

God Is What! (His Attributes)

He Is A Person

Turn your Bibles to Hebrews 11:6 and let's begin a new series called:

God Is What!

Hebrews 11:6

Question: What does this say if we are to have faith? What are we to believe?

Answer: "**He is**"

- Most say: He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

This is **true** also, it's the **second** thing you have to believe.

The **first** thing to believe is that "**He is**"

Question: He is what?

According to this verse, He is a **Rewarder**.

1. If you're going to receive from God, you are having to believe He is a **Rewarder**.

Here is my premise in this whole series:

- Does it make a difference what you believe about God? **Yes**
- Will your belief what God is, affect you? **Yes**

* My job in this series is to explain God!! Or: show you the **attributes** of God.

2. Whatever you say the **what is**, determines a lot about your success as a Christian in this world.

Here was your gospel:

- God created you to do the **right** thing
- Because you didn't do the **right** thing, it made God **mad**.
- Father God got so **mad**, He sent His Son to **teach** us to do the **right** thing.
- But, that didn't work, so His Son left a book to show us **how** to do the **right** thing.

* So now, you're afraid because when He comes back, He will be really **mad**.

First, you started off with the wrong supposition (an **uncertain** belief) thinking God created you to do something **right**.

- God created us for **relationship**.
- We really don't worship God, we worship our **concept** of God.
 - When we pray to God, we pray to our **concept** of God.
 - We really don't witness God, we witness about our **concept** of God.

3. Always remember your **concept** of God or what you **think** He is in your heart really matters.

So let's talk about who He is.

Hebrews 11:6

- He is

What are attributes?

Answer: At – means - **to**

Tribute – means - something that is **bestowed**
to someone it is **due**.

* Attribute – to **bestow** upon someone it's **due**.

Now, the word tribute comes from the word, **tribe**.

Tribe – means – the distinct **characteristic** and the
distinct character **qualities** associated with a **group** of
people descending from one **person**.

God is what! – we will show you God's distinct
character **qualities** that separate God from all
other **people**.

Listen closely: You and I are a part of God's **tribe**.

4. When we talk about the attributes of God, we are also
talking about the attributes of the **Church** because the
Church is a group of people descending from one
person.

- The reason you and I can love is because God is **love**
and you and I are created in His **image** and **likeness**.

Exodus 34:6

- “The Lord” is one of His **attributes**
- The Lord God describes His **sovereignty**
- **Merciful**
- **Gracious**
- **Longsuffering**
- Abounding in **goodness**
- Abounding in **truth**

Some of God's attributes are incommunicable – you will never be invisible

1 Timothy 1:17

But, look at this in 1 Corinthians 15:53

1 Corinthians 15:53

- I am now immortal – spiritually

God is eternal – root word means without beginning
We are eternal – meaning without end

- Putting on immortality – I have no end
 - * Only God is without beginning and without end.

Turn to Galatians 5:22

Galatians 5:22a

²² But the fruit of the Spirit...

Could say it this way: but the attributes of the God – what comes out of God because God is – what is produced from one.

Galatians 5:22b-23 – He is

²² ... love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

I don't produce these attributes – He is; He is the vine I am the branch

5. What I have to do is know He is these attributes and abide in Him and these attributes will manifest through me.

Go back to verse 19 and see the attributes of Satan

Galatians 5:19-21

Let's look at the first attribute we want to cover in this series:

- God is a **Person** / believe that He is a **Person**
 - The Bible never refers to God as an **it** or a **thing**.

Genesis 1:26

6. We are made in the **image** and **likeness** of God and we are a **person**. God is not a human but a **person**.
 - He has **likes** and **dislikes**
 - He is **happy** and He is **sad**
 - He **laughs** and He **cries**
 - He has **feelings**
 - He **rejoices** and He can be **grieved**
 - God **loves** and He **hates**
 - God **forgives** and He takes **vengeance**

That's what a person **does**

7. **God** listens and He **talks**
8. You can only have a personal relationship with a **person**
 - His desire is so strong to **relate** to all of us. When sin entered the world, He left Heaven and took care of it **Himself**.

It is so **personal** to Him to wake you up in the morning, walk with you all day, and then kiss you good night.

9. I have a **personal** relationship with the Creator of the universe and its filled with **intimacy**.

Exodus 20:4 – first 4 commandments is about your **relationship** with God.

Exodus 20:4

- God said, don't make a likeness of anything because that means you're worshipping an **inanimate** object – stating I am not a **Person**

They made a golden calf – God said, I'm not a **cow**

God hates evolution – science is saying I am made out of an **animal**

- Church – I wasn't made out of an amoeba or a monkey, I was created in the image and likeness of **God**.

Psalms 115:4-8

God is saying:

- Idols have mouths but they can't **speak** to you like I can.
- They have eyes, but they can't watch **you** when you go out (they can't watch your **children** when they go out) – God says: **I can**

* God is a **Person** and **holds** children when they are afraid

- God sits up with mothers in the **middle** of the night
- He cries every time there is a **divorce** because He is a Person

Psalm 115 says – I do all those things:

- I peak, feel, see, hear, and go where you are going to go

Psalm 115:8

- This says they are deaf, mute, and blind spiritually

10. If you worship something other than a person, you won't be able to see, hear, or feel spiritually

- * The more you relate to God as a Person, the more you can touch others with God's heart and thoughts – that's the Holy Spirit.

Ezekiel 12:2

Rebellion and idolatry closes spiritual life and it happens because you don't see – He IS as a Person

The shortest verse in the Bible – John 11:35 "Jesus wept"

He IS – Jesus wants to walk with you every step of the way