

## Sabbath School

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### WCF 2.1 (4): The Spirituality & Simplicity of God

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There is but one only[a] living and true God,[b] who is infinite in being and perfection,[c] **a most pure spirit,[d] invisible,[e] without body, parts,[f] or passions,[g]** immutable,[h] immense,[i] eternal,[k] incomprehensible,[l] almighty,[m] most wise,[n] most holy,[o] most free,[p] most absolute,[q] working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will,[r] for his own glory;[s] most loving,[t] gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin;[u] the rewarder of them that diligently seek him;[w] and withal most just and terrible in his judgments;[x] hating all sin,[y] and who will by no means clear the guilty.[z]

#### Prooftexts

[d]: **Jn 4.24** *God is a Spirit:* and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

[e]: **1Tim. 1.17** Now unto the King eternal, immortal, *invisible*, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

[f]: **Dt. 4.15-16 15** Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw *no manner of similitude* on the day that the LORD spake unto you in *Horeb* out of the midst of the fire: Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a *graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female*. **Jn 4.24** *God is a Spirit:* and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. **With Lk. 24.39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for *a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have*.

[g]: **Acts 14.11** And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, *The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men*. **Acts 14.15** And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? *We also are men of like passions* with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein.

#### Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 7. What is God?

A. **God is a Spirit**, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.