



## Knowing and Loving God

How to Look for God's Attributes in Scripture

— WORKBOOK —

# What Are *God's Attributes*?

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## *Eternal*

God has no beginning and no end. He always was, always is, and always will be.

HAB. 1:12 / REV. 1:8 / IS. 41:4

## *Faithful*

God is incapable of anything but fidelity. He is loyally devoted to His plan and purpose.

2 TIM. 2:13 / DEUT. 7:9 / HEB. 10:23

## *Good*

God is pure; there is no defilement in Him. He is unable to sin, and all He does is good.

GEN. 1:31 / PS. 34:8 / PS. 107:1

## *Gracious*

God is kind, giving us gifts and benefits we do not deserve.

2 KINGS 13:23 / PS. 145:8  
IS. 30:18

## *Holy*

God is undefiled and unable to be in the presence of defilement. He is sacred and set-apart.

REV. 4:8 / LEV. 19:2 / HAB. 1:13

## *Incomprehensible and Transcendent*

God is high above and beyond human understanding. He is unable to be fully known.

PS. 145:3 / IS. 55:8-9  
ROM. 11:33-36

## *Immutable*

God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

1 SAM. 15:29 / ROM. 11:29  
JAMES 1:17

## *Infinite*

God is limitless. He exhibits all of His attributes perfectly and boundlessly.

ROM. 11:33-36 / IS. 40:28  
PS. 147:5

## *Jealous*

God is desirous of receiving the praise and affection He rightly deserves.

EX. 20:5 / DEUT. 4:23-24  
JOSH. 24:19

## *Just*

God governs in perfect justice. He acts in accordance with justice. In Him, there is no wrongdoing or dishonesty.

IS. 61:8 / DEUT. 32:4 / PS. 146:7-9

## *Loving*

God is eternally, enduringly, steadfastly loving and affectionate. He does not forsake or betray His covenant love.

JN. 3:16 / EPH. 2:4-5 / 1 JN. 4:16

## *Merciful*

God is compassionate, withholding from us the wrath that we deserve.

TITUS 3:5 / PS. 25:10  
LAM. 3:22-23

# What Are *God's Attributes*?

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## *Omnipotent*

God is all-powerful;  
His strength is unlimited.

MAT. 19:26 / JOB 42:1-2  
JER. 32:27

## *Omnipresent*

God is everywhere;  
His presence is near  
and permeating.

PROV. 15:3 / PS. 139:7-10  
JER. 23:23-24

## *Omniscient*

God is all-knowing;  
there is nothing  
unknown to Him.

PS. 147:4 / 1 JN. 3:20  
HEB. 4:13

## *Patient*

God is long-suffering and  
enduring. He gives ample  
opportunity for people  
to turn toward Him.

ROM. 2:4 / 2 PET. 3:9 / PS. 86:15

## *Self-Existent*

God was not created  
but exists by His  
power alone.

PS. 90:1-2 / JN. 1:4 / JN. 5:26

## *Self-Sufficient*

God has no needs  
and depends on  
nothing, but everything  
depends on God.

IS. 40:28-31 / ACTS 17:24-25  
PHIL. 4:19

## *Sovereign*

God governs over  
all things; He is in  
complete control.

COL. 1:17 / PS. 24:1-2  
1 CHRON. 29:11-12

## *Truthful*

God is our measurement  
of what is fact. By Him  
we are able to discern  
true and false.

JN. 3:33 / ROM. 1:25 / JN. 14:6

## *Wise*

God is infinitely  
knowledgeable and  
is judicious with  
His knowledge.

IS. 46:9-10 / IS. 55:9 / PROV. 3:19

## *Wrathful*

God stands in opposition  
to all that is evil. He enacts  
judgment according to  
His holiness, righteousness,  
and justice.

PS. 69:24 / JN. 3:36 / ROM. 1:18

**Identify**

Choose one of the attributes from the list on pages 2 and 3. Look up the corresponding verses in the Bible and search what a word means in the dictionary.

ATTRIBUTE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DEFINITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Meditate**

What do you learn about God’s attributes from the corresponding verses?  
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How have you seen this aspect of God’s character displayed throughout your life?  
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**Pray**

Write a prayer to the Lord, praising God for this attribute.  
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## Why Study God's Attributes?

### Read 1 Samuel 2:1–10.

What attributes of God do you see acknowledged in Hannah's prayer? Circle them in the passage and list them below.

