

3 – THE ESSENCE OF GOD

I. Spirituality

- God is a substance, but not a material one; rather, He is a spiritual substance.

Scripture John 4:24 (ESV)

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

- God is an infinite spirit, existing without a physical body.

Scripture Acts 7:48 (ESV)

Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

- God is invisible and cannot be seen.

Scripture Colossians 1:15 (ESV)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

- The premise that God is a spirit points to the reality that God is alive.

Scripture Joshua 3:10 (ESV)

And Joshua said, “Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

- While God is a spirit, he is a person with a personality.
- God’s personality is express in his self-consciousness.

Scripture Exodus 3:14 (ESV)

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.’ ”

- God’s personality is express in his self-determination.

Scripture Job 23:13 (ESV)

But he is unchangeable, and who can turn him back? What he desires, that he does.

Question to Ponder Can God be manipulated?

- Having personality, God has intellect, sensibility, and choice.

II. Self-Existence

- Unlike humanity, God is not dependent on anyone or anything for his existence.

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Scripture John 8:58 (ESV)

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

III. Immensity

- God is infinite and immense, who is not confined by space or any limitation.

Scripture Psalm 113:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! ⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, ⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Scripture Psalm 139:7 (ESV)

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

IV. Eternity

- God is infinite in relationship to time, since he has no beginning or end.

Scripture Psalm 90:2 (ESV)

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

- Since God created time, he exists outside of time.