

THE PRECIOUS WHO OF GOD



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The Whole of the Bible is the story of God's plan to use this world to create a holy people for himself. Finding our place in God's Great Plan is the purpose for human life.



The Bible teaches that God is able to be known personally. David, a man after God's own heart, Abraham, the man who walked with God, and Noah, who found favor in the eyes of the Lord, are three exemplary examples of men known by God whose two-way relationship, or covenant, with God clearly demonstrate the character and ways of a personally-known God.



1 CREATOR

The Creator is known through and seen in his creation. But Scripture shows us a God who thoughtfully arranged the world, populated it with animals and humans, and is concerned for the welfare of both, ("You are worth more than many sparrows," "He makes his sun rise on the evil and the good").



As Creator, he cares for the temporal needs of all. Scripture shows that the Creator made this world as a short-term physical place to prepare a holy people for himself to be with him in an eternal physical place, called the New Heavens and the New Earth.

2 ALL-POWERFUL

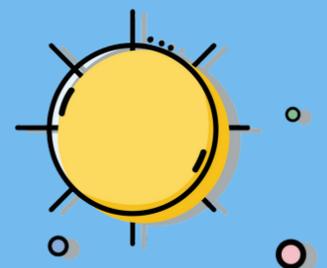
Being above creation, the power and might of God is demonstrated even in the sounds of nature. But in Scripture we find demonstrations of the super-natural changes God makes in the world. For example, the world being created, the sun standing still for Joshua, holding back the rain many times, and Christ multiplying the loaves and fish.



But we also see his influence in the personal and political affairs of man, softening and hardening Pharaoh's heart, stirring up kings to take his people into Exile, and converting the greatest of sinners to become apostles.

3 GOOD & HOLY

God's good character means he is full of kindness and love, firstly for all of creation, secondly for his chosen people. It means that his manner of positive non-harm is the model for all people worldwide. Conscience is the meter-stick given to men to measure themselves against this goodness of God, to repent of their sins, and to change their ways.



His holiness, on the other hand, is the standard he holds. His holiness, like pure gold, allows for no impurities in his presence. His holiness is the reason for heaven and hell, and is the reason for the Cross.



4 JUDGE

The laws of men and the laws of conscience provide sufficient evidence for the justice of God. The Bible clarifies the absolute justice of a good, holy, all-powerful God. We see him measuring and weighing hearts, not for good deeds but for humble faith in God's salvation.



Only those who acknowledge the justice of their crime of sin are enabled to see the necessity of the Cross. As righteous Judge, he must convict the world of sin.

5 COVENANT-KEEPER

The world being cast into brokenness by Adam's great sin, God declared through creation and through his Word that death comes to all man. At the same time, he gives a promise. Those who walk by faith in a Savior from God, namely Jesus Christ, are his children and thus his especially-protected Covenant people.



The "Covenant" is the promise of salvation by the blood of the Lamb. Covenant people are those who believe in that promise, and whose belief carries the evidence of a humble, submissive, repentant, steadfast obedience to God's commands. "Faith without works is dead."



"God is a spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth." WSC 4



The Bible teaches many more truths about God's character. Keeping these five in mind, study the Bible, looking for all the other beautiful attributes of God. By knowing God, you can know what he wants from you, and by trust in Christ you can grow as a faithful child of his Covenant.