



# God the Father

Note: The Scripture references in this hand-out are taken from the New King James Version.

How would you describe God to someone?

Since God created all people, is He the Father of all?

In Genesis 1:1 the Hebrew name for God is Elohim, a plural noun... how does this relate to the names Bethel, Daniel, Ezekiel, Elijah, and Immanuel?

How do the names of God help us understand who He is?

## The Nature of God – God is a Spirit

What does John 4:24 tell us about the nature of God?

John 4:24 - "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Since God is a spiritual being, can we see Him?

Besides God, are there any other spiritual beings?

How do you reconcile John 1:18 with John 14:9?

John 1:18 - No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 14:9 – [Jesus said] He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, "Show us the Father"?

How can Jesus say that "no one has seen God at any time" given that several Old Testament patriarchs saw God (Abraham, Jacob, and Isaiah for example)?

## The Nature of God – God is Light

What is the Apostle John talking about in 1 John 1:5 in light of John 2:4-5? (pardon the pun)

1 John 1:5 - This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

John 1:4-5 - In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

What does it mean in 1 John 1:5 that there is no darkness in God?

If God is not willing that any should perish, why then doesn't God make His presence more visible to our generation? Why did the resurrected Jesus stay in our midst rather than ascend to the Father?

## The Nature of God – God is Love

What does 1 John 4:8 tell us about the nature of God?

1 John 4:8 - He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

How is the love of God distinguished from the concept of love that people who don't know God have?

Why is it the case as 1 John 4:8 says, that He who does not love does not know God?

What do flawed relationships between people reveal about their relationship to God?

## The Nature of God – God is a Person

How does Genesis 6:6 indicate that God is a person with a personality?

Genesis 6:6 - And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

How does Matthew 7:7-11 indicate that God is a person with a personality?

Matthew 7:7-11 - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

How may we come to know the personality of God?

How can we know if it is God who is speaking to us?

## **The Attributes of God – God is Omnipotent**

What does 1 Kings 11:11 tell us about the nature of God?

1 Kings 11:11 - Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.

What does Psalm 33:6-7 tell us about the power of God?

Psalm 33:6-7 - By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; he lays up the deep in storehouses.

What does Job 1:12 tell us about the power of God?

Job 1:12 - So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

What does Matthew 19:26 tell us about the nature of God?

Matthew 19:26 - But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Is it true to say that there is nothing God can not do?

## **The Attributes of God – God is Omniscient**

What does Job 37:16 tell us about the nature of God?

Job 37:16 - Do you know how the clouds are balanced, those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?

How can Psalm 147:4 be true?

Psalm 147:4 - He counts the number of the stars; he calls them all by name.

What does Psalm 139:2 tell us about the power of God?

Psalm 139:2 - You know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thought afar off.

What does 1 John 3:20 tell us about the power of God?

1 John 3:20 - For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

## **The Attributes of God – God is Omnipresent**

What does Jeremiah 23:24 tell us about the nature of God?

Jeremiah 23:24 - Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD.

Is God in everything?

Is there a part of creation that God is in?

## **The Attributes of God – Immutability of God**

What does Romans 11:29 tell us about the nature of God?

Romans 11:29 - For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

What does Hebrews 6:17 tell us about the nature of God?

Hebrews 6:17 - Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,