Lesson #

Theology -The Personality of God

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\* In this study we are going to learn about what the Bible “says” about the personality of God. There is a lot of speculation in the world today as to what Gods personality is like. Some say this and some say that and some say what he is like to get God to match a wicked lifestyle, and some are just flat out lies. When we speak of “personality” we mean a being possessing knowledge, feeling., and will power. An idol is devoid of personality, for an idol neither knows, feels, nor responds. Our God is an individual, who is living and has definite personality characteristics. God is a person, not an influence or an unseen force or power like electricity.

“But the LORD is t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, h \_ is t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.” ***Jeremiah 10:10***

“And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:” ***Acts 14:15***

“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned t \_ G \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_i \_ \_ \_ \_ to serve t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and t \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_;” ***1 Thessalonians 1:9***

“For the e \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_t \_ a \_ \_ f \_ \_ throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart imperfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.” ***2 Chronicles 16:9***

\* In the last study (#3-The Trinity) we studied some on the attributes of God, as it applied to the Trinity and the Godhead. In this study we will concentrate on Gods attributes as they apply to His personality specifically. God has natural attributes. If you remember, they (His attributes) can be either communicable or incommunicable. We will first study Gods incommunicable attributes. By incommunicable we mean that God Himself, as a spirit and as a person, has certain innate (natural) qualities which “cannot” be transmitted to man; which a man by his natural ability, reasoning or senses cannot grasp. He just “cannot get it.” God has certain attributes which have a quality about them that are uniquely “His.” So, let's study the incommunicable attributes of Gods personality.

GODS INCOMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES

~GOD IS **ETERNAL**~

\* To be the true God, he must have neither beginning or ending. He must be eternal. He must be more eternal than the universe or the heavens. The pagan Greek philosophers thought, and all dialectical materialists believe that materiel things were and are eternal, which is called “the eternity of materiel” or “the eternity of matter.” It takes a lot more faith to believe in the eternity of matter than it does in the eternity of a spiritual being.

\* God is Eternal. An idol is disqualified, for it was made by someone, thus it had a beginning.

“B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the mountains were brought forth, or e \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ formed the earth and the world, even f \_ \_ \_ everlasting t \_everlasting, t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ G \_ \_.” ***Psalms 90:2***

I \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ created the heaven and the earth. ***Genesis 1:1***

\* God has always existed! God is Eternal! The reason people deny God’s eternality is that it would put Him in charge. If He is in charge then man is not in charge, and man will not tolerate that thought.

~GOD IS **UNCHANGABLE**~

\* In the world things are changing constantly and whether man wants to admit it or not he is a creature of habit. He prefers for things to not change. Why? Because his Creator is like this! God is unchangeable. God is so constituted that He cannot change.

“For I am the LORD, I c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

***Malachi 3:6***

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comet down f \_ \_ \_ the F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of lights, with whom is n \_ v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shadow o \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”

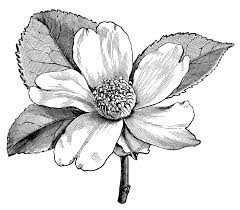
***James 1:17***

“And also the Strength of Israel w \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ l \_ \_ nor r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for he is not a man, that he should repent.” ***1 Samuel 15:29***

\* Once God has said something, He is going to do it. It is true that God may change His mind about a circumstance that is flexible about which He has laid down no “definite” decree, but where God has spoken and committed Himself to writing, He does not change or repent. There are more than eleven hundred promises in His word in which you can get your hands on.

“For the gifts and calling of God are w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”***Romans 11:29***

~GOD IS **OMNIPOTENT~**

\* God is All-Powerful! If He lacked this, He would not be God.

In the beginning G\_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the heaven and the earth. ***Genesis 1:1***

\* Above we see His creative power. In the verse below, we also see God’s spoken power. The word of God carries a power and authority to it far beyond the decrees of anything that ever was or ever will be.

“And G \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, Let there be light: a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Genesis 1:3***

“For the w\_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ is q \_ \_ \_ \_, and p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ than any twoedged sword, p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ even to the d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”***Hebrews 4:12***

\* Man cannot speak rain, lightning, thunder, or life into existence. God can! Man makes things out of existing materials. God creates things out of nonexistent materials that are good and perfect.

