

# **A Doctrinal Lesson Series on Theology Proper** by Rev. RC Wetzel

#### Dear Reader,

In a world of shifting values and uncertain foundations, there is one unchanging reality: the character of Almighty God. This series, *The Attributes of God*, was born out of a deep burden to help believers know not merely about God, but to know Him — as He has revealed Himself in Scripture.

Theology Proper is not reserved for scholars or seminary halls. It is the heartbeat of every true disciple. When we understand who God is — His holiness, His love, His justice, His sovereignty — we begin to see ourselves rightly, worship deeply, and walk faithfully.

These lessons are designed to be interactive, doctrinally sound, and spiritually enriching. Each attribute is explored through Scripture, defined with clarity, and applied with purpose. Whether you are a pastor, teacher, student, or seeker, I pray this series will deepen your reverence, sharpen your understanding, and strengthen your walk with the Lord.

May we never settle for shallow views of God. Let us press on to know Him — the self-existent, immutable, omnipotent Creator who invites us into fellowship with Himself.

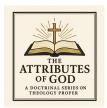
For His glory and your growth,

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#### A Personal Note from Rev. RC Wetzel

Dear Reader,

It has been my lifelong conviction that the greatest need in every generation is a right view of God. Not a view shaped by culture, emotion, or tradition — but one rooted in Scripture, revealed by the Spirit, and centered on Christ. This series, *The Attributes of God*, was born out of that burden.

For nearly four decades of preaching, teaching, and discipling, I've watched hearts awaken when they truly grasp who God is. Doctrine is not dry when it is rightly understood — it is the wellspring of worship, the fuel of faith, and the foundation of spiritual growth.

Whether you are a pastor, a student, a teacher, or a seeker, I pray this study will deepen your love for the Lord, clarify your understanding of His nature, and equip you to walk in truth. These lessons are designed to be interactive, accessible, and anchored in the Word — because theology should not be reserved for the ivory tower, but lived out in the local church and the everyday life of the believer.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey. May this resource serve you well — and may it point you ever upward, to the One who is worthy of all glory.

In Christ's service,

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#### Lesson 1: Self-Existence

#### "I AM That I AM"

**Key Verse: Exodus 3:14** 

#### Doctrinal Definition

God is eternally self-existent. He has no origin, no cause, and no dependency. He exists by His own nature, independent of all created things. His name "I AM" reveals His timeless, unchanging, and selfsufficient being.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

1.	God is not a	created being;	He is the	of all things.	

- 2. The name "I AM" reveals God's \_\_\_\_\_ and eternal presence.
- 3. God does not \_\_\_\_\_\_ on anything outside Himself to exist.
- 4. Every created thing has a beginning but God is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Supporting Scriptures

- **Exodus 3:14** "I AM THAT I AM": God's name reveals His eternal, uncaused existence.
- **John 5:26** "The Father hath life in Himself": God possesses life inherently.
- **Psalm 90:2** "From everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God": affirms His timeless nature.
- **Isaiah 40:28** "The everlasting God... fainteth not": His strength and existence are unending.

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- Why is it essential that God is not created?
- How does God's self-existence affect our understanding of dependence and worship?
- What does "I AM" mean in contrast to "I was" or "I will be"?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, reflect on areas where you rely on created things for identity or security. Re-center your trust in the One who exists independently and eternally.

#### **Memory Verse**

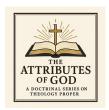
"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God." — Psalm 90:2

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use the burning bush moment in Exodus 3 to illustrate divine self-revelation.
- Contrast God's self-existence with human dependence (e.g., breath, food, relationships).
- Reinforce that this attribute sets the foundation for all others God is not becoming; He simply is.

