



The
Field Church

SEEING HIS SPLENDOR

A Study On The Attributes Of God

The Purpose Of This Study

Getting to know God is the most important thing we can do! We want to be “Noticers Of His Nature,” “In Awe Of His Attributes,” & “Cherishers Of His Character!” When we increase our knowledge of who God is, we love Him more, love others more, desire to tell others about Him and how great He is, we get an accurate view of ourselves, and we desire to live for Him in every area of our lives.

Jesus said, “And this is eternal life, that they *know* you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (John 17:3). *Knowing* God for all of eternity is the very essence of eternal life. That means that from now, into eternity, we are made to intimately know... see... savor... treasure, God! **When we truly witness all that God is, we truly worship God for all that He is.** We will spend eternity worshipping God, because we will know Him fully and see Him face to face, with new eyes!

Our ultimate goal is to be people who *treasure* the *person* of God, not people who treasure the *products* of God. And the way we make God our treasure, is by seeing and believing. So, let's see God, the Treasure, and believe He is the Treasure! We must choose to believe He IS who He really is, the Treasure!

Yes, this study has a goal of simply answering the question, “what is God like?” But we must not stop with mere knowledge. Jonathan Edwards said, “God is glorified not only by His glory’s being seen, but by its being rejoiced in.” We must SEE, BELIEVE, and REJOICE in seeing His glory.

The Prayer For This Study

In an intimate time of discussion with the LORD, Moses said to God, “Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight.” And again, a few verses later, Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” (Exodus 33)

This is our prayer for you, and it’s what we want you to be praying daily during this study—that God would reveal more of Himself to you. God loves to answer this prayer!

The Process Of This Study

God reveals Himself to us using different means, for example, *in creation*; we can see what God is like by seeing what kind of things He created. But the main and most explicit way God reveals Himself to us is through His Word. Therefore, we will use His Word to get to know Him most deeply.

Each week, you will explore one attribute of God. For each attribute, you will explore how that attribute is manifested (displayed). Just like how we can see the “heart” or “character” of a good parent by observing the ways their love manifests itself towards their child, so, too, we can see the heart and character of God by observing the displaying of His character towards His creation. The 5-day pattern in observing this will repeat for each attribute, as follows:

Day 1: **Creation** – How God displayed this attribute when He created the world.

Day 2: **Specific Revelation** - How God displays this attribute in a specific way that is specific to this particular attribute. I.e. God’s Power → Our Protection, God’s Goodness → Our Provision, etc.

Day 3: **Salvation** – How God displayed this attribute when He gave His Son to save the world from the penalty of their sin.

Day 4: **Sanctification** – How God displays this attribute as He actively helps His children become more like Christ.

Day 5: **Final Redemption** – How God will display this attribute when brings everything back under His reign at the end of time.

Finally, you will explore how believing each attribute of God should impact the way you relate to God, relate to others, and approach your daily life/activities—**treasuring God changes something about everything in your life.**

So, find a consistent time, a quiet place, grab your Bible, pray before you read (“God, reveal more of yourself to me”), be consistent daily/weekly, read the passage, answer the questions, and pray as you conclude. You and your discipler will go over each week together, at the end of each week in the study.

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Ephesians 3:14-19

The **Power** Of God

Week 1

Day 1: God's **Power** Displayed In **Creation**

Read: Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

- **Author:** Moses
- **Fun Fact:** God must have revealed these truths to Moses in retrospect, because Moses surely wasn't there in the beginning! Moses wrote the Pentateuch (first 5, hence "Pent," books of the Bible).

1. What's your definition of "power?"
2. How would you define the word "create?"
3. The first part of Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning, *God*..." This small intro presupposes something very astonishing.
 - a. Who was there in the beginning?
 - b. Who/what was before God?
 - c. Therefore, who/what created God?
 - d. Finally, then, who must have **thought-up**, **crafted**, and **created** everything?
 - e. Look for yourself!
List out all the ways you see **God's power** in the passage for today...

