

A sunset over a lake with a hand holding a cross in the sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the water and the sky. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. In the foreground, the water is calm, reflecting the light from the sun. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted hills. In the upper right corner, a large, faint image of a hand holding a cross is visible, set against a lighter, hazy background.

# The Attributes of God

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# God's Nature

*Self-existent*  
*Self-contained*  
*Self-sufficient*  
*Self-satisfied*



## God's Nature

- ❖ *He is glorious enough in Himself and His creating added nothing to Him*
- ❖ *He has within Himself all that He is or ever needs*
- ❖ *He is not dependent on anything or anyone other than Himself*
- ❖ *He is lacking in nothing or in need of anything*



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# Eternality

*Always was, always is, and always will be*





## Eternality

- ❖ *He has life by His essence not by participation; He gives light and life to all creatures but receives neither light nor life from anything. He was from eternity – from everlasting – and He shall endure to eternity – to everlasting*

- ❖ *Psalm 90:2*

- ❖ *John 5:26*



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# Incomprehensible

*Unknowable apart from special (Biblical) revelation*





## Incomprehensible

- ❖ *An unknown God can not be trusted, worshipped or served; the true knowledge of God must come from a clear apprehension of His nature, attributes, and perfections as revealed in Scripture*



*Jeremiah 31:33*



*John 17:4*



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# **Monotheistic**

*One and Only*





## **Monotheistic**

❖ *There is only God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob  
and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*

❖ *Deuteronomy 4:35*

❖ *1 Corinthians 8:4-6*



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# Omnipresent

*Always everywhere*





## Omnipresent

❖ *God is essentially everywhere present in heaven and earth; He is not bound by any place nor receiving from anyplace anything for His preservation or sustainment*

❖ *Psalm 139:7-8*

❖ *Acts 17: 24-28*



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# Spirit

*Not confined to space*





## Spirit

❖ *God is spiritual in substance and invisible to the human eye; He has no flesh and bones and without the peculiar properties of matter*

❖ *John 4:24*

❖ *2 Corinthians 3:17*



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# Omniscient

*All knowing*





## Omniscient

❖ *God knows everything possible and everything actual; all events and all creatures of the past, present, and future. Because He is eternal, there is no increase in His knowledge; He is not shocked by anything as all things lie before Him*



*Psalm 139:2-4*



*Hebrews 4:13*



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# Invisible

*Not seen*





## Invisible

❖ *God can not be seen in His unveiled glory for to see Him would mean certain death. He permits us to see Him in the incarnation of Christ*

❖ *Exodus 33:18-23*

❖ *John 1:18*

❖ *Colossians 1:15*



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**Truth**

*Without error*





## Truth

- ❖ *God is truth and that beside Him all else is perversion, deception, and vanity. The truth of God may be understood to denote the agreement of all revelations or manifestations that He has made of Himself, with His mind and His character. His omniscience renders mistakes with Him impossible*



*Deuteronomy 32:4*



*Romans 3:4*



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**Wise**

*Perfection in accomplishing His will*





## Wise

- ❖ *Divine wisdom is best expressed as the process whereby God takes all His knowledge and applies it to His every act so the result will always be perfect in accomplishing its goal*
- ❖ *Psalm 104:24*
- ❖ *Romans 11:33*



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# Immutable

*Unchangeable and unalterable*





## Immutable

- ❖ *Because He is changeless, indestructible, and immoveable in His nature and attributes, God can not be better or worse; He is always the same – perfect. He can neither increase nor decrease. He is exalted above all the causes of and even the possibility of change.*



*Malachi 3:6*



*James 1:17*



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# Independent

*Absolutely autonomous*





## Independent

- ❖ *God's existence is free of all things; He has no needs to sustain His endurance. God was alone when He made His decrees, and His determinations were not influenced by any external source; He was free to decree or not decree and to decree one thing and not another.*



*Isaiah 40:13-14*



*Ephesians 1:11*



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# Omnipotent

*Limitless power*





# Omnipotent

❖ *Within His person lies all power to perform; His power is limitless; it has no bounds; there is nothing too difficult for Him.*



*Job 42:2*



*Matthew 19:26*



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# Faithful

*Consistently dependable*





## Faithful

❖ *Since God does not change, He is equally dependable and consistent in keeping His promises consistent with His perfection and will.*

❖ *Deuteronomy 7:9*

❖ *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*



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**Love**

*Sacrificial and uninfluenced*





## Love

- ❖ *God's love is spontaneous, free, uncaused from eternity; there is nothing in the objects of God's love, in the creatures that He loves, to attract or prompt Him to love.*

