

What is God's Character?

American Heritage Dictionary describes God as "A being conceived as the perfect, omnipotent, omniscient originator and ruler of the universe, the principal object of faith and worship in monotheistic religions"

Excerpted from Compton's Bible Dictionary: The Bible does not contain a formal definition of the word "God," yet God's being and attributes are displayed on every page. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

The Bible describes the Character of God:

- **Omnipotent:** God is all-powerful. He has the ability to do with His power all that power can do. He controls all the power that is or can be or ever will be.
Matthew 19:26 says Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
- **Omnipresent:** God is everywhere. No matter where we are we are in God's presence. We don't have to wait for Him to get there; He is there before we get there.
Psalms 129: 7-12 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
- **Omniscient:** God knows all things. He is The Creator. His knowledge includes all things, past present and future.
Psalms 127:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.
- **Incomparable:** No one can compare to God.
Psalms 89:6-8 For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings? In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him. O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.
- **Incomprehensible:** No one can understand God.
Matthew 11:27 All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Also see *Isaiah 40:12-31*.
- **Holy:** God is majestic in holiness; holiness characterizes God's actions, his words and promises, his name, and Spirit.
Psalms 36:6-8 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your

wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

- **Savior:** Saves, delivers, preserves us from evil and gives us eternal life.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- **Other Characteristics of God:**

Compassionate, Righteous, Eternal, Faithful, Goodness, Impartial, Jealous, Judge, Love, Merciful, Truthful, Reliable, Trustworthy