The Attributes of God - Chart

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Summary Chart - The Attributes of God

Spurgeon on the Attributes of God

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Why study the Attributes of God?

Daniel 11:32+ says that "know their God will display strength & take action"

Click for Joy of Knowing God through His attributes.

The Attributes of God

"I PRAY THEE SHOW ME THY GLORY" Exodus 33:18+

Youtube Videos related to God's Attributes (songs by Chris Tomlin)

<u>Indescribable</u>

How great is our God

NATURAL

(Inwardly in Himself)

MORAL

(Outwardly to His Creation)

NOTE: mouse over BRIGHT BLUE or click attribute for more (eg hold point over &/or click "OMNISCIENT")

"CHS" = quotes from C H Spurgeon on The Attributes of God (CLICK full page of Quotes HERE)

OMNISCIENT

Knows EVERYTHING

(v2) When I go

(v2) What I think

(v3) What I do

(v4) What I say

His Knowledge = too high

Ps 139:1-6

(Spurgeon's Note)

(See Perfect in Knowledge)

"There never was a time in which we were unknown to God, and there never will be a moment in which we shall be beyond His observation...This is a fact to be remembered every moment: sitting down to consider, or rising up to act, we are still seen, known, and read by Jehovah our Lord...Though Thou shouldst give but a glance at my heart, and see me as one sees a passing meteor moving afar, yet Thou wouldst by that glimpse sum up all the meanings of my soul, so transparent is everything to Thy piercing glance....The Lord judges our active life and our quiet life; he discriminates our action and our repose, and marks that in them which is good and also that which is evil. There is chaff in all our wheat, and the Lord divides them with unerring precision...This should fill us with awe, so that we sin not; with courage, so that we fear not; with delight, so that we mourn not....Behind us there is God recording our sins, or in grace blotting out the remembrance of them; and before us there is God foreknowing all our deeds, and providing for all our wants. We cannot turn back and so escape Him, for He is behind; we cannot go forward and outmarch Him, for He is before...Shall we not alter the figure, and say that our heavenly Father has folded His arms around us, and caressed us with His hand? It is even so with those who are by faith the children of the Most High...Such knowledge not only surpasses my comprehension, but even my imagination....Mount as I may, this truth is too lofty for my mind. It seems to be always above me, even when I soar into the loftiest regions of spiritual thought. Is it not so with every attribute of God? Can we attain to any idea of His power, His wisdom, His holiness? Our mind has no line with which to measure the Infinite." (CHS)

Infinite in understanding

Ps 147:5

(Spurgeon's note)

OMNIPOTENT HAS ALL POWER

(Click 12 hymns= Gods strength)

(Click 9 hymns= Gods power)

(Click 30+ hymns= God Creator)

(See God is Able)

Ge 18:14+ "Is anything too difficult for the LORD?

Nothing is too difficult for Jehovah

What impossible situation or task are you facing today? Ask yourself this question: Is it too difficult for God? Run to the Rock that is higher than you & take refuge in His tower of strength (Ps 61:2-3 Read Spurgeon's devotional). Cry out to the God of the impossible & rest in His perfect wisdom, timing & power.

The omnipotent God is your Source of strength - "You cannot serve Him in your strength. You can only serve Him in the strength He gives as you need it. Here, take the bread, take the fish, and feed the thousands. Never say that it is not enough (Mt 14:17+)" **The omnipotent One** "will multiply both the bread and the fish as it is broken and consumed. There will be more than you need. " (CHS)

Jer 32:17 'Ah Lord GOD! Behold, Thou hast made the heavens & the earth by Thy great power & by Thy outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Thee

(Read Spurgeon's devotional)

Cf "Is the <u>LORD'S power limited</u>?" Now you shall <u>see</u> whether My <u>word</u> will <u>come true</u> for you <u>or</u> not." Nu 11:23+ (Read Spurgeon's devotional)

"I know that Thou can do all things & that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted. Job 42:2

Play: All in All

OMNIPRESENT

PRESENT EVERYWHERE ALL OF GOD ALL THE TIME

(See The Lord is With Us)

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil & the good. Pr 15:3+

(Click here for every use of the phrase 'the eyes of the LORD' in the NASB)

God is everywhere all the time for as the psalmist says "He will not allow your foot to slip. He who keeps you will not slumber." (Ps 121:3+)

Spurgeon remarks "A present God! I cannot suggest a theme to make you more courageous. You will find it exceedingly helpful and comforting to discover God in the unimportant things. You will find it exceedingly helpful and comforting to discover God in the unimportant things. If we had a God for only great things and not also for little things, we would be miserable. Blessed be our heavenly Father. He that wings an angel, guides a sparrow. He that rolls a world along, molds a tear and marks its track when it trickles from your eye."

