

Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections give you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

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Reflection: Psalm 24:7-10; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 Timothy 6:11-16;
Revelation 17:14; Revelation 19:11-16

Life Response:

Matthew 25:34-40; Revelation 15:1-4



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The word, "angel" in the New Testament means
one who brings news"

1. Angels are spirit beings.
2. Angels are supernaturally powerful.
3. Angels are personal beings.
4. Angels are not gods.
5. Angels are not the spirits of people who have died!
6. Angels are sent to believers to assist in the struggle against evil.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware. - Heb. 13:2

Like angels, demons are spiritual beings.

They serve Satan's purposes, opposing the work and will of God in the world.

Demons are powerful beings who can and do impact our lives. How?

1. They inflict disease and physical suffering. See Matt 17:14-18

2. They cause mental torment.
3. They incite war, violence, and cruelty.
4. They are the power behind false religions.
5. They tempt and seduce believers to forsake God.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. - James 4:7-8

Can a believer be possessed?

When a person is filled with the Holy Spirit the ability of demons to influence his or her life is extremely limited.

If we choose to live disobediently in willful sin, we create gaps in our defense, becoming vulnerable to increasing levels of demonic influence.

Ephesians 4:27 “*do not give the devil a foothold.*”

Demons know when you know who you are in Christ.

Demons also know when you are full of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Questions for Reflection:

- 1) Take a moment and reflect on a time in your life when you experienced a spiritual conflict. How would you handle it differently now? Write down your thoughts.
- 2) As you reflect, what schemes does the enemy tend to use with you?
- 3) Are you in the midst of spiritual warfare right now? What might God be leading you to do about it?
- 4) What weapons from God’s arsenal have you used in the past, knowingly or unknowingly to defeat the enemy?
- 5) Is there someone you know in the midst of a spiritual battle that you could come alongside to strengthen and encourage? What do you believe God would have you do to support this person.

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“Pray often, for prayer is a shield for the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan.”
- John Bunyan