

**“The LORD has
compassion”**

God the Father

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**As a father has compassion
on his children, so the
LORD has compassion on
those who fear him;**

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God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

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**Moralistic Therapeutic Deism
consists of beliefs like these:**

- 1. "A god exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth."**
- 2. "God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions."**

- 3. "The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself."**
- 4. "God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem."**
- 5. "Good people go to heaven when they die."**

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Providential Care

“Providence means that God provides for His own, giving us everything we need. In addition, it means that God is intimately involved in his creation and with his creatures. Human beings are the special focus of His concern, and the flow of human history is the account of God’s providence.”

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**God’s providence is seen in His
care and protection:**

Genesis 50:15

**When Joseph’s brothers saw that
their father was dead, they said,
“What if Joseph holds a grudge
against us and pays us back for all
the wrongs we did to him?”**

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Genesis 50:20

**You intended to harm me, but
God intended it for good to
accomplish what is now being
done, the saving of many lives.**

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**God’s providence is seen in His
provision:**

Matthew 6:25-34

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **27** Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? **28** “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **30** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith?

31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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God’s providence is seen in the moral structure of the universe:

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

20 and that you may love the **LORD** your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the **LORD** is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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Attributes of God the Father

“No language can adequately express the reality of God, but several key words describe the important attributes of God-truths about Him that are revealed in the Bible. These are the truths we must know and teach.”

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God is all-powerful

Omnipotent

Job 42:2

“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

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Matthew 19:25-26

25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”

26 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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Omniscient

Psalm 139:1-4

1 O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. **2** You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. **3** You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. **4** Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

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Isaiah 44:8

Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

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**“Although God is omniscient,
human beings are fully responsible
for our own decisions and will.
Any apparent contradictions on
these points results from human
confusion and the limits of our
understanding.”**

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“The foreknowledge of God is based upon His omniscience, or all knowledge. Since the Bible views God as present at all times and all places contemporaneously in His universe, He know all things simultaneously. Thus He foreknows all thing before they occur...”

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“The Bible does not try to harmonize God’s sovereignty and man’s free will with respect to His foreknowledge. It assumes both to be true. This is a mystery to our finite minds but not to the infinite mind of an omniscient God.”

Herschel Hobbs

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Omnipresent

Psalm 139:7-10

7 Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence? **8**
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are
there. **9** If I rise on the wings of the
dawn, if I settle on the far side of the
sea, **10** even there your hand will guide
me, your right hand will hold me fast.

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Jeremiah 23:23-24

23 “Am I only a God nearby,” declares the LORD, “and not a God far away? **24** Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD.

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Acts 17:24-25

24 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. **25** And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

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God is all-loving

1 John 4:8

**Whoever does not love does
not know God, because God is
love.**

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Psalm 33:5

**The LORD loves righteousness
and justice; the earth is full of
his unfailing love.**

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Romans 5:8

**But God demonstrates his own
love for us in this: While we
were still sinners, Christ died
for us.**

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John 3:16

**For God so loved the world that
he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have
eternal life.**

Applications

God is God and we're not

Final Thoughts

Exodus 34:6-7

6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,

7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”