*Deuteronomy 7:7-8*

*Romans 5:8*



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# Loving-kindness

*Devoted loyalty*





## Loving-kindness

❖ *God has an affectionate attachment for his people as an expression of His love demonstrated by His devotion, loyalty and covenant faithfulness.*



*Exodus 34:6*



*Titus 3:4-6*



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**Good**

*The standard; nothing evil or perverted in His nature*





## Good

- ❖ *His goodness is not derived; it is the essence of His eternal nature and includes benevolence, love, mercy, and grace*
- ❖ *Nahum 1:7*
- ❖ *Matthew 19:17*



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# Long-suffering (Patience)

*Enduring patience*





## Long-suffering (Patience)

- ❖ *It is the power of control that God exercises over Himself, causing Him to bear with the wicked and delay in punishing them; He withholds His judgments, as it were, until the last moment. It is a willingness to defer.*



*Isaiah 48:9*



*2 Peter 3:9*



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# Compassion

*Pitiful mercy*





## Compassion

❖ *God displays His love through a tender, personal, and eternal interest in being merciful to sinful man.*

❖ *1 Chronicles 16:34*

❖ *2 Corinthians 1:3*



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# Just (Righteous)

*Always doing the right thing*





## Just (Righteous)

❖ *Justice is giving everyone his due; getting what we deserve for violating His moral government and standards. Holiness prevents Him from doing anything but what is right.*

❖ *1 Chronicles 16:33*

❖ *Acts 17:31*



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# Gracious

*Free favor of God*





## Gracious

❖ *God is free in His goodness to those who have neither earned or merited, in any manner, its bestowal. God gives out of love, not out of obligation or necessity; it is the eternal and absolute free favor of God.*

❖ *Deuteronomy 7:7-9*

❖ *Ephesians 2:8-10*

❖ *Titus 3:4-7*



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# **Sovereign**

*Absolute authority to rule and govern*





## Sovereign

- ❖ *God is on His most high throne, designing, creating, directing, executing, regulating, and permitting every event that occurs in heaven and on earth, according to His good pleasure and without any restraining influences. Every event in the life of a believer is for His glory and our benefit.*



*Daniel 4:35*



*Romans 9:8-14*



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# Holiness

*Set apart; absolute unsoiled purity*





## Holiness

❖ *Holiness belongs only to God and it is what sets Him apart from all other beings; it constitutes His distinctiveness and separateness from all that is created*

❖ *1 Samuel 2:2*

❖ *Isaiah 6:1-3*

❖ *1 Peter 1:5*



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# Blessed

*Inexpressible perfection*





## Blessed

❖ *God's absolute and universal supremacy require that He be worshipped, adored, and praised because of His identifying attributes.*

❖ *1 Chronicles 29:11-13*

❖ *Daniel 3:28*

❖ *1 Peter 1:3*



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# Jealous

*Zealous protection of His own*





## Jealous

❖ *It is the positive application of God's holy zeal for the honor of His name and the good of His people who are bound to Him in a covenantal relationship; it is the forceful assertion of an exclusive right.*



*Exodus 20:5*



*Joel 2:18*



*2 Corinthians 11:2*



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# Glorious

*Magnificent luster (beauty) of His person*





## Glorious

- ❖ *God's semblance is matchless in glory and brilliance. It refers to the solid recognition that He is completely worthy to receive all honor, respect, and exaltation. His attributes, thus His glory, are best seen at the cross.*



*Exodus 33:18-23*



*Revelation 1:12-17*



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# Wrath

*Eternal detestation of all unrighteous*





## Wrath

❖ *God's displeasure and indignation against evil is not arbitrary but a consistent and unyielding resistance to sin and evil.*

❖ *Deuteronomy 32:39-41*

❖ *Psalms 7:11*

❖ *Romans 1:18*



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# Triple-natured

*A plural unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*





## Triple-natured

- ❖ *In the being of God, there are not three individuals, but three personal self-distinctions within the one divine essence, in personality, and in will manifesting itself in Persons, in characteristics and operations*

- ❖ *Isaiah 46:16*

- ❖ *Luke 3:22*

- ❖ *John 15:26*



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# Unity

*Same divine nature and substance*





## Unity

- ❖ *In the Trinity there is oneness of essence so that there are no degrees in the Godhead; one person is not God more than the another. Unity consists of their being so united that one person is in another, and with another.*



*Matthew 3:16-17*



*Ephesians 1:3-14*