

Attributes of a Holy God

- a) Unique Attributes of God
- b) Shared Attributes of God

Unique Attributes – One True God

- **Deut. 6:4** (The beginning of the Hebrew Shema)
- Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
- Modern view vs. Biblical view
- God is one – pure Spirit being – Not body, soul and spirit like us.

One True God – OT References

- **I Kings 8:60** – King Solomon’s benediction at the dedication of the Temple.
- “That all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other.”
- **Zach. 14:9** – Zachariah prophecies
- And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be-
“The Lord is one” and His name one.

One True God – NT References

- **Mark 12:29-30** – “Jesus answered him, ‘the first of all commandments is “Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, The LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength...”
- **John 17:3** – And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

One True God – NT References

- **I Cor. 8:4-6** - Therefore concerning the things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.
- **I Tim 2:5** – For there is one God and one mediator between God and men the Man Christ Jesus.

One True God – NT References

- **Jas. 2:19** – You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe – and tremble!

*The Lord our God is one Lord;
Not many gods have we;
Unique and indivisible,
Alone in majesty.
Him we should love with all our heart,
With all our souls adore,
Give Him the best of mind and strength
And praise Him evermore*

God is Three Persons in One – The Trinity

- **Mat. 28:19-20** - “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen
- What do we mean when we say that God is a Trinity?
- It does not mean that Christians worship 3 gods (tritheism). We have seen that God is One. How can He also be three at the same time?
- Answer: He is one in a different way from the way He is three. As to His essence God is definitely one. There is only one God. Yet this one God exists in three persons.; there are three entities in the Godhead.

The Trinity

- **Gen 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Elohim – a masculine plural noun)
- “*create*” – masculine singular (unusual combination; something like “the men is”)
- **Gen 1:26; 3:22; 11:7** – God speaks of Himself as “We”, “Us”, “Our image”. Here the plurality of persons is united as One God is strongly implied. So through the Bible this is gradually unfolded until in the New Testament the three persons in the Godhead are clearly implied.

The Trinity

- In the O.T. we also see the appearances of the Angel (messenger) of the Lord (Jehovah) as He appears in human form to people. *Hagar, Moses, Jacob* who identified them as God Himself. How could the Angel of the Lord be God and His Messenger at the same time?
- The Angel of the Lord is indeed God – God the Son in His preincarnate state.
- This is in perfect harmony with the doctrine of Trinity.

The Trinity

- **Isa 48:16** (clear demarcation of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit)
- “Come near to Me, hear this:
- I have not spoken in secret from the beginning;
- From the time that it was, I was there.
- And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit
- Have sent Me.”

The Trinity – In the New Testament

- **Mark 1: 9-11** - It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
- **Gal. 4:4-6** - But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

The Trinity – In the New Testament

- **John 14:26** - “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
- **John 15:26** - “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

The Trinity – In the New Testament

- The Trinity is not merely theology but it is how God has revealed Himself to us – how He really is –
- “Holy, holy, holy.....God in three persons, blessed Trinity.”
- **2 Cor. 13:14** - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.