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## Lesson 2: Immutability

#### "I Change Not"

Key Verse: Malachi 3:6

#### Doctrinal Definition

God is unchanging in His nature, character, purpose, and promises. He does not evolve, deteriorate, or adapt—He is eternally consistent and trustworthy.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

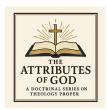
1.	God's never changes—He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
2.	Unlike man, God does not His mind or character.
3.	God's promises are, because His nature is unchanging.
4.	Change implies imperfection—but God is

#### Supporting Scriptures

- Malachi 3:6 "I am the LORD, I change not": God's immutability ensures His covenant faithfulness.
- **Hebrews 13:8** "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever": affirms divine consistency.
- **James 1:17** "No variableness, neither shadow of turning": God is the unshifting source of
- **Numbers 23:19** "God is not a man...that He should repent": His word stands firm.

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does God's immutability provide comfort in a changing world?
- What would be the consequences if God were subject to change?
- In what ways do people try to reinterpret God's character to fit modern culture?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, anchor your faith in one unchanging promise of God. Memorize it, meditate on it, and share it with someone who feels uncertain or unstable.

#### **Memory Verse**

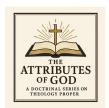
"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." — Hebrews 13:8

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use historical examples (e.g., shifting empires, changing philosophies) to contrast with God's constancy.
- POEM: Ozymandias
- Consider a visual aid: a rock vs. shifting sand, to illustrate stability.
- Encourage students to journal one area of life where they need to trust God's unchanging nature.

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#### Lesson 3: Omniscience

#### "He Knoweth All Things"

Key Verse: Psalm 147:5

#### Doctrinal Definition

God knows everything perfectly—nothing is hidden from Him. His knowledge is complete, infinite, and immediate. He understands all things actual and possible, and His wisdom is flawless.

#### <u>é</u> Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

1.	. God's knowledge is—	-He knows all things at all times.
2.	. There is no or myster	y with God.
3.	. God knows our thoughts,	, and intentions.
4.	. His omniscience includes the	the present, and the future.

#### Supporting Scriptures

- **Psalm 147:5** "His understanding is infinite": God's knowledge has no limits.
- **Hebrews 4:13** "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him": nothing escapes His sight.

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- 1 John 3:20 "God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things": even our inner struggles are known.
- **Isaiah 46:9–10** "Declaring the end from the beginning": God knows the future with certainty.

#### Discussion Prompts

- How does God's omniscience affect our view of prayer and confession?
- Why is it comforting (or convicting) that God knows our thoughts and motives?
- Can God's perfect knowledge coexist with human free will?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, practice transparency with God in prayer. Since He already knows your heart, speak openly and honestly—no masks, no filters.

#### **Memory Verse**

"Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite." — Psalm 147:5

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use real-life analogies: GPS vs. God's perfect map; human memory vs. divine omniscience.
- Consider a group activity: write down one hidden thought or fear, then reflect on how God already knows it—and still loves.
- Emphasize that God's knowledge is not just informational—it's relational and redemptive.

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## Lesson 4: Omnipresence

#### "Whither Shall I Go?"

Key Verse: Psalm 139:7-10

#### Doctrinal Definition

God is present everywhere in His fullness. He is not confined by space or time, and there is no place where He is absent. His presence is both transcendent and personal.

#### 🝊 Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

- 1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ present in all places at all times.
- 2. There is no place we can \_\_\_\_\_ from His presence.
- 3. God's omnipresence is a source of both \_\_\_\_\_ and conviction.
- 4. He is near to the \_\_\_\_\_\_, and present in the heights and depths.

#### Supporting Scriptures

- **Psalm 139:7–10** "If I ascend...if I make my bed in hell...Thou art there": God's presence is inescapable.
- **Jeremiah 23:24** "Do not I fill heaven and earth?": affirms His universal presence.
- Acts 17:27–28 "He is not far from every one of us": God is near and knowable.
- **Proverbs 15:3** "The eyes of the LORD are in every place": He sees all and is present in all.

