

Bible Study Series . . .

PRAYING the Names and Attributes of God

Though God is infinitely far above our ability to fully understand, through the Scriptures He tells us truths about Himself and character so that we can know Him, and be drawn to worship Him. Take a description of God and meditate on it for a day. This is not an exhaustive list.



1. JEHOVAH or YAHWEH

The name of the independent, self-complete being—**“I AM WHO I AM”**—only belongs to Jehovah God. Because He is self-existent, Yahweh is the source of life for everything and everyone else. He is always there. That’s the significance of Jehovah or Yahweh as God’s primary name. Our proper response to Him is to fall down in fear and awe of the One who possesses all authority. Exodus 3:13-15

2. JEHOVAH-M’KADDESH

This name means **“the God who sanctifies.”** A God who separates from all that is evil requires that the people who follow Him be cleansed from all evil. Leviticus 20:7-8

3. INFINITE

God is **beyond measurement**—we cannot define Him by size or amount. He has no beginning, no end, and no limits. Romans 11:33

4. OMNIPOTENT

God is **all-powerful**. He spoke all things into being, and all things—every cell, every breath, every thought—are sustained by Him. Nothing is too difficult for Him. Jeremiah 32:17, 18, 26-27

5. GOOD

God is the embodiment of **perfect goodness**, and is kind, benevolent, and full of good will toward all creation. Psalm 119:65-72

6. LOVE

God’s **love is so great** that He gave His only Son to bring us into fellowship with Him. His love encompasses the world, and embraces each of us personally and intimately. 1 John 4:7-10

7. JEHOVAH-JIREH

“The God who provides.” Just as He provided yesterday, He will provide today and tomorrow. He grants deliverance from sin, the oil of joy for the ashes of sorrow, and eternal citizenship in His Kingdom for all those adopted into His household. Genesis 22:9-14

8. JEHOVAH-SHALOM

“The God of peace.” We are meant to know the fullness of God’s perfect peace, His “shalom.” God’s peace surpasses understanding and sustains us through difficult times. It’s the product of fully being what we were created to be. Judges 6:16-24

9. IMMUTABLE

“All that God is.” All that He has been and is, He will forever be. He is ever perfect and unchanging. Psalm 102:25-28

10. TRANSCENDENT

God is not simply **the highest in an order of beings** (this would be to grant Him eminence). He is transcendent—existing beyond and above the created universe. Psalm 113:4-5

11. JUST

God is **righteous and holy, fair and equitable** in all things. We can trust Him to always do what is right. Psalm 75:1-7

12. HOLY

God’s holiness is not a better version of the best we know. God is utterly and supremely untainted. **His holiness is perfect**—unique and incomprehensible. Revelation 4:8

13. JEHOVAH-ROPHE

“Jehovah heals.” God alone provides the remedy for mankind’s brokenness through His son, Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the physical, moral, and spiritual remedy for all people. Exodus 15:22-26

14. SELF-SUFFICIENT

All things are God’s to give, and all that is given is given by Him. He can receive nothing that He has not already given us.

Acts 17:24-28

15. OMNISCIENT

God is all-knowing. God’s knowledge encompasses every possible thing that exists, has ever existed, or will ever exist. Nothing is a mystery to Him. Psalm 139:1-6

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16. OMNIPRESENT

God is **everywhere**, in and around everything, close to everyone. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the Lord.” Psalm 139:7-12

17. MERCIFUL

God’s **merciful compassion is infinite** and inexhaustible. Through Christ, He took the judgment that was rightfully ours and placed it on His own shoulders. He waits and works now for all people to turn to Him and to live under His justification. Deuteronomy 4:29-31

18. SOVEREIGN

God **presides over every event, great or small, and He is in control of our lives**. To be sovereign, He must be all-knowing and **all-powerful**, and by His sovereignty He rules His entire creation. 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

19. JEHOVAH-NISSI

“**God our banner.**” Under His banner we go from triumph to triumph and say, “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57). Exodus 17:8-15

20. ALL-WISE

All God’s acts are accomplished through His **infinite wisdom**. He always acts for our good, which is to conform us to Christ. Our good and His glory are inextricably bound together. Proverbs 3:19, 20

21. FAITHFUL

Out of His faithfulness **God honors His covenants and fulfills His promises**. Our hope for the future rests upon God’s faithfulness. Psalm 89:1-8

22. WRATHFUL

Unlike human anger, God’s wrath is never capricious, self-indulgent, or irritable. It is the right and necessary **reaction to objective moral evil**. Nahum 1:2-8

23. FULL OF GRACE

Grace is God’s good pleasure that moves Him to grant merit where it is undeserved and to forgive debt that cannot be repaid. Ephesians 1:5-8

24. OUR COMFORTER

Jesus called the Holy Spirit the “Comforter,” and the apostle Paul writes that the Lord is “**the God of all comfort.**” 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4

25. EL-SHADDAI

“**God Almighty,**” the God who is all-sufficient and all-bountiful, the source of all blessings. Genesis 49:22-26

26. ABBA FATHER

Jesus taught us to pray, “Our Father” (Matthew 6:9), and the Spirit of God taught us to cry, “Abba, Father,” **an intimate Aramaic term similar to “Daddy.”** The Creator of the universe cares for each one of us. Romans 8:15-17

27. THE CHURCH’S HEAD

God the Son, Jesus, is the head of the Church. As the head, the part of the body that sees, hears, thinks, and decides, He gives the orders that the rest of the body lives by. Ephesians 1:22, 23

28. OUR INTERCESSOR

Knowing our temptations, **God the Son intercedes for us**. He opens the doors for us to boldly ask God the Father for mercy. Thus, God is both the initiation and conclusion of true prayer. Hebrews 4:14-16

29. ADONAI

“**Master**” or “**Lord.**” All God’s people ought to acknowledge themselves as His servants, with His right to reign as Lord of our lives. 2 Samuel 7:18-20

30. ELOHIM

“**Strength**” or “**Power:**” He is transcendent, mighty and strong. This name displays His supreme power, sovereignty, and faithfulness in His covenant relationship with us. Genesis 17:7, 8

31. EI ELYON

“**The Most High God.**” This name for God comes from a Hebrew word meaning “to ascend,” “to go up.” It describes that which is highest or uppermost. It focuses on God’s exalted position and is often translated “the Most High” or “God Most High.” This exalted position of El Elyon was the one to which Lucifer aspired in heaven, when in his pride he declared, “I will be like the Most High.” Isaiah 14:14

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