"Can a man hide himself in hiding places so I do not see him?" declares Jehovah. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares Jehovah Jer 23:23-24

Ps 139:7 139:8 139:9 139:10 139:11 139:12 (Spurgeon's Note)

Spurgeon adds that "the Puritans believed in an **ever-present God.** Oh to be able to feel God everywhere, in the little as well as the great, in our rising up and our sitting down, in our going out and our coming in. I cannot imagine a life more blessed or a spirit more related to the spirit of the glorified than the mind and heart of the person who lives in God, who knows and feels that **God is ever-present.** If you are in personal danger, or in the midst of a storm, or facing illness, and if you hear a voice saying, "Surely the Lord is in this place" (Ge 28:16) you will be perfectly at rest." (**See Note**)

"The God Who made the world & all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven & earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands Acts 17:24+

ETERNAL

NO BEGINNING & END & NOT CONFINED TO TIME

(See Everlasting)

God's Testimony -

'Indeed, I lift up My hand to heaven, & say, as I live forever Dt 32:40+

For <u>thus says</u> the <u>high</u> & <u>exalted</u> One **Who <u>lives forever</u>**, whose <u>name</u> is <u>Holy</u>, "I <u>dwell</u> on a <u>high</u> and <u>holy</u> place & also with the <u>contrite</u> & <u>lowly</u> of <u>spirit</u> in order to <u>revive</u> the <u>spirit</u> of the <u>lowly</u> & to <u>revive</u> the <u>heart</u> of the <u>contrite</u>. Isa 57:15

Man's Testimony

"But at the end of that period I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him Who lives forever; for His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation." Da 4:34

"The **eternal God** is a dwelling place, and underneath are the **everlasting arms**; and He drove out the enemy from before you, And said, 'Destroy!' (Dt 33:27+) (**Spurgeon's Note**)

EVERLASTING

Abraham <u>planted</u> a <u>tamarisk tree</u> at <u>Beersheba</u>, and <u>there</u> he <u>called</u> on the <u>name</u> of the <u>Jehovah</u> the <u>Everlasting God</u>. (<u>El Olam</u> = God of Eternity) Ge 21:33+

Do you not know ? Have you not heard ? **The Everlasting God**, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. Isa 40:28

Ps 90:1-2 <u>Lord</u>, Thou have <u>been</u> our <u>dwelling place</u> in <u>all generations</u>. <u>Before</u> the <u>mountains</u> were <u>born</u> or Thou <u>gave birth</u> to the <u>earth</u> & the <u>world</u>, Even from <u>everlasting</u> to <u>everlasting</u>, Thou are <u>God</u>. (Spurgeon's note)

"I am the Alpha & the Omega," says the Lord God, "Who is & Who was & Who is to come, the Almighty." Rev 1:8+

BEFORE ALL TIME

To the <u>only God</u> our <u>Savior</u>, <u>through Jesus Christ</u> our <u>Lord</u>, be <u>glory</u>, <u>majesty</u>, <u>dominion</u> & <u>authority</u>, <u>before all time</u> & <u>now</u> & <u>forever</u>. <u>Amen</u>. Jude 25+

IMMUTABLE

GOD NEVER CHANGES

(Click 13 hymns=God unchanging)
(See I Change Not)

Heaven & earth will perish BUT He is ever the same & His years will not end.

"Of <u>old</u> Thou <u>founded</u> the <u>earth</u> & the <u>heavens</u> are the <u>work</u> of Thy <u>hands</u>. Even they will <u>perish</u>, but Thou dost <u>endure</u> & <u>all</u> of them will <u>wear</u> out like a <u>garment</u> like <u>clothing</u> Thou will <u>change</u> them & they will be <u>changed</u>. But **Thou art the <u>same</u>** & **Thy years** will not <u>come</u> to an <u>end</u>. Ps 102:25-27

"Thou art the same...God, the same in essence & nature, the same in will & purpose, Thou dost change all other things as Thou pleaseth; but Thou art immutable in every respect..." (Spurgeon)

