

God, Our Father

Introduction:

1. The Word of God begins with God Almighty creating our wonderful universe (*Genesis 1*). With a burst of unimaginable power God with loving care begins to form the earth from nothing.
2. God affectionately shapes our world, forming the seas and dry land, enriching it with a collection of vegetation, and filling its skies, valleys, and seas with a vast assortment of living creatures.
3. Our universe had its origin in the creative power of God, and all things are sustained, “consist,” or are “upheld,” by the word of his power.
4. When God had concluded the enrichment and beautification of our earth, as the culminating act of creation,
5. God announced his intent to create mankind. “God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth’” (*Genesis 1:26 NKJV*).
6. God Almighty, as an eternal being, is the first personality identified in the scriptures.
7. When man looks at the design and beauty of our earth, we can understand in a small part something of the wisdom, the love, and the appreciation we should have toward God for his beautiful creation and for what is good.
8. God has a very special love and appreciation for the human race.
9. Our purpose in this lesson is to examine the nature of God and why he is worthy of worship from all mankind.

I. The Nature of God (Acts 17:22-34)

- 1) Omnipotent – Lord
- 2) All-Sufficient – Benefactor
- 3) Omnific – Creator
- 4) Impartial
- 5) Omnipresent
- 6) Spiritual – Father
- 7) Exacting
- 8) Righteous – Judge

II. Moral Attributes of God the Father

- 1) Love (John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:8-16)
- 2) Goodness (Psalms 31:19; 145:9)
- 3) Grace (Titus 2:11-12)
- 4) Mercy (Ephesus 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-6)
- 5) Patience (2 Peter 3:9-12)
- 6) Hates sin (Proverbs 6:16-19)
- 7) Wrath (2 Thessalonians 1:6-10)

III. God is Unchangeable

- A. God is a spiritual being (John 4:24).
- B. God is eternal and unchangeable (Psalms 90:1-2; 102; 27; 1 Tim. 1:17; Malachi 3:6).

Questions

1. What was Paul attempting to accomplish with the people of Athens (Acts 17)?

2. How does Paul prove that God is all-powerful to the people of Athens?

3. Does God need man's worship or service?

4. Why did God create the earth and mankind?

5. How is God impartial?

6. Can man escape the presence of God?

7. Why does man attempt to create his own image of God?

8. How is God exacting in his requirement of mankind?

9. Why will God provide man with righteous judgment following his life on this earth?

10. How did God demonstrate his love for mankind?

11. What is the grace of God?

12. How does God show mercy to man upon this earth?

13. Why is God patient with mankind?

14. How does mankind benefit in the fact that God is unchangeable?