

God the Father

There is only one true God (Deuteronomy 6:4). His name is Jehovah, (Yehoveh / Yahweh). He is the Father of all creation. He is eternal, uncreated, meaning unbegotten, of anyone or anything. He is self-sufficient. He needs nothing to exist, not even air. He is the creator and source of everything that exists, the giver of all life through His breath (Genesis 2:7). He is the absolute supreme authority over nature and humanity. God cannot be confined within this universe because He created it, and the physical laws that govern it. He therefore transcends the entire creation and its physical laws. He alone is immortal (2 Timothy 6:13-16). King Solomon said of God: “The heaven of heavens cannot contain You, how much less this Temple that I have built,” (1 Kings 8:27; 2 Chronicles 6:18). God is invisible (Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17). God the Father has never been seen by mortal men. Neither has He ever interacted face to face with mortal man (John 1:18; 1 John 4:12). His non-personal interactions within the creation have always been through limited manifestations of His Person and Power which Scripture refers to as the “finger of God” and/or the “Spirit (literally Breath) of God.” His personal interactions with humanity since creation have always been **through** the “one mediator between God and Man,” (1 Timothy 2:5) the **Son of God**, God’s personal agent, also called “the Angel of the LORD” in Exodus 3:2. God is called “Father” because He begat a “Son.” The term “Father” is a reference to His relationship with His Son.

Concerning His character and motives, God is absolutely just and righteous. He is both good and severe. He is love (1 John 4:8; 16). He is gracious, merciful, and forgiving. Yet He is also to be feared (1 Peter 2:17; 2 Corinthians 7:14; Revelation 14:7; 19:5). All good things originate with Him (Genesis 1:31). He always acts in accordance with His revealed character. That cannot change (Malachi 3:6). Therefore God is predictable. “He remembers His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations” (1 Chronicles 16:15; Psalm 105:8). God’s past faithfulness is the guarantee of His future faithfulness. Deuteronomy 7:9 says, “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him **and keep His commandments;**”