

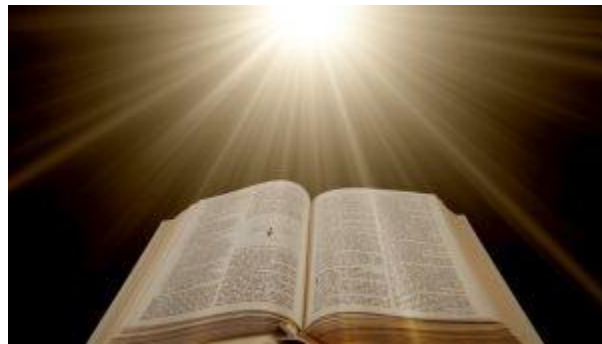
Back to the Father

Your Journey

Knowing Our Father

The God of Scripture – Part 1

The Greatness of God



If our desire is to love and serve God in spirit and truth, we need to come to an accurate understanding of who and what the one and only true God is really like. The Bible reveals to us the characteristic that separates him from all other so-called gods. This is seen not only in the attributes that reveal his greatness but also in the attributes that reveal his moral charter.

In Part One we will look at scripture that clarify who God is as to his greatness and what sets him apart from all other so-called gods.

One thing that sets us apart from all others is our name. It is no different with God, his name reveals who and what he is and how we are to relate to him.

Isa 42:8 "I am Yahweh. That is my name. I will not give my glory to another, Nor my praise to engraved images. WEB *see also Ps 33:12.*

Yahweh is also our Father.

Isa 63:16 For you are our Father, though Abraham doesn't know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us: you, **Yahweh**, are our **Father**; our Redeemer from everlasting is your name. WEB

Yahweh our Father is not only said to be our God but is said to be the one and only true God.

John 17:1-3 Jesus said these things, and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, "**Father**, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify you; 2 even as you gave him authority over all flesh, he will give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 This is eternal life, that they should know you, the **only true God**, and him whom you sent, Jesus Christ. WEB

1 Cor 8:4-6 Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that no idol is anything in the world, and that there is **no other God but one**. 5 For though there are things that are called "gods," whether in the heavens or on earth; as there are many "gods" and many "lords;" 6 yet to us there is **one God, the Father**, of whom are all things, and we for him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we live through him. WEB *see also Deut 6:4; Mark 12:29-34.*

Yahweh is not only said to be God but the God of gods.

Deut 10:17-18 For **Yahweh** your **God**, he is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the **great God**, the mighty, and the awesome, who doesn't regard persons, nor takes reward. 18 He does execute justice for the fatherless and widow, and loves the foreigner, in giving him food and clothing. WEB *see also Ps 136:1-5; Dan 2:47; Dan 11:36.*

Artaxerxes, (*Ezra 7:12*) Nebuchadnezzar, (*Ezek 26:7*) and Jesus (*Rev 17:14*) are called king of kings but only God is the king that is over all other kings.

1 Tim 6:13-16 I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate testified the good confession 14 that you keep the commandment without spot, blameless, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; 15 which in its own times he will show, who is the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and eternal power. Amen. WEB

- 1 Timothy 6:15 [The blessed and only Potentate] Dunastees , Potentate, is applied to secular governors; but none of these can be styled ho makarios kai monos, the happy and only One; ho Basileus toon basileuontoon, the King of kings, or the King over all kings; and Kurios toon kurieuontoon, the Lord over all lords or rulers. These are titles which could not be given to any mortals. This is made more specific by the verse following.
Adam Clarke's Commentary

Yahweh is not only the God of the Jews but he is the God of all.

Rom 3:29-30 Or is God the **God of Jews** only? Isn't he the **God of Gentiles** also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since indeed there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith, and the uncircumcised through faith. WEB

God is not the God of the dead but of the living.

Luke 20:37-38 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he called the Lord 'The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' 38 Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him." WEB

God has life in himself and gives life to us.

John 5:26-27 For as the **Father has life in himself**, even so he gave to the Son also to have life in himself. 27 He also gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is a son of man. WEB *see also John 6:57.*

He is the living and true God.