“And God saw the light, that i \_ w \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_: and God divided the light from the darkness.” ***Genesis 1:4***

“I know that thou canst d \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.” ***Job 42:2***

For h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_, and i \_ w \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_; he commanded, and i \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_.” ***Psalms 33:9***

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: i \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ for me?” ***Jeremiah 32:27***

\* There is nothing too hard for the Lord. He can do anything and everything. Of course, God cannot and will not do anything inconsistent with His own nature. By virtue of His nature, and by virtue of the divine attributes of His nature God cannot lie. God cannot and will not go back on His word once He is committed. The Lord cannot see your sins under the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, when we talk about God doing everything and anything, we are speaking within the confines of the limits which He has laid down for Himself. As a Holy being we can be absolutely certain that God will not do anything to violate His nature. He will be consistent with His nature. God is All-Powerful, Omnipotent!

~GOD IS **OMNIPRESENT**~

**\*** Omnipresent, also known as Gods “Immensity.” That is, He is present everywhere at one time and the same place. Now a man surely cannot wrap his coconut around this. Only believe.

“W \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ I g \_ from thy spirit? or w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ I f \_ \_ \_ from thy

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_? If I ascend up into heaven, thou a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.” ***Psalms 139:7-10***

“Am I a G \_ \_a \_ h \_ \_ \_, saith the LORD, and not a G \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_?” ***Jeremiah 23:23***

\* The Scriptures tell us that “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:” ***Proverbs 9:10*** and truly believing that God is everywhere at all times, should cause a person to fear Him. Not being able to hide from the Lord is both a comforting and sobering thought. Look what else the Bible says.

“Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_f \_ \_ \_ on the ground w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. But the very h \_ \_ \_ \_ of your head are a \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 10:29,30***

“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness o \_ h \_ \_ that f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ in a \_ \_.”

***Ephesians 1:22,23***

God is Immense, He is Omnipresent.

A kindergarten teacher told everyone to draw a picture of what was important to them. In the back of the room Johnny began to labor over his drawing. Everybody else finished and handed in their picture but he didn’t. He was still drawing. The teacher graciously walked back and put her arm around Johnny’s shoulder and said, “Johnny, what are you drawing?” He didn’t look up; he just kept on working feverishly at his picture. He said, “God.” “But Johnny,” she said gently, “no one knows what God looks like.” He answered, “They will when I’m through.”-Em Griffin-



~GOD IS **OMNISCIENT**~

\* Up until A.D. 1900 knowledge doubled every century. By 1945, knowledge doubled every 25 years. In 2004, depending upon the field of study, knowledge doubled every 13 to 24 months. Some predictions say it (knowledge) could soon be every 12 hours! -PSR-

“For in much wisdom is m \_ \_ \_ grief: and he that increaseth knowledge I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ sorrow.” -King Solomon-***Ecclesiastes 1:18***

\* No wonder people have so many psychiatric problems in the world today. You ever heard “to smart for your own good” or “Curiosity killed the cat?” It’s true! The only one that can handle All-Knowledge (Omniscience) is the Lord. He knows everything. Nothing is hid from Him.

“For the eyes of the LORD r \_ \_ t \_ and f \_ \_ throughout t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart imperfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.” ***2 Chronicles 16:9***

“There is n\_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, n \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of death, where the workers of iniquity may h \_ \_ \_ themselves.” ***Job 34:22***



“I know that thou canst do every thing, and that n \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ can be

W \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from thee.” ***Job 42:2***

“Hast thou n \_ \_k \_ \_ \_ \_? hast thou n \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is n \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of

h \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Isaiah 40:28***

“But I say unto you, That every i \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ that men s \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_, they shall g \_ \_ \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ thereof in the day of judgment.” ***Matthew 12:36***

\* If there is one thing that the Bible makes clear is that God knows what is going on, how it’s going on, when it is going on, where it is going on, who is doing it and why they’re doing it whether bad or good.

“For God shall bring e \_ \_ \_ \_ work into judgment, with e \_ \_ \_ \_ secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” ***Ecclesiastes 12:14***

\* Education is the great force many times, in getting a man to deny his common sense and rationality. Education many times is the damning factor in a man’s life. A famous educator once said, “Education without Salvation is Damnation.” The reasons are not hard to find.

