

God

<h2>The Trinity.</h2>	<p>God exists eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19; 2 Co 13:14; Re 1:4-6).</p> <p>The three persons are one God, not three (Dt 6:4; Mk 12:29; 1 Co 8:4-6).</p> <p>They are co-equal, co-eternal, and worthy of exactly the same confidence, obedience, and worship (Jn 1:14; Heb 1:1-3; Php 2:10-11).</p> <p>The Trinity exists in a category of its own and is fundamentally different from the universe and its creatures. No creature can or ever will be God (Dt 4:39, Ac 17:24-29, Re 4:8-11).</p> <p>In their engagement with creation and its creatures, the persons of the Trinity follow a chain of command, known as the economic Trinity. In general, the Father directs the Son (Jn 6:38; 8:28-29; 12:49), and the Son directs the Spirit (Jn 16:13-15). We know God exists through general and special revelation. General revelation is what man may know about God through creation and conscience. By observing creation around us (Ps 19:1-4; 139:14; Ac 14:17) and our conscience within us (Ro 2:14-15), we know God exists and are without excuse for not worshipping Him (Ro 1:18-20).</p>
<h2>The Attributes of God.</h2>	<p>The Trinity possesses the following attributes to an infinite degree: holiness (Le 11:44-45; Is 6:1-3; Re 15:4); sovereignty (1 Ch 29:10-12; Da 4:34-35; 1 Ti 6:15-16); righteousness (Dt 32:4; Ps 11:7; 1 Jn 1:5); justice (Dt 32:4; Jer 9:24; Mt 12:18-21); love (Ex 34:6-7, Ro 8:35-39, 1 Jn 4:7-12); eternity (Dt 33:27; Ps 90:1-4; Re 1:8); omnipresence (2 Ch 16:9; Ps 139:1-18; Ac 17:24-28); omniscience (Is 55:8-9; Ro 11:33-36; Col 2:2-3); omnipotence (Ge 18:14, Jer 32:17, Lk 1:37); immutability (Ps 102:25-27, Jon 4:2; Jas 1:17); and truth (Ps 119:151, Jn 3:33, 1 Jn 5:20). Other attributes could be listed.</p>
<h2>The Names and Titles of God.</h2>	<p>The personal name of God is יהוה Yahweh (Ex 3:15; 6:2-3). Compound names of God are: Yahweh Jireh (Lord Provides, Ge 22:14); Yahweh Nissi (Lord Our Banner, Ex 17:15); Yahweh Maccaddeshcem (Lord Our Sanctifier, Ex 31:13; Lev 20:8); Yahweh Shalom (Lord Is Peace, Jdg 6:24); Yahweh Sabaoth (Lord of Hosts, 1 Sa 1:3); Yahweh Tsidkenu (Lord Our Righteousness, Jer 23:6); and Yahweh Shammah (Lord Who Is There, Eze 48:35). Titles for God include: Elohim (God, Ge 1:1; Dt 10:17); El Elyon (God Most High, Ge 14:18-22; Da 4:35); El Roi (God Who Sees, Ge 16:13-14); El Shaddai (God Almighty, Ge 17:1; Job 5:17); El Olam (Everlasting God, Ge 21:33); Adon (Lord, Ge 15:2; Ps 16:2); and Qadosh Israel (Holy One of Israel, Is 1:4).</p>
<h2>The Roles of God.</h2>	<p>God is the Creator (Ge 1:1; Re 4:11); Sustainer (Col 1:17; Heb 1:3); Owner (Dt 10:14; 1 Co 10:26); Rock (Dt 32:4; Is 26:4); and King (Ps 47:2-8, 1 Ti 1:17) of the universe. He is the Judge of angels and men (Ps 7:6-11, 1 Pe 4:4-5) and the Warrior against evil (Ex 15:1-7; Re 19:11-16). He is the Light of men (Is 60:1-3, Jn 1:4-9) and the Saviour (Is 45:21-22; Tt 3:4-6); Refuge (Ps 91:1-10; Is 25:4); Shepherd (Ps 23:1; Jn 10:1-16); Healer (Ex 15:26; Mt 4:23-24); and Teacher (Is 30:20-21; Jn 14:26) of all believers.</p>
<h2>God the Father.</h2>	<p>God the Father. God the Father, the first person of the Trinity, is the Father of all people (Is 64:8; Ac 17:29) and especially of Jesus (Ps 2:7; Mt 3:17); Israel (Ex 4:22; 1 Ch 29:10); and believers (Mt 6:9; Ga 3:26). He is the Originator of all things (1 Co 8:6; Jas 1:17-18); the Author of the divine plan (Ps 2:7-9; Eph 1:3-6); and the Sender of the Son into the world (Jn 5:37; 8:42). He currently dwells in heaven (Mt 23:9; Jn 17:1) where no one may see him (Jn 1:18; 4:24). No one may come to him except through Jesus (Jn 14:6).</p>