

# GOD IS A PERSONAL BEING Text: Hebrews 1:1-3

Introduction:

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1. It has been said: ‘Truth is Stranger than Fiction’

—But it’s also more Powerful, Wonderful and Beautiful!

- a. Which is why there is a stark difference between the truth of Christianity... and the faiths and religions of the world...
- b. Search the faiths and religions of the world you cannot find 2 things...
- c. **FIRST: No Grace... SECOND: There is no way to Know God Personally**

2. Is it Possible to Know God Personally? Not only is it possible...

*The World Was Changed Forever Because of a Personal Relationship with God  
And Your World will change forever by a Personal Relationship with God!*

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## I. GOD IS A PERSONAL BEING

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### A. GOD HAS PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

1. When we think of some of God’s attributes: God is Spirit... God is light... we might think that God is impersonal and unknowable.

a) How can a person know a spirit or a light?

2. But God is not an Impersonal Unknowable Life Force, or Energy Field...

**God is a Personal Being! (Hebrews 1:3)**

3. Which Explains Why God Has Personal Attributes...

a) He Thinks, He Feels, and He Acts, and Interacts...

b) He Has Personal Identity, Will, and Emotions

c) Scripture always refers to God as HIM — Not as IT.

### B. GOD HAS A PERSONAL NAME

1. God Has Personal Identity... and a Personal Name... (Exodus 3:14-15)

a) Notice What God said: “This *is* My name” (v.15)

b) God wanted us to know His Personal Name!

2. God Has a Personal Name YHWH (Transliterated: Jehovah) (Exodus 6:2–3)

### C. GOD HAS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

1. Notice the Relational term Jesus uses in Prayer... (Matthew 11:25)

a) Jesus addresses God within a Relationship...

b) This is How Jesus teaches us to address God—with a Relational Term: FATHER

2. God Shares Personal Relationships—FIRST WITHIN HIMSELF...

a) He shares Mutual Relationship within the Trinity

b) Just as our Primary Relationship is First with Ourselves

c) No matter where you go, you’re with yourself! —So It helps to get along w/ yourself!

### 3. God Shares Personal Relationships—ALSO OUTSIDE HIMSELF...

#### God Created Personal Beings...

- a) **FIRST ANGELS:** who also have names, Gabriel and Michael  
A Myriad of Angels in Relationship Around the Throne of God
- b) **SECOND HUMANS:** God Created Us as Personal Beings  
who relate to one another and to God personally! ([Isaiah 57:15](#))

## D. GOD CREATED PERSONAL BEINGS

### 1. Genesis 1:26 Let Us Make Man in Our Image...

- a) This statement Can Mean many Things but one thing we know...  
is that God created Personal Beings Who Have Personal Identity.

### 2. Have you ever wondered why your relationships brought the most joy or created the most pain?

- a) Because Relationship is a Core Human Need Within Us
- b) This is why the 75 yr Harvard Grant Study showed loving relationships as the source of happiness—not status, not money, not fame, not material things.
- c) Which is why Relationships create the greatest joys but also the deepest sorrows
- d) God Created us for Relationship—the Most Important Relationship—with Him!

### 3. God Created Personal Beings for Personal Relationships...

- a) At Times God Even Identified Himself through His Personal Relationships!
- b) declaring, *'I Am the God of Abraham, of Issac and of Jacob...'*

### 4. Think About This for a Moment...

- a) God Walked with Adam and Eve in the cool one the evening
- b) God spoke to Noah and Walked with Enoch
- c) He Made a Promise to Abraham
- d) He Introduced Himself to Moses
- e) He was with David and Spoke to Solomon in a dream!

Over & Over we see God Sharing & Restoring Personal Relationships! ([Jer 29:11-13](#))

## E. GOD HAS PERSONAL EMOTIONS

### 1. God Grieves within Himself... ([Genesis 6:5–6](#))

### 2. God feels Jealousy and Righteous anger ([Exodus 20:5–6](#))

- a) Relational Beings Both Give and Receive Love—and choose not to love
- b) True Pure Jealousy is Only Experienced by One Who Loves—  
—without Love there is no jealousy
- c) God Loves Us and feels jealous for us ([James 4:4–5](#))

### 3. God Loves Us with Compassion as our Father ([Ps. 103:13, 17-18 ESV](#))

### 4. He Comforts and Helps ([2 Corinthians 1:3](#))

## F. GOD REVEALED HIMSELF PERSONALLY

### 1. As Personally as the Creator of All Things Could—

The Creator of Time and Space Entered Time and Space as a Child!