\* One of children’s favorite games is Hide and seek. Isn’t it funny how people instinctively feel the need to hide. The first humans on earth hid, didn’t they?

God is All-Knowing, (Omniscient)

GODS COMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES

\* By “communicable attributes” of God we mean those particular qualities in God of His personality that He can convey to a man so that a man can understand them. There is no way on earth the finite mind can grasp God’s immensity or His eternity or His immutability. Try as we can, we cannot imagine a Being who has always lived and always will live. So “communicable” means God can communicate them-they can get across. The following are things God has communicated to man that man can grasp.

~GOD IS **HOLY**~

\* The first of God’s communicable attributes is that God is holy. We can understand that God is holy if only by analogy. For instance, we can understand that we are sinful, and we are not in the least like God. We can understand the holiness of God by studying God’s dealing with nations and with people. We can see that God is holy by studying God’s dealing with sin. Knowing God’s attitude about holiness is understandable without a Bible, but for those that search the Scriptures, seeing God’s holiness is not hard to find.

“But as he which hath called you i \_ h \_ \_ \_, s \_ b \_ y \_ h \_ \_ \_ in a \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye h \_ \_ \_; for I am h \_ \_ \_.” ***1 Peter 1:15,16***

“Who i \_ l \_ \_ \_ unto t \_ \_ \_, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in

h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, fearful in praises, doing wonders?” ***Exodus 15:11***

“And one cried unto another, and said, H \_ \_ \_, h \_ \_ \_, h \_ \_ \_, is t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.” ***Isaiah 6:3***

\* God is no respecter of persons. God deals with sin. As a man said one time, “War is God’s judgment on sin here on earth, and hell is God’s judgment on sin hereafter.” By this we simply mean that if a man has his eyes open and spends much time in hospitals, jails, insane asylums, and divorce courts, he will come to the conclusion that God does not put up with sin.

\* Anybody who can read and write and distinguish a B from a C, and a D from a E, can distinguish adultery from fornication and can understand that “premarital sex” is spelled the wrong way by those who call it “adult consent.” Anybody who can tell the difference between a Z and a S, can surely see the difference between right and wrong morally, if they have any honesty left in them at all. God is Holy!

~GOD IS **RIGHTEOUS**~

\* The next part of God’s personality is that He is righteous. When we say righteous, we mean that God always does “Right,” and that God is “Right” and man is “wrong.” God’s righteousness is spoken of throughout the Scriptures, but particularly in the book of Romans. Let’s look at some of God’s word.

“Gracious is the LORD, a \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; yea, our God is merciful.” ***Psalms 116:5***

“O LORD God of Israel, t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.” ***Ezra 9:15***

“But now the r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o\_ G \_ \_ without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;” ***Romans 3:21***

“To declare, I say, at this time h \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: that h \_ might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.” ***Romans 3:26***

“That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto eternal life b \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 5:21***

“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as

i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto God.” ***Romans 6:13***

“Being then made free from sin, ye became the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants t \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were f \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 6:18-20***

“For they being ignorant of G \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and going about to establish their

o \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, have not submitted themselves unto the r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

o \_ G \_ \_. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.” ***Romans 10:3,4***

\* You see, the difference in God’s righteousness and our righteousness, is the difference in either Heaven or Hell. The Scriptures plainly tell us that we cannot make it on our righteousness. We have to acquire Gods Righteousness somehow, enter the Lord Jesus Christ.

“But we are a \_ \_ as a \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_, and a \_ \_ o \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ are as f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” ***Isaiah 64:6***

\* The Bible says that God is righteous, and God “does right.” It’s one thing to say you believe that God always does the right thing when everyone's health is good, all the bills are paid, the cars are running fine, jobs going good, plenty to eat, family is getting along and no arguments in the church house. But, it is quite another thing to say, “God ALWAYS does right,” and believe it, when the house needs another roof, the factory is laying off, one of the cars needs a transmission, tension in the family is at an all-time high, the dog just bit the baby, and the hospital bills are piling sky high because of your 9-year-old girl’s treatment for cancer that has a bad diagnosis still.

The LORD is r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in a \_ \_ h \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_, and holy in all his works.” ***Psalms 145:17***

God does right! All the time! God is Righteous!