God does not change

For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed. Malachi 3:6

"It is well for us that, amidst all the variableness of life, there is One whom change cannot affect; One whose heart can never alter, and on whose brow mutability can make no furrows...The delight which the mariner feels, when, after having been tossed about for many a day, he steps again upon the solid shore, is the satisfaction of a Christian when, amidst all the changes of this troublous life, he rests the foot of his faith upon this truth-"I am the Lord, I change not." The stability which the anchor gives the ship when it has at last obtained a hold-fast, is like that which the Christian's hope affords him when it fixes itself upon this glorious truth. With God "is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." What ever his attributes were of old, they are now ...He has ever been the refuge of His people, their stronghold in the day of trouble, and He is their sure Helper still. He is unchanged in his love. He has loved his people with "an everlasting love"; he loves them now as much as ever he did, and when all earthly things shall have melted in the last conflagration, his love will still wear the dew of its youth. Precious is the assurance that He changes not! **The wheel of providence revolves, but its axle is eternal love.**" (Spurgeon's full devotional)

Are you riding on storm tossed seas today? Then cast your anchor onto the Solid Rock of the glorious truth that His character changeth not - He was the refuge for David & He can be your Refuge from the storm (<u>Isa 25:4</u>) your stronghold in the day of trouble (Nah 1:7). Why? Because....<u>Jesus Christ</u> is the <u>same</u> yesterday & <u>forever</u>. Heb 13:8+

God does not vary

<u>Every good thing bestowed</u> & <u>every perfect gift</u> is from <u>above</u>, <u>coming down</u> from the <u>Father</u> of <u>lights</u>, with <u>Whom there</u> is <u>no variation</u> <u>or shifting shadow</u>. (Js 1:17+, Ro 11:29+)

"Ancient of Days"(Da 7:22+)

Click song: Ancient of Days

INCOMPREHENSIBLE

Beyond our understanding (note)

Man cannot plumb the depths or limits of God

Can you discover the depths of God? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty? Job 11:7

"Behold, these are the fringes of His ways; And how faint a word we hear of Him! But His mighty thunder, who can understand?" Job 26:14

Spurgeon "Every affliction is timed and measured. Every comfort is sent with a loving thoughtfulness that makes it precious. The Divine Mind exercises great thoughtfulness toward the Lord's chosen. Nothing happens as the result of a remorseless fate. All your circumstances are ordered in wisdom by a living, thoughtful, and loving God. Our heavenly Father knows what He is doing. Even when His way appears to be involved and complicated and we cannot untangle the threads, the Lord sees all things clearly. His breadth exceeds the range of our vision; His depth baffles our profoundest thought."

God's wisdom & knowledge are deep - His Judgments unsearchable His ways unfathomable

There must always be about the glorious Lord that is incomprehensible, and it is not for us to doubt because we cannot understand, but rather humbly to bow before His awesome presence in Whose verb hand is our breath.

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom & knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments & unfathomable His ways! Ro 11:33+

SELF-EXISTENT

depends on nothing for His existence

I AM WHO I AM

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM " & He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you." Ex 3:14+

Father has life in Himself Son has life in Himself

"For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; Jn 5:26+

SELF-SUFFICIENT

Brings about His will without help

"If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is Mine, & all it contains Ps 50:12 (Spurgeon's note)

God does not need anything - we cannot give Him anything that is not already His. To obey is better than sacrifice.

"The <u>God</u> who <u>made</u> the <u>world</u> and <u>all things</u> in it, since He is <u>Lord</u> of <u>heaven</u> & <u>earth</u>, does not <u>dwell</u> in <u>temples made</u> with <u>hands</u> nor is <u>He served</u> by <u>human hands</u> as though <u>He needed anything</u>, since He <u>Himself gives</u> to <u>all</u> people <u>life</u> & <u>breath</u> & <u>all things</u>." Acts 17:24-25+

INFINITE

No limits

The Heavens cannot contain Him

"But will <u>God indeed dwell</u> on the <u>earth? Behold</u>, <u>heaven</u> & the <u>highest heaven cannot contain</u> Thee. <u>How much less this house which</u> I have <u>built</u>! 1Ki 8:27

Thus says JEHOVAH "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? Isa 66:1

Great is JEHOVAH & highly to be praised, & His greatness is unsearchable Ps 145:3

