

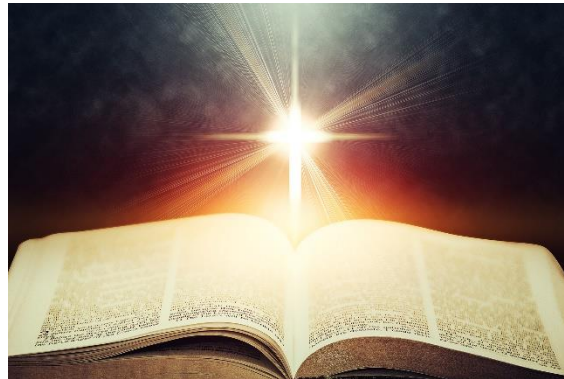
Back to the Father

Your Journey

Knowing Our Father

The God of Scripture – Part 2

Attributes that Reveal the Moral Character and Nature of God



When I think on the greatness of God, I become overwhelmed. It is only when I come to know of his moral attributes and character that I am able to come to him and enter into a meaningful and loving relationship with him.

One of the most important attributes that we need to know about God is that God is love and that he loves us.

1 John 4:16 We know and have believed the love (agape) which God has for us. **God is love (agape)**, and he who remains in love (agape) remains in God, and God remains in him. WEB

1 John 4:8 He who doesn't love (agapao) doesn't know God, for God is love (agape). WEB

Zeph 3:17 **Yahweh, your God, is in the midst of you, a mighty one who will save**. He will rejoice over you with joy. He will rest in his love (ahabah). He will rejoice over you with singing. WEB

- The Amplified Bible reads; He will rest [in silent satisfaction] and in His love He will be silent and make no mention [of past sins, or even recall them]; *see also Mic 7:18*

1 John 3:1 Behold, how great a love (agape) the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! WEB

John 17:23 I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that you sent me, and loved (agapao) them, even as you loved (agapao) me. WEB

John 16:26-27 In that day you will ask in my name; and I don't say to you, that I will pray to the Father for you, 27 for the Father himself loves (phileo) you, because you have loved (phileo) me, and have believed that I came forth from God. WEB

- God does not only have the social and moral aspects of agape for us but also the tender affection that is expressed in phileo.

Prov 3:12 For whom Yahweh loves (ahab), he reproves; Even as a father reproves the son in whom he delights. WEB

- Love is more than just good feelings it is about caring.

Rom 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love (agape) of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. WEB

- God' love is past finding out.

1 John 4:9-10 By this was God's love (agape) revealed in us, that God has sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved (agapao) us, and sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. WEB *see also John 3:16*

God is holy.

Ps 99:9 Exalt Yahweh, our God. Worship at his holy hill, For Yahweh, our God, is holy! WEB

Isa 6:1-3 In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew. 3 One called to another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is Yahweh of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!" WEB

God is faithful and true.

Deut 7:9 Know therefore that Yahweh your God, he is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with them who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations, WEB

John 3:33 He who has received his witness has set his seal to this, that **God is true.** WEB

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. WEB see also 1 Cor 10:13; 1 Cor 1:9

He is a merciful God that will not fail you or forsake you.

Deut 4:31 for Yahweh your God is a merciful God; he will not fail you, neither destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which he swore to them. WEB

Deut 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, don't be afraid, nor be scared of them: for Yahweh your God, he it is who **does go with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you.** WEB

God is good.

Ps 136:1 Give thanks to **Yahweh**, for he is good; For his loving kindness endures forever. WEB

Ezra 8:22 The hand of our God is on all those who seek him, for **good**; but his power and his wrath is against all those who forsake him. WEB

Lam 3:25 Yahweh is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. WEB

Ps 25:8 Good and upright is **Yahweh**, Therefore he will instruct sinners in the way. WEB see also Ps 145:9; James 1:17

He is righteous in all his judgments.

Ps 103:6 **Yahweh** executes **righteous** acts, And **justice** for all who are oppressed. WEB

Ps 119:137 You are **righteous, Yahweh. Your judgments are upright.** WEB

Ps 145:17 **Yahweh** is **righteous in all his ways**, And gracious in all his works. WEB See also Deut 32:3-4; Ps 7:11; Dan 9:14

God is gracious.

Ps 116:5 Gracious is Yahweh, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful. WEB

James 4:6 But **he** gives more **grace**. Therefore it says, "**God** resists the proud, but gives **grace** to the humble." WEB

Does not show favoritism.

Acts 10:34-35 Peter opened his mouth and said, "Truly I perceive that **God doesn't show favoritism**; 35 but in every nation he who fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. WEB

Job 36:5-6 "Behold, **God is mighty**, and **doesn't despise anyone**. He is mighty in strength of understanding. 6 He doesn't preserve the life of the wicked, But gives to the afflicted their right. WEB

Yahweh is a God that will fight for us.

Deut 3: 22 You shall not fear them; for **Yahweh your God**, he it is who **fight** for you. WEB

Deut 20:4 for **Yahweh your God** is he who goes with you, to **fight for you** against your enemies, to save you. WEB

God is a devouring fire to all that try to destroy the relationship that he desires to have with his children. He is jealous in that he will fight to preserve that which is rightly his.

Deut 4:24 For **Yahweh your God** is a **devouring fire**, a **jealous God**. WEB see also Heb 12:28-29

Nah 1:2-3 **Yahweh is a jealous God** and avenges. **Yahweh avenges** and is **full of wrath**. **Yahweh takes vengeance on his adversaries**, and he maintains wrath against his enemies. 3 Yahweh is slow to anger, and great in power, and will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. Yahweh has his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. WEB

God does not only fight for us but is also where we can take refuge. A present help in time of need. He is the one that strengthens, sustains and is our salvation.

Ps 46:1 **God is our refuge and strength**, A very **present help** in trouble. WEB

Ps 54:4 Behold, **God is my helper**. The Lord is the one who **sustains my soul**. WEB

Ps 59:9 Oh, my **Strength**, I watch for you, For **God is my high tower**. WEB

Ps 59:17 To you, **my strength**, I will sing praises. For **God is my high tower**, the **God of my mercy**. WEB

Ps 62:8 Trust in him at all times, you people. Pour out your heart before him. **God is a refuge for us**. WEB

Ps 73:26-28 My flesh and my heart fails, But **God is the strength of my heart** and **my portion forever**. WEB

Isa 12:2 Behold, **God is my salvation**. I will trust, and will not be afraid; for Yah, **Yahweh, is my strength and song**; and he has become my salvation." WEB

God deals with each one according to their heart.

2 Sam 22:26-34 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful; With the perfect man you will show yourself perfect; 27 With the pure you will show yourself pure; With the crooked you will show yourself shrewd. 28 The afflicted people you will save; But your eyes are on the haughty, that you may bring them down. 29 For you are my lamp, Yahweh; Yahweh will lighten my darkness. 30 For by you I run on a troop; By my God do I leap over a wall. 31 As for God, his way is perfect: The word of Yahweh is tried; He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him. 32 For who is God, save Yahweh? Who is a rock, save our God? 33 God is my strong fortress; He guides the perfect in his way. 34 He makes his feet like hinds' feet, Sets me on my high places. WEB

There is much more that could be said and learned about Yahweh our God, our Father but it is not by words alone that we will come into the true knowledge of the greatness of God. It is only when we enter into a meaningful relationship with the Almighty and experience his attributes and true nature for ourselves that we will begin to know the depths of his goodness. So let us not make our goal only to know of him but that we might come to experience him.