. **You are my friend.** Mt 11:19; Lk 12:4; Jn 15:12-15.
 - a. How should this attribute impact your life today?
 - b. Is Jesus your close friend or a casual acquaintance?
 - c. Jesus said that you are His friend if you do what He commands. How would you rate your relationship with Him based upon His requirements for friendship?

2. **You are my strength.** Ps 18:1-2; 21:13; 27:1; 28:7-8; 29:11; 37:39; 59:17; 62:7; 68:35; 73:25-26; 138:3; 105:4; Is 12:2; 40:26; 29-31; 41:10; Zech. 10:12; Eph 3:16; 6:10-13; Phil 4:13; 1 Cor 1:25; 1 Jn 5:4; Rv 17:14.
 - a. During times of difficult, who's strength do you tend to lean on?
 - b. If it is not God's strength, how can you change?
 - c. Do you take the appropriate degree of comfort and joy in this aspect of God's character?

3. **You are my provider.** Gn22:14; Ps 21:2; 34:9-10; 84:11; 85:12; Jn 10:10; 14:16; Mt 6:25-34; 7:7-8; 19:29; Rom8:32; **Phil 4:19**; Heb 11:39-40; Jas 1:17; 2 Pt1:3-4.
- What do these verses teach about God?
 - Do you live in eager expectation of God's provisions, or, do you live in the stress of trying to provide for yourself?
 - What does this say about your responsibility to work and provide?
4. **You are my redeemer.** Eph 1:7-8a; Is 48:17; Is 43:1; 49:26; 54:5; 63:16; Ps 19:14; 34:22; 130:7 1 Cor1:30-31; Rom3:24; **1 Pt 1:18-19**; Titus 2:14; Ps 111:9; Lk 1:68; Heb 9:11-12; Col 1:13-14; Exodus 15:13.
- What do these verses teach about who God is?
 - How would you explain redemption to a non-believer?
 - Christ gave everything for your redemption; it was not cheap. Do you live your life in light of the high price that was paid for you?

5. **You are my righteousness.** Dt 32:4; Ps 4:1; 36:10; 37:5-6; 143:11; Is 45:24a; Jn 17; Eph 4:24; Rom 1:16-17; 3:21-22; 4:5; 5:17; 8:10; 9:30; 10:3-4; 14:17; **Phil 1:11**; 3:9; 1 Cor1:30; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Jn 2:29; Rv 16:5.
- a. How should this attribute impact your life today?

 - b. Righteousness is a fruit of the Spirit that is an inner quality. It is also evident to all who know you. Would those that know you recognize righteousness in your life? If not, why?

 - c. What can you do to develop this fruit in your life?

May you be blessed this week as the Lord reminds you of His strength and righteousness.

Trust in Action

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A study of God's Attributes Week 3

1. **You are my intercessor/mediator.** 1 Tm2:5; Rom8:26-27; 34; Eph 2:18; **Heb 4:14-16**; 7:25; 8:6; 9:15; 10:19-22; 12:22- 24.
 - a. What do these verses teach about God?
 - b. How should this affect your daily life?
 - c. What comfort does it bring to know that Christ is interceding for you?

2. **You are faithful.** Dt 7:9; 32:4; Ps 33:4; 89:1-2, 24; 100:5; 119:90; Lam 3:22-23; 1 Cor 1:9; **10:13**; 1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Thes 3:3; 2 Tim. 2:13; Heb 2:17; 1 Jn 1:9.
 - a. What do these verses teach about who God is?
 - b. How does this bring hope to you and those that are hurting?
 - c. Share a time when God brought you through a situation that appeared to be hopeless?

3. **You are my comfort.** Ps 23:4; 86:17; 119:50; 52; 76; Is 12:1; 49:13; 51:3; 66:13a; Jer 31:13; Mt 5:4; Jn 14:16; 26; 15:26; 2 Cor 1:3-5; 13:11; 2 Thes 2:16-17; Acts 9:31.
 - a. How should this attribute impact your life today?
 - b. God's grace and love is foundational for overcoming present and temporary stress, what is your foundation for dealing with stress?
 - c. How can you encourage someone with what you have learned from this study?

4. **You are wisdom.** Ps 19:7; 51:6; 104:24; 111:10; Pr 2:6; Jer 51:15; Lk 21:15; **Rom 11:33-36**; 16:27; 1 Cor 1:24; 25; 30; Col 1:9; 2 Tim. 3:15; Jas 3:17; Col 2:2-3.
 - a. What do these verses teach about God's wisdom?
 - b. There is nothing that takes God by surprise. He is wise and knows it all, what does that say about the difficulties that hit the life of a believer?
 - c. Do you really believe that God is working wisely in your life?

5. **You are holy.** Exodus 15:11; Is 6:3; 43:15; Ps 22:3; 71:22; 89:18; 99:3;5;9; Ps 105:3; Is 41:14; 43:3a; 54:5; 57:15; Ez. 39:7; Hab. 1:12a; 3:3; Rv 3:7; 4:8; **1 Pt 1:15-16**; Heb 12:10.

- a. What do these verses teach who God is?

