

# What is GOD like? Really!

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## Part 2: God is like a...



God is much “bigger” than we can ever imagine. Nevertheless, the Bible is full of word pictures that help us understand his amazing nature and how he wants us to understand what he is like. As we understand him better, he moves from feeling far away to someone who is very close and personal. He desires a close intimate relationship with all who believe in him.

### A. God is like a rock

"I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he." (Deut. 32:3-4 NIV)

He said: "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior-- from violent people you save me." (2 Sam. 22:1-3 NIV)

"Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal." (Isa. 26:4 NIV)

"They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ." (1 Cor. 10:2-4 NIV)

### B. God is like a hiding place

"You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance." (Ps. 32:7 NIV)

"You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word." (Ps. 119:114 ESV)

### C. God is like a shepherd

"The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort

me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Ps. 23:1-6 NIV)

"But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel," (Gen. 49:24 NIV)

"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice." (Jn. 10:3-4 NIV)

#### D. APPLICATION

Read and reflect on these other word pictures in the Bible about God:

- Deuteronomy 4:24 \_\_\_\_\_
- Deuteronomy 9:3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 48:3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 84:11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 John 4:16 \_\_\_\_\_