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WHERE THESE QUESTIONS COME FROM

Quite a few years ago a dear family friend, Bernd Flock, shared with me an extensive list of questions concerning the deity of Jesus and answers from Scripture.

I am presently in the midst of writing another book, 'WHAT'S FOR DINNER, GOD?', 100 QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK ABOUT GOD. In the process of researching answers to certain of these questions, I found myself repeatedly referencing Bernd's list. That in turn made me realize how reassuring so many of these, often much loved, verses are, and how much others would appreciate having such a treasure that you now hold in your hands.

Bernd's study used references from the King James Bible (KJV). In this book I have substituted references from the New International Version (NIV).

I was surprised how much time it has taken to compile, format, and add several Scripture passages of my own. So, I have to acknowledge how much of the 'heavy lifting' Bernd did in his original research some thirty years ago and the countless hours he invested.

We praise the One who provided the inspiration for this book.

David

WHERE THESE QUESTIONS COME FROM

“Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.”

From the Westminster Shorter Catechism

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“O GOD, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do. Now that I am old and grey, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me.”

Psalm 71:17-18 NLT

BEFORE WE BEGIN

As we explore some of the things God says about Himself, and the person of Jesus Christ, His character, and why He does the things He does, it is essential that we have a more complete understanding of who God is. We cannot constrain God simply to the limitations of human understanding. The following is a [partial] list of the attributes of God and of Jesus as we see them in the Bible. It is important to note that God is all these things all the time. Every question we ask needs to be answered with these attributes active in the background.

God Is:

- Active
- Advocate [defender]
- Alive
- Approachable
- Author
- Avenger
- Beautiful [Lovely]
- Builder
- Benevolent
- Bountiful [generous]
- Commanding
- Compassionate
- Complete [Simplicity]
- Comforter
- Defender
- Deliverer

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- Determined
- Discerning
- Emotional [Possibility]
- Encourager
- Eternal [Immortal]
- Faithful
- Friendly
- Gentle
- Good
- Glorious [unapproachable light]
- Gracious
- Healer
- Helper
- Holy [Pure]
- Humorous
- Humble
- Impartial
- Incomparable
- Incomprehensible
- Indestructible
- Infinite
- Innocent
- Intercessor
- Jealous
- Just [He judges all impartially]
- All Knowing [Omniscient]
- Life [The giver and sustainer of]
- Light [Radiant]
- Logical
- Longsuffering [Patient]

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- Love
- All Loving
- Merciful
- Miracle Worker
- A Mystery [Incredible]
- Near [available]
- Nurturer
- Omnipresent
- One
- Physician
- Praiseworthy
- Pursuing
- All Powerful [Omnipotent, invincible]
- Present [Immanence]
- Promise Maker [Prophetic]
- Promise Keeper
- Protector [Guardian]
- Provider [Providential]
- Observer [He sees us]
- [One who] Redeems
- [One who] Remembers
- Real
- Reconciler
- Refuge [Protector]
- Resurrection
- Righteous
- Romantic
- Sacrificial [the Lamb of God]
- Salvation [from no one else]
- Satisfying

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- Saviour [the One who saves]
- Servant
- Shepherd [He takes care of His flock]
- Sinless [Impeccability]
- Sovereign
- Spirit [Incorporeality]
- Teacher [Instructor]
- Transcendent
- Triune [Trinity]
- Truth [Veracity and honesty]
- Uncaused [Aseity]
- Unchanging [Immutability]
- Unmoving [Our Rock]
- Victorious [Triumphant]
- Water [of life]
- Warrior
- Wise
- Worthy [of worship]
- Wounded
- Wrathful

THE NAMES OF GOD

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It is appropriate and helpful that as we read Scripture, especially in the Old Testament [Hebrew Bible], that we can look at the many names of God. To explore this more deeply you can reference the NAMES OF GOD BIBLE, published by Baker Publishing Group, and it is available for online reading at Biblegateway.com

HEBREW OR GREEK NAME	BASIC MEANING	FIRST SCRIPTURAL USE
<i>Elohim</i>	Mighty Ones	Genesis 1:1
<i>El</i>	Strong, Mighty, Mighty One	Genesis 14:18
<i>El Shaddai</i>	Almighty God, Most Powerful	Genesis 17:1
<i>El Elyon</i>	The Most High God	Genesis 14:18
<i>El Olam</i>	The Everlasting, Eternal God	Genesis 21:33
<i>El Mosha'ah</i>	God of Salvation, God the Deliverer	Psalms 68:20
<i>Adonai</i>	Master, Superior, the Highest Authority	Exodus 23:17
"I AM"	The God who has existed for eternity and has no beginning or creator	Exodus 3:14