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does God's omnipresence affect our view of prayer and worship?
- Why is it comforting to know God is present in suffering and solitude?
- How should believers respond to the reality that God is always watching?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, practice "presence awareness." In moments of stress, temptation, or joy, pause and acknowledge that God is right there with you. Speak to Him in real time.

#### **Memory Verse**

"Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?" — Psalm 139.7

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use visual imagery: light filling a room, air surrounding us, or GPS signals reaching every location.
- Encourage journaling moments when students felt alone—and contrast that with God's promise of nearness.
- Reinforce that God's omnipresence is not just spatial—it's relational. He is with us, not just around us.

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## **Lesson 5: Omnipotence**

#### "Is Anything Too Hard?"

**Key Verse: Jeremiah 32:17** 

#### Doctrinal Definition

God is all-powerful. He possesses unlimited authority and ability to do whatever He wills, consistent with His nature. Nothing is too difficult, too complex, or beyond His reach.

## 🝊 Fill-in-the-Blank Notes 1. God's power is \_\_\_\_\_\_He can do all things. 2. His omnipotence is never \_\_\_\_\_\_ by human weakness or worldly limits. 3. God's power is always exercised with \_\_\_\_\_ and purpose. 4. There is no promise He cannot \_\_\_\_\_\_, and no enemy He cannot \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- **Jeremiah 32:17** "There is nothing too hard for Thee": affirms God's limitless power.
- **Genesis 18:14** "Is anything too hard for the LORD?": rhetorical proof of divine ability.
- **Matthew 19:26** "With God all things are possible": Jesus affirms divine omnipotence.
- **Job 42:2** "Thou canst do everything": Job's confession of God's sovereign power.

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does God's omnipotence differ from human strength or authority?
- Why is it important that God's power is always aligned with His character?
- What are some ways believers limit God in their thinking or prayers?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, identify one area in your life where you've doubted God's ability. Surrender it to Him in prayer, and ask for faith to trust His power and timing.

#### **Memory Verse**

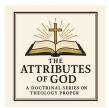
"Ah Lord GOD! behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee." — Jeremiah 32:17

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use analogies: a light switch vs. the sun; human invention vs. divine creation.
- Consider a group reflection: "What's your Red Sea?" a situation that seems impossible, but is not too hard for God.
- Reinforce that God's power is not random or reckless—it is holy, wise, and purposeful.

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#### **Lesson 6: Holiness**

#### "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Key Verse: Isaiah 6:3** 

#### Doctrinal Definition

God's holiness means He is completely separate from sin and entirely pure in all His thoughts, actions, and nature. Holiness is not just one of His attributes—it defines the essence of who He is.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

- 1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ in His nature—He cannot sin or tolerate sin.
- 2. Holiness means being \_\_\_\_\_ or set apart from all that is impure.
- 3. God's holiness demands our \_\_\_\_ and reverence.
- 4. The cry of heaven is not "Love, Love, Love," but "."

#### Supporting Scriptures

- **Isaiah 6:3** "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts": the thrice-holy declaration of heaven.
- **1 Peter 1:15–16** "Be ye holy; for I am holy": God's holiness is the standard for His people.
- **Habakkuk 1:13** "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil": God cannot look approvingly on sin.
- **Revelation 4:8** "They rest not...saying, Holy, holy, holy": eternal worship centers on His holiness.

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- Why is holiness foundational to all other attributes of God?
- How does God's holiness affect our view of sin and repentance?
- What does it mean to pursue holiness in a fallen world?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, examine your heart and habits in light of God's holiness. Identify one area where you need to "be holy" as He is holy—and take a step of obedience.

#### **Memory Verse**

"But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." — 1 Peter 1:15

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use imagery from Isaiah 6: burning coals, trembling thresholds, and angelic reverence.
- Consider a visual contrast: white linen vs. stained garment, to illustrate purity.
- Reinforce that holiness is not legalism—it's likeness to God.

