

CHAPTER ONE

# WHO IS GOD?

By himself man can never bridge the unknown to discover God. We could never know him unless God revealed himself. Has God revealed himself? The Bible says yes! From cover to cover, the Scriptures abound with insights into his character.

## WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

1. What are some of God's names recorded in Scripture?

*Genesis 17:1* \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 95:6* \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 11:2* \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Timothy 6:15* \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read Isaiah 45:18-24. List several truths about God that can be discovered from this passage.

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3. What else can you discover about God?

*Isaiah 40:28* \_\_\_\_\_

*John 4:24* \_\_\_\_\_

4. From the references below, select one for each of the following attributes of God. Briefly summarize each verse in the space provided.

*Psalms 90:2; Jeremiah 23:24; Jeremiah 32:17;  
James 1:17; 1 John 3:20*

a. God is all-powerful (omnipotent)

b. God is all-knowing (omniscient)

c. God is everywhere (omnipresent)

d. God is eternal

e. God never changes (immutable)

5. What facts about God are mentioned in David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13?

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Rewrite these verses in your own words as a personal prayer, using it to praise God for who he is and what he is like.

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*“Without doubt the mightiest thought the mind can entertain is the thought of God.”*

—A. W. TOZER\*

**6.** Man’s character should reflect the fact that he was created in the image of God. For each of the following verses, list one aspect of God’s nature and tell how this should be reflected in your life.

WHAT ASPECT OF GOD’S NATURE IS REVEALED? HOW SHOULD YOUR LIFE REFLECT THIS ATTRIBUTE?

*Deuteronomy 7:9* \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 119:137* \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 130:3-4* \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Peter 1:15-16* \_\_\_\_\_

*1 John 1:5* \_\_\_\_\_

*1 John 4:16* \_\_\_\_\_

\* From *The Knowledge of the Holy* (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1961), 10.

**7.** Every problem we have is related to a wrong concept of God. Failure to understand what God is like leads to many conflicts. For example, if you don’t believe God is forgiving, you may be continually weighted down with guilt. Choose several truths about God listed in question 6 and explain what problems might occur if you are unaware of these aspects of God’s nature.

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**8.** One of the most comforting things in Scripture is the sovereignty of God—he is in control of everything. How do the following verses affirm the sovereignty of God?

*Proverbs 21:1* \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 14:27* \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 4:26-28* \_\_\_\_\_

*“The Bible states that God is not only a Spirit and a Person, but God is a Holy and Righteous Being. From Genesis to Revelation, God reveals himself as a Holy . . . and a Perfect God. . . . It is in God’s holiness that we find the reason for the death of Christ. His holiness demanded the most exacting penalty for sin, and his love provided Jesus Christ to pay this penalty and provide man with salvation.”*

—BILLY GRAHAM\*

\* From *Peace with God* (New York: Doubleday, 1953), 39–40.



