



<sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, we said the Father. 22You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to wors in Him. 24God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

## GLIMPSE OF THE THRONE

God alone is worthy of the worship of all creation.

**REVELATION 4:1-11** 

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**MEMORY VERSE: REVELATION 4:8b** 



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## **ATTRIBUTES**

## of GOD

To study God's attributes is to study his character, to answer questions like, Who is God? and What is God like? A typical classification of God's attributes divides them into those that are incommunicable (those that he does not share or "communicate" to anyone or anything else) and communicable (those that he shares with other beings). Like most theological classifications, this one is imperfect but still helpful as we seek to understand what is so far beyond ourselves.

God's communicable attributes can be further categorized into: attributes of God's being, mental attributes, moral attributes, attributes of purpose and "summary" attributes (attributes that, in a more particular way, modify each of the others).

It is important to consider that God is not simply the sum of his attributes. His attributes are not separate from one another, but each one modifies or qualifies each of the others.

#### SUGGESTED RESOURCES

Systematic Theology | Wayne Grudem The Attributes of God | A.W. Pink

#### **ASEITY**

God is self-existent and selfsufficient and has no need of human beings or the rest of creation.

#### BEAUTY

Summary attributes

God is the possessor and the sum of all desirable qualities.

#### BLESSEDNESS

Summary attributes

God delights fully in himself and in all that reflects his character.

#### ETERNITY

God has always existed, having no beginning and no end, and experiencing no succession of moments.

#### FREEDOM

Attributes of Purpose

God does whatever he pleases.

#### GLORY

Summary attributes

The created brightness that surrounds God's revelation of himself.

#### GOODNESS

Moral attributes

God is the final standard of all good, and all he is and does is worthy of approval.

#### HOLINESS

Moral attributes

God is separated from sin and he is committed to seeking his own honor.

#### **IMMUTABILITY**

God cannot change in his being, perfections, purposes, and promises.

#### INVISIBILITY

Attributes describing God's being

God's total essence, all of his being, will never be visible to us.

#### JEALOUSY

Moral attributes

God always seeks to protect his own honor.

#### KNOWLEDGE

Mental attributes

God fully knows himself and all actual and possible things. (This is also know as God's omniscience)

#### LOVE

Moral attributes

God eternally gives of himself to others.

#### MERCY

Moral attributes

God is good to those in misery and distress and he is good to those who deserve punishment.

#### OMNIPOTENCE Attributes of Purpose

God is able to do all his holy will. (This is also known as God's sovereignty)

#### **OMNIPRESENCE**

God has no size or shape and is present in all places with his entire being.

#### PEACE

Moral attributes

God, in his being and actions, is separate from all confusion and disorder.

#### PERFECTION

Summary attributes

God fully possesses all excellent qualities and lacks no qualities that would be desirable for him.

#### RIGHTEOUSNESS

Moral attributes

God is the final standard of what is right and he always acts in accordance with what is right. (This is also known as God's justice)

#### SPIRITUALITY

Attributes describing God's being

God is a being who is not made up of matter and who cannot be perceived by our bodily senses.

#### TRUTHFULNESS

Mental attributes

God is the true God whose knowledge and words are both true and the final standard of truth.

#### UNITY

God's whole being includes all of his attributes at all times. These attributes are never in opposition.

#### WILL

Attributes of Purpose

God approves and determines to bring about every action necessary for the existence and activity of all that exists.

#### WISDOM

Mental attributes

God always chooses the best goals and the best means to those goals.

#### WRATH

Moral attributes

God intensely hates all sin.

# Living Sacrifices

I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YOU PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.