"Worship should be somewhat like its object -Great praise for a great God. Praise may be said to be great when the song contains great matter, when the hearts producing it are intensely fervent, and when large numbers unite in the grand acclaim. No chorus is too loud, no orchestra too large, no psalm too lofty for the lauding of the Lord of Hosts... Song should be founded upon search; hymns composed without thought are of no worth, and tunes upon which no pains have been spent are beneath the dignity of divine adoration. Yet when we meditate most, and search most studiously we shall still find ourselves surrounded with unknowable wonders, which will baffle all attempts to sing them worthily. The best adoration of the Unsearchable is to own Him to be so, and close the eyes in reverence before the excessive light of His glory. Not all the minds of all the centuries shall suffice to search out the unsearchable riches of God; He is past finding out; and, therefore, His deserved praise is still above and beyond all that we can render to Him. (Spurgeon's note)

God "Who does great & unsearchable things, Wonders without number. Job 5:9

God "Who does great things, unfathomable, & wondrous works without number." Job 9:10

Play song : Give Me Jesus

TRANSCENDENT

Above creation Exists totally apart from His creation

God's ways & thoughts are higher than man's

"For My <u>thoughts</u> are not your <u>thoughts</u>, <u>nor</u> are your <u>ways</u> My <u>ways</u>," <u>declares</u> the <u>LORD</u> "For as the <u>heavens</u> are <u>higher than</u> the <u>earth</u>, <u>so</u> are My <u>ways higher than</u> your <u>ways</u> & My <u>thoughts than</u> your <u>thoughts</u>. <u>Isa 55:8 55:9</u> (Spurgeon note)

"It is He who sits above the vault of the earth & its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain & spreads them out like a tent to dwell in." Isa 40:22

Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders which Thou hast done, & Thy thoughts toward us. There is none to compare with Thee. If I would declare & speak of them, they would be too numerous to count. Ps 40:5 (**Spurgeon note**)

The <u>LORD</u> is <u>high above all nations</u>. His <u>glory</u> is <u>above</u> the <u>heavens</u>. <u>Who</u> is like Jehovah our <u>God</u>, Who is <u>enthroned</u> on <u>high</u>? <u>Ps113:4 113:5</u> (Spurgeon on v4, on v5)

Play Song
We Exalt Thee

SOVEREIGN

He is in total control & is Totally supreme

God does whatever he pleases

(Click 40+ hymns= God as King)

(See The Most High Rules)

Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven & in earth, in the seas & in all deeps Ps 135:6 (Spurgeon's note)

Let all the earth fear Jehovah. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke & it was done. He commanded & it stood fast. Jehovah nullifies the counsel of the nations. He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of Jehovah stands forever; the plans of His heart from generation to generation. Ps 38:8 33:9 10 11 (**Spurgeon v10 v 11**)

He works all things after the counsel of His will Eph 1:11-note

His Purpose Will Be Established & He will accomplish all His good pleasure - what He begins He brings to fruition because He is in total control

"Remember the former things long past, for I am God, & there is no other. I am God & there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning & from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established & I will accomplish all My good pleasure. Calling a bird of prey from the east (Cyrus the king) the man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have

spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it." Isa 46:9 10 11

Spurgeon: "World events are not tangled, confused, or perplexing to God...Jehovah's power is apparent, from the least to the greatest, for God is in all and rules all. He guides the grain of dust in the March wind and the planets in their immeasurable pathways. He steers each drop of spray beaten back from the face of the rock. He leads the north star God is the dictator of destinies. He appoints both the ideas and the end. He is the King of kings ruling rulers and guiding counselors. He is the same in the crash of battle or in the hush of peace. He is the same in famine or in the joy of an abundant harvest. He is Lord. He does according to His will, not only in heaven but among the inhabitants of this lower world. The storm may rage, but all is well, for our Captain is the governor of storms. He who trod the waves of the Galilean lake is at the helm, and at His command winds and waves are quiet (Mt 14:27). Courage, dear friend. The Lord, the ever-merciful, has appointed every moment of sorrow and every pang of suffering. If He ordains the number ten, it can never rise to eleven, nor should you desire that it shrink to nine. The Lord's time is best. The span of your life is measured to a hair's width. Restless soul, God ordains all, so let the Lord have His way.

El Elyon (notes) "the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind & bestows it on whomever He wishes."

