

QuickPod 1 – God: The Supreme Supernatural

As we discuss paranormal things in this series, we'll rely heavily on what Scripture says about the beings that now live in the unseen supernatural realm. It's very important that in our discussions we don't begin seeing some polytheistic group of beings with God as the leader. The Bible never implies that God is one of many. No, God is completely in a category of His own. He Created all that is. He is apart from all that is. He is over all that is. He is Lord over anything we call paranormal.

Jeremiah 10:6 tells us, "No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power." Sadly, this truth tends to become cliché, doesn't it?

The words are so easy to say, yet the truth of them is unfathomable. I hesitate in my utter incompetence to speak about God the Most High. How could a library of books begin to describe the unbounded Creator of all that is, much less this brief recording?

The short answer is, it can't. A.W. Tozer used to say that the human mind will never "comprehend" God, but it can spend eternity "apprehending" him. In this short podcast, we'll limit our focus to truths that help us apprehend God and better understand certain topics we'll address in future podcasts.

Rather than offering a proof of God's existence, the Bible begins with a simple truth: "In the beginning, God..." The Apostle Paul states that God's handiwork around us is sufficient evidence for his existence. He further claims in Romans 1 that the universe itself tells something of the Creator's nature....

Romans 1:20 – "God's invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made..."

But God desired a closer relationship than mere acknowledgment. We know some of God's other *attributes* (that's the word we use to describe truths about him). But we know these only because he chose to *reveal* them to us through his Word...

Thus, any characteristic we assign to God from our own reasoning or wishful thinking is simply idolatry since we're essentially "creating" a god in *our* image.

Thankfully, though, through the Old and New Testaments, God progressively revealed more and more of his nature. Here are several several of His attributes described in Scripture:

- Holy – Completely separate from and intrinsically unlike all else (1 Samuel 2:2).
- Triune – In a way we cannot comprehend, God is three persons in one essence. He revealed himself as Father, Son, and Spirit (Philippians 1:2, Titus 2:13, Acts 5:3–4).
- Personal – God is sentient, emotional, volitional—a being, as opposed to simply an ethereal, impersonal force (Exodus 3:14).

- Eternal – Without beginning or end (Hebrews 13:8).
- Unchanging – (immutable) God is always the same. Being perfect there is no need to change (Malachi 3:6).
- Self-sufficient – He needs nothing from any other source (Ephesians 3:20).
- Sovereign – He acts independently by his own nature to do as he pleases (Daniel 4:35).
- All-knowing – (omniscient) He knows everything that is or can be known (Isaiah 46:9-10).
- All-powerful – (omnipotent) He can do anything that is consistent with his other attributes (Jeremiah 32:17).
- Unbounded – (omnipresent) He is everywhere at all times (Psalm 139:7-12).
- Loving – He is perfectly devoted to the well-being of others (1 John 4:7-8).
- Righteous – There is nothing evil or imperfect in him (Psalm 71:19).
- Good – He is absolute goodness in all ways (Psalm 34:8).

Beyond all these attributes, in what has been called the Grand Miracle, the second member of the Trinity became a human like us. The New Testament tells of Jesus, the Son of God—God in flesh—who dwelled with us, then died as a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus—God *and* man—not only gave believers eternal life, he showed us in a physical, “natural-realm” body more of what the unseen, “supernatural-realm” God is like.