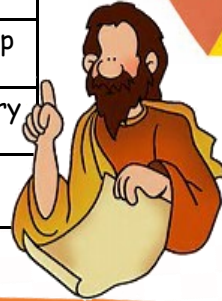


What does it mean if God is holy and loving?

In this unit, I will:

- ☐ use technical language (see below) to identify what Christians believe about the characteristics of God.
- ☐ Make connections between texts in the Bible and Christian ideas of God.
- ☐ know ways in which Christians put their beliefs into practice (like in worship or in church building design).
- ☐ apply what I have learnt, to understand what church architecture or worship show us about what Christians believe about God.
- ☐ know that Christians do not all agree about what God is like but that they try to follow His path (from Bible or Church teachings).
- ☐ weigh up how Biblical ideas about love, holiness or forgiveness relate to the issues and opportunities of my own life and the world today.



Most Christians believe that Proverbs, chapter 6, gives a definite picture of 'what kind of God' the writer believes in. Here, God does not hate any person, but the actions that hurt or harm the community. The book of Proverbs is classified as 'Wisdom' literature. As its name suggests, it is full of sayings to guide people in living well. It is full of practical comments. The description of what God hates is a clear and direct call to moral behaviour. The seven things God is said to hate are:



1. People who look on others with contempt - seeing them as worthless and less valued.
2. A lying tongue: people who don't stick to the truth.
3. Hands that kill those who aren't guilty: murderers.
4. Hearts that make evil plans: this example is about what we intend, not just what we do.
5. Feet that are quick to do evil: where choosing bad or nasty behaviour is easy.
6. Anyone who pours out lies: while the action is disliked here, the person is also in danger, because the lies are not occasional, but 'poured out'.
7. Anyone who stirs up conflict and trouble in the community.

OLD TESTAMENT											
History						Poetry					
Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy		1 Samuel	2 Samuel	1 Kings	2 Kings	1 Chronicles	2 Chronicles
Joshua	Judges	Ruth									
Laws of Moses											
Prophecy											
ISAIAH	JEREMIAH	LAMENTATIONS	EZEKIEL			DANIEL	HOSEA	JOEL	AMOS	OBADIAH	JONAH
Major Prophets						Minor Prophets					
Biography History						Paul's Letters					
MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN			ROMANS	1 CORINTHIANS	2 CORINTHIANS	GALATIANS	EPHESIANS	PHILIPPIANS
(The Gospels)						Other Letters					
Hebrews	James	1 Peter	2 Peter	1 John	2 John	3 John	Jude				
						Prophecy					
						REVELATION					

CHALLENGE

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Glossary

God created time and is not limited by it – God is outside of time. God does not get old.

God is awesome and amazing. God is morally pure and hates sin – God is separate from human beings, who are sinful.

God knows all things.

God wants the very best for human beings and does a lot to care for them.

God is everywhere at the same time.

God is not physical – God does not have a body.

God is all-powerful.

The Bible uses the word fear at least three hundred times about God! The subject becomes even more mysterious when we read 1 John 4:18 which says that, "Perfect love expels all fear."