- a) He humbled Himself in the form of a Vulnerable Child!
  - b) Born in a Manger because there was no room in the Inn!
  - c) To a Poor Couple in an Obscure Village in the outer rim of an Empire!
- 2. The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us** (John 1:14)
- a) Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. (Col 1:15)
  - b) the brightness of *His* glory and express image of His person (Hebrews 1:3)
- 3. And What Did We See?**
- a) A Wise Man—But More than a Wise Man
  - b) A Righteous Man—But More than a Righteous Man
  - c) He Healed the Sick and Gave Sight to the Blind
  - d) He Cast Out Demons and Even Raised the Dead!
- 4. But He Was Hated by the Chief Priests and Rulers—WHO WAS HE?**
- a) When they Brought Him to Pilate—Pilate finally said
  - b) WHO ARE YOU? —WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
- 5. Jesus Soared Above All Human Comprehension—and They Feared Him**

“Unique among criminal trials is this one in which not the actions but the identity of the accused is the issue.” (Irwin Linton)

**Jesus is not only the most famous person to ever live—but also the most controversial Because of WHO Jesus is—God the Son who came to earth Fully God and Fully Human**

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## II. THE PERSONAL APPLICATION FOR US

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### A. THE WORLD CHANGED AND WILL NEVER BE THE SAME BECAUSE OF A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- 1. Abraham was from a city devoted to the worship of the moon god**
- a) Abraham’s father was an idol worshipper—practically everyone was!
  - b) But Abraham questioned the Popular Paradigm...  
He had not sold his God given soul to human dogma!
- 2. God PERSONALLY reached out to Abraham!**
- a) There was no Jew or Gentile Yet... The OT Law was Not Given Yet...
  - b) There was just a man who became a friend of God—  
and it changed the world!
  - c) God Explained the gospel to Abraham! (**Galatians 3:8**)
  - d) Abraham Believed God and it was accounted to him as righteousness!

### B. THE WORLD CHANGED AND WILL NEVER BE THE SAME BECAUSE OF THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF GOD

- 1. Jesus Personally Came to Earth in Human Form**
- a) Jesus Personally Shared and Lived the Truth to the World
  - b) Jesus said, (**John 8:56–58**) Abraham rejoiced to see the day Jesus would leave heaven and come to earth in the human form!
  - c) Abraham rejoiced to see the gospel plan unfold

**2. When Jesus was on Mt Transfiguration—A bright cloud of glory enveloped them and Moses and Elijah Appeared Talking w/ Jesus!**

a) What were they talking about? The Gospel Plan!

The Cross Jesus would face in Jerusalem

b) Do You See How Personal God is?

He is Being Encouraged by Two Men Who Had Died 1,000 Yrs Before!

**3. Jesus Personally went to the Cross to Take Away the Sin Blocking this Relationship Between Us and God**

a) and Even on the Cross Jesus Personally reconciled relationships

b) **(Luke 23:40–43) Today You Will be with Me in Paradise!**

**C. YOUR WORLD WILL CHANGE AND NEVER BE THE SAME BECAUSE OF A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

**1. YOU ARE NOT AN ACCIDENT...**

a) The People Who Told Us That Lie—Wanted to believe that Lie Themselves

b) And They Claim to Have all the Answers

c) Only God HAS All the Answers!

**2. GOD IS A PERSONAL BEING WHO CREATED YOU FOR A PURPOSE...**

a) FOR A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

b) YOU WERE BORN TO BE WITH GOD!

**3. Jesus describes this personal relationship (John 14:23; 17:20–21)**

**4. Jesus Even describes Heaven in terms of relationship! (Matthew 8:11)**

**CONCLUSION:**

**1. Not Only Does God Know You—He Loves You—YOU PERSONALLY!**

**(1 John 3:1)**

**2. Truth is Stranger than Fiction—**

**and Far More Wonderful than we can even Imagine!**

**3. “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,**

**Nor have entered into the heart of man**

**The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”**

**(1 Corinthians 2:9)**