

WHO IS LIKE JEHOVAH OUR GOD?

Note to the speaker:

Build appreciation for Jehovah's unique qualities, and show how we should reflect these

THERE ARE MANY FALSE GODS (8 min.)

Mankind has worshiped many gods

Even today religions, such as Shinto and Hinduism, claim that there are millions of gods (*sh* 97, 191)

Although claiming that their multiple "saints" are not gods, many in Christendom venerate these "saints" in a manner tantamount to worship

There are more subtle forms of worship that involve selfish desires (Ro 1:24-27; Col 3:5)

The object of a person's cravings can easily divert his affection from the Creator, in effect becoming an idol

For example, a person can become a slave to his belly, that is, to fleshly desires, and make these his gods (Ro 16:18; Php 3:18, 19)

"The god of this system of things," Satan the Devil, misleads people into worshipping false gods (2Co 4:4)

JEHOVAH, THE INCOMPARABLE GOD, PROTECTS AND DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE (10 min.)

We are privileged to worship Jehovah, the only true God (1Co 8:5, 6)

There is no God like Jehovah (Ps 86:8)

The psalmist asked, "Who is like Jehovah our God?" (Ps 113:5)

Lifeless idol gods could never protect and deliver (Ps 115:4-8; *w*92 11/15 11)

Egypt's gods did not protect their worshipers (*w*93 7/15 3-5)

Jehovah has shown that he has the power to deliver his people

Jehovah protected the Israelites from extermination while they endured Egyptian bondage

Pharaoh was powerless to block Israel's deliverance (Ex 14:25-28)

By means of the plagues, Jehovah humiliated and executed judgment upon the false gods of Egypt (Ex 12:12; *it*-1 976)

King of Assyria found that Jehovah defended the residents of Jerusalem, delivering them from their foes (2Ki 19:32-35)

Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar had to acknowledge Jehovah's supremacy after the deliverance of the three Hebrews (Da 3:29)

As Protector of his people, Jehovah deserves praise

David praised Jehovah as Deliverer (Ps 35:10)

Our confidence in Jehovah as Protector and Deliverer will sustain us during the "great tribulation," so near at hand (Mt 24:21)

JEHOVAH'S UNIQUE QUALITIES ARE REFLECTED IN HIS PEOPLE (22 min.)

Jehovah's people strive to reflect his wonderful qualities (Eph 5:1)

Consider some examples

Holiness is a quality of Jehovah, not of false gods (1Sa 2:2)

It is the state of being holy, spiritually clean (*it*-1 1127-31)

By applying God's Word, we attain holy standing with Jehovah

Though we are imperfect, our yielding to guidance of holy spirit helps us attain holiness in a relative sense

Love is Jehovah's principal attribute (1Jo 4:8)

Jehovah displayed his love by making man in his image and likeness, with the capacity for love and for spirituality (Ge 1:26, 27)

Brotherly love identifies followers of God's Son (Joh 13:35)

Love moves us to help others when disaster strikes (*jv* 712)

Out of love, we tell "good news of salvation" (Read Psalm 96:2)

Power is an incomparable attribute of Jehovah

God's power and "dynamic energy" are evident in his creation (Isa 40:25, 26)

He helps his people to regain power (Isa 40:28-31)

We rely on God-given strength to carry out his service (2Co 4:7, 8)

Justice marks all of Jehovah's ways (De 32:4)

He is the Supreme Judge and Statute-Giver (Isa 33:22)

As God's servants, we must exercise justice (Mic 6:8)

In the new world, Christ and those in administrative capacities under him will always exercise justice (*it-2* 140-1)

Righteousness is a quality of Jehovah closely related to his justice (Ps 119:137; Acts 10:34, 35)

Hebrew and Greek terms carry thought of rectitude, uprightness

We seek Jehovah's righteousness by conforming to his standards (Mt 6:33; *it-2* 809-11)

Wisdom in the absolute sense is found in Jehovah (Ro 16:27; *it-2* 1189-95)

A superlative example of his wisdom is the means through which he resolves the rebellion in Eden, eventually wiping out its effects and restoring peace and harmony to his universal family (1Co 2:7)

Jehovah grants wisdom, but we must seek it in faith (Jas 1:5-8)

Christians strive to make wise decisions, not acting unreasonably, but "perceiving what the will of Jehovah is" (Eph 5:15-20; Col 4:5, 6)

For the foregoing reasons and many others, Jehovah is unique and deserves our exclusive devotion (Ex 20:4, 5)

DECLARE THE GLORY OF JEHOVAH, THE ONLY TRUE GOD (5 min.)

Jehovah is the Creator and is beyond compare

His Godship and eternal power are perceived in creation (Ro 1:20)

There is therefore no excuse for not serving him

Bible reveals Jehovah's personality to us, especially through accounts about his only-begotten Son (Joh 1:18)

Jehovah has raised up his Witnesses to declare his glory and make his name known (Isa 43:10, 11)

Our hearts impel us to praise Jehovah (Ex 15:11)

With millions of others, let us raise our voices in declaring that there is no God like the Sovereign Lord Jehovah!

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need be read or commented on)