

Read 1 John 1:5:

“God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.”

- Why do light and darkness function well as metaphors for good and bad, righteous and unrighteous?

————— **God is Just** —————

Read Deuteronomy 32:4:

“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.”

- How do God’s justice and righteousness go hand in hand?

Read Isaiah 30:18:

“Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!”

- How might we have to wait for the justice of the Lord?

Read: Acts 17:31:

“For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice...”

- What does it mean to you that God will judge the world with justice?

————— **Summary Verse - Psalm 103:8-12** —————

“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

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Seeking God

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Study #4: What God Is Like (Part 2)

Read Psalm 36:5-6:

*“Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.*

*Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the great deep.”*

- What four characteristics of God are mentioned in these two verses?
- What is the point being made about each of the characteristics? And why are they significant for our view of God?
- Let’s look at each of the characteristics in greater detail...

————— **God is Loving** —————

Read 1 Chronicles 16:34:

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

- What does it mean to you for God’s love to endure forever?

Read John 3:16:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son...”

- What does this demonstration of God’s love mean to you?

Read Ephesians 3:17-19:

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

- What do these verses say about the love of God that is significant to you?

————— **God is Faithful** —————

Read Deuteronomy 7:9:

“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.”

- What impresses you about God’s faithfulness from this verse?

Read 1 Kings 8:56:

“Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.”

- What do we learn about God’s faithfulness from this verse?

Read Hebrews 10:23:

“Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”

- How are our hope and faith affected by God’s faithfulness?

————— **God is Righteous** —————

- What does it mean to be righteous?

Read Psalm 98:2:

“The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.”

- How has God made these things known?

Read Psalm 119:137:

“Righteous are you, O Lord, and your laws are right.”

- Why is it important that God is righteous?