4. What does it say about God, in that He had the **complete ability**, within Himself, to create anything and everything that He decided to?

- a. What outside resources did He need?
- b. Therefore are there any limits to His power?

*Read also, **Isaiah 40:25-26***

5. How did God carry out His creating process?

Hint: Think to when the wind and waves obeyed Jesus' voice...His command ...
(See Matthew 8:26-27)

"Big" Word: God is "Omnipotent!" This means that God is limitless and infinite in His power!
Plain and simple; He can do anything He chooses!

The evidences of **God's unlimited power** that are found in this passage have massive implications on our lives....

6. What does believing this do to your heart? How does it affect what you feel about God?

What does believing this do to your mind? How does it affect what you think about God?

7. Many times we don't trust God, we don't look to God, we don't ask God, we don't try BIG things for God, we don't have GREAT thoughts about God, and we're not amazed by God. We are far more easily consumed with our "small treasures," unimpressed by the MASSIVE treasure we have, namely, God Himself. We are far more amazed by a fake superhero (sorry to all you Marvel fans ☺) in a movie, than in the most powerful *real* being that will ever exist.

How should seeing and truly believing in God's unlimited power impact you in your everyday life?

8. How should this impact your prayer life?

9. Who, in your "world," can you tell, today, about the power of God?

Extra Insight

Read: Jeremiah 32:17, Romans 1:20, Psalm 33:6-12, Job 38:1-30, Isaiah 40:29

Day 2: God's **Power** Displayed In **Protection**

Read: Psalm 46

- **Recipient:** This Psalm is written to the "choirmaster," meaning this Psalm is meant to be sung!
- **Fun Fact:** This passage has one of the most famously quoted verses in the entire Bible. Can you find it? It's a "coffee mug" quote! But when you truly have the context, it will have its full effect, as it was meant to have!

1. In this passage, the Psalmist (writer) speaks of various "powerful" things.
 - a. In verses 1-3: He speaks of "powerful" things in nature.... what are they?
 - b. In verses 4-7: He speaks of the great city of Zion. We see at the end of this small section that "powerful" attackers want to overthrow the city. Can you find where it says this?
 - c. In verses 8-11: He speaks of the "powerful" warring world, in general. What are some powerful and scary things about war?
2. Keeping what we just read in mind...though the "power" of nature is larger than us and uncontrollable by us, though the "power" of attackers is fierce and unrelenting, and though the "power" of war is ever-present, this Psalmist has reason for hope, and confidence, and fearlessness! Identify the reasons in...
 - a. V. 1-2:
 - b. V. 5:
 - c. V. 6:
 - d. V. 7:

e. V. 8:

f. V. 9:

3. These great reasons for hope have one common denominator. God. A God who has the power to do something about everything! He can have confidence in the face of every threat, because God's power is limitless. Do you still act like your threats are more powerful than God?

4. And here's the famous verse! After seeing all these powerful threats, and yet coming to the conclusion that God is more powerful, the man writes, "Be still and know that I am God."
 - a. What do you think it means to "be still?"

 - b. Why should "being still" be coupled with "knowing" that He is God?

 - c. Everything in this passage is related to God's power; therefore "knowing" that He is God means what? How does this allow you to "be still?"

No matter the threat, God can be our **sole source of confidence** because His power is **greater!**

- b. The last part of verse 10 claims that God will be exalted when people trust in the power of God, and when His power is displayed as greater than every threat. How do you think God will be glorified in your life, as a testimony to the “world” around you, when you trust in the power of God? Who needs to see this from you?

Extra Insight: Psalm 147:5

Day 3: God's **Power** Displayed In **Salvation**

Read: Luke 1:34-37, Luke 5:17-26, John 10:17-18, and Romans 1:4

- **Author:** Luke wrote, "Luke," John wrote, "John," and Paul wrote "Romans."
- **Fun Fact:** If everything about Jesus was written down, not even all of the books in the world could contain it (John 21:25)

Not only did God have the complete power to send His Son, Jesus, into the world, and not only did Jesus have the complete power to forgive sins, and resist sin, and live a perfect life, but God also had the complete power to raise Jesus from the dead, overcoming the penalty of sin and death once and for all.