1 Thess 1:9-10 For they themselves report concerning us what kind of a reception we had from you; and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a **living and true God**, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come. WEB

There is none like him.

Jer 10:6-12 There is **none like you, Yahweh; you are great, and your name is great in might**. 7 Who should not fear you, King of the nations? for to you does it appertain; because among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is **none like you**. WEB

God is spirit and is unseen.

John 4:24 **God is spirit**, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." WEB

1 John 4:12 **No one has seen God at any time**. If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love has been perfected in us. WEB

God remains the same

Ps 102:24-27 I said, "My God, don't take me away in the midst of my days. Your years are throughout all generations. 25 Of old, you laid the foundation of the earth. The heavens are the work of your hands. 26 They will perish, but you will endure. Yes, all of them will wear out like a garment. You will change them like a cloak, and they will be changed. 27 But **you are the same**. Your years will have no end. WEB

His understandings are beyond numbering.

Ps 147:5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power. **His understanding is infinite**. WEB

We are not hidden from the sight of God who fills heaven and earth.

Heb 4:13 There is **no creature that is hidden from his sight**, but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do. WEB

Jer 23:24 Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? says Yahweh. Don't I fill **heaven and earth**? says Yahweh. WEB see also *Ps 139:7-12*.

He has always been God and always will be.

Ps 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever you had formed the earth and the world, Even **from everlasting to everlasting, you are God**. WEB see also *Deut 33:27*.

Isa 40:28-31 Haven't you known? Haven't you heard? The **everlasting God, Yahweh**, The Creator of the ends of the earth, doesn't faint. He isn't weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak. He increases the strength of him who has no might. 30 Even the youths faint and get weary, And the young men utterly fall; 31 But those who wait for Yahweh will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run, and not be weary. They will walk, and not faint. WEB

He is the eternal King that is immortal, invisible who alone is wise.

1 Tim 1:17 Now to the **King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise**, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. WEB

- This noble doxology is a burst of gratitude for God's grace to Paul. For other doxologies see Gal 1:5; Rom 11:36; 16:27; Phil 4:20; Eph 3:21; 1 Tim 6:16. Robertson's Word Pictures in the New Testament

God is the God of the possible.

Matt 19:26 Looking at them, Jesus said, "With men this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible**." WEB

He is the God of wisdom and understanding with unsearchable judgment.

Rom 11:33-34 Oh the depth of the riches both of the **wisdom** and the **knowledge of God!** How **unsearchable are his judgments**, and his ways past tracing out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" WEB see also *Isa 46:9-10*.

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He is the creator of all things.

Isa 45:18 For thus says Yahweh who **created** the heavens, the God who formed the earth and made it, who established it and didn't create it a waste, who formed it to be inhabited: I am Yahweh; and there is no one else. WEB *see also Neh 9:6; Isa 44:24; Rev 4:11.*

God is light.

1 John 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from him and announce to you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all. WEB *see also James 1:17.*

Yahweh is a great and awesome God.

Deut 7:21 You shall not be scared of them; for Yahweh your God is in the midst of you, a **great and awesome God.** WEB

Yahweh is God Almighty

Gen 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, **Yahweh** appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am **God Almighty.** Walk before me, and be blameless. WEB

Job 11:7-8 "Can you fathom the mystery of God? Or can you probe the limits of the Almighty? 8 They are high as heaven. What can you do? Deeper than Sheol: what can you know? WEB

Ps 91:1-2 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of Yahweh, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in whom I trust." WEB

In part one we have looked at some of the scriptures that speak of the greatness of God. Truly the God of gods is a great and awesome God that should be feared and praised above all other gods but what really sets God apart from all other gods is seen in the attributes that reveal his nature to us. When we come into a correct understanding of who God is in his character it opens the door not only to know of his greatness but to know him in a deep and meaningful way that will bring us into an eternal and heart felt relationship with this great and awesome God. This we will see in part two.