

What God Do You Worship?

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The attributes of God as reflected in the Bible are not what many people today appreciate in "their" God. We pride ourselves in our independence and our self-worth.

God has many attributes. He is **sovereign**, He is **holy**, He is **omnipotent**, He is **omniscient**, He is **immutable**, He is **wrathful** and He is **love**.

Sovereign is described as one that exercises supreme authority.

We as Americans cannot identify with a ruler that has complete authority. *"When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. 'Sovereign Lord,' they said, 'you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.'"* (Acts 4:24) *"Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him."* (Psalm 115:3)

Holy is defined as exalted or worthy of complete devotion. *"Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy."* (Psalm 99:9)

In our world today, there is little which can be compared with holiness. We live in a time when Christians of the 1800's would not recognize the Christians of today in their entertainment, dress, language or actions.

Omnipotent is defined as having virtually unlimited power and authority. *"He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."* (Daniel 7:14) *"I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory."* (Psalm 63:2) Our language has changed in what we consider awesome. Our God is awesome! And, yet, we refer to a mere hot dog as awesome. We trivialize words that once could only describe God and His magnificence.

Omniscient is described as having very great or unlimited power. Psalm 147:4-5 tells us, *"He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit."*

Throughout time, the educated are renowned and applauded and rightly so. But, the most intelligent mind is but a fraction of God's infinite

wisdom.

I Corinthians 3:18-20 says, *'For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness", and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile".'*

Immutable, according to Merriam Webster, is an adjective meaning unchanging over time or unable to be changed. *"Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath."* (Hebrews 6:17)

Fads come and go. And in today's world it seems we are changing daily. But God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Psalm 102:25-27 says *"Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end."*

God is **wrathful**. Romans 1:18 says, *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men."* Ephesians 5:6 says *"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."*

While reading the Old Testament over the last few months, it was readily noticeable that this is one attribute the Hebrews experienced over and over again in their rebellion against God. When the Israelites repented, they experienced God's love and mercy also.

The **love** of God is seen in all of the Bible. *"Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever."* (Psalm 136:2) Romans 8:38-39 says, *"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Psalm 36:7 says, *"How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!"*

So, in light of all these verses, do you see your God's character? Even awesome does not fully describe the wonder of God!