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#### Lesson 7: Love

#### "God Is Love"

**Key Verse: 1 John 4:8** 

#### Doctrinal Definition

God's love is selfless, sacrificial, and eternal. It is not merely an emotion or reaction—it is the very nature of His being. His love seeks the highest good of others and is perfectly expressed in Christ.

#### <u>é</u> Fill-in-the-Blank Notes 1. God's love is \_\_\_\_\_\_, not earned or deserved.

- 2. Love is not just something God does—it is \_\_\_\_\_ He is.
- 3. The greatest demonstration of God's love is the of Christ.
- 4. God's love is both \_\_\_\_\_ and holy—it never compromises truth.

#### Supporting Scriptures

- **1 John 4:8** "God is love": His nature is defined by love.
- **Romans 5:8** "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us": love in action.
- **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world...": the universal offer of salvation.
- **Ephesians 2:4–5** "Great love...even when we were dead in sins": love that gives life.

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does God's love differ from human love?
- Why is it important to understand that God's love is holy and not permissive?
- How should believers reflect God's love in truth and grace?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, show Christlike love to someone who may not deserve it—just as God loved you. Let your actions reflect the Gospel.

#### **Memory Verse**

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." — Romans 5:8

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use visual analogies: a cross vs. a heart, to show that divine love is sacrificial.
- Consider a group reflection: "Who is hard to love—and how does God's love change that?"
- Reinforce that love is not sentimentalism—it's spiritual commitment rooted in truth.

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## Lesson 8: Justice

#### "A God of Truth and Judgment"

**Key Verse: Deuteronomy 32:4** 

#### Doctrinal Definition

God's justice is His holy response to sin and His righteous standard for all creation. He is perfectly fair, never biased, and always acts in accordance with truth. Justice is not separate from His love—it flows from His holiness.

#### <u>é</u> Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

- 1. God's justice is rooted in His \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot be compromised.
- 2. Justice means God always does what is \_\_\_\_\_\_, without favoritism.
- 3. The cross is where God's \_\_\_\_\_ and mercy meet.
- 4. God's justice demands a \_\_\_\_\_\_ for sin—but He provided it in Christ.

#### Supporting Scriptures

- **Deuteronomy 32:4** "A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He."
- **Romans 3:26** "Just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."
- **Isaiah 61:8** "I the Lord love judgment..."
- **Psalm 89:14** "Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne..."

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does God's justice differ from human justice systems?
- Why must God judge sin, even if He loves the sinner?
- How does the cross satisfy both justice and mercy?

#### **Application Challenge**

Reflect on areas where you've seen injustice—whether personal or societal. Pray for God's justice to prevail, and ask how you can be a voice for truth with grace.

#### **Memory Verse**

"He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He." — Deuteronomy 32:4

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use courtroom imagery to illustrate justice: God as Judge, Christ as Advocate, the Law as standard.
- Reinforce that justice is not cruelty—it's holiness in action.
- Consider a role-play or case study: "What would justice look like in this situation?"

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## Lesson 9: Mercy

#### "The Tenderness of God Toward the Guilty"

Key Verse: Psalm 103:8

#### Doctrinal Definition

God's mercy is His compassionate withholding of judgment. It flows from His love and holiness, offering forgiveness and restoration to those who deserve wrath. Mercy is not weakness—it is strength restrained by grace.

#### <u>é</u> Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

- 1. Mercy is God's \_\_\_\_\_ toward the guilty.
- 2. God's mercy does not ignore sin—it provides a \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ.
- 3. Mercy is new every \_\_\_\_\_\_, showing God's faithfulness.
- 4. Believers are called to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ of mercy, reflecting God's heart.

#### 📜 Supporting Scriptures

- **Psalm 103:8** "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy."
- Lamentations 3:22–23 "His compassions fail not...new every morning."
- **Titus 3:5** "Not by works...but according to His mercy He saved us."
- **Ephesians 2:4** "God, who is rich in mercy..."