Romans 12:1





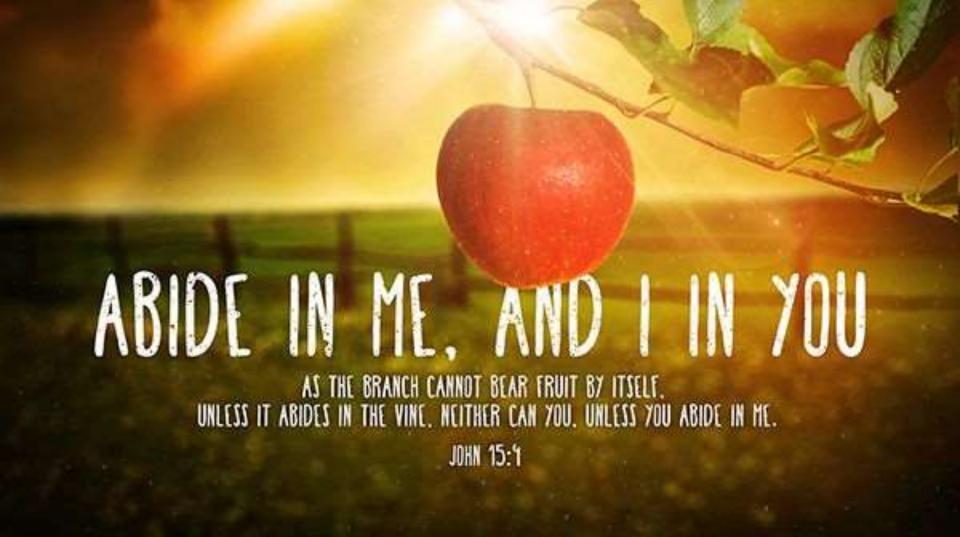
AND ALL CREATION



# Romans 8:29

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.





4 "Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me. (The Message)



If we value something or someone greater than ourselves, then that or they are what we worship, what we value, what we regard, above all else.

It is that thing or that person that we will make sacrifices for.

# Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Colossians 3:2

You should consider that Imitation is the most acceptable part of Worship, and that the Gods had much rather Mankind should Resemble them, than Flatter them.

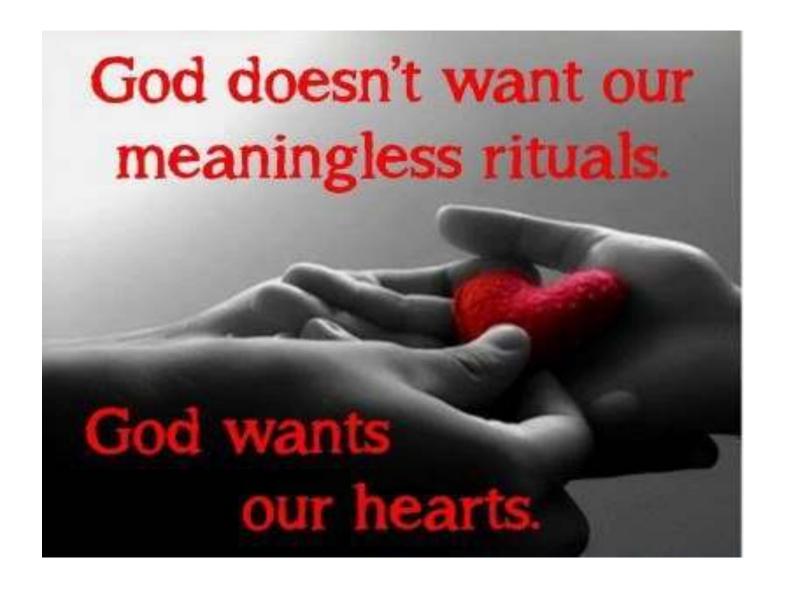
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Colossians 3:2

Let this be in YOU which was also in Christ esus.

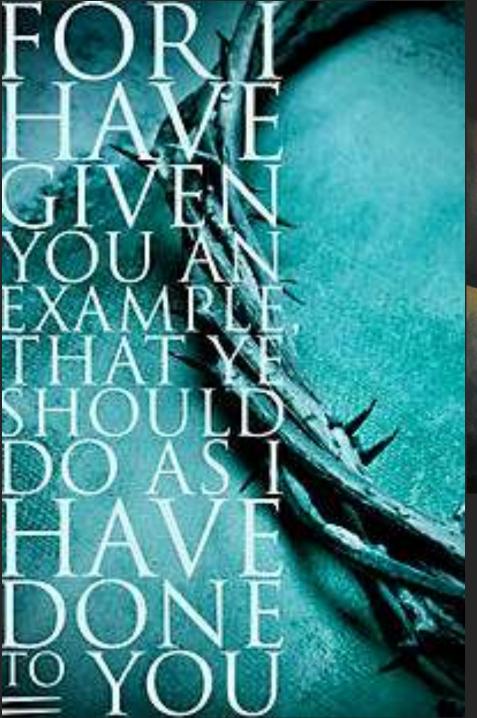






Real worship comes from the heart!

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- You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. <sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.
- <sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,
- <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,

### Philippians 2:5-13 (NLT)

510 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. 13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