~GOD IS **MERCIFUL**~

\* God is merciful. We know this about God. Praise the Lord, this is one of Gods communicable attributes about His personality that He can communicate to man.

“The LORD i \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and gracious, slow to anger, and p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Psalms 103:8***

\* There is not anyone doing these lessons who has not experienced the mercy of God. Whether you recognize it or not (and you should) or acknowledge it or not (and you should) is beside the point. The point is, it has been dispensed to you. There has been sometime in your life that you said, “God, be merciful to me!” or “God help me!” or “Oh God!” or “God get me out of this!” and the Lord helped you and you know it. The fact that you reject His Son or spit in His face pretending to believe in evolution is what you are going to explain, but you cannot deny that He has been very kind to you. He has not rendered to us what our works really deserve and has been very patient with us hasn’t He?

“He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ with us a \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_; n \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, s \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ is h \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ toward them that fear him.” ***Psalms 103:9-11***

“But t \_ \_ \_, O L \_ \_ \_, art a God f \_ \_ \_ of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ and truth.” ***Psalms 86:15***

\* One of God’s greatest attributes is His longsuffering (His putting up with sinners, His mercifulness to bad, wicked men). And if we look far enough back, we can see that God was good and kind to us before we were even saved.

“That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for h \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ his sun to rise o \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ and o \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_, and sends the rain o \_ t \_ \_ j \_ \_ \_ and o \_ t \_ \_

u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 5:45***

\* Along with God’s tremendous mercy we have to remember that God is not a play toy used until we are tired of, and then discarded. He will not be manipulated, nor can He be deceived. Even though God might show his mercy to an unsaved man and save his life over and over and over, this does not in anyway change the Lords mind concerning the conditions of the sinner.

\* There have been many a man that during the span of His life could say God helped him out and perhaps even saved his life, but died under God’s wrath and went into eternity lost and without Christ’s righteousness, and the Lord put him in Hell.

“He that b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on t \_ \_ S \_ \_ hath everlasting life: and he that b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_

t \_ \_ S \_ \_ shall n \_ \_ s \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_; but the wrath of God a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_.” ***John 3:36***

“The Lord is n \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is

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a \_ \_ should c \_ \_ \_ t \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***2 Peter 3:9***

\* So, when we speak of God’s mercy, we must never forget to speak of His wrath. God is a complete Being and a balanced Being, remember? He is not just love, peace, hugs and kisses. He is to be feared, honored and respected.

For our God is a c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_. ***Hebrews 12:29***

God is Merciful! Let us be thankful.

~GOD IS **JEALOUS**~

\* You say, “God is Jealous?” “Jealousy is part of God’s personality?” Well, let’s do what the Lord has taught us to do when we have questions and want the truth. Let’s look into His word and see what the truth is.

“G \_ \_i \_ j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.”

***Nahum 1:2***

\* It is impossible for an unsaved man to understand God because God is a Spirit. We can only understand God and His personality by understanding Him spiritually.

“G \_ \_ is a S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and they that worship him m \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ ins \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and in t \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***John 4:24***

“But the n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither c \_ \_ h \_ k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, because they are s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***1 Corinthians 2:14***

\* Now the world as a whole does not recognize jealousy as anything that could be good, especially holy and an attribute of God Himself and they would be right except we are talking about “God” and the things of God. Jealousy can turn into bad and wicked things.

“Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but w \_ \_ is a \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_before e \_ \_ \_?” ***Proverbs 27:4***

\* Jealousy and envy are two of the worst emotions ever felt by man and can cause untold damage. However, they are still part of a genuine nature which if used properly, are correct and holy. For example,

* It was jealousy that caused Satan to covet God’s throne-***Isaiah 14:10-14***
* It was jealousy that caused Cain to knock Abel’s brains out and that made him a murderer.
* It was jealousy that caused Joseph’s brothers to sell him as a slave into Egypt.
* It was jealousy that caused the brethren to rebel under Moses when God had chosen him as their leader.
* It was jealousy that caused Saul to try to kill David because he knew that the people had attributed to David greater accomplishments in battle than to himself.
* The motive behind the crucifixion was jealousy. They were jealous of Christ’s authority and His power and His knowledge of the word. They were jealous of His audience- the people listened to Him. They were jealous of His ability to get permanent, lasting results.

