

## ☞POINTS TO PONDER

### What is God like?

Review: In this series we've been talking about God. There are many logical and scientific reasons to believe in God. As believers, we know God is real because we have a living relationship with him. We know he's the one true God and creator of the universe. We know he is living today. You can know him.

**So, we know that God exists and we have some fundamental beliefs about him. But, really, what is God like?**

**Today, I want to look at some other qualities that describe who God is...**

*--Tozer... What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him. Always the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God, just as her most significant message is what she says about Him. If we would bring back spiritual power to our lives, we must begin to think of God more nearly as He is.*

#### ☞God is Spirit

He is **not limited by a physical body.**

Genesis 1:2

the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

John 4:24

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

#### ☞God is Infinite

He is **above time and space.** He is eternal. He has no limits.

1 Kings 8:27

The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you.

Since he is infinite spirit, he is not limited like all others. He is not confined to our time and space. He is not restricted by the frailties of a physical body.

#### ☞God is One

He is unique. **No one is like him.** Though a Trinity, he is one God.

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

1 Kings 8:60  
the Lord is God and (that) there is no other.

### ☞ **God is Holy**

**He is set apart**, that is, he is different than anything else. He is absolutely pure.

Isaiah 6:3  
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

1 Peter 1:15-16  
just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; **16** for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

God is one-of-a-kind. He doesn't have any rivals on his level. He is untainted by the sinfulness of this world and he calls us to become holy as well.

### ☞ **God is Just**

God never sins. He is the judge of all creatures. God's justice always does what is morally **right and fair**. He may delay his response, but he will mete out justice. Some here need to be reminded that you're not fooling God and he will not be mocked. He is just.

Genesis 18:25  
Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?

2 Timothy 4:8  
the Lord, the righteous Judge

*Think about a policeman. If a policeman saw someone steal something or hurt someone else and he did nothing about it, would you say that is a good policeman? No. We expect police to catch people that do bad things and to put them in jail. Now think about God. God knows all the bad things we do. If God never punished people for the bad things that we do, would we say that he is a good God? No. People that do bad things deserve to be punished, and that includes you and me. That is fair and right. God is just, but the good news (gospel) is that he is also loving and gives us the chance to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ.*

### ☞ **God is Merciful**

**He is forgiving and generous**. He treats us better than what we deserve. This is the balance to God's justice. In fact, in Scripture it typically outweighs his justice. This is good news. If you've been in the camp of those who are about to experience God's righteous judgment, there is an alternative. Fall on his mercy.

Psalms 103:10  
he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Daniel 9:9

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him;

*--Luis Palau... A mother once approached Napoleon seeking a pardon for her son. The emperor replied that the young man had committed a certain offense twice, and justice demanded death. "But I don't ask for justice," the mother explained. "I plead for mercy." "But your son does not deserve mercy," Napoleon replied. "Sir," the woman cried, "it would not be mercy if he deserved it, and mercy is all I ask for." "Well, then," the emperor said, "I will have mercy." And he spared the woman's son.*

Titus 3:5

he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

### ☞ **God is Love**

**God cares deeply about his creation.** He desires to have a personal relationship with us. We love typically because of some benefit we receive from the object of our love. Even in the most loving relationships it's typically tied to some fulfillment we receive from the other person. But God's love is beyond all that. It is simply his nature to love.

1 John 4:8

...God is love.

Romans 8:38-39

I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Some here today need to be reminded of this simple truth. God loves you.

*(Jesus Loves Me)*

### ☞ **God is Faithful**

We can trust fully that **he will always keep his word.** Even when we are unfaithful, God remains faithful.

Hebrews 6:18

it is impossible for God to lie,

1 Thessalonians 5:24

The one who calls you is faithful

Some need to be reminded that God is faithful. He has not forgotten about you. He remembers the promises he made to you. And, he will fulfill his word. Be encouraged!

### ☞ **God is Omnipresent**

He not limited by distance or space. **He is everywhere.** You can't hide from him. His justice will find you. Nothing can block him from reaching you. His mercy will cover you. When you feel all alone, he is there. Even when you can't see what he's up to, he is there.

Psalms 139:7-10

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? **8** If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. **9** If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, **10** even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Ephesians 1:22-23

...him who fills everything in every way.

