



# TRAINING TRACK

PART ONE:

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY



Westlake Church Lausanne  
Rooted in the Gospel & Radical Transformation

# Section Three

## God: what is He like?

### Memory Verse:

*18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.*

*20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

Romans 1:18-20 ESV

### Key Text:

Wayne Grudem, Christian Beliefs: 20 basics every Christian should know (IVP, 2005), Chapter 2.

### Read Grudem pp20-36.

#### 1. Our Authority?

Who or what should be our authority when we consider what God is like? Why?

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#### 2. God's exists

What can we learn of God's existence from the following verses?

Gen 1:1, 26-27; Rom 1:19-20, 25; Psalm 10:4

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#### 3. God can be known

Considering the following verses, how would you answer someone who asked you, 'Is it really possible to know God?'

Jeremiah 9:24; John 17:3; Psalm 139:6, 17-18; 145:3; 147:5

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**4. God is independent**

Grudem states: 'Though God is completely independent, he also chooses to give us value and significance.' Using the verses below, explain the truth behind the two clauses of Grudem's statement.

Acts 17:24-25; Psalm 90:2; Rom 11:36; Isaiah 43:7; Zeph 3:17

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**5. God is unchangeable**

In what ways can God rightly be said to be unchangeable?

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**6. God is eternal**

How does scripture teach us that God is eternal?

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**7. God is omnipresent**

How do we know from Scripture that God is present everywhere?

In what ways is He present differently in different places?

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**8. God is spirit**

With regard to His nature, how are we like and unlike God?

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**9. God is invisible**

Why must the statement 'God is invisible' be qualified?

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**10. God is omniscient, wise and truthful**

Why should the all-knowing wisdom of God be an encouragement to believers?

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**11. God is good**

Briefly discuss why God is the ultimate source of all goodness.

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**12. God is love**

In what ways has God shown his love, and how should this influence our lives?

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**13. God is holy, righteous and just**

How does God's holiness, righteousness and justice express itself? What impact should these characteristics have upon our own lives?

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**14. God is jealous**

Why is it right that God should be a jealous God?

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**15. God is a God of wrath**

What is God's wrath?

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**16. God's will and His freedom**

What is the relationship between God's will and evil events?

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**17. God is omnipotent**

How would you answer the question: 'can God do anything?'

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**18. God is perfect, blessed and beautiful**

Discuss why it is that Grudem can state, 'all our ultimate desires will only find their fulfillment in God.'

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**19. God's unity**

Why is it important to understand God's unity?

What are the dangers of emphasizing one of God's attributes over the others?

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Review the memory verse:

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