Da 4:32b-note (cf Da 5:21a 21b-note)

Does according to His will in host of heaven & among inhabitants of the earth

"All the <u>inhabitants</u> of the <u>earth</u> are <u>accounted</u> as <u>nothing</u>, but He <u>does according</u> to His <u>will</u> in the <u>host</u> of <u>heaven</u> & among the <u>inhabitants</u> of <u>earth</u> & <u>no</u> one can <u>ward off</u> His <u>hand</u> Or <u>say</u> to Him, <u>'What</u> have You <u>done?'</u> **Da 4:35**-note

Nebuchadnezzar testifies to God's sovereignty: "Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride." **Da 4:37**-note

His Sovereignty is exemplified by

El Elyon -- God Most High

Gen 14, Ps 91:1, et al

(See Names of God)

Play: Salvation Belongs to Our God Our God Reigns

HOLY

MORALLY excellent

Perfect

(Click 11 hymns= God is Holy)

(See The Holy One)

"Who is like Thee among the gods, O LORD? Who is like Thee majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders? Ex 15:11

"Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts. The whole earth is full of His glory." Isa 6:3-note (See Torrey's Topic)

You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. Lev 19:2

For the Mighty One has done great things for me & holy is His name. Luke 1:49

God does not do anything wrong

Therefore, listen to me, you men of understanding. Far be it from God to do wickedness & from the Almighty to do wrong. Job 34:10

Play:

- Holy is the Lord
- Holy & Anointed One
- Take Me In to the Holy of Holies

RIGHTEOUS

Always does right

"The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness & without injustice, Righteous & upright is He. Dt 32:4

Thy <u>righteousness</u> is an <u>everlasting righteousness</u> & Thy <u>law</u> is <u>truth</u> <u>Ps 119:142</u> (See <u>Torrey's Topic</u>)

Spurgeon writes that God's "righteousness is unchanging and endures from age to age. This is the joy and glory of the saints, that what God is he always will be, and his mode of procedure towards the sons of men is immutable: having kept his promise, and dealt out justice among his people, he will do so world without end "

JUST

Fair in all HIS actions

(Click 9 hymns re God as Judge)

(See Justice for All)

(See He Will Abundantly Pardon)

God is just & though He forgives iniquity He does not exempt the guilty

'The <u>LORD</u> is <u>slow</u> to <u>anger</u> & <u>abundant</u> in <u>lovingkindness</u>, <u>forgiving iniquity</u> & <u>transgression</u> but He will by <u>no means clear</u> the guilty, <u>visiting</u> the <u>iniquity</u> of the <u>fathers</u> on the <u>children</u> to the <u>third</u> and the <u>fourth</u> generations.'

Nu 14:18

JUSTICE is the foundation of His throne

<u>Righteousness</u> & <u>justice</u> are the <u>foundation</u> of Thy <u>throne</u>; <u>Lovingkindness</u> & <u>truth go before</u> Thee. Ps 89:14 As **Spurgeon** reminds us "No creature can eventually be unjustly dealt with under his dominion, and his kingdom ruleth over all."

(Torrey's topic)

MERCIFUL

Lovingkindness Compassion

EXHIBITS Active compassion AGAINST THOSE WHO OFFEND HIM

(Click 30+ hymns= God of Mercy)

(See Rich In Mercy)

Lovingkindness (mercy) is Thine, O Lord, for Thou dost recompense a man according to his work. Ps 62:12

Spurgeon on God's mercy: "This tender attribute sweetens the grand thought of His power: the divine strength will not crush us, but will be used for our good."

Lovingkindness goes before Him

<u>Righteousness</u> & justice are the <u>foundation</u> of Thy <u>throne</u>; <u>Lovingkindness</u> and <u>truth go before</u> Thee.

Ps 89:14

Spurgeon says: Mercy &truth shall go before thy face. They are the harbingers & heralds of the Lord; He calls these to the front to deal with guilty & changeful man. He makes them in the person of the Lord Jesus to be His ambassadors & so poor, guilty man is enabled to endure the presence of his righteous Lord. If mercy had not paved the way, the coming of God to any man must have been swift destruction."

He <u>looked</u> upon their (His people Israel) <u>distress</u> when He <u>heard</u> their <u>cry</u> & He <u>remembered</u> His <u>covenant</u> for their sake & <u>relented</u> according to the <u>greatness</u> of His <u>lovingkindness</u>

Ps 106:44 45

Spurgeon: "The Lord is so full of grace that he has not only mercy but mercies, yea a multitude of them"

Gracious is the LORD & righteous; Yes, our God is compassionate. Ps 116:5

Spurgeon comments "See how the attribute of righteousness seems to stand between two guards of love: -- gracious, righteous, merciful. The sword of justice is scabarded in a jewelled sheath of grace."

