

Attributes of God

Self-existence

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" —Exodus 3:14

Self-sufficiency

"For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself." —John 5:26

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. —Acts 17:24–25

Eternality

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. —Psalm 90:2

Infinitude (limitlessness)

"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?" —Jeremiah 32:27

Immutability

"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed." —Malachi 3:6

Omniscience

"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?" . . .

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. —Romans 11:34–36

Wisdom

Daniel answered and said:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
to whom belong wisdom and might.
He changes times and seasons;
he removes kings and sets up kings;
he gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to those who have understanding;
he reveals deep and hidden things;
he knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with him." —Daniel 2:20–22

Omnipotence

Once God has spoken;

twice I have heard this:
that power belongs to God. —Psalm 62:11

Goodness

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living! —Psalm 27:13

Transcendence

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.” —Revelation 4:9–11

Omnipresence

The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
keeping watch on the evil and the good. —Proverbs 15:3

Faithfulness

If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. —2 Timothy 2:13

Justice

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. —Psalm 89:14

Mercy

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. —Titus 3:4–7

Grace

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. —Ephesians 2:8–9

Love

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

Holiness

“There is none holy like the LORD:
for there is none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.” —1 Samuel 2:2

Sovereignty

“I am the LORD, and there is no other,

besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.” —Isaiah 45:5–7