

God Is

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The phrase “God is” occurs many times throughout the Scriptures. This study points out some things the Bible says God is.

God Is. Since many wonder whether there really is a God, it first needs to be pointed out that God is. Genesis 1:1 affirms, “In the beginning God...” The Psalmist declared, “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God...” (Psalm 14:1). There is enough evidence in the physical world around us to make folks without excuse for not recognizing God is (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20).

God Is a Spirit. In His dealings with the Samaritan woman the Lord stated, “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). God is not physical as “...a spirit hath not flesh and bones...” (Luke 24:39). “God is not a man...” (Numbers 23:19). Therefore, He thinks differently than we do. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord” (Isaiah 55:8).

God Is Able. The ability of God is without match. John said, “...God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham” (Matthew 3:9). Teaching concerning the olive tree and casting away of the Jews, Paul said, “...God is able to graff them in again” (Romans 11:23). We sing a song entitled, “He Is Able to Deliver Thee.”

God Is Faithful. Paul wrote the Corinthians, “God is faithful...” (1 Corinthians 1:9). Again he said, “...God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able” (1 Corinthians 10:13). You can count on God for He “...cannot lie...” (Titus 1:2). Thus, we can stand on His promises!

God Is Rich in Mercy. The Ephesians were informed, “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us” (Ephesians 2:4). The Psalmist often praised God for His mercy. In all 26 verses of Psalm 136 he said of God, “...for his mercy endureth for ever.” Think where we would be without God’s mercy!

God Is Light. John revealed “...that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). So, to be in fellowship with God it is essential that “...we walk in the light, as he is in the light...” (1 John 1:6-7). Hell is depicted as a place of “...outer darkness...” (Matthew 8:12); God is not there! (Revelation 22:5).

God Is Love. 1 John 4:8 records, “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.” The love of God was demonstrated in sending His Son (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9). We ought to love one another (1 John 4:11, 20-21).

“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints...” (Psalm 89:7).

God Is Not

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As the Scriptures teach God is some things, the Bible points out God is not some things as well. God is not what many think He is.

God Is Not a Man. Some tend to think of God as a man. He is not. “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” (Numbers 23:19). Jesus pointed out that “God is a Spirit...” (John 4:24).

God Is Not the God of the Dead. In answering the Sadducees’ question about the resurrection, which they did not believe in by the way, Jesus quoted what God said to Moses in Exodus 3:6, “I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?” and then stated, “God is not the God of the dead, but of the living” (Matthew 22:32). This affirms the resurrection of the dead!

God Is Not a Respector of Persons. Peter’s sermon to Cornelius and his company included the truth “...that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him” (Acts 10:34-35). God is an impar-

tial God, “For there is no respect of persons with God” (Romans 2:11).

God Is Not the Author of Confusion. In the context of teaching concerning spiritual gifts and the disorder that existed in Corinth, Paul made it known, “For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints” (1 Corinthians 14:33).

God Is Not Mocked. Paul addressed the Galatians, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Galatians 6:7). How are we sowing, from a spiritual standpoint?

God Is Not Unrighteous. Hebrews 6:10 teaches, “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” These words encourage us to keep on keeping on in the work of our Lord!

Remember what God is not!

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