- b. God calls you to be holy because He is holy. How are you doing when it comes to growing in holiness?

- c. How does this bring hope to you and those that are hurting?

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A study of God's Attributes Week 4

1. **You are my Savior.** 2 Sm 22:3; Is 19:20; 43:3, 11; 45:21-22; 49:26b; Hosea 13:4; Lk 1:47; Acts 5:30-31; 1 Tm 4:10; **Titus 2:11-14**; 3:4-6; 2 Pt1:11; 3:18; 1 Jn 4:14; Jude 1:24-25; Eph 5:23.
 - a. How should this attribute impact my life today?
 - b. Salvation requires that you grow in holiness. What are you doing to deny ungodliness and live righteously before God?
 - c. How can you encourage someone with what you have learned from this study?
2. **You are almighty.** Gn17:1; 49:25a; Ps 91:1; 24:8; 50:1; 89:13; 93:4; 145:4; 150:2; Rv 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7; 21:22; Job 22:26; 27:10-11; Is 40:26; 2 Cor 6:18.
 - a. What do these verses teach about God?
 - b. How does this shape the way you view God?
 - c. God calls the believer a son or daughter. How would you explain this to a lost person?

3. **You are forgiving.** Ps 32:5; 86:5; 99:8; 103:2;3;10;12; Mt 6:14-15; 9:2;6; Mk 11:25; Rom.4:7-8; Col 1:13-14; 2:13; 3:13;*1 Jn 1:9*; 2:12.

- a. What does these verses teach about who God is?
- b. God freely forgives when we repent and seek forgiveness. Are you quick to repent and seek forgiveness, or are you the type that waits for others to go first?
- c. Is there anyone you need to seek forgiveness from or grant forgiveness to?

4. **You are my hope.** Col 1:27; Ps 38:15; 39:7; 43:5; 71:5; 130:5;7; 146:5-6; Jer 14:8a; 17:13; 29:11; 31:17; Lam 3:24; Rom5:3-5; 8:24-25; 15:13; Gal 5:5; *1 Tim.1:1*; Heb 6:19; I Peter 1:21.

- a. How should this attribute impact your life today?
- b. People often place their hope in things of this world. Things like careers, money, or education. Where do you tend to place your hope in times of uncertainty?
- c. Name several reasons why people fail to place their hope in Christ?

- d. What can you do to ground your hope in Christ so that difficult times will not overwhelm you?

May you be blessed this week as the Lord reminds you of His forgiveness and hope.

Trust in Action

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A study of God's Attributes Week 5

1. **You are my creator.** Gn1:26-27; 2:7; Job 10:8a; Ps 74:16-17; 89:11-12; 100:3; 95:6; 119:73; 139:13-15; Is 17:7; 40:28; 44:24; 45:12; 54:5; Pr 22:2; Col 1:16; **Eph 2:10**; Heb 1:2; **1 Pt 4:19**; Rv 4:11.

- a. How should this attribute impact your life today?
- b. Believers are God's workmanship because they have been created in Christ Jesus. The purpose of this creation is that believers will do good works. What good works have you been doing? What should you start doing or stop doing?
- c. According to 1 Peter 4:19, God often calls believers to suffer, how can knowing that God is a faithful creator ease suffering?

2. **You are my wonderful counselor.** Is 9:6; Jer 33:3; **Ps 5:8**; 16:7;11; 31:3; 32:8; 48:14; 73:23-24; 78:1; 86:11; 119:24;66;130;169; 143:8;10; Jn 6:45; 14:26; 16:13; I Thess. 4:9; 1 Jn 2:27.

- a. What do these verses teach about God?
- b. Counselors serve to give advice and guidance. These verses illustrate the many aspects of our wonderful counselor. Share a time when He gave you clear guidance in a difficult situation. How was your faith strengthened from this event?

3. **You are my prince of peace.** Ps 29:11; Is 9:6; 26:3;12; 54:10; 55:12; 66:12; Micah 5:4-5a; Lk 1:78-79; Rom2:10a; 5:1; 8:6; 14:17; 15:33; 16:20; 2 Cor 13:11; Eph 2:14-15; 2 Thes 3:16; Phil 4:6-7; Col 3:15; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb 13:20-21; Jn 14:27; 16:33; Jude 1:2.
- a. What does these verses teach about His person?
 - b. How should this attribute impact your life today?
 - c. What truth have you learned from this study? How can you apply to your life what you have learned?

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A study of God's Attributes Week 6

1. **You are my healer.** Ex 15:26; 2 Chron. 7:14; Dt 32:39; **Ps 40:1-3**; 41:3-4; 103:2-3; 147:3; Is 57:18-19; Jer 3:22; 17:14; 30:17; Hosea 14:4; Lk 6:17-19; 9:11; **1 Pt 2:24**.
 - a. How should this attribute impact your life today?
 - b. The price that Christ paid on the cross to heal man's broken relationship with God was high. He did this for our salvation, and that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. How are you doing with dying to sin and living righteously daily?
 - c. What changes if any do you need to make in your life, and how will you implement those changes?

