

IV. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

LESSON FOUR

...ABOUT GOD

INTRODUCTION

As we approach the subject of What The Bible Says About God we would note that the Bible does not attempt to prove the existence of God; it simply declares it, "In the beginning God..." (Genesis 1:1).

John 1:18, "NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANYTIME; the only begotten Son.. He hath declared Him."

John 4:24, "GOD IS A SPIRIT"

Luke 24:39, "a spirit hath not flesh and bones"

Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"

Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Therefore, through faith worked in me by the Word of God, I believe that there is a God; that He is the God who is revealed in the Bible; that He is who the Bible says He is; and that He is my Father and my God, and my Lord.

Since it is impossible in the limited space we have to explore all the different facets of God, much less do an in-depth study of what the Bible says about God, the first purpose of this lesson is to see what the Bible says about God according to His ***inherent attributes***.

These inherent attributes establish the God of the Bible, as the only true God. They are, also, that which separates God from His created beings, man and angels, as these attributes can only be attributed to God.

We would, also note, that without these attributes our God, the God of the Bible, could not be the God of all creation.

Secondly, we want to see God according to His ***moral attributes***. These moral attributes of God speak of the nature of God and they are those attributes which He, then, communicates to His children through the process of the new birth in Jesus Christ.

Genesis 1:26, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

Ephesians 4:24, "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Thirdly, we want to see God, our God, according to His Godhead, since, here He is revealed personally to us as the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

INHERENT ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

From the following Scriptures determine these inherent attributes of God.

Genesis 21:33

John 5:26

Malachi 3:6

Jeremiah 32:17,27

Romans 11:33, John 21:17

Psalm 139:7-12

Conclusions: From the above Scriptures we would note that according to His inherent attributes, God is:

1. from ever-lasting to everlasting, that is to say, God always was and always will be;
2. the essence of life, Himself being life and giving life;
3. unchangeable, He always was and always will be the same;
4. omnipotent, He is all powerful/having all power;
5. omniscient, He knows all things; and
6. omnipresent, He is present everywhere at the same time.

These inherent attributes can only be said of God, and therefore set God apart from His creation.

THE MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

These moral **attributes** of God, being characteristics of God's nature, which He has communicated to His children, are what according to the following passages?

Isaiah 57:15

I John 4:8,16

Jonah 4:2

I Corinthians 1:9

Numbers 23:19

Titus 1:2

Conclusions: From the above Scriptures we would note that according to His moral attributes God is:

1. holy;

2. love;
3. gracious, merciful, slow to anger, kind, takes no pleasure in punishing/correcting; and
4. faithful.

These are the attributes which God communicates through the new birth in Jesus Christ to all who by faith receive Jesus Christ as their Savior.

THE ETERNAL GOD-HEAD

"The God-head" is a New Testament term found in Acts 17:29 and Col 2:9.

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. Acts 17:29.

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Colossians 2:9.

How is "The God-head" identified according to the following Scriptures?

Deuteronomy 6:4

Genesis 1:26, 27

Matthew 28:19

THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF THE PERSONS in the Godhead is revealed in what way in the following Scriptures?

Matthew 3:16,17

Genesis 1:1,2; John 1:3

I Corinthians 12:4-6

John 6:27

John 1:1,14,18

Act 5:3-4

Conclusions: The eternal God-head consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Father is a distinct person and is not the Son, nor is He the Holy Spirit. The Son is a distinct person and is not the Father, nor is He the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a distinct person and is not the Father, nor is He the Son **HOWEVER**, Christian truth requires us to confess with Jesus, Mark 12:29 "The Lord our God is **ONE LORD.**"

Thus, the coining of the term "Trinity" to describe the eternal Godhead, three yet one.

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

Is your view of God compatible with what the Word says concerning Him, as to His:

Inherent Attributes

Moral Attributes

Eternal God-head

These truths must be received by Faith, for the