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The Attributes of God

Psalm 50:7-15

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13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, 15 and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

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7 *“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.”*

- *Deuteronomy 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*
- *John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

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7 *“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.”*

- *1 Corinthians 8:6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.*

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- *Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*
- *Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I am has sent me to you.’”*

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2. He is not dependent on our efforts.

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- *Acts 17:25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.*

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- *Isaiah 1:10-18 Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! 11 “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. 12 “When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? 13 Bring -*

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- *no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations— I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your -*

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- *hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. 18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

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3. He is not dependent on His creation.

10 For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

- *Acts 17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,*

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- *Isaiah 40:21-31 Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; 23 who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. -*

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- *24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. 25 To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.*

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A. Our God is independent in His existence.

- *John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.*

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4. He is not dependent on anything.

B. Our God is independent in His wisdom and counsel.

- *Romans 11:33-35 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” 35 “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”*

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4. He is not dependent on anything.

C. Our God is independent in the exercise of His will.

- *Daniel 4:35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”*

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D. Our God is independent in His use of power.

- *Psalm 115:3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.*

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5. We were created by Him and for Him to the praise of His glory.

- *James 4:6 ... “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”*

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A. As we humbly thank Him for all that He has done.

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,

- *Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

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B. As we humbly keep our commitments to Him.

and perform your vows to the Most High,

- *James 5:12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.*

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C. As we humbly trust Him in our trials.

15 and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,

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D. As we humbly glorify Him with our lives.
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- *Isaiah 42:8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.*
- *Revelation 4:11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

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- *Ephesians 1:11-12 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.*

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The background of the image is a night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. The galaxy's core is visible as a bright, yellowish-white band of light, with various colors of dust and gas in shades of blue, purple, and orange. The sky is dark, and the stars are scattered throughout. At the bottom of the image, there is a black silhouette of a mountain range.

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