

# WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

## Lesson 1 - Part 5

### GOD THE FATHER

#### God is a person

1. What are four things we learned that tell what God is like?

- God is
- He does not have
- He cannot be
- He is

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2. The four things that tell what God is like are:

God is spirit,  
He does not have an earthly body,  
He cannot be seen by people now, and  
He is alive.

In this lesson we want to learn one more thing about God. God is a person.

- He thinks.
- He has feelings.
- He has a will.

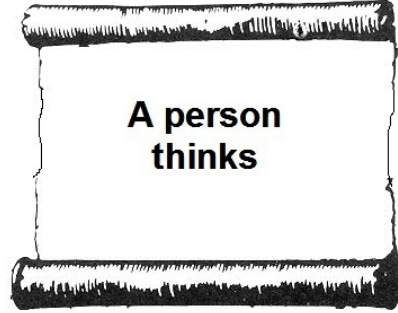
To understand this, let us first think about ourselves. You are a person and I am a person. We each have an earthly body, a soul, and a spirit. In this life the body, soul, and spirit are united in one person. When someone dies, the body is buried and rots. The spirit and soul remain together and live forever. The spirit and soul still have a personality.

Does every person have a personality?

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3. Every person has a personality. This personality does not stop when the body dies. As a person, everyone thinks, has feelings, and has a will.

A person thinks and makes plans. Have you ever tried to think of nothing? When you try hard not to think, you think about "thinking nothing."



Every one who is conscious thinks every minute he is awake. He has knowledge. This shows that he has a personality. It shows he is a person.

What is one thing we learned about personality? Someone with personality:

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- He has feelings.
- He has a will.

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4. Someone with personality thinks, has feelings, and has a will. All people have feelings. Sometimes people say of a hard and rough person, "He has no feelings." It says he does not care about anyone else but himself.

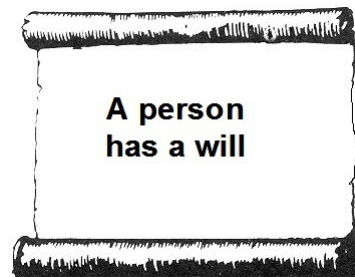


We find it hard to love such people. It is much easier to love people who have good feelings. When people love, are happy, and care for others, they show good feelings. When people are angry and hate, they show bad feelings.

A man shows he has personality when he thinks. What is another thing he has that shows his personality?

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5. Another thing he has is feelings. Someone who has a personality also has a will. He says, "I will do this," or "I will not do this." He can choose what he wants to do.



Someone with a personality:

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6. Someone with a personality thinks, has feelings, and has a will. God has a personality. He thinks, has feelings, and has a will. God thinks, plans, and knows.



Isaiah 55:8-9

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts”.*

Psalms 92:5

*How great are your works, O LORD, how profound (deep, wise) your thoughts!*

Who has deep and wise thoughts?

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7. God has profound (deep and wise) thoughts. His plans are wise and His plans work.

Jeremiah 29:11

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Who has good plans?

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8. God has good plans. His plans are good and they are plans of hope.

What shows us that God has a personality?

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9. God has thoughts. God thinks, and has plans.

God also has feelings. He has feelings of love and care.

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*



Psalm 103:11

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.*

How great is God's love?

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10. God's love is as high as the heavens. It is so great that we can never measure it.

God also can be grieved (hurt) or made sad.

Genesis 6:6

*The LORD was grieved (hurt) that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.*

Only someone with feelings can be grieved.

What is the second thing which shows us that God has a personality?

- He thinks
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- He has a will

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11. God has a personality. He thinks, has feelings, and He has a will. God also has feelings of anger.

Deuteronomy 9:20

*And the LORD was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him, but at that*

*time I prayed for Aaron too.*

God's anger is not like our anger. God is angry at that which is sin. Aaron sinned and made a golden calf for the people to worship. God's feelings are perfect and right.

How do we know God has a personality?

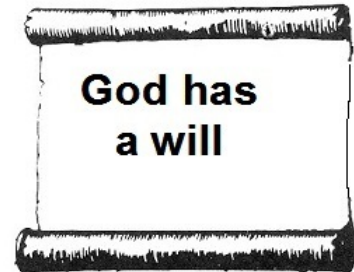
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12. We know God has a personality because He thinks, has feelings, and has a will. God can choose what He does or does not do. He can choose to do as He pleases.

Job 23:13

*But he (God) stands alone, who can oppose him? He does whatever he pleases.*



Who can tell God what He should do?

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13. No one can tell God what He should do. He can do what pleases him. Because God has no sin, He will never choose to do what is wrong.

Psalms 115:3

*Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.*

What does God do?

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14. God does what pleases him. He chooses to do what pleases him. He can send the rain where and when He wants to send it. He can send rain to those who love him and to those who do not love him.

Leviticus 26:4

*I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and*

*the trees of the field their fruit.*

Matthew 5:45

*He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*

Who can choose to do what He wants to do?

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15. God chooses to do what pleases him. God chooses to make people the way He makes them. Most people are born healthy, but some are born crippled, deaf, or blind. God has a reason for this.

John 9:2,3

*His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed (shown) in his life."*

Why was this man born blind?

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16. This man was born blind so that God's work would be shown in his life. God makes each person to give to Himself honor and glory.

Romans 9:20,21

*But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?' Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?"*

Who chooses to make people the way they are made?

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17. Talk about this in a discussion with others.

God chooses to make people the way they are made. He has the right to choose to do what pleases him. But he never makes any wrong choices because there is no sin in him.

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18. What shows us that God is a person? God has a personality:

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### Questions from Lesson 1

1. To say God exists, is to say He is

What is God like?

- a) He is
- b) He is unchangeable in
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2. Write four reasons how we know there is a God.

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3. Write down the names for God. Some Hebrew names and some

English names are given.

- El - god.

- El Elyon -
- - Eternal God
- El Shaddai -
- Elohim -
- - my Lord
- Jehovah (Yahweh) -

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