2. **You are my shepherd.** Ps 23; 78:52; 80:1; Isaiah 40:11; Ez. 34:11-12; 15-16a; Micah 5:4; Jn10:2-4; 27-28; 10:14-16; 1 Pt 2:25; Rv 7:17.
 - a. What is your understanding of a shepherd's role?
 - b. What do these verses teach about God?
 - c. In the 23rd Psalm, David points out several blessing that come from having God as his shepherd. These blessing drive David to respond in faith as he dwells on God's goodness. What is your typical response to God's goodness in your life?

3. **You are my rest.** Ps 37:7-8; 116:7; Mt 11:28-29; Heb 4:3; 9-11; Is 30:15; 32:18; 63:14; Jer 6:16.
 - a. What do these verses teach about who God is?
 - b. How should this attribute impact your life today?
 - c. What truth have you learned from this study? How can you apply to your life what you have learned?

4. **You are my Living Lord.** Mt 28:6-7; Lk 24:6-7, 46; Jn 14:19; Heb 7:24-25; Rv 1:17-18; 4:9-10; Isaiah 9:7; Dan. 4:34; Rom 14:9
 - a. How should this attribute impact your life today?
 - b. In light of the verses you have just read, what does the phrase “Living Lord” mean to you?
 - c. Do you live your life in a way that would indicate that Christ is your living Lord?

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A study of God's Attributes Week 7

1. **You are my life.** Dt 30:19-20; Ps 36:9; Pr 22:4; Jn 1:4; 6:63; 10:10; 11:25-26; 14:6; 20:31; Gal 2:20; Phil 1:21; Col 3:3-4; 1 Jn 5:20; Rom 6:4;8;11; 8:6;10;11;13; 14:8-9; 2 Cor 3:5-6; 4:10.
 - a. How should this attribute impact your life today?
 - b. What does “being crucified with Christ” mean to you?
 - c. Are you living a crucified life?

2. **You are my refuge.** 2 Sm 22:2-4; Ps 46; **Ps9:9-10**; 32:7; 34:8; 36:7; 37:40; 57:1; 59:9;16-17; 61:1-4; 62:2;7-8; 91:2-4; 9-11; 118:8-9; 142:5; 144:1-2; Joel 3:16.
 - a. What comes to your mind as you think of God as a refuge?
 - b. Who or what do you see as your stronghold(s) during times of stress? Is it your job, education, family, finances, food, entertainment, etc.
 - c. The word for stronghold can be defined as an inaccessible, secure place possibly up high in rim-rock where one may dwell or reside, with a focus on safety and security of the area. Do you regularly turn to Him as your stronghold in times of stress or uncertainty?

3. **You are truth.** Ps 25:5; 103:5; 40:11; 43:3; 57:3; 103:69:13; 71:22; 85:10-11; 86:11; 108:4; 117:2; Is 65:16; Zech.8:8; Jn 1:9; 8:32; 14:6; 15:26; 16:13; 17:17; **Eph 4:20-21**; 24; 1 Jn 5:7, 20; 2 Jn 1:3; Rv 19:11.
- What do these verses teach about who God is?
 - A major theme for Paul is transformation; this is only possible because of the truth that is found in Christ. Our minds are no longer darkened; our lives are no longer alienated from God; our hearts are no longer hardened and impure. What is your biggest struggle to live out this truth, and what steps can you take to change this?
 - Have you ever considered that the greatest harm that comes from lying is that God is dishonored?
4. **You are my victory.** Eph 3:17; Jn 16:33; Rom 8:31; **35-39**; 1 Cor 15:57-58; 2 Cor 2:14; 1 Jn 2:13-14; 4:4; 5:4-5; Rv 12:10-1.
- How should this attribute impact your life today?
 - The phrase “overwhelmingly conquer” comes from the word *hypernikō*. It gives the idea of genuine superiority and overwhelming success. It speaks to delivering a crushing defeat. It is also written in the indicative form, which indicates an ongoing action, one that never stops. In essence, Paul is saying that you have the power in you to deal a death blow to sin daily or moment-by-moment in your life. How does this shape your view of your battle with sin? What can you do to live in victory each day?

5. **You are my Heavenly Father.** Ps 89:26; Isaiah 9:6; 63:16; 64:8; Jer 3:19; Mt 5:16;48; 6:8-9; 14-15; 26; 32-33; 7:11; 10:20; 25:34; Jn 1:12; 6:45; Rom 8:14-17; 9:8; Gal 4:4-7.
- a. What truth have you learned from this study?

 - b. What has been the most impactful thing that you have learned from your study so far?

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Care Philosophy

From time-to-time, we all struggle with issues of life and issues of brokenness in ourselves and in our relationships. Cornerstone's Care ministry offers healing and hope by providing realistic answers to life's challenges. The Care ministry is composed of Counseling teams, Care groups, Celebrate Recovery, Evangelism, Prayer and Marriage Ministry, focusing on a key verse: "Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people" (Galatians 6:10a),

The vision for the Care ministry at Cornerstone church is to provide love and care in a way that helps people find and follow Jesus when life hurts. We accomplish this by providing loving and caring environments that help people process the difficulties of life. Find more information by texting CARE to 21999, or visit us at my.cornerstoneaz.com/care

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