God's Lovingkindness is very practical - David prays that God would "Wondrously show Thy lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at Thy right hand from those who rise up against them." Ps 17:7 Spurgeon asks "What deep depression some of us have had! We have gone to the bottom of the mountains, and the bars of the earth seemed to hold us there...Pray for this experience: "Show Your marvelous lovingkindness" (Ps 17:7). He will do it! He will bring you up, out, and through—not necessarily in the way you would like to come, but in the best way. Always expect the unexpected when you are dealing with God. Look to see in God and from God what you never saw before. When you are dealing with Him who is omnipotent, faithful, and true, the things that seem utterly impossible will be those most likely to happen. God grant you grace, dear friend, to use this meditation and these verses as the means of deliverance from deep trouble.

For He <u>says</u> to <u>Moses</u>, "I WILL <u>HAVE MERCY</u> ON <u>WHOM I HAVE MERCY</u>, AND I WILL <u>HAVE COMPASSION</u> ON <u>WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION</u>." <u>So then</u> it does not depend on the man who <u>wills or</u> the man who <u>runs</u>, but **on <u>God</u> Who <u>has mercy</u>**

Ro 9:14-16

Play:

Come Oh Redeemer Come

LONG-SUFFERING

RIGHTEOUS anger IS slow TO BE KINDLED

Slow to anger Nu 14:18

(Torrey's topic)

(See Slow to Anger)

The <u>Lord</u> is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. **2Pe 3:9-**note

WISE

causes Him to choose RIGHTEOUS ends

His understanding is inscrutable

(Click 7 hymns=Gods wisdom)

(See Treasures of Wisdom)

Do you not know ? Have you not heard ? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable Isa 40:28 (Torrey's topic)

<u>Daniel said</u>, "Let the <u>name</u> of <u>God</u> be <u>blessed forever</u> & <u>ever</u> for <u>wisdom</u> & <u>power</u> belong to Him. <u>Dan 2:20</u>-note (<u>Torrey's topic</u>)

LOVING

EXHIBITS A LOVE NOT BASED ON WORTH OR MERIT OF OBJECT OF HIS LOVE

Loves with an everlasting love

(Click30+ hymns= Gods Love)

(See God is Love)

The <u>LORD appeared</u> to him from <u>afar</u>, saying, "I have <u>loved</u> you with an <u>everlasting</u> <u>love</u>. <u>Therefore</u> I have <u>drawn</u> you with <u>lovingkindness</u>. Jer 31:3 **Spurgeon devotional**

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Ro 5:8-note

God is love

The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1Jn 4:8 (Spurgeon devotional)

GOOD

God gives ACCORDING to His good will

He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting,"

2Chr 5:13b (Torrey's topic)

(See God is So Good)

Good and upright is the LORD. Therefore He instructs sinners in the way. (Ps 25:8)

(Spurgeon)

God is good

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting

Ps 106:1

Spurgeon: "To us needy creatures the goodness of God is the first attribute which excites praise, and that praise takes the form of gratitude. We praise the Lord truly when we give him thanks for what we have received from his goodness. Let us never be slow to return unto the Lord our praise; to thank him is the least we can do -- let us not neglect it."

Ps 68:10 "Thou didst provide in Thy goodness for the poor, O God." **Spurgeon** reminds us that "All God's gifts are prepared in advance and reserved for needs foreseen. He knows our future needs, and out of the fullness of Christ Jesus He provides from His **goodness**. You may therefore trust Him for all your future needs. He has infallible foreknowledge about every one of them...God has foreknowledge of all that His wandering children require. When those needs arise, the supplies are ready. It is **goodness** that He has prepared for the poor in heart. **Goodness**, and **goodness** only. "My grace is sufficient for you" (2Co 12:9)... Is your heart heavy? God knew it would be. The comfort your heart wants is treasured in the sweet assurance of our text. You are poor and needy, but He knows your need and has the exact blessing you require. Plead this promise, believe it, and you will obtain fulfillment."