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does mercy differ from grace?
- Why is it important to understand mercy in light of justice?
- How can believers extend mercy without compromising truth?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, extend mercy to someone who has wronged you. Forgive as God forgave you—not because they deserve it, but because Christ paid for it.

#### **Memory Verse**

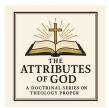
"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy." — Psalm 103:8

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use the parable of the prodigal son to illustrate mercy in action.
- Contrast mercy with justice and grace using a courtroom analogy:
  - **Justice** = getting what you deserve
  - **Mercy** = not getting what you deserve
  - **Grace** = getting what you don't deserve
- Encourage journaling: "Where have I received mercy—and how can I pass it on?"

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## "By Grace Are Ye Saved"

**Key Verse: Ephesians 2:8** 

#### **Doctrinal Definition**

Grace is God's unearned favor toward mankind. It is the basis of salvation, the foundation of spiritual growth, and the expression of His love and mercy. Grace does not ignore sin—it overcomes it through the finished work of Christ.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

- 1. Grace is \_\_\_\_\_\_ favor—never earned, always given.
- 2. Salvation is by grace through \_\_\_\_\_\_, not works.
- 3. Grace teaches us to live \_\_\_\_\_\_, not lawlessly.
- 4. God's grace is \_\_\_\_\_\_—sufficient for every need.

#### 📜 Supporting Scriptures

- **Ephesians 2:8–9** "By grace are ye saved through faith..."
- Romans 5:20 "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."
- **Titus 2:11–12** "The grace of God...teaching us..."
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for thee..."

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- · How does grace differ from mercy and justice?
- Why is grace essential to salvation and sanctification?
- How should grace shape our attitude toward others?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, extend grace to someone who's struggling—offer help, encouragement, or forgiveness without expecting anything in return. Let your life reflect the Gospel of grace.

#### **Memory Verse**

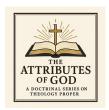
"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." — Ephesians 2:8

#### **Teacher's Notes**

- Use the acronym **G.R.A.C.E.** *God's Riches At Christ's Expense* to reinforce the concept.
- Contrast grace with works-based religion: "Do vs. Done."
- Consider a group reflection: "What's one area where I need to rest more fully in God's grace?"

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## **Lesson 11: Sovereignty**

#### "The Lord Hath Prepared His Throne in the Heavens"

Key Verse: Psalm 103:19

#### Doctrinal Definition

God's sovereignty means He reigns with absolute authority and control. Nothing happens outside His knowledge, permission, or purpose. He is not a passive observer—He is the active Ruler, working all things according to the counsel of His will.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

1.	Sovereignty means God is	over all things—seen and unseen.
2.	God's plans are never	oy man's rebellion or Satan's schemes.
3.	He works all things together for His	and our good.
4.	Sovereignty does not eliminate hum	an, but ensures divine purpose.

#### **E** Supporting Scriptures

- **Psalm 103:19** "The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all."
- **Daniel 4:35** "None can stay His hand..."
- **Ephesians 1:11** "Worketh all things after the counsel of His own will."
- **Proverbs 19:21** "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand."

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does God's sovereignty bring comfort in times of uncertainty?
- What's the difference between sovereignty and fatalism?
- How should believers respond to God's rule—with fear, trust, or both?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, surrender an area of control to God. Acknowledge His authority and trust His plan—even when it's unclear. Pray, "Thy will be done," and mean it.

#### **Memory Verse**

"The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all." — Psalm 103:19

#### **Teacher's Notes**

- Use imagery of a throne room: God as King, angels as ministers, creation as His domain.
- Clarify that sovereignty is not cold determinism—it's loving rulership.
- Consider a group reflection: "Where do I struggle to trust God's control—and why?"

