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2. Yahweh is **unique** (none besides me).

**Deut 4:34-35, 39 NIV** Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by miraculous signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? You were shown these things so that you might know that the LORD is God; besides him there is no other... Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.

3. Jesus is **unmistakably** distinct from and one with the Father.

**Mat 11:27 NIV** "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

**John 1:1,14 NIV** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

4. The Holy Spirit is **unequivocally** God, yet distinct.

**John 14:26 NIV** But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

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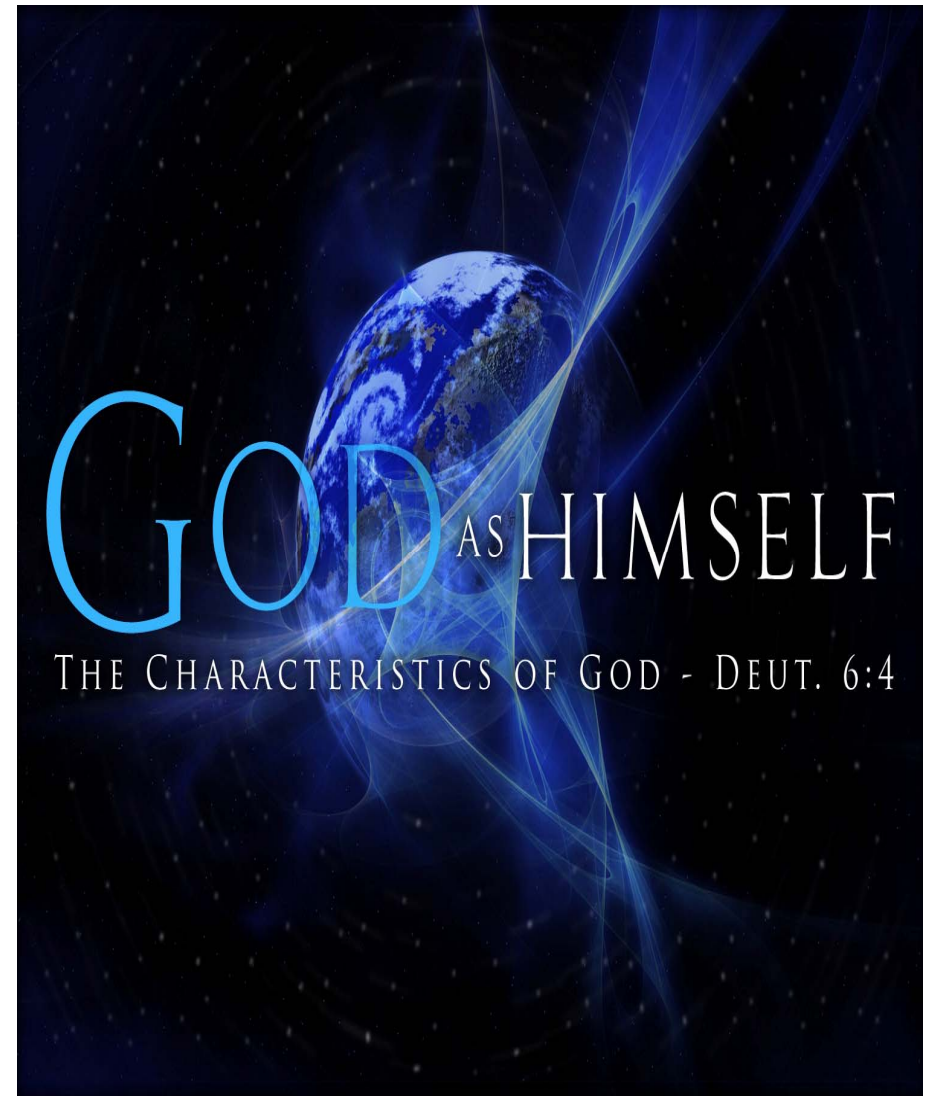
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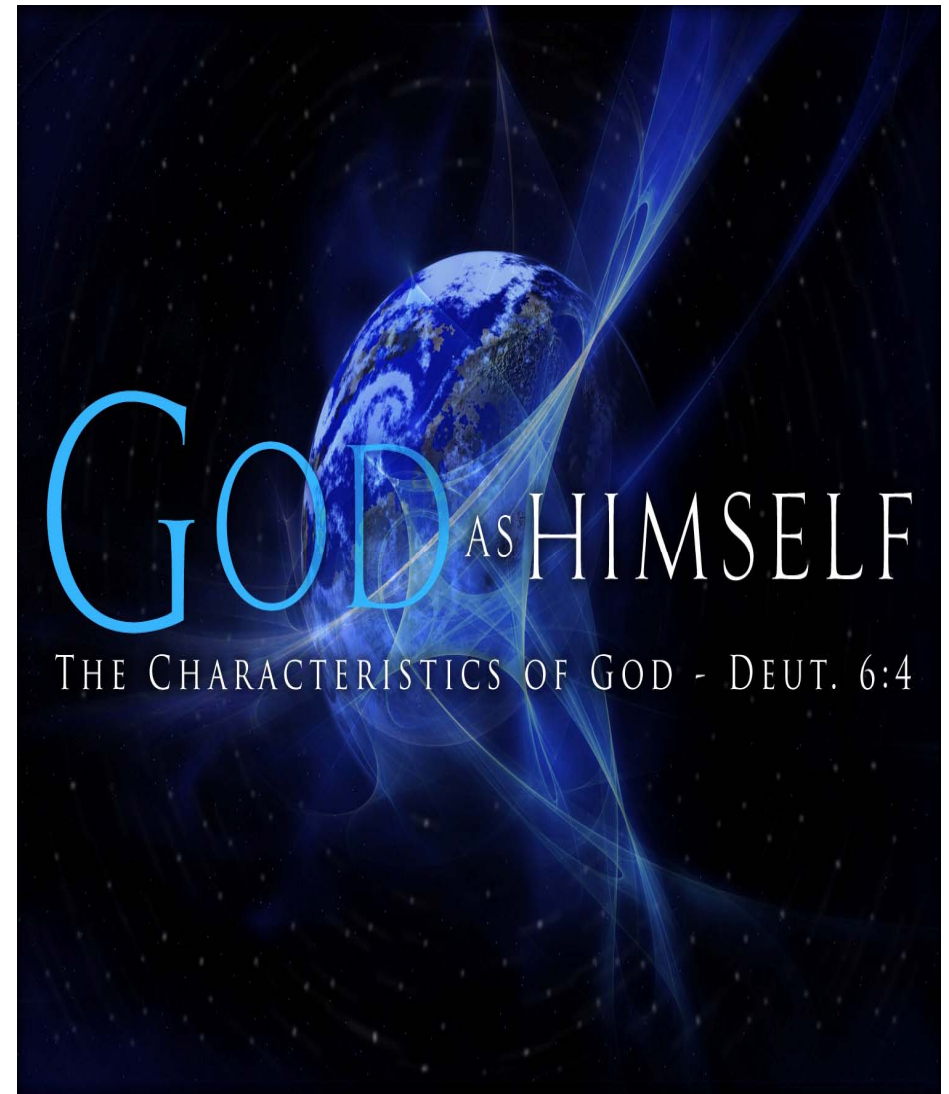
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Chuck Colson says it well, "Holiness is the everyday business of every Christian. It evidences itself in the decisions we make and the things we do, hour by hour, day by day." [Loving God p. 131]