<sup>1</sup>Hannah prayed:

My heart rejoices in the LORD;  
my horn is lifted up by the LORD.  
My mouth boasts over my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.  
<sup>2</sup>There is no one holy like the LORD.  
There is no one besides you!  
And there is no rock like our God.  
<sup>3</sup>Do not boast so proudly,  
or let arrogant words come out of your  
mouth, for the LORD is a God of  
knowledge, and actions are weighed by him.  
<sup>4</sup>The bows of the warriors are broken,  
but the feeble are clothed with strength.  
<sup>5</sup>Those who are full hire themselves  
out for food,  
but those who are starving hunger no more.  
The woman who is childless gives birth  
to seven,  
but the woman with many sons pines away.  
<sup>6</sup>The Lord brings death and gives life;  
he sends some down to Sheol, and he raises  
others up.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord brings poverty and gives  
wealth; he humbles and he exalts.  
<sup>8</sup>He raises the poor from the dust and  
lifts the needy from the trash heap.  
He seats them with noblemen  
and gives them a throne of honor.  
For the foundations of the earth are  
the Lord's;  
he has set the world on them.  
<sup>9</sup>He guards the steps of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked perish in darkness,  
for a person does not prevail by his  
own strength.  
<sup>10</sup>Those who oppose the Lord will  
be shattered; he will thunder in the heavens  
against them.  
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth.  
He will give power to his king;  
he will lift up the horn of his anointed.  
What attributes of God do you see acknowl-  
edged in Hannah's prayer? Circle them in the  
passage and list them here.

## Why Study God's Attributes?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD ACKNOWLEDGED IN HANNAH'S PRAYER:

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Given what you have learned about the context of this prayer, which of God's attributes reflected in this prayer are related to Hannah's situation, and how?

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How does Hannah's knowledge of God and His attributes affect her relationship with God?

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How does Hannah's knowledge of God and His attributes affect her and her life?  
*(Internally: her emotional state, her knowledge of truth, her correct thinking about God, etc. Or externally: her relationships, how she shows gratitude to God, etc.)*

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Has there been a situation in your own life when you have seen how your knowledge of God and His attributes has benefited you?

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## How to Look for God's Attributes in Scripture

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### Identify, Meditate, Pray

Psalm 90

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our refuge in every generation.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity, you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You return mankind to the dust, saying, "Return, descendants of Adam."

<sup>4</sup> For in your sight a thousand years are like yesterday that passes by, like a few hours of the night.

<sup>5</sup> You end their lives; they sleep. They are like grass that grows in the morning—

<sup>6</sup> in the morning it sprouts and grows; by evening it withers and dries up.

<sup>7</sup> For we are consumed by your anger; we are terrified by your wrath.

<sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

<sup>9</sup> For all our days ebb away under your wrath; we end our years like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup> Our lives last seventy years or, if we are strong, eighty years. Even the best of them are struggle and sorrow; indeed, they pass quickly and we fly away.

<sup>11</sup> Who understands the power of your anger? Your wrath matches the fear that is due you.

<sup>12</sup> Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts.

<sup>13</sup> LORD—how long? Turn and have compassion on your servants.

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your faithful love so that we may shout with joy and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup> Make us rejoice for as many days as you have humbled us, for as many years as we have seen adversity.

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be seen by your servants, and your splendor by their children.

<sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us; establish for us the work of our hands—  
establish the work of our hands!

## God's Attributes in This Passage

### Identify

As you read Psalm 90, look for the attributes of God listed in these verses. Remember to look for:

- Words about God or words from God (underline)
- God's actions (highlight)
- Direct commands from God (highlight with a different color)

### Meditate

Pick one attribute to meditate on further. How does knowing about this attribute grow your love for God? (For example, "God's eternity reminds me that though everything around me fades away, He never will. I can depend on Him forever.")

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### Pray

Thank God for this attribute and spend time praying to Him.

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## How to Use This in Our Daily Lives

As you study any passage of Scripture, follow these tips to help you identify the attributes of God. (Have the Attributes of God list with you as you read.)

Read each section (5–10 verses) slowly, carefully, and 2–3 times as you complete the following steps:

- Identify any words about God or words from God.
- Identify any of God’s actions.
- Identify direct commands from God (things to do or things not to do).
- Look at these things you have identified about God, as well as at your list of His attributes.
- What attributes are present in this passage?

Choose a passage of Scripture that you like (or select one of the suggestions below) and complete the following steps with that passage.

Suggested passages: Genesis 4:1–16; Exodus 34:1–9; John 17:1–26; Romans 1:18–32

Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Read each section (5–10 verses) slowly, carefully, and 2–3 times as you complete the bulleted steps listed at the top of this page..

What words about God or words from God do you see in this passage?

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What actions of God do you see in the passage?

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What commands of God (things to do or things not to do) do you see in this passage?

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Look at your answers to the above questions and your list of attributes. What attributes of God from the list are present in this passage?

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