

## What Is God Like? Lesson 6: Attributes God Does Share With Man – Part 1

### Introduction:

- One of the simplest ways to think about God's attributes is to think of:
  - Attributes that God does not share with man
  - Attributes that God does share with man

So far we have seen those attributes that only God possesses:

1. God is Independent
2. God is Unchangeable
3. God Knows Everything
4. God Can Do Anything
5. God is Everywhere

**IN THIS LESSON:** we want to consider those attributes that God shares with man.

### 1. God is wise

**A. God always chooses the best \_\_\_\_\_ and the best ways to accomplish them.**

***Rom 16.27*** to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

***Job 12.13*** "With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding.

- God's wisdom is clearly seen in \_\_\_\_\_.

***Psa 104.24*** O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

- God's wisdom is clearly seen in our individual \_\_\_\_\_.

***Rom 8.28*** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

***Rom 8.29*** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

- Because God is wise, we can \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

## B. God gives His wisdom to His children.

**James 1.5** *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

- We can \_\_\_\_\_ God for wisdom when we need it, and He will give it.
- Wisdom comes primarily through \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.

**Psa 19.7** *The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;*

**Deut 4.5–6** *See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 6 Keep them and do them, **for that will be your wisdom and your understanding** in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'*

- When we pray for God to give us wisdom, He will often remind us of what He's said to us In His Word.
- Wisdom comes through \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

**Prov 9.10** *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

## C. We will never have all of God's wisdom, because it is \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

**Rom 11.33** *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

- We will not always \_\_\_\_\_ why God allows some things to happen.
- We simply have to \_\_\_\_\_ Him and keep obeying His wise commands.

**1 Pet 4.19** *Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.*

**Prov 3.5–7** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
6 In all your ways acknowledge him,*

*and he will make straight your paths.*

7 *Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.*

## 2. God is good.

**Luke 18.19** *No one is good except God alone.*

### A. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ standard of what is good.

**Psa 100.5** *For the LORD is good;*

**Psa 106.1** *Praise the LORD!  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,*

### B. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the good in the world.

**Gen 1.31** *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.*

**James 1.17** *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

- **God is the source of all the good that \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy:**

**Psa 84.11** *For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.*

**Matt 7.11** *If you then, who are 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!*

**James 4.3** *You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*

- **God is even the source of good that \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy:**

**Matt 5.45** *For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*

- **God's \_\_\_\_\_ of us is an expression of God's goodness and love to us as our Heavenly Father.**

**Heb 12.10** For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, **but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.**

C. We should do good and \_\_\_\_\_ the goodness of our heavenly Father.

**Col 1.10** so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, **bearing fruit in every good work** and increasing in the knowledge of God.

**Gal 6.10** So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**Luke 6.27** But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

**Luke 6.33–35** And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34** And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. **35** **But love your enemies, and do good,** and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, **for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.**

D. God's goodness can often be seen through His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- God's mercy is His goodness to those in \_\_\_\_\_ or distress.
- God's grace is His goodness to those who only deserve \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psa 103.8** The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Heb 4.16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive **mercy** and find **grace** to help in time of need.

**Rom 3.23–24** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified by his **grace** as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

3. God is love.

**1 John 4.8** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

A. God eternally \_\_\_\_\_ of Himself for the good of others.

- God's self-giving love is seen in God's love with the \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 17.24** *Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me **because you loved me before the foundation of the world.***

**John 14.31** *but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that **I love the Father.***

- God's self-giving love is seen in God's love toward \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 John 4.10** *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

**Rom 5.8** *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**John 3.16** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

**B. We imitate God's love by first loving GOD in return, and then by loving \_\_\_\_\_ the way God does.**

**Matt 22.37–40** *And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."*

**1 John 5.3** *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

**1 John 3.16** *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

**1 John 4.19** *We love because he first loved us.*

**1 John 3.18** *Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*