

TEXT: 2 Samuel 22:31

TITLE: "God is Perfect!" (Series: Attributes of God)

→ God's perfection is demonstrated in 5 realms!

Attributes of God. God is Holy, Eternal, Present Everywhere (Omnipresent), Faithful, Gracious, Immutable, Love, Sovereign, All-Powerful Omnipotent), All-Knowing (Omniscient), True, Wise, Righteous and PERFECT.

- QUOTE: "God is complete in Himself; He has total integrity as the divine being that He is. He lacks nothing, falls short in nothing and is all that God ought to be" (Rolland McCune, *Systematic Theology of Biblical Christianity*, v. 1, p. 216).
- QUOTE: "God is absolutely morally perfect—impeccable" (Norman L. Geisler, *Systematic Theology in One Volume*, p. 763).
- QUOTE: "God's perfection means that God completely possesses all excellent qualities and lacks no part of any qualities that would be desirable for him" (Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 260).
- QUOTE: "By perfection we mean, not mere quantitative completeness, but qualitative excellence" (A. H. Strong, *Systematic Theology*, p. 260).

→ Understanding two key words about perfection:

*** The OT Hebrew word TAMIYM תָּמִים**

- 1. complete, whole, entire,**
- 2. whole, sound healthful,**
- 3. complete, entire, of time**
- 4. sound, wholesome, unimpaired, innocent, having integrity" (BDB, p. 1071).**

**** The NT Greek word is TELEIOS τέλειος**

"properly, brought to its end, finished; lacking nothing necessary to completeness; perfect" (THAYER).

- "1. pert. to meeting the highest standard ... of persons who are fully up to standard in a certain respect and not satisfied with half-way measures *perfect, complete, expert* ..."
2. pert. to being mature, *full-grown, mature, adult ...*
4. pert. to being fully developed in a moral sense ... of humans *perfect, fully developed ...* of God *perfect ...*" (BDAG, pp. 995-6)

How is God Perfect? How does He demonstrate His Perfection?

1. In His P

Matthew 5:48

"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

2. In His W

2 Samuel 22:31

As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

Psalms 18:30

As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

3. In His K

Job 36:4

For truly my words *are* not false;
One **who is perfect in knowledge** *is* with you.

Job 37:16

Do you know how the clouds are balanced,
Those wondrous works of **Him who is perfect in knowledge?**

APPLICATION:

4. In His W

Psalm 19:7

The law of the LORD *is* **perfect**, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;

1 Corinthians 13:10

But when **that which is perfect** has come, then that which is in part
will be done away.

James 1:25 But he who looks into **the perfect law of liberty** and continues
in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work,
this one will be blessed in what he does.

5. In His W

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the
renewing of your mind,
that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable **and perfect**
will of God.

Colossians 4:12

Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you,
always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand
perfect and complete in all the will of God.