



## Behind Enemy Lines Training Saints

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### What is God Like?

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Many theologians have tried to describe God in many ways. What we learn from them and through the direct revelation of who God is through the Bible is that He is all-wise and all-knowing; He can do anything and everything that we ourselves cannot do; He is everything good that we would like to be – perfect in holiness, righteousness, and power.

We say that He is “omnipotent,” which means all-powerful. He is “omnipresent” – meaning He is present everywhere. And He is “omniscient” since He is also all-knowing.

We can also describe God by contrasting Him with our weak, human limitations. For example, we are all mortals and subject to death, whereas God is immortal. He cannot die; He is the pure essence of being, of life, of love. We are fallible, prone to mistakes and prone to sin. But God is holy; He is never wrong; and He does not make mistakes. He knows us fully, and nothing we can do surprises Him. “But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – **Romans 5:8**

God is the total essence of real love, the selfless way of giving and doing good for others, that we as Christians strive for. He is also a righteous judge who is always fair and just. And as a just and holy judge, He will not tolerate sin.

God is a spirit, eternal and ever-living, with no beginning or ending. He is the great “I AM.” Nothing ever existed without Him creating it. The entire universe, every planet, every star, every living being; each one of you are all His great creation. And God encompasses/fills it all with His presence. Even beyond the bounds of the universe, He is there. He sustains and rules over it all.

We can see evidence of God’s existence through observing nature. But He is not nature, and He is not bound by any laws of nature. He is the source of all life and everything that exists. All creation is His doing.

Maybe one of the best descriptions of God is the name that He gave for Himself to the early Israelites – “YHWH” (“Yahweh”). It’s usually translated “Jehovah” or “LORD” in Bibles. Scholars believe this is the shortened version of the Hebrew verb “to be” and literally means “He who causes to be.”

You don’t have to just take my word on any of this. Paul commended the Bereans in **Acts 17:11** when “they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”