

Study 2
GOD IS A GOOD FATHER

II. THE PERSON YOU'VE MET - A. THE FATHER - 1. HUMAN AND SUPERNATURAL

How would you describe God to yourself or someone else?

The Bible describes God the Father as the one who has both human and supernatural characteristics. His human characteristics show us the side of God that has characteristics we too can develop in our lives. His supernatural characteristics are those which make Him uniquely different from man and are characteristics that we as humans cannot possess. His human characteristics help us to understand that He understands us, while His supernatural characteristics make Him distinctly God.

HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD

1. Study the following passages and write down what you learn about the human characteristics or qualities of God.

Passage	Characteristic: How is God described?	How have you seen God express this characteristic to you in the past 2 weeks?
a. Psalm 103:8,9		
b. Psalm 25:8,9		
c. Isaiah 11:1,2		
d. Jeremiah 31:3		
e. Lamentations 3:22,23		
f. Psalm 116:1,2		

2. Pray now and thank the Lord for the human characteristics of God you have seen in the last two weeks.

3. Why not tell someone today what you've been learning about God? Describe God to someone; it will help you and them. Write down the name of the person with whom you talk and a few words describing your conversation.

SUPERNATURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD

1. Listen to God as He describes Himself to the Psalmist - to you. Study Psalm 139, Exodus 3:13-15, Psalm 90:2 and Malachi 3:6 and record the verses that speak of the following supernatural characteristics of God:

Characteristic	What does the text say about this supernatural characteristic of God?
a. omniscient (all-knowing)	
b. omnipresent (everywhere at once)	
c. omnipotent (all-powerful)	
d. eternal (no beginning or end)	
e. immutable (never changing)	

2. Check your memory. List in the following columns the

Supernatural characteristics of God (those not available to humans)	Human characteristics of God (those available to humans)
(1)	(1)
(2)	(2)
(3)	(3)
(4)	(4)
(5)	(5)

3. Sometimes the supernatural characteristic of God can make us uncomfortable when seen in isolation from God's human characteristics. For example, if there are parts of me I wish God didn't know, it's hard to accept the fact that He knows everything about me - including

those parts. However, when I realize that He does know everything about me (is omniscient), and still is forgiving and faithful to me, than I am freer to accept and appreciate His all-knowing nature.

How else would God's human characteristics, integrated with His supernatural characteristics, help you better understand and appreciate His nature? Write in a sentence why the integration of each of the following human and supernatural characteristics would be important to you.

a. Omnipresent + comforting and loving

b. Omnipotent + protecting

c. Immutable + loving, forgiving and faithful

d. (You make one up)

4. -Pray, asking God for one specific human and one specific supernatural characteristic of God that you need Him to express to you today. Write those two characteristics below. Watch for God to show them to you, and when He does, write a few words describing what happened.

I prayed for.....

What happened was.....