The <u>LORD</u> is **good** to <u>all</u>, & His <u>mercies</u> are <u>over all</u> His <u>works</u>. Ps 145:9 (**Spurgeon note**)

The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, & He knows those who take refuge in Him. Nahum 1:7

Play:

Good to Me

WRATHFUL

(See Grapes of Wrath)

He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished Ex 34:6 34:7

The <u>wrath</u> of <u>God</u> is <u>revealed</u> from <u>heaven</u> <u>against</u> <u>all</u> <u>ungodliness</u> and <u>unrighteousness</u> of <u>men</u> who <u>suppress</u> the <u>truth</u> in unrighteousness,

Ro 1:18-note (Torrey's topic)

TRUTHFUL

WHATEVER GOD SAYS IS...truth

God of truth

(See Let God be True!)

Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth.

Ps 31:5 (Spurgeon)

God... cannot lie Titus 1:2-note

FAITHFUL

ALWAYS TRUE TO PROMISES

God keeps covenant

(Click 8 hymns= God is faithful)

(Click 30+ hymns= Gods Care)

(Click 13 hymns= Gods Promises)

(See Great is Thy Faithfulness)

"Know therefore that the LORD Thy God, He is God, the <u>faithful God</u>, Who <u>keeps</u> His <u>covenant</u> & His <u>lovingkindness</u> to a <u>thousandth</u> <u>generation</u> with those who <u>love</u> Him & <u>keep</u> His <u>commandments</u> Dt 7:9

(Torrey's topic)

La 3:22 23 "The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness."

Spurgeon: "So great that there has never been an exception. Through the ages, our God has had billions of people to deal with. Yet there does not stand under heaven's cover, or above the stars, or in hell itself a single soul who can say that God is not absolutely faithful."

God remains faithful

If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself. 2Ti 2:13

Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. 1Th 5:24 (Spurgeon's devotional)

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful Heb 10:23

Ps 77:8 Has His lovingkindness ceased forever? Has His promise come to an end forever?

Spurgeon: "When you are in distress, take a promise and see if it is true. If you have nothing to eat, take this promise: "Bread will be given him, his water will be sure" (Is33:16). When there is nothing in the kitchen, say, "I will see if God will keep this promise." If He does, do not forget it. Set it down in your diary, or mark it in your Bible. Be like the old saint who put T and P beside the promises. She told her pastor that it meant tried and proven. When she was again in distress, she believed that God would help."

JEALOUS

Unwilling to share what is rightfully His

(See A Jealous God)

God = jealous God

"You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD Thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, Ex 20:5 (cf Deut. 4:24; 5:9; 6:15; 2:16; 32:21; Jos. 24:19; Isa. 11:13; Zech. 1:14; Zech. 8:2)

Nahum 1:2 A jealous and avenging God is the LORD; The LORD is avenging & wrathful. The LORD takes vengeance on His adversaries & He reserves wrath for His enemies." **Spurgeon** "Believer, your Lord is jealous of your love. Did He choose you? Then He cannot bear that you would choose another. Did He buy you with His own blood? Then He cannot endure that you would think you are your own or that you belong to this world. He loved you with such a love that He would sooner die than you should perish. He cannot endure anything standing between Him and your heart's love."

God's name is "Jealous"

You shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, Whose name is Jealous (Qanna'), is a jealous God Ex 34:14

See also Dt 32:16,21 1Ki 14:22 Ps 78:58 Ezek 8:3 16:38,42 23:25 36:5 38:19

"Jealous" does not refer to the shallow human emotion, but speaks of God's intolerance to divided loyalty by those who are in Covenant with Him. What "gods" are you "flirting" with? (cf Js 4:4,4:5 1Jn 2:15, 16 17, Gal 6:7, 6:8)

Related Resources

- The Attributes of God by Barry Horner-recommended
- The Attributes of God by Thomas Watson
- The Attributes of God by A W Pink
- The Attributes of God by Sam Storms
- God of All Grace
- God is Spirit
- Show Me Thy Glory
- The People Who Know Their God
- Three in One

Disclaimer

Although the purpose of this page is give an overview of the Attributes of God, I must apologize because this table is not even the fringes of His ways and how faint a word we hear of Him!" (Job 26:14) As Horner has written "There can be no condensed learning of God; the very thought is an insult to His transcendent majesty. Rather we have to learn...what it is to slow down and meditate on the truth of His Being, to ruminate over, to ingest and digest the revelations concerning His holy character, to wonder overwhelmingly, to "be still [cease striving] and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10)

See Horner's 14 Chapter Study on Attributes of God.