### ☞ **God is Omniscient**

**He knows all things.** His knowledge is absolute and perfect. He knows what you do in secret. He even knows what you are thinking about. He knows everything. He knows what you've been going through. He knows how you are being treated. He knows!

Psalms 139:4

Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

Matthew 6:8

our Father knows what you need before you ask him.

1 John 3:20

God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

### ☞ **God is Omnipotent**

**He has all power.** He can do all that is consistent with his character and nature.

Genesis 35:11

I am God Almighty

– Tozer... *“Since He has at His command all the power in the universe, the Lord God omnipotent can do anything as easily as anything else. All His acts are done without effort. He expends no energy that must be replenished. His self-sufficiency makes it unnecessary for Him to look outside of Himself for a renewal of strength. All the power required to do all that He wills to do lies in undiminished fullness in His own infinite being.”*

Luke 1:37

nothing is impossible with God.

Mark 10:27

all things are possible with God.

Whatever problem you are facing, God is powerful enough to handle it. There is no problem too big and no problem too small. There is no disease he can't heal. There is no financial hurdle he can't overcome. There is no relationship he can't restore. There is no person he can't save. God is all powerful!

### 👉 **God is Good**

He is the source of all good. The **benevolent concern of God** is revealed in his care for his creation. He is always good, even at times when we don't see it or understand.

Psalms 34:8

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Luke 18:19

No one is good — except God alone.

No matter what the circumstances may look and feel like, God has your best interests in mind. He is always good and he is working good out for you!

### 👉 **"That's My King"** video clip

#### MY KING

The Bible says my King is a seven-way king. He is the king of the Jews. That's a mighty king. He is the king of Israel. That's a national king. He is the king of righteousness, he's the king of the ages, he's the king of heaven, he's the king of glory, he's the King of kings and he is the Lord of lords. That's my King. Well, I wonder, do you know him? David says, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmaments show his handiwork." My King is a sovereign king; no means of measure can define his limitless love, no far-seeing telescope can bring into visibility the coastline of his shoreless supplies. No barrier can hinder him from pulling out his blessings. He's enduringly strong, he's entirely sincere, he's eternally steadfast, he's immortally graceful, he's imperially powerful, he's impartially merciful. Do you know him? He's the greatest phenomenon that has ever crossed the horizon of this world. He's God's Son, he's a sinner's savior, he's a set-piece of civilization, he stands in the solitude of himself, he's honest and he's unique, he's unparalleled, he's unprecedented, he is the loftiest idea in literature, he's the highest personality in philosophy, he's the supreme problem in higher criticism, he's the fundamental doctrine of true philosophy, he is the necessity of spiritual religion, he's the miracle of the age - yes he is. He is the superlative of everything good that you choose to call him. He's the only one qualified to be an all-sufficient savior. I wonder if you know him today. He supplies strength for the weak; he's available for the tempted and the tried. He sympathizes and he saves, he strengthens and sustains, he guards and he guides, he heals the sick, he cleanses the lepers, he forgives sinners, he discharges debtors, he

delivers the captives, he defends the feeble, he blesses the young, he serves the unfortunate, he regards the aged, he rewards the diligent, and he beautifies the meager. I wonder if you know him. Well, my King he is a king, he is the key to knowledge, he's the well-spring of wisdom, he's the doorway of deliverance, he's the pathway of peace, he's the roadway of righteousness, he's the highway of holiness, he's the gateway of glory. Do you know him? Well, his office is manifold, his promise is sure, his light is matchless, his goodness is limitless, his mercy is everlasting, his love never changes, his word is enough, his grace is sufficient, his reign is righteous, his yoke is easy and his burden is light. I wish I could describe him to you. He is indescribable. He's incomprehensible. He's irresistible. Well...you can't get Him out of your mind, you can't get him off of your hands. You can't out think Him, you can't out-live Him. You can't outlast Him and you can't live without Him. The Pharisees couldn't stand Him but they finally couldn't stop Him, Pilot couldn't find any fault in Him, Death couldn't handle Him, the grave couldn't hold Him, and the tomb couldn't keep Him. That's my King. Yes, yes, you are my King.

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