1. Just like in the story of creation, thoughts or emotions, without ability to act on those thoughts or emotions, would be hopeless. God not only felt love and compassion on His people, but also had the complete power to do the only effective thing, in the only possible way. This was to come to us Himself. Live without sin. Pay our penalty. And overcome it. What if God didn't have the power to carry out this plan?

2. In this "good news" God used His unlimited power for good. Why do you think God would be willing to do this?

3. What other powers did God overcome by completing the task of obtaining our salvation?

4. What if God's power was limited, even to the smallest degree? Would He have been able to come to earth? Live perfectly? Overcome death? Therefore why was God the only one who could save us?

5. Write out "the gospel" using God's power at every point within your explanation...

Perhaps the greatest way that God's power is displayed is through His **deciding** to save us, and then **DOING IT!**

6. Who are some people in your life that you functionally doubt God can and will save?

a. What makes you doubt?

b. If God was able to finalize salvation for the entire world, do you think He could save the people you encounter in your everyday life?

c. With this hope, how can you be actively involved in that happening?

Extra Insight: Psalm 20:6, Isaiah 40:9-10, 1 Peter 1:3-5, Romans 8:38-39

Day 4: God's **Power** Displayed In **Sanctification**

Read: Philippians 2:1-11,

Also, read: **Romans 15:14-21, Acts 1:8**

- **Author:** Paul wrote Philippians and Romans, while Luke wrote the book of Acts.
 - **Fun Fact:** Sanctification in the simplest terms means becoming more and more like Christ! This process happens after we come into a relationship God, through Jesus. We proceed to love Him more, follow Him more deeply, and talk about Him more. This involves everything from loving others, to making decisions for your job. As we are sanctified, we become more like Jesus, and we more obediently follow Jesus.
 - Being sanctified is not simply about becoming better, morally, for our own sake. It's about treasuring Jesus! It's about "looking like" Jesus, in order to display God. It's about knowing God more deeply, for our joy. And it's about obeying God most fully, because He's worthy and it's best for us!
1. In our main passage today (Phil 2:1-11), we first see Jesus' example. What amazes you most about the way Jesus lived? Could he have grown anymore?
 2. Is there anyone you know who has lived perfectly like this? Why do you think that is?
 3. Do you want to live like Jesus did? Why or why not? Does this come from a place of duty or delight?

7. This passage seems to contradict itself, by telling us to make a powerful effort to grow, but then telling us it is God who grows us. Why do you think Paul does this?

Jesus is the only one who had power to live perfectly in what was right, according to all God wants for a life. We, on the other hand, need God's power at work in us in order for us to grow and be used by God! We should work as hard as we can to grow in our faith, and follow Jesus' perfect example, but God's power is our only true hope to become more like Jesus!

8. God's power to sanctify comes primarily from the Holy Spirit. How do you think this works? What resource does the Holy Spirit use most?
9. What does the Holy Spirit empower us to do?

10. How can you actively depend on God's power in the areas listed below?

a. Worshipping God

b. Loving Others

c. Serving God

d. Sharing God With Others

e. Obeying God Personally

11. Where do you feel most powerless to change in your own life? How have you been trying to do so in your own strength? Make a plan to depend on God's power in order to change in this area. Allow your discipler to help you.

13. When you feel powerless over your sin, you can know that you do have the power of God inside of you! What sin do you want God's power, in you, to have victory over?

12. Depend on God's power to reach out to a friend today. Acts 1:8 (one of the verses listed above) says one of the main reasons the Holy Spirit came was to empower us to witness to the people around us about Jesus. Trust in God's power, and try your best to do so today.