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## **Lesson 12: Faithfulness**

#### "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**Key Verse: Lamentations 3:22–23** 

#### **Doctrinal Definition**

God's faithfulness means He is completely trustworthy, dependable, and true to His Word. He never fails, forgets, or forsakes. His promises are sure, His character is consistent, and His covenant stands forever.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

1.	God's faithfulness is rooted in His	and truth.
2.	He keeps every, regardless of circ	umstance.
3.	Even when we are unfaithful, He remains	·
4.	Faithfulness means God is always	to His nature and Word.

#### Supporting Scriptures

- **Lamentations 3:22–23** "Great is Thy faithfulness": God's mercy renews daily.
- **1 Corinthians 1:9** "God is faithful, by whom ye were called..."
- **2 Timothy 2:13** "If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful..."
- **Hebrews 10:23** "He is faithful that promised."

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does God's faithfulness give us confidence in uncertain times?
- What's the difference between human reliability and divine faithfulness?
- How should believers respond to God's faithfulness in daily life?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, reflect on a time when God proved faithful in your life. Share that testimony with someone who needs encouragement to trust Him.

#### **Memory Verse**

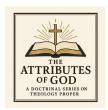
"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed...they are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness." — Lamentations 3:22–23

#### **Teacher's Notes**

- Use imagery: sunrise as a symbol of daily mercy and consistency.
- Consider a group activity: "Write one promise God has kept in your life."
- Reinforce that faithfulness is not just about provision—it's about presence, promise, and perseverance.

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## **Lesson 13: Wrath**

#### "The Wrath of God Is Revealed"

**Key Verse: Romans 1:18** 

#### **Doctrinal Definition**

God's wrath is His holy and just response to sin. It is not impulsive rage or cruelty, but a righteous indignation against all that violates His holiness. His wrath flows from His love of righteousness and His hatred of evil.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

- 1. God's wrath is always \_\_\_\_\_\_, never arbitrary or unjust.
- 2. Wrath reveals God's \_\_\_\_\_\_ toward sin and rebellion.
- 3. The cross of Christ satisfies God's wrath through .
- 4. Wrath is not the opposite of love, but the expression of \_\_\_\_\_ holiness.

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- **Romans 1:18** "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness..."
- **John 3:36** "He that believeth not... the wrath of God abideth on him."
- **Nahum 1:2–3** "The Lord is slow to anger... and will not at all acquit the wicked."
- **Revelation 6:16–17** "Hide us from the wrath of the Lamb..."

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does understanding God's wrath deepen our appreciation for the gospel?
- Why is wrath necessary in a perfectly holy God?
- How do we reconcile wrath with God's love and mercy?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, meditate on the seriousness of sin and the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice. Share the gospel with someone, emphasizing both God's justice and His mercy.

#### **Memory Verse**

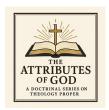
"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men..." — Romans 1:18

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Clarify that wrath is not a flaw in God's character, but a perfection of His justice.
- Use the cross as the ultimate illustration: wrath and mercy met in Christ.
- Consider a visual aid: a scale balancing holiness and justice, with Christ as the mediator.

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#### "O Taste and See That the Lord Is Good"

**Key Verse: Psalm 34:8** 

#### Doctrinal Definition

God's goodness is His moral excellence and benevolent character. He is the source of all that is truly good, and His actions always reflect kindness, righteousness, and grace. His goodness is not merely what He does — it is who He is.

#### **≰** Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

1.	God's goodness is the	_ of His nature.
2.	Everything God does is	, even when we don't understand it.
3.	God's goodness leads us to	(Romans 2:4).
4.	We are called to in t	he goodness of God.

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- **Psalm 34:8** "O taste and see that the Lord is good..."
- **Nahum 1:7** "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble..."
- **Romans 2:4** "The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance."
- Psalm 145:9 "The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works."

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does God's goodness differ from human kindness?
- Why is it important to trust God's goodness even in suffering?
- How does the goodness of God motivate us to live righteously?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, intentionally "taste and see" God's goodness — reflect on His blessings, His character, and His Word. Then, share one way God has shown His goodness in your life with someone who needs encouragement.

