

## “Understanding God’s Nature”

*Genesis 1:1*

### Introduction

Have you ever spent time trying to figure out what makes someone tick? When attempting to learn the nature of a person, most of us use the world as our reference point. When we look to the world for an understanding of who we are, we are essentially looking at a funhouse mirror, where we see a distorted view of reality. In order to fully understand who we are, we must first gain a deeper understanding of who God is.

Many people try to ignore God because they want to be accountable only to themselves or their own god. This is impossible and frankly, irrational. Genesis 1:1 states that, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” As the creator, “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” Psalms 24:1

We only see in part because we are only a part. Just as someone looking out of a window can only see what is in their field of vision, humans are limited in what they can see and understand because they are seeing with *wordly* vision. In contrast, God is separate from time and space and can see the totality of His handiwork. He operates with total and complete *spiritual* vision.

Genesis 1:1 tells us that God existed before time and space; He is eternal. For God to be eternal, He must be self-sufficient and able to sustain Himself without any assistance. The bottom line is that God does not need us. God is God and we are not. He is worthy of praise and glory because of His nature.

### Getting Started

1. Why do you think more and more people challenge the existence of God? In what ways do you think the world encourages this thinking?

### Let's Get Personal

1. How does knowing that God exists outside of time and space affects your relationship with Him?

### Take the Next Step

1. What gift do you give our God, who has everything? Worship. How do you worship God daily?
2. Meditate this week on Isaiah chapter 40 and Psalm 139:6

### Renew Your Mind

<sup>33</sup> *Oh, the depth of the riches [a]both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!* <sup>34</sup> *For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?* <sup>35</sup> *Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM [b]THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?* <sup>36</sup> *For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory [c]forever. Amen.*

*Romans 11:33-36*