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In the very first verse of the Bible, we are told, “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth*” (Genesis 1:1).

Who is this God? How is he described in Scripture and more importantly, what does He want from us? Let us take a fresh look at the testimonies of the ancient prophets and apostles and consider them. For they (the *Scriptures*) claim to possess direct revelations from God.

How does the prophet Isaiah describe God?

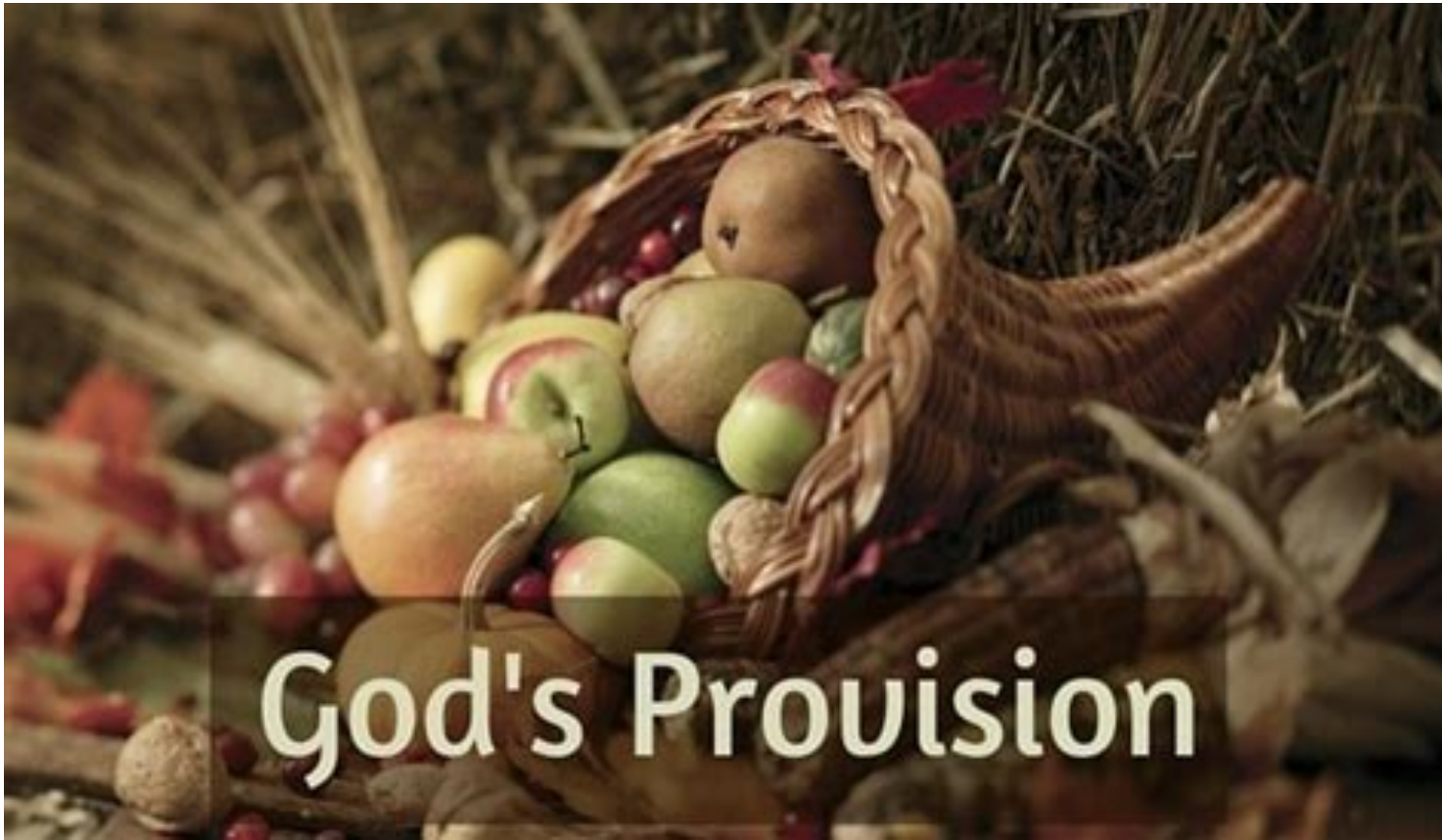
“Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the *everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator* of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding” (Isaiah 40:28).

How did God describe himself to Moses?

“And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in *goodness* and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, *forgiving* iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty...” (Exodus 34:6-7).

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For what purpose was this world created?

“For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be *inhabited*: I am the LORD; and there is *none* else” (Isaiah 45:18).

How has God demonstrated his care for his creation?

“He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth *food* out of the earth; And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth *man's* heart” (Psalm 104:14-15).

How does the apostle John describe the character of God?

“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that *God* is light, and in him is no *darkness* at all” (1 John 1:5).

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Does God really expect our worship and allegiance, if so, why?

“Thou shalt have no other gods *before* me. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD *thy* God am a jealous God” (Exodus 20:3, 5).

“Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; *worship* the LORD in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 29:2).

“Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made *us*, and not we ourselves; we are his *people*, and the sheep of his pasture” (Psalm 100:3).

What is God’s nature, what is he like?

“God is a *spirit*: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in *truth*” (John 4:24).

“And God said unto Moses, *I AM* THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, *I AM* hath sent me unto you” (Exodus 3:14).

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“Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is *holy*.” (Psalm 99:5).

How has God revealed Himself to mankind?

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our *God* is *one* LORD” (Deuteronomy 6:4).

“But now, O LORD, thou art our *father*; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy *hand*” (Isaiah 64:8).

“Have we not all one *father*? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his *brother*...” (Malachi 2:10).

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our *Father* which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name” (Mathew 6:9).

Is God known by any other personages?

“I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my *Son*; this day have I begotten thee” (Psalm 2:7).

“Kiss the *Son*, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in *him*” (Psalm 2:12).

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“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his *son's* name, if thou canst tell?” (Proverbs 30:4).

“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the *Son of man* came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given *him* dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed” (Daniel 7:13-14).

What of the Holy Spirit, is He God?

“Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy *spirit* from me” (Psalm 51:11).

“Then the Spirit *said* unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot” (Acts 8:29).

“But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to *lie* to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?” (Acts 5:3).

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“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, *he* shall *testify* of me” (John 15:26).

“And *grieve* not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption” (Ephesians 4:30).

How else is God’s divine nature described in the Bible?

“Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the *Godhead* is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device” (Acts 17:29).

NOTE: The Hebrew word translated “God” is the word El or Elohim. Elohim is the plural form of El. There are several verses that refer to God in the plural form; such as the word “Us” - See Genesis 1:1, 26, 3:22, 11:7, & Isaiah 6:8. The plurality of God is also seen in Isaiah 42:1, Isaiah 48:16, and Isaiah 61:1. The Godhead (*deity/divine nature*) is defined as one God, not three, and this one God is understood to exist in three persons: *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*.