

# What Is God?

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

**JOHN 4:24**

**W**hen we ask what something is, we are seeking to understand the most basic parts of the thing we are asking about. For example, we might ask, “What is a human?”

We would answer by saying things like, “A human is a physical being with bones, muscles, and organs, a heart, brain, and skin”; “A human being is a spiritual being. They have souls that will live forever.” All of these are part of what a human being is. They are part of the basic nature of humans.

“What is God?” When we ask this question, we are asking about the being or basic nature of God. If we were to ask our Scripture verse this question, it would give us the answer, “*God is spirit.*” God is a spiritual being. This means that God is not a physical being, made up of physical stuff like skin and bones.

The fact that God is spirit means that we cannot directly experience Him with our physical senses, unless He allows us to. We cannot see God. We cannot touch God. We cannot hear God. We cannot taste God. We cannot smell God. Although we cannot directly experience God in these ways, He is still a living being. There is more to the world than what we can see, touch, or hear.

Scripture also shows us that as a living, spiritual being, God thinks, acts, and has emotions. God has a mind, He makes choices, and He feels emotions like anger, joy, and love. God thinks, acts, and feels emotions differently than you or I do, but those aspects are a part of who He is as a spiritual being.

Because God is spirit, He is also a moral being. To be moral is to know the difference between good and evil, right and wrong. As humans who are imperfect and sinful, we know what is right and wrong and we often

do what is wrong. But God is a perfect spirit, and in Him there is no evil or sin. As a moral being, everything God is and does is pure and good.

God, who is spirit, is worthy of our worship and praise. Because He made us with a spirit also, we are able to love, praise, and obey Him. Let us then worship Him in spirit and in truth.



**Prayer:** Perfect and pure God, we praise You for showing us that You are spirit. We praise You for being far greater than us and worthy of our worship. Please forgive us for failing to know and love You as we ought. Please use our understanding of You as spirit to stir our hearts to worship You in spirit and in truth. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**Song:** *Behold Our God* (SH 14)

**Hymn:** *Thou Art, O God, A Spirit Pure*, verse 1

Thou art, O God! a Spirit pure,  
 Invisible to mortal eyes;  
 The immortal, and the eternal King,  
 The great, the good, the only wise.

**Theology Question 2:** What is God?

**Answer:** God is spirit.

# There Is Only One God

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.*

## DEUTERONOMY 6:4

**M**any of the world religions believe that there are many different gods. Some of the biggest religions in the world believe that there are thousands and thousands of gods. Christianity is different. The Bible tells us over and over again that there is only one God.

Psalm 86:10 says, *“For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.”* In 1 Chronicles 17:20 we read, *“There is none like you, O LORD, and there is no God besides you.”* The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the one true God.

Understanding and believing that there is only one God is important because we must know who we are to worship. In the Bible, we see story after story about people groups worshipping idols (false gods). Even God’s people throughout the Bible struggled with turning away from the one true God and instead loved, praised, and obeyed false gods.

We are no different than the Israelites; we, too, struggle with turning away from God and serving idols. We need to know who God is and that He is the only true God so that we can better give Him the praise and love that He deserves.

When Scripture tells us there is only one true God, it is showing us, in part, that God is unique. To be unique is to be unlike anything or anyone else. We will often say that unique people, places, or objects are one of a kind. We are often drawn to love and enjoy things that are one of a kind because we have never seen anything like them.

The Bible wants us to understand that God is unlike anyone or anything we have ever seen before. He is truly the **ONLY** God. Because He is the only God, we should want to know Him.

The more we know Him, the more we will see that He is worthy of our praise and obedience. Scripture asks the question, *“Who is like the*

*LORD our God?"* (Ps. 113:5), and the answer to this is plain—no one is like the Lord; He alone is God.



**Prayer:** Our Lord and God, You are the one true God. There is none like You and none beside You. You stand alone as God over all the earth. You alone are worthy of the praises of all Your creation. Please forgive us for not seeing You as worthy of our worship. Please forgive us for turning away from You to worship idols. Please grant us grace to see and know that You alone are God and to give You the love, praise, and obedience You deserve. Amen.

**Song:** *Come Praise and Glorify* (SH 21)

**Hymn:** *Glory to God the Father's Name*, verse 4

Glory to God that reigns above,  
Th' eternal Three in One,  
Who, by the wonders of His love,  
Has made His nature known.

**Theology Question 3:** How many gods are there?

**Answer:** There is only one true God.