

Discipleship:
An
Introduction to
Systematic Theology and
Apologetics

The Doctrines of God: The Attributes of God Part 5

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God's Communicable Attributes

TRIPLE REPTITION FOR EMPHASIS:

- **And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” Isaiah 6:3**
- **O land, land, land, hear the word of the Lord! Jeremiah 22:29**
- **A ruin, ruin, ruin I will make it. This also shall not be, until he comes, the one to whom judgment belongs, and I will give it to him. Ezekiel 21:27**
- **And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” Revelation 4:8**

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11. God's jealousy means that God continually seeks to protect his honor.

(for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), Exodus 34:14

- The same Hebrew word is used both times for jealous
- A literal translation is: Because Yahweh jealous-es his name, a jealous God is he.
- **It is not wrong for God to seek his own honor because there is no other being who is infinitely worthy of being praised and deserving of all honor and glory.**

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12. God's wrath means that he intensely hates all sin.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. Romans 1:18

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. John 3:36

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Ephesians 2:1-3

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12. God's wrath means that he intensely hates all sin.

- **It is a virtue to hate sin. God's wrath is a consequence of his holiness.**
- **Would you want a God that didn't hate sin?**
- **Christians need not fear the wrath of God.**

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. Romans 5:9

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12. God's wrath means that he intensely hates all sin.

We must be careful to distinguish between God's wrath and our anger. We are sinful and what we think is righteous anger may be sin.

Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Psalm 4:4

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. Psalm 37:8

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Ephesians 4:26-27

let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. James 1:19-20

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13. God's will is that attribute of God whereby he approves and determines to bring about every action necessary for the existence and activity of himself and all creation.

- **for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and by your plan had predestined to take place. Act 4:27-28**
- **according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will Ephesians 1:11**
- **“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” Revelation 4:11**

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- *God's necessary will includes everything he must will according to his nature. Example: God cannot decide to not exist*
- *God's free will includes all things God has decided to will but had no necessity to will because of his nature. Example: creation*
- *God's revealed will includes all the things we should do or God commands us to do in Scripture.*
- *God's secret will includes all his hidden decrees by which he governs the universe and determines everything that will happen.*

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14. God's freedom means he does whatever he pleases.

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Psalm 115:3

God is not constrained by anything external to him and free to do whatever he wishes within the bounds of his other attributes.