

God: His Attributes and Character

Lesson # 2 Homework

Memorize: 1 Chronicles 29:11

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Thine is the dominion, O Lord, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as Head over all."

I. Introduction

The world today offers many religions, gods, and views of God. Many opinions exist about what God is like. God's Word, however, is the only place we can go to gain a clear view of who God is and what He is like. While we attempt to "prove" the existence of God, the Bible simply starts off stating, "In the beginning God" Genesis 1:1

"Plunge yourself in the Godhead's deepest sea; be lost in His immensity; and you shall come forth as from a couch of rest refreshed and invigorated. I know nothing which can so comfort the soul; so calm the swelling billows of sorrow and grief; so speak peace to the winds of trial, as a devout musing upon the subject of the Godhead."

C. H. Spurgeon on January 7, 1855

A. According to Psalm 89:7-8 what two things are true of God?

B. How many Gods are there (according to Isaiah 43:10)?

C. What will God not give to another (Isaiah 42:8)?

II. The Importance of Knowing God.

A. Jesus said knowing God was what (John 17:3) ?

B. What is the only thing we should boast about (Jeremiah 9:24)?

" A right conception of God is basic not only to systematic theology but to practical Christian living as well... I believe there is scarcely an error in doctrine or a failure in applying Christian ethics that cannot be traced finally to imperfect and ignoble thoughts about God."

A. W. Tozer

III. How can one know God?

A. What did Jesus say was the way to know God in John 14:8-9?

B. What does Paul say about Christ in Colossians 2:9?

C. The writer of Hebrews says that God has spoken unto us by His Son--Christ. How is God described in Hebrews 1:3?

IV. God's Attributes

A. An attribute is a quality or characteristic that is true about someone. Studying the attributes of God allows us to have a limited understanding of God's Person. Even though some of the concepts exceed the limits of our comprehension, our ideas concerning God need to be as true as possible.

Father, Son, Holy Spirit	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holiness• Righteousness and Justice• Sovereignty• Eternality• Immutability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Omniscience• Omnipresence• Omnipotence• Love• Truth• Mercy
<i>Note: These are just a few of God's attributes.</i>	

B. In the spaces below write out the attribute of God associated with the passage of Scripture. Then write out how that specifically applies to you.

1. Holiness.

God's attribute of holiness means that He is untouched and unstained by sin. He is absolutely pure and perfect.

a. Exodus 15:11

b. Psalm 99:9

Because God is holy, we are exhorted to be holy (1 Peter 1:16). We are to set apart from sin and unto the Lord. Our lives should shine like lights in a World dark with sin.

Personal Application:

2. Righteousness and Justice.

Righteousness and Justice are derived from the same word with a meaning of being "right" or "just". God's nature and acts harmonize together perfectly. Justice is the way which God legislates His righteousness. God never violates His nature.

There is no law above God, but there is a law in God: Righteousness.

- a. According to Psalm 119:137, God's righteousness is displayed in His upright

- b. According to Psalm 89:14, righteousness and justice are referred to as

How does your *standard* of what is right and just compare with God's *standard*?

Personal Application:

3. Sovereignty.

The word sovereignty means chief or highest; supreme in power; superior in position to all others.

- a. Isaiah 46:9-10

- b. Isaiah 45:23

This truth is very encouraging because it shows the Christian that NOTHING is out of God's control and that His plans CANNOT be thwarted.

Personal Application:



King of kings and Lord of lords!

4. Eternality

Since God is eternal there has never been a time when He did not exist. He had no beginning and will have no end.

a. Isaiah 44:6

b. Isaiah 43:13

Since God is eternal, he is not bound by time. Having always existed, He sees the past and the future as clearly as he sees the present. With that perspective, He has a perfect understanding of what is best for our lives.

Personal Application:

5. Immutability

God never changes in His nature or purpose.

a. Malachi 3:6

b. Hebrews 6:17-18

c. James 1:17

God has made many promises and can be trusted to keep His Word.

Personal Application:

6. Omniscience

God knows all things possible and actual. Nothing takes Him by surprise.

a. Job 34:21

b. Psalm 139:1-6

Since God is all knowing He knew all of our sins (past, present, and future) at the time of our salvation. Yet, He still forgave us and received us into His family forever. What does this imply about our security of salvation?

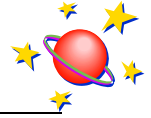
Personal Application:

7. Omnipresence

God is present everywhere.

a. Proverbs 15:3

b. Psalm 139:7-12



Since God is everywhere it is foolish to think we can hide from Him. It also means that a believer may experience the presence of God at all times and know the blessings of walking with Him.

8. Omnipotence

God is all-powerful, having more than enough strength to do anything.

a. Jeremiah 32:17

b. Revelation 19:6

- **We see God's power in creation (Genesis 1:1).**
- **His preservation of all things (Hebrews 1:3).**
- **His providential care for us (Psalm 37:23-24).**

Write out Isaiah 41:10

Personal Application:

9. Love

God is love. His love is unconditional; it is not based on the loveliness or merit of the object.

a. John 3:16

b. Romans 5:8

Love expresses itself in action. God is our example. He demonstrated His love for us in sending Jesus to die in our place (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Personal Application:

10. Truth

God is the only TRUE God.

a. Psalm 31:5

b. Psalm 117:2

God's truth is above all. He is truthful even if all men are found to be liars. Therefore, His words and His judgments always prevail (Romans 3:4).

In light of that, how should you view God's Word and the truth of the Scripture?

Personal Application:

11. Mercy

God's great mercy is the practical expression of His compassion to those who have opposed his will.

a. Psalm 145:8-9

b. Psalm 130:3-4

God's great mercy is contrasted with man's sin. His mercy is displayed in our salvation (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Personal Application:

IV. Application

In light of the attributes of God discussed in this lesson, answer the following questions:

A. How will your prayers be affected?

B. How would you respond to a major trial in your life such as:

1. The death of a close relative (spouse, child)?
2. An accident that leaves you physically disabled?

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