

SUMMARY: The Father is the dominant member of the deity and has existed forever.

Objective: To determine the relationship between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

VERSES INDICATING THAT THE FATHER IS DOMINANT OVER THE SON:

1. Exodus 20:3: "You shall have no other gods before Me." The little "g" is not inspired, only assumed by the translator. The other gods could well apply to Jesus and / or the Holy Spirit.
2. Matt. 5:9 "Our Father, who art in Heaven" The Father/Son relationship of God and Jesus indicates a domination of one over the other.
3. Acts 4:29-30 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."
4. Matthew 24:36: Only the Father knew the time of His return.
5. John 5:30: Jesus could do nothing of own initiative.
6. John 10:25: Jesus' works are in the Father's name.
7. John 12:49: Jesus is commanded by the Father.
8. John 14:28: The Father is greater than I
9. 1 Corinthians 11:3 "But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ."
10. I Cor. 15:29: Jesus is subjected to God.
11. Phil 2:6-7: Jesus did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped.
12. Hebrew 1:5-6: Jesus was the only begotten Son.
13. Rev. 3:14: Jesus the beginning of the creation of God.
14. I Tim 2:5 "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,"

VERSES INDICATING THAT THE FATHER IS DOMINANT OVER THE HOLY SPIRIT:

1. John 14:26: "the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name".
2. Acts 10:38: The Father anointed the Son with the Holy Spirit.
3. I Thes. 4:8: The Father gives the Holy Spirit.

VERSES INDICATING THAT THE FATHER IS DOMINATED BY THE SON AND / OR THE HOLY SPIRIT:

None.

LIMITATIONS ASCRIBED TO JEHOVAH:

None other than generic statements like He cannot lie (Whatever he says is true).

DESCRIPTION OF GOD

Whereas God is extremely important to us, we know or understand little about Him. Some of His characteristics are indicated below:

1. God Is Immutable – He Never Changes, “I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.” Malachi 3:6
2. God is Omnipotent – He Is All Powerful, “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.” – Psalm 33:6
3. God Is Omnipresent - “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.” Psalm 139:7-10
4. God Is Wise - “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!” – Romans 11:33
5. God Is Faithful - "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands." – Deut. 7:9
6. God Is Good - “O, taste and see that the Lord is good” – Psalm 34:8
7. God Is Just - "The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He." – Duet 32:4
8. God Is Merciful - “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy." - Romans 9:15-16
9. God Is Gracious - "The LORD is gracious and merciful; Slow to anger and great in loving kindness." – Psalm 145:8
10. God Is Love - “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.” - 1 John 4:7-8

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11. God Is Holy - “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty” – Revelation 4:8
 12. God Is Glorious “His radiance is like the sunlight; He has rays flashing from His hand, and there is the hiding of His power.” - Habakkuk 3:4
 13. X God Is Omniscient – He Is All-Knowing is frequently attributed to Jehovah, such as “Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please” - Isaiah 46:9-10. See lesson 8.12 FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD for a discussion on why God is not Omniscient.