\* Jealousy, per se, not connected with anything is neutral, but jealousy turned the wrong way is one of the most destructive, godless forces on the face of the earth.

\* But jealousy is a genuine motive. It was given to guard things that are right. The Apostle Paul spoke of his jealousy, and compared it to marriage.

“For I a \_ j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ with g \_ \_ \_ \_ j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.” ***2 Corinthians 11:2***

\* The Scriptures tell us that the Holy Spirit is jealous and concerned about us.

“Do ye think that the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ in vain, The s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

i \_ u\_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to e \_ \_ \_?” ***James 4:5***

\* It is jealousy, in part, that keep families together. When a man doesn’t care who messes around with his wife, or a woman who doesn’t care who messes around with her husband, you have got a home that is no more a home than a garbage dump. Even under the law of Moses the LORD provided for what was called “the spirit of jealousy” that come upon a man if he thought his wife had cheated on him with another man, and provided a way through the priests to find out if she had, and settle the matter.

\* It is a Biblical fact that God can be jealous. God will not tolerate His children messing with the world! God loves His children and wants them for His own.

“And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; h \_ is a

j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.” ***Joshua 24:19,20*** God is Jealous!

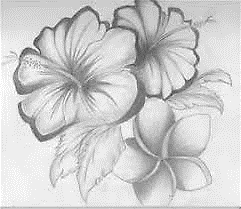
~GOD IS **LOVE**~

\* There are many definitions of what love is. In Christendom today this “God is Love” trend has gotten so out of hand that Christians do not know (or better yet want to believe) who God really is, and what the Scriptures mean when they teach what God’s love is and what is meant by “God is Love.” This milksop god that is portrayed today is thought of as a god that loves everybody all of the time no matter what and he would not think of killing anyone for sin, or putting a person in hell after they die. This lovey-dovey god is thought of as a feel-good god that is sitting up in heaven doing the bumps and the grinds with his worshipers and cannot wait for the next person he can give a great big kiss to. Unfortunately, this pink-lemonade god does not exist in the Bible, but only in people’s imaginations and self-deceiving thoughts. The Scriptures do declare that “God is love” and what is meant by it.

“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for G \_ \_ is l \_ \_ \_.In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that G \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ into the world, that w \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_.H \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is love, not that we loved God, but that h \_

l \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_, ands \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ S \_ \_ to be t \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_.”

***1 John 4:8-10***

\* The above verse states that what the Bible means when it says that “God is love,” is that God cared about you and me so much that instead of destroying us for rebelling against Him, He decided to send His Son to give us an avenue to be back with Him again. The Bible says that God Judged His Son in our stead and sentenced Him to death so that through Jesus Christ He would have a way of loving us again (Propitiation). Are you getting this? God’s love is not our right, it is our privilege. God did not have to love us, He wanted to! The Bible says that God gets no pleasure in people dying and perishing. So, He did something about it.

“For I have n \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ of him that d \_ \_ \_ \_, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.” ***Ezekiel 18:32***

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, n \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that any s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, but that a \_ \_ should c \_ \_ \_ t \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***2 Peter 3:9***

\* Now the same God of love that said He didn’t want anyone to perish also say’s some other things.

“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no God with me: I k \_ \_ \_,and I m \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_;

I w \_ \_ \_ \_, and I h \_ \_ \_: neither is there any that can d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ of m \_ h \_ \_ \_.” ***Deuteronomy 32:39***

“For a fire is kindled in m \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_, and s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ unto the lowest hell, and

s \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the earth with her increase, and s \_ \_ o \_ f \_ \_ \_ the foundations of the mountains.” ***Deuteronomy 32:22***

\* Yes, God is love! Look at the perfect love he describes in these verses below. The same God spoke both of them.

“But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to c \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ m \_, and f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_n \_ \_: for of such is the kingdom of God.” ***Mark 10:14***

“Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how c\_ \_ y\_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ \_?” ***Matthew 23:33***

“He, that being often reproved h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_, shall suddenly b \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and that w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Proverbs 29:1***

\* People had better get the right perspective of this God of love in the Bible. He has shown His great love and it is done. God will not and does not pardon anybody outside of the blood atonement of His Son. Period!

