

The Spirituality of God

1. God is immaterial

- God is without matter
- God is not bound to a physical body
- God is spirit

But what about these kind of Verses: (On the right, Isa 65:2, Gen 3:8, 1Ki 8:29, Neh 1:6 ...)

This is a figure of Speech called Anthropomorphic expression. That represents God to us in human-like features.

God is infinite, we are finite, for him to communicate to us, he needs to come down to our “pre-kindergarden” state and virtually “baby talk”. He talks in ways to us, that we may understand him.

- The eyes of the Lord see everything
- The ears of the Lord hear everything
- The hands of the Lord, God is actively intervening
- The arm of the Lord, God is mighty and powerful

Otherwise other attributes had to be restricted (Omnipresence) but there are not restrictions with God.

- God still has personality
 - God has not revealed himself as an “It” but as a person
 - God is a personal living being, in his immaterial substance
 - He is not an impersonal force, thing of object
- A rock has no emotions, no will nor a mind but a person does
- God possesses all the attributes of personhood
 - Mind
 - He is all wise
 - He Thinks
 - He Apprehends
 - He Compares
 - He Deduces
 - He Analyzes
 - He Concludes
 - He makes judgments
 - God is an infinite genius
 - Emotion
 - God is not emotionally disconnected
 - God feels, loves, hates, rejoices, takes pleasure, sets his affections
 - God is grieved, angered
 - Will
 - God chooses, purposes, determines, resolves, passes over, is determinative
- God is to be worshipped in a similar fashion, in spirit (Joh 4:24)
 - God cannot be seen, so it is the human spirit, not the eyes that are important to God

Scripture

(Joh 4:24 ESV) God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

(Isa 65:2 ESV) I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

(Gen 3:8 ESV) And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

(1Ki 8:29 ESV) that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place.

(Neh 1:6 ESV) let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned.

2. God is invisible

- Because God is without physical form he is invisible
 - But because he is invisible it does not mean he is not present
- God has manifested his presence in his Son the Lord Jesus Christ in the incarnation – the extraordinary uniqueness
- He has made himself known to us as manifestation of Light
 - Dazzling, blinding, radiant – Light
 - Moses had to hide himself
- No one has ever seen God
- This is why we live by faith

(1Ti 6:16 ESV) who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

(1Ti 1:17 ESV) To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture

(Joh 1:18 ESV) No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

(Joh 6:46 ESV) **not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father.**

(Col 1:15 ESV) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

3. God is infinite

- Without an end
- No limitations
- No restrictions
- Because God has no physical body, because he is a divine, spiritual being, he has no boundaries
- He has no limit to time and space
- He is above all
- He is infinite in his being
- There is no knowledge he has not in full
- There is no power he does not possess in full
- He is not limited by any other being, space or thing
- Because God is infinite he is incomprehensible, incomparable, inscrutable
- Job 5:9
 - Unsearchable: We cannot find it out
 - These things are above us
 - If we could find it out, he would not be God
- God is not just physically beyond us (heavens) but also intellectually
- God by his grace has revealed himself to us
 - But yet it is just the tip of a vast infinite mountain

God is immense – he cannot be contained
1 Kings 8:27

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Scripture

(Job 5:9 ESV) who does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number:

(Job 9:10 ESV) who does great things beyond searching out, and marvelous things beyond number.

(Job 11:7 ESV) "Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty?"

(Psa 145:3 ESV) Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

(Isa 40:28 ESV) Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.