Extra Insight: John 15:1-17

Day 5: God's **Power** Displayed In **Final Redemption**

Read: Revelation 19:1-16

- **Author:** John
- **Fun Fact:** The book of Revelation is written by John, and is a "revelation" about what is going to come in the future. God gave this vision to John, and He wrote down what he saw. You can read about this chapter 1, verses 1-3.
- "Final Redemption" is about God bringing everything under His will in the end. It's when Jesus comes back, and He makes everything new. It's about Him bringing His Kingdom to earth, once and for all. It's about Him winning the battle over evil in the end! God's will prevails! He will take all believers (true Christians) to be with Him, in Heaven, and He will restore all things to the way He created them to be!

1. Although the book of Revelation can be scary at times, believers in Jesus don't have anything to be afraid of, but on the contrary, we are given confidence! Why do you think we should have confidence from reading this passage?
2. What are some questions you have as you read this passage?
3. In our passage, we see all of Heaven praising Jesus, as the most powerful One. They are saying Hallelujah, which means, God be praised! At the end of verse 6, it says "Hallelujah! For..." This word, "for" is almost like using the word, "because..." So, the Bible is about to give us the reason "why" everyone is praising God. What's the reason?

4. In verses 11-16, we see "The Word Of God," Jesus, riding in on a white horse, signifying the end of the great battle. Like when a commander rides in, after his nation was won the war. How does this image differ from other "versions" of Jesus that we have seen in pictures or in the media?

5. Share your thoughts on how this passage gives you more insight into the power of God.

No matter the war of good and evil, Satan and God, sin and righteousness, that is taking place everyday, we know God has guaranteed that He will have the victory. He will win. Not only does this show God's power, but it shows that He is able to guarantee the outcome. No one has the power to do that besides God! This has great implications on our everyday lives.

6. Do you ever feel like evil is winning? How so?

7. After seeing God's power to win in the end, how should this encourage you, when it feels like evil is winning right now?

8. When we feel like evil has won, we are forgetting the truth about the power of our God, and the truth about how the story ends. How can you use this information to give you peace in your everyday battle?

9. Who can you encourage, today, by telling them that though evil is happening to them, God is stronger?

Extra Insight: Psalm 73

- In this Psalm, the psalmist feels as if the evil people around him are winning. Everything seems great for them. Then in verse 17, he remembers the truth about God setting everything right in the end. And by verse 25, he is TREASURING God, an overflow of praise, because he has remembered who God is.
- **Isaiah 40**
- In this chapter, we read all about the power of God! And starting in verse 28, we see that BECAUSE His power is unlimited, He can give power to those who are weak and exhausted.

The Goodness Of God

Week 2

Day 1: God's **Goodness** Displayed In **Creation**

Read: Genesis 1:1 – 2:25

- **Author:** Moses
- **Fun Fact:** The account of creation of man (humans) is repeated twice. From Genesis 1:26 to Genesis 1:31, the human creation account is more of a broad overview. Beginning in Genesis 2:4, Moses writes a more specific and detailed account of the creation of mankind.

1. How would you define someone being full of "goodness?"
2. How would you describe God being full of "goodness?"
3. How would it make you feel if God was only half "good?"
4. The very first glimpse we get of God's goodness is in the very beginning... in creation! What would motivate God to create the kind of world He did?

5. Walk through the first two chapters and of Genesis again, circling the word “good” every time it is used. Read **Matthew 12:35**. What kinds of people create “good” things? Why do you think that is so? What does that say about God?

6. What was the final verifying assessment of each day of creation? The Hebrew definition of the word “good” in these instances means, “ ‘good,’ i.e., pertaining to the moral opposite of evil.”

God shows how good He is, by creating good things! Out of the goodness of His heart He wants to create a good world for us, and a good life in us. Not by merely giving us good earthly riches, but by giving us the greatest Treasure! Himself! He has created us to desire our greatest good. Him!

What could be greater (I wish we could say, “gooder” 😊) than God? Nothing! Then the greatest thing He could give us is Himself! He created us to be satisfied in our greatest good, and that greatest good is Him.

7. How does God’s complete “goodness” set Him apart? How does seeing this make you worshipful, and encourage you to believe He is the Treasure?

