

The Attributes of God

The Uniqueness and Self-Existence of God

Selected Scriptures

1. Connection: Knowing About God and Knowing God
 - A. In order for Christians to know God, we must seek to know and understand what God has said about Himself. Anything less is vain speculation and idolatry (Ex 20:1-3).
 - B. It is essential for people to know God, for only in knowing God can the believer experience eternal life (John 17:3; 1 John 2:23).
2. Meditation: Having Thoughts and Affections Focussed on God
 - A. While all men know about God from His wondrous creation (Ps. 19:1ff), He has disclosed Himself to us in His Word.
 - B. Our thoughts about God must be rooted and anchored to His special revelation (Josh. 1:8; Ps. 77:12-13; 119:46-48, 77-80, 149; Phil 4:8).
3. Relation: The Fullness of our Understanding of God is in Jesus (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15, 19; Heb 1:3)
4. The Uniqueness of God

One of the unique things about God is that He is absolutely unique and there is nothing else 'like' Him. When we begin to think about God, we must keep this essential distinction clearly settled in our minds.

 - A. Who Is Like God (Gen. 1:1ff; Ps. 89:6-14; cf. Job 38:1-11; Ps.113:5; Isa. 40:15-18)
 - B. Man's Creation By God (Gen. 1:26)

Unlike all other creatures, man has been created in the image and likeness of God. And when God clothed Himself in flesh, He did so as a man.
 - C. Man's Descriptions of God (Ezek 1:13, 26-28)

When man is confronted with God, descriptions and analogies fail almost immediately. This is a limitation that we must keep in mind so that we do not distort our understanding of God when we try to comprehend Him.
5. The Self Existence of God (Ex. 3:14; cf. Gen 1:1; John 1:1)

He is the only self existent being. God is the only one who has always existed and always will.

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