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<i>YHWH</i>	The Eternal, the Self-Existing God	Genesis 2:4
<i>YHWH El Kanna</i>	Consuming fire, the jealous God	Exodus 34:14
<i>YHWH Rapha</i>	The Eternal Who Heals	Exodus 15:26
<i>YHWH Jirah</i>	The Eternal Will Provide	Genesis 22:14
<i>YHWH Mekoddishkem</i>	The Lord who Sanctifies You	Exodus 31:13
<i>YHWH Nissi</i>	The Eternal Is My Banner	Exodus 17:15
<i>YHWH Qanna</i>	The Eternal Is Jealous	Exodus 20:5
<i>YHWH Raah</i>	The Lord My Sheppard	Psalms 23:1
<i>YHWH Rapha</i>	The Lord who heals	Exodus 15:26
<i>YHWH Shammah</i>	The Lord is There	Ezekiel 48:35
<i>Elohim Shophet</i>	God of justice.	Psalms 50:6
<i>YHWH Sabaoth</i>	The Lord of Hosts	1 Samuel 1:3
<i>YHWH Tsidkenu</i>	The Eternal Our Righteousness	Jeremiah 23:6
<i>YHWH Tsaba'</i>	The Eternal of Hosts/ Armies	1 Samuel 1:3
<i>YHWH Shalom</i>	The Eternal of Peace	Judges 6:24

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NAMES OF GOD

<i>Theos</i>	God, One who is divine (Greek equivalent to <i>Elohim</i>)	Matthew 1:23
<i>Kyrios</i>	Master, supreme in authority (Greek equivalent to <i>Adonai</i>)	Matthew 1:20
<i>Despotes</i>	Master, Lord	Luke 2:29
<i>Iesous</i>	“Jesus” Greek version of Yehshua (or Joshua), meaning “The Eternal is salvation”	Matthew 1:1

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INTRODUCTION - IS JESUS GOD?

This devotional book may help you answer the age-old question: Is Jesus God? Here, we rely entirely on Scripture for the answers, both from the Old and New Testaments.

Hindus believe Jesus is just one of thousands of gods, Jehovah Witnesses believe that Jesus was a god, Muslims believe that Jesus was a great prophet. While there is no clear consensus on what Jews believe about Jesus there is general agreement about what they do not believe, especially about Jesus as Messiah¹. Yet the Bible, read comprehensively, teaches that Jesus was fully God *and* Messiah – even in his humanity.

Many people say: “He is God himself” but can we really say that? How can he be God when there are so many verses that show that he is under the Father or separate from the Father? Does the Bible teach about a triune God? Is it at all important that Jesus is God? Many ask why God didn’t make it clear in His word. Pascal², a Catholic theologian, reasoned:

“Because He wanted to appear unveiled to those who seek him with all their heart, and because he wanted to stay veiled to those who flee from him with all their heart, he set his recognisability in such a way, that he gave signs of Himself, visible to those who seek him but invisible to those who do not seek him. There is enough light for those who want

¹ aish.com/why-jews-dont-believe-in-jesus/ (Christians generally disagree with the contextual interpretations presented on this website.)

² en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blaise_Pascal

nothing else but to see, and there is enough darkness for the others who don't want to see."

If Jesus is God, then we have to give him the worship that God should have; to neglect in giving him this would be an insult to God. If Jesus Christ isn't God, then our worship would be blasphemy and idolatry, even if he was a higher being. If Jesus isn't God, then many are sinning because they "worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever" Romans 1:25.

We let God's Word speak (all scripture references that follow are from the New International Version). More than forty different traits, attributes, and actions of God, that are fulfilled in the Person of Jesus Christ, are reviewed in this book.

It is important to read and comprehend Scripture *in context*. Therefore, you are encouraged to keep your Bible at hand and look up the referenced passages so that you can understand them as the writers intended. The last thing we want is to be accused of using Scripture out of context simply to make a point.

This book specifically focuses on the divinity of Jesus, the One who is God incarnate. For additional study, there are lists³ to be found of the 351 Bible prophecies fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

³ newtestamentchristians.com/bible-study-resources/351-old-testament-prophecies-fulfilled-in-jesus-christ/

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DO YOU HONOUR THE SON LIKE THE FATHER?

[Jesus said] “Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honour the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.”

John 5:22-23