

GOD IS GOD AND I AM NOT

"I am the Lord. I do not change."

Malachi 3:6

❖ God For Us

"God said to Moses, 'I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I am has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:14 (NIV)

1. God the FATHER

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...'"

Matthew 6:9 (NIV)

2. God the SON

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

3. God the HOLY SPIRIT

"But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned."

John 16:7-11 (NIV)

❖ God With Us

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:1, 14 (NIV)

1. God is REAL

"But, God said, 'you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live'."

Exodus 33:20 (NIV)

- His WORLD

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."

Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

- His PURPOSE

"From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us."

Acts 17:26-27 (NIV)

- His INVOLVEMENT

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

2. God is REVEALED

"There Jacob built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother."

Genesis 35:7 (NIV)

- God Reveals Himself to us in His CREATION

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

Romans 1:20 (NIV)

- God Reveals Himself to us through His WORD

"Above all, you must understand that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophets themselves or because they wanted to prophesy. It was the Holy Spirit who moved the prophets to speak from God."

2 Peter 1:20-21

- God Reveals Himself to us by His SON

"No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known."

John 1:18 (NIV)

3. God is RELATIONAL

"The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.'"

Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

- God is always NEAR

"Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you."

James 4:8a (NLT)

- God desires to be INTIMATELY INVOLVED in our lives

"Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!"

Luke 12:24 (NIV)

- God has offered for us to JOIN His FAMILY

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

1 John 3:1 (NIV)