#### Memory Verse

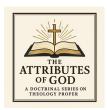
"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." — Psalm 34:8

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use a sensory metaphor: "taste and see" implies personal experience, not just intellectual assent.
- Consider a gratitude exercise: "List five ways God has shown His goodness this week."
- Reinforce that God's goodness is not circumstantial it's eternal and unchanging.

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#### 🧠 Lesson 15: Wisdom

#### "In Wisdom Hast Thou Made Them All"

Key Verse: Psalm 104:24

#### Doctrinal Definition

God's wisdom is His ability to apply perfect knowledge to accomplish the best possible outcomes. It is not merely intellectual capacity, but moral insight and purposeful action. His wisdom is eternal, flawless, and always aligned with His will.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

- 1. Wisdom is the \_\_\_\_\_ use of perfect knowledge.
- 2. God's wisdom is seen in \_\_\_\_\_\_, providence, and redemption.
- 3. Unlike human wisdom, God's wisdom is never \_\_\_\_\_ or limited.
- 4. Believers are called to seek wisdom from , not the world.

#### Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 104:24 "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all..."
- **Romans 11:33** "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God..."
- **James 1:5** "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God..."
- **Proverbs 3:19** "The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth..."

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does God's wisdom differ from human cleverness or intellect?
- Why is it important to trust God's wisdom when life doesn't make sense?
- How can we grow in wisdom according to Scripture?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, ask God for wisdom in a specific decision or relationship. Journal how His Word and Spirit guide your thinking, and share that insight with someone seeking direction.

#### **Memory Verse**

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God... and it shall be given him." — James 1:5

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use a contrast chart: worldly wisdom vs. godly wisdom (e.g., 1 Corinthians 1:20–25).
- Consider a group activity: "What's one wise decision God led you to make?"
- Reinforce that wisdom is not just knowing what's right it's doing what's right, in God's timing and way.

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## **▲** Lesson 16: The Trinity

# "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"

**Key Verse: Matthew 28:19** 

#### Doctrinal Definition

The Trinity is the biblical doctrine that God is one in essence, yet eternally exists in three distinct Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each Person is fully God, co-equal, co-eternal, and co-existent—yet there is only one God.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

- The Trinity is \_\_\_\_\_ God in three Persons.
   The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Spirit is God—yet not \_\_\_\_\_.
   The Trinity is not three gods, but one \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. The Trinity works in perfect in creation, redemption, and sanctification.

#### **[** Supporting Scriptures

- **Matthew 28:19** "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."
- **2 Corinthians 13:14** "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ... the love of God... the communion of the Holy Ghost..."
- **Genesis 1:26** "Let us make man in our image..."
- **John 14:16–17** Jesus speaks of the Father sending the Spirit.

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#### Discussion Prompts

- Why is the Trinity essential to understanding God's nature and work?
- How does each Person of the Trinity relate to our salvation?
- What are common misunderstandings about the Trinity, and how can we correct them biblically?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, reflect on how each Person of the Trinity has worked in your life: the Father's love, the Son's sacrifice, and the Spirit's guidance. Praise God for His unity and diversity.

#### **Memory Verse**

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." — Matthew 28:19

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Use analogies carefully: water (ice, liquid, vapor) or triangle (three sides, one shape) or even an Egg (shell, white, yolk)—but clarify that no analogy fully captures the mystery.
- Consider a visual diagram: one essence, three Persons, with clear biblical references.
- Reinforce that the Trinity is not a contradiction, but a divine mystery revealed in Scripture.

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## 🌌 Lesson 17: Transcendence

## "My Ways Are Higher Than Your Ways"

Key Verse: Isaiah 55:8-9

#### Doctrinal Definition

God's transcendence means He is exalted above the created universe. He is not bound by time, space, or matter. Though He interacts with creation, He is not part of it. His thoughts, ways, and nature surpass human understanding.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

- 1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ above all creation.
- 2. His ways and thoughts are \_\_\_\_\_ than ours.
- 3. Transcendence means God is not \_\_\_\_\_\_ by time, space, or matter.
- 4. Though transcendent, God is also \_\_\_\_\_\_, choosing to reveal Himself.

