

The text:

- **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)**

In the chapter 'Who is God'¹ we saw that when Moses asks God: What is your name, God answers him:

- **I AM WHO I AM.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: '**I AM** has sent me to you.' (Exodus 3:14)

So who is God?

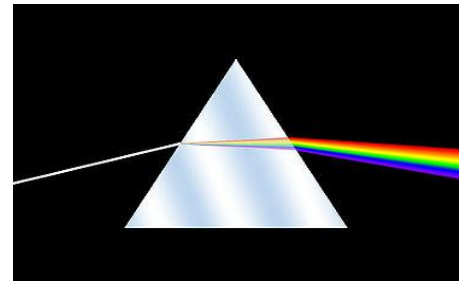
When God creates light as a natural phenomenon on the first day of creation, He lays down within this the deep significance of who He Himself is.

What has to be discovered is a reflection of His character.

Physics teaches us that white sunlight is made up of seven main colours, with a multitude of transitional colours in between.

These different colours become visible when a ray of light is shone through a prism.

The ray of light is broken twice by the prism, so that the different colours, which make up white light, become clearly visible.



White light is a composition of different colours. These different colours have to be brought together in the correct proportions in order to produce white light.

If one colour is present in an insufficient proportion, it is left aside, or, on the contrary, it is accented too strongly, and then coloured light is produced.

In the same way, God's character and who He really is will only be able to be understood if you see all the colours of His character in their correct proportions.

For:

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If one, or several of God's characteristics are given too much attention, or if one, or several characteristics are given to little attention, a coloured image of who God is emerges.

The Bible teaches a lot about God's multi-coloured character, including:

God is light.

- *This is the message we have heard from him (Jesus) and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. (1 Johannes 1:5)*

God is holy.

- *Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. (Isaiah 6:3)*

¹ Study: Who is God?

God is majestic in holiness.

- *Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you - majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? (Exodus 15:11)*

God is love.

- *God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. (1 John 4:16)*

God is peace.

- *So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD Is Peace. (Judges 6:24)*

God is faithful.

- *God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)*

God is righteous and faithful.

- *The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. (Psalm 145:17)*

God is a consuming fire.

- *For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. (Deuteronomy 4:24)*

If God were only holiness, or if only His holiness is emphasised, no one would dare to approach Him.

He is completely forbidding if He is only seen as a consuming fire.

Vice versa, if God were only love, the complete picture of who He is becomes unbalanced too.

To get to know God as He really is, ALL His characteristics have to be brought together, and seen in the correct perspective.

This is the only way of getting to know His complete Personality.

God is Light, that is His character.