“For God so l \_ \_ \_ \_ the world, that he g \_ \_ \_ his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ perish, b \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ everlasting life.” ***John 3:16***

\* All of the real love that God ever had to show was manifested at “Calvary.” God has chosen to show mercy to the unregenerate world at Calvary, and if you want God’s love and God’s mercy you go to Calvary; there you will find God’s wrath and God’s blood in the same place.

“So, then it is not of him that w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, nor of him that r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, but of God that

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 9:16***

\* By “willeth” God means (you cannot decide how God is going to have mercy on you) and by “runneth” God means (you cannot work your way into it).

\* God has shown His great love, His great mercy, where it is at and how to get it. Until a person comes to that place where God has prescribed, they get no mercy and the wrath of God is on them.

“He that b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ S\_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ everlasting life: and h \_ t \_ \_ \_

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_n \_ \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ shall not see life; but the w \_ \_ \_ \_ of G \_ \_a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_

h \_ \_.” ***John 3:36***



Praise the Lord! God is love!

~GOD IS **FAITHFUL**~

\* Lastly, we come to Faithful. God is Faithful! You ask any Christian that has had any time in serving the Lord and you will find that not one of them can say that God has ever let them down.

Faithful: Steadfast; fidelity; loyal; Firm and dependable especially in loyalty; staunch; steady; stiff; unbendable; unfaltering; unshakable; unswerving; unwavering; binding yourself to a course of action; allegiance; commitment; dedication; trueness.

\* What would it be like to serve and trust in a God that would let you down in any way? If he would lie, change His mind, say “oops,” or anything just one time then He might do it a second time, and what if it had to do with keeping us out of Hell? No, we need a God that is FAITHFUL! And, we have one! Praise His Wonderful Name!

“Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, which

k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and m \_ \_ \_ \_ with them that love him and keep his commandments to a t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_;” ***Deuteronomy 7:9***

\* We have a great promise for the Christian in the New Testament in regard to God’s faithfulness. There may be times in our walk where we are not faithful to the Lord, and that by no means is an excuse to do so-we are to be steadfast and unmovable. But, God however will “NOT” be accused or tagged as unfaithful to us whether we stay faithful to Him or not. His integrity is important to Himself and He will not be any other kind of God. Aren’t we thankful for that? His faithfulness is one of the parts of His personality that makes Him so magnificent. He is Beautiful.

“So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. G \_ \_ is f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” ***1 Corinthians 1:7-9***

“Being c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you w \_ \_ \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ it u \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ o \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:” ***Philippians 1:6***

\* If you were ever saved, you are still saved. If you were ever Born Again, God cannot deny you at the Judgment Seat of Christ. There is no way Christ can point His finger at a Born-Again child of God and say,

“And then will I profess unto them, I n \_ \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_: depart from

me, ye that work iniquity.” ***Matthew 7:23***

\* There is no way God can take a member of the Body of Christ and tell that member to get out of the Body of Christ, nor would He even want to.

“If we believe not, yet he a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: he cannot deny himself.” ***2 Timothy 2:13***

~GOD IS **COMPASSIONATE**~

“And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ covenant and mercy w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that walk before thee with all their heart:” ***1 Kings 8:23***

~GOD IS **TRUE**~

“But the LORD is t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.”

***Jeremiah 10:10***

~GOD IS **UNCORRUPTABLE**~

“And changed the glory of the u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.” ***Romans 1:23***

~GOD IS **GRACIOUS**~

“G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.” ***Psalms 116:5***

~GOD IS **INVISIBLE**~

“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.” ***1 Timothy 1:17***

~GOD IS **UPRIGHT**~

“Good and u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.” ***Psalms 25:8***

~GOD IS **PERFECT**~

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 5:48***

~GOD IS **SOLE**~

“For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is n \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ m \_ in all the earth.” ***Exodus 9:14***

There is n \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.” ***Deuteronomy 33:26***

In closing, is there any doubt at all that our God has personality? And not just “a” personality, but “The” personality. Our God is alive and is Beautiful and Magnificent in every way. We should love Him. We should worship Him. We should serve Him. We should fear Him. The Personality of God!

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” ***Proverbs 9:10***

The Lord is Beautiful!