#### Supporting Scriptures

- **Isaiah 55:8–9** "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways..."
- 1 Kings 8:27 "Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee..."
- **Psalm 113:4–6** "The Lord is high above all nations... who humbleth himself to behold..."
- **Job 11:7–9** "Canst thou by searching find out God?"

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does God's transcendence deepen our reverence and worship?
- Why is it important to distinguish between Creator and creation?
- How does transcendence protect us from reducing God to human terms?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, meditate on the majesty of God's transcendence. Let it humble your heart and elevate your worship. Praise Him not only for His greatness, but for His grace in making Himself known.

#### Memory Verse

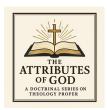
"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." — Isaiah 55:9

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Emphasize the contrast between God's infinite nature and man's finite understanding.
- Use visual metaphors: the vastness of space, the depths of the ocean, the limits of human knowledge.
- Reinforce that transcendence does not mean distance or disinterest—God is both exalted and intimately involved.

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#### **Lesson 18: Immanence**

#### "The Lord Is Near Unto All That Call Upon Him"

Key Verse: Psalm 145:18

#### **Doctrinal Definition**

Immanence refers to God's active presence within His creation. Though He is exalted above all (transcendence), He is also near, involved, and accessible. God is not distant or detached—He dwells among His people, hears their prayers, and works within history and hearts.

#### Fill-in-the-Blank Notes

- 1. Immanence means God is \_\_\_\_\_ and involved in His creation.
- 2. Though transcendent, God is also \_\_\_\_\_\_ to those who call upon Him.
- 3. God's immanence is seen in His \_\_\_\_\_\_, His Spirit, and His Word.
- 4. Immanence assures us that God is not just above us, but \_\_\_\_\_ us.

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- **Psalm 145:18** "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him..."
- Jeremiah 23:23–24 "Am I a God at hand... and not a God afar off?"
- Acts 17:27–28 "He is not far from every one of us..."
- John 1:14 "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..."

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#### **Discussion Prompts**

- How does immanence shape our view of prayer and worship?
- What are the dangers of forgetting either God's transcendence or His immanence?
- How does the incarnation of Christ perfectly reveal God's immanence?

#### **Application Challenge**

This week, lean into God's nearness. Speak to Him freely, walk with Him daily, and trust that He is working in your life—even in the unseen. Let His immanence comfort and embolden you.

#### Memory Verse

"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth." — Psalm 145:18

#### 📚 Teacher's Notes

- Contrast immanence with pantheism: God is present in creation, but not identical to it.
- Use examples of God's nearness: answered prayer, indwelling Spirit, incarnation.
- Reinforce the balance: God is both infinitely above and intimately near.

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#### "That They Might Know Thee..."

(John 17:3)

As we conclude this eighteen-lesson journey through the Attributes of God, we stand in awe of the One who is infinite in power, perfect in holiness, and intimately near. These truths are not merely theological concepts — they are the foundation of our worship, the compass for our discipleship, and the anchor for our hope.

We have studied the God who:

- Exists eternally and uncaused
- Rules sovereignly and wisely
- Loves sacrificially and judges righteously
- Dwells above all, yet walks beside His children

Each attribute reveals not just what God does, but who He is. And in knowing Him more deeply, we are called to respond — with reverence, obedience, and transformation.

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May this series serve as a lasting resource for believers, churches, and generations to come — not just for study, but for spiritual growth. Let it stir hearts, sharpen minds, and shape lives into the image of Christ.



### 🙏 Final Benediction

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." — 1 Timothy 1:17

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"Be still, and know that I am God."
Psalms 46:10a





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