



“The Personality of God” *(From God Series)*

Recapitulation: From the Existence of God

*Creation all around testifies of God’s reality. The grandeur of heaven alone has spoken to every tongue, every culture, and every society throughout history. **Psalms 19:1-3 - The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.***

Today’s Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 NLT

*9] for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and **how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God.** [10] And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God’s Son from heaven-Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. **He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.***

Introduction

Definition: personality is the characteristics and qualities that make a person noticeable or stand out.

Recounting verse 3, Paul says:

- You **turned to God from idols**, which is the **work** of **faith**
- You **serve the living God**, which is the **labor** of **love**
- You **wait for His Son from heaven**, which is the **patience** of **hope**

The idea of waiting does not infer apathy. In the Greek language, the word is used to describe what a mother does when she is anticipating the birth of her baby. She readies the nursery and eagerly prepares for his arrival.

So, too, we should say, “Jesus is coming. I must make sure my family and friends are ready.”

John 17:3 - *And this is eternal life, that they know yoX*

Jeremiah 10:10 - *But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.*

The Bible reveals God as personality. He is called **“the living and true God”**

- One possessing self-consciousness and self-determination.

His personality is shown in what He does, such as:

1. **God loves:** *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.*
2. **God hates:** Proverbs 6:16 - There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.
3. **God cares:** *1 Pet 5:7 - Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*
4. **God grieves:** *Gen. 6:6 - The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.*

Only a personality can love, hate, care and grieve; therefore, God must be a living, eternal, personal being.