



SESSION ONE: NATURE AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

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“What comes into our minds when we think of God is the most important thing about us.”

— *A W Tozer*

What view do you have of God?

What words or feelings come into your mind and emotions?



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“You shall have no other gods before me”

— *Exodus 20:3*

“Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.”

— *1 John 5:21*

In what ways might we have a view of God
that we like or have thought up?



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The Attributes of God:

To know God starts with knowing who God is.

Incommunicable attributes:

Communicable attributes:



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The Trinity

1. All of the attributes are fully present in all three persons of the Godhead.
2. These attributes are eternally permanent.
3. All of God's attributes are inseparable.

“All of God is all of His attributes in their entirety”

— *R C Sproul*



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Why is it important to know the attributes of God?

- To have a true relationship with God
- To challenge the misrepresentations of God.
- To worship.
- To shape the songs we sing, the prayers we pray and the fellowship we have with others.
- To determine our daily choices.
- To shape our evangelism.



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How do we know of God's attributes?

1. Through His Word (the Bible)

- Revealed by His names.
- Revealed by what He has done.
- Revealed by descriptions.



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2. Revealed in creation.

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 people are without excuse.

-Romans 1:20

What does creation reveal of God's divine nature and eternal power?



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3. God has supremely revealed Himself in Jesus Christ

The Word made flesh. God with us.
(John 1:14 and Hebrews 1:1-3)

Jesus said that if we have seen Him, we have
seen the Father. (John 14:9). He is the,
'I am...' (John 8:58)

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Formation group discussion

1. How would you describe your relationship with God?
2. What does it mean to 'know God'?
3. Are there any attributes of God with which you struggle and why?