

*kind; ¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth-
¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.*

Read Psalm 147:5

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

- What do you think about God's ability to know all things?

————— **God is All-Powerful** —————

Omnipotence describes God's power. He has all power. God is able to carry out His will, predict the future and determine the outcome of history.

Read 1 Chronicles 29:12

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Read Mark 10:27

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

- What do you think of the greatness of God's power?

————— **God is Perfect** —————

God is perfect. There are various words in the Old and New Testament that are translated perfect, and they generally have the meaning of being complete and without lack or defect.

Read Deuteronomy 32:3-4

³ I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! ⁴ He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Read Matthew 5:48:

Therefore be perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.

- What do you think about the perfection of God?
- What do you think about what we have learned about God?

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Seeking God

Searching for truth and meaning in the Bible

Study #3: What God Is Like (Part 1)

————— God IS —————

The Bible assumes God's existence.

Read Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- What do we learn from that passage?

Read Psalm 14:1

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

- Why would the Bible say such a thing?

Read Psalm 19:1-3

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. ³ There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

- How does the creation declare God's existence in every language?

Read Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

- What kinds of things might you conclude about God from looking at the creation?

Arguments for the existence of God

The Argument from Cause (Cosmological)

The world could not exist on its own so there must have been a first cause that brought it into being. This first cause is God.

- What do you think about this argument?

The Argument from Design (Teleological)

The universe evidences great complexity or design; thus, it must have been designed by a great Designer or God.

- What do you think about this argument?

The Argument from Moral Law

Without God morality would be impossible. There must be a Lawgiver who originates and stands by moral law. A universal moral law cannot exist accidentally.

- What do you think about this argument?

What the Bible Says about God's Characteristics

————— God is Eternal —————

Eternity is part of God's character. God existed before time and space; they are His creations, and He will exist independently of them after they are destroyed.

Read Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Read 1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- What do you think about the eternal nature of God?

————— God is Everywhere —————

Omnipresence is the concept that God is everywhere at once. In an absolutely perfect sense, then, everything in or out of the universe is immediately in the presence of God.

Read Jeremiah 23:23-24

²³ "Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD, "and not a God far away? ²⁴ Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

- What do you think about God's ability to be everywhere?

————— God is All-Knowing —————

Omniscience means that God has knowledge of all things. God's knowledge includes the past, present and future.

Read Psalm 33:13-15

¹³ From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all man-