

Doctrine of God (His Nature) Exodus 34:6-7

God's nature is revealed in His names.

Elohim – Strong one, divine (Gen. 1:1)

Adonai – Lord (Ex 4:10, 13)

EI Elyon – Most High, Strongest One (Gen. 16:13)

EI Roi – The strong One who sees (Genesis 14:20)

EI Shaddai – Almighty God (Gen 17:1)

EI Olam – Everlasting God (Isa 40:28)

God's nature is revealed through created things so we can understand Him.

1. God's nature is revealed by a metaphorical use of His creation.

a lion (Isa. 31:4),

an eagle (Deut.32:11),

a lamb (Isa. 53:7), led to slaughter

a hen (Matt. 23:37), mother hen

the sun (Ps. 84:11),

the morning star (Rev. 22:16),

a light (Ps. 27:1),

a torch (Rev. 21:23),

a fire (Heb. 12:29),

a fountain (Ps. 36:9),

a rock (Deut. 32:4), foundation

a hiding place (Ps. 119:114),

a tower (Prov. 18:10),

a shadow (Ps. 91:1),

a shield (Ps. 84:11),

a temple (Rev. 21:22).

1. Scripture uses the human body metaphorically to describe God's relational position, activity, and appearance.

God is called:

bridegroom (Isa. 61:10)

husband (Isa.54:5),

father (Deut. 32:6),

judge and king (Isa. 33:22),

eyes (Ps. 11:4; Heb. 4:13),

ears (Ps. 55:1; Isa. 59:1),

nose (Deut.33:10),

mouth (Deut. 8:3),

lips (Job 11:5),

tongue (Isa. 30:27),

man of war (Ex. 15:3),

builder and maker (Heb. 11:10),

shepherd (Ps. 23:1),

physician (Ex. 15:2

neck (Jer. 18:17),

arms (Ex. 15:16),

hand (Num. 11:23),

finger (Ex. 8:19),

heart (Gen. 6:6),

foot (Isa. 66:1),

God's face or countenance (Ex. 33:20, 23; Isa. 63:9; Ps. 16:11; Rev. 22:4).

2. Scripture uses human actions to describe how He functions.

God is:

knowing (Gen.18:21),

remembering (Gen. 8:1; Ex. 2:24),

seeing (Gen. 1:10),

hearing (Ex. 2:24),

smelling (Gen. 8:21),

tasting (Ps. 11:5), 34:8

sitting (Ps. 9:7),

rising (Ps. 68:1),

walking (Lev. 26:12),

wiping away tears (Isa. 25:8)

Psalms 94:8-10 (NASB)

⁸ Pay heed, you senseless among the people; And when will you understand, stupid ones?

⁹ He who planted the ear, does He not hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see?

¹⁰ He who chastens the nations, will He not rebuke, *Even* He who teaches man knowledge?

3. Scripture uses human behaviors to describe His character.

joy (Isa. 62:5),
grief (Ps. 78:40; Isa. 63:10),
anger (Jer.7:18–19),
love (John 3:16),
hatred (Deut. 16:22),
wrath (Ps. 2:5)
compassionate 2 Cor. 1:3,
truthful (Jn. 14:6),
Holy (1 Jn. 1:5)
forgiving (Ps 130:4)

II. God's nature is revealed by incommunicable attributes.

(Attributes that only belong to God)

1. God is spirit, meaning He is invisible.

John 1:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God.....

2. God is eternal without beginning or end.

Psalm 90:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

² Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

2 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

3. God is omnipresent in space and time.

Psalm 139:1-8 (NIV)

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from far.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

⁵ You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 (NIV)

⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power

Isaiah 2:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ Go into the rocks, hide in the ground from dread of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty!

4. God is immutable, devoid of change in being, perfections, purposes, and promises.

Numbers 23:19 (NIV)

¹⁹ God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

Psalms 110:4 (NIV)

⁴ The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind:

5. God is infinite; without limits other than the ones He puts on Himself.

Job 11:7-10 (NIV)

⁷ "Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?

⁸ They are higher than the heavens--what can you do? They are deeper than the depths of the grave--what can you know?

⁹ Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea.

¹⁰ "If he comes along and confines you in prison and convenes a court, who can oppose him?"

Genesis 15:5 (NIV)

⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Genesis 15:9-12 (NIV)

⁹ So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."

¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half.

¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

Genesis 15:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.

¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land,

6. God is incomparable as nothing compares with Him.

Psalm 86:8 (NIV)

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

7. God is unfathomable.

Psalm 145:3 (NIV)

³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Romans 11:33-36 (NIV)

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵ "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

8. God is sovereign; being accountable to no one.

Psalm 103:19 (NASB)

¹⁹The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.

Psalm 115:3 (NASB)

³But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

9. God is omniscient; knowing all things including the present and the future.

Psalm 139:7-10 (NASB)

⁷Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

¹⁰Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

Proverbs 15:3 (NASB)

³The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Watching the evil and the good.

10. God is holy; being without sin or flaw.

Isaiah 6:3 (NASB)

³And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.

