

Attributes of God - 9/29/22

All of the attributes of God are ascribed to each of the 3 persons of the Godhead.

I.e. They are not just of one member of the Godhead, but rather to each one individually and the scriptures will support this position.

The first attribute of God will be the “**eternal existence of God**”

Of the Father – Psalm 90:2 “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the world; even from everlasting to everlasting – YOU WERE GOD.

Of the Son Jesus – John 1:1 & following – In the beginning, was the WORD and the word was with God, and the word was God and He (Jesus) was in the beginning.

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplication and they shall look upon Me (Jesus) whom they have pierced. Yes they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn

Of the Holy Spirit - Hebrews 9:14 “how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the ETERNAL SPIRIT, offer Himself without spot to God (the Father)

The concept of **Infinite power** (all powerful)

Of the Father – 1st Peter 1:5- “Who are being kept by the power of God (Father) through faith (in the Son) for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time”

Of the Son – 2nd Corinthians 12:9 “Jesus said; My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness

Of the Holy Spirit – Romans 15:19 – “in mighty signs and wonders by the power of the Spirit of God. I.e. This is how the Apostle Paul worked among the people.

The concept of the fact that God **can't learn** – for He is **omniscient** – He knows everything.

Father – Jeremiah 17:10 “I the Lord search the heart, test the mind. Even to give every man according to his ways. According to the fruit of his doings.

Son – Revelation 2:23 “I am He (Jesus) who searches the minds and hearts’ Now we must remember something very important. While Jesus walked on this earth, he did so not as God but as Man. A man if you will, filled with God, but not God. For Jesus to act as God, He would have been acting on His own behalf, I.e. The cause of His own effect, and that could not happen. Scripture tells us that although Jesus was a Son, He learned obedience through the things He suffered. **Hebrews 5:8**

Spirit – 1st Corinthians 2:11 “for what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him, Even so know one knows the things of God, except the Spirit of God.”

How about the attribute of **Omnipresence**?

Father – Jeremiah 23: 24 “can anyone hide himself in secret places so I shall not see him? Do I not fill heaven and earth?”

Son – Matthew 18:20 “where two or three of you are gathered in My name, I am there.”

Spirit – Psalm 139:7 The psalmist cries out “where can I go from your presence? Or where can I flee from your presence? He then lists places, but the Holy Spirit is already there.”

The concept of **Holiness**?

Father – Revelation 15:4 “Who shall not fear you, for you alone are holy”

Son - Acts 3:14 Jesus is described as the Holy one denied by the pharisees

Spirit – Who is everywhere all at once, that is why He is called the **Holy Spirit**.

The concept of **truth**

Father -John 7:28- Speaking of the Father – It is He who has sent me and He is truth.

Son – Revelation 3:7 “To the angel of Philadelphia write -He (Jesus) is holy and also true”

Spirit – 1st John 5:6 “this is He who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ not only by water, but by water and blood, and it is the Spirit who bears witness because the Spirit is Truth”

The concept of **benevolence - longsuffering**

Father – Romans 2:4 Speaking of the Father

Son – Ephesians 5:25 “Christ also loved the Church and gave His life for it.”

Spirit – Nehemiah 9:20 Speaking of the Father, “you gave your good **Spirit** to instruct them – (the children in the wilderness)”

It is interesting to note that each of these three personalities are **Equal in nature** (John 1 1-3) **Separate in person** (John 16:7) and **subservient in duties** (John 17)

Thus you have the 3 person known as “Elohim.” The noun Elohim is plural but it is always used with a singular verb when it speaks of the true God. This indicates a unity and diversity within the nature of God. This unity and diversity is revealed in scripture as the doctrine of the **trinity**.

It is interesting also to me that Lewis Sperry Chafer (who founded Dallas Theological Seminary in the early 20th century) described the Godhead this way;

“The fact that each person possesses the divine characteristics so completely that it would seem that no other need possess them, speaks of the distinction between the persons as such

On the other hand, the fact that they all manifest these characteristics in identically the same way and to the same measure, speaks of the unity from which their mode of existence springs.”

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