8. If everything that God creates is good, what does that say about your “worth” in God’s eyes? Did God make a mistake in how He created you?

9. How should this impact your daily confidence?

9. Who can you tell, today, about God's goodness?

Extra Insight

Read: James 1:17

Day 2: God's **Goodness** Displayed In **Provision**

Read: **Matthew 7:7-11**

- **Author:** Matthew
- **Fun Fact:** When you see the words in red in the Bible, that signifies Jesus speaking.

1. "Provision" simply means giving, or delivering what one needs. God's goodness can be seen through God giving to us. He "provides" for us. But this passage says that God not only gives to us, but gives "good" to us. What do you think that means?

2. This passage is primarily talking about prayer. What are we encouraged to do, in order to receive the good gifts from God? How is this said in different ways in the passage? Why do you think it's said in different ways?

3. How is your prayer life? Where do you most often go when you are desperate?

4. What are some things we should be praying for daily?

5. Are you always confident that God will give you "good?" If not, what distorts believing that? (sin, wrong view of God, etc.)

We are always the "receivers," when it comes to God and us. He is always the "giver." When we DO "give" our service, our money, our efforts, etc. we are not giving them because God NEEDS us, but instead out of an overflow of what He has already given us. And ultimately because He has given His life for us, on the cross, in joy and thankfulness, we give our lives over to Him and His mission.

6. In so many words, this passage is telling us that God is good, not evil, and therefore gives good to His children. How should this change how you approach God in prayer?

Day 3: God's **Goodness** Displayed In **Salvation**

Read: Romans 5:6-11

- **Author:** Paul
- **Fun Fact:** God's goodness is most clearly displayed through Him coming to save us!

1. In this passage, it speaks of God demonstrating His love for us. How does He do so?

2. What do you think it means to "demonstrate" love?

a. If God had love in His heart, yet did not show it to us, how would we know about His love?

b. Do you think love proceeds from good or from evil? Why?

c. What does this tell us about the God? Did anyone force Him to die for us?

3. What condition were we in when Christ died for us, according to this passage?

4. In salvation, then, did God's "good" work for us depend on our goodness or upon His good heart? How does this alleviate our striving to be good enough in order to be saved?

God is inherently good. That means He is just good. Through and through. By nature. The greatest way He displays this to us is by dying for us, even though we weren't good when He did.

5. Do you still try to functionally "earn" your salvation? How so?
6. God's goodness displayed in salvation is proportionate to the extent we would go to save us. How far did God go to save us? What did He do? What does that say about how good He is?
7. We are called to be imitators of God, and therefore do good to others, out of the overflow of the good in our hearts. Does this describe how you treat others? Your friends? Your spouse?

a. How can you practically do good to the people in your "world?"

b. How does doing good to others point them to God?

8. The most good we can do is telling people the "good news." Why is the message of the cross good news?

a. Do you feel equipped to tell others the good news of the Gospel?

Extra Insight

Read: Psalm 34

8. After seeing God's goodness in our sanctification, how can you practically trust God's good heart while He is growing you?

9. Today, can you display God's good heart, by sharing with someone at work about how God is growing you (sanctifying you). Then sharing God's good motives in doing so.

Extra Insight

Read: Romans 8:28, Genesis 50:20

Day 5: God's **Goodness** Displayed In **Final Redemption**

Read: **Matthew 6:9-13**

- **Author:** Matthew
- **Fun Fact:** This is how Jesus tells us to pray! But, within the prayer we can see a lot of great truths! One of those truths is what His plans are for the end of time!

1. When Jesus says, "Your kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven," what do you think this means?

a. What is Heaven like?

b. Who reigns in Heaven?

c. Is there any evil or sin in Heaven?

2. Ultimately, God's plan is to bring Heaven to earth once and for all, restoring all things to good, for good! How does this display the "good" character of God?

At the end of time, God will make everything good!

7. How have you seen Christianity and church be simply about “being good” rather than about God? What’s the difference?

8. How and why does godly good bring glory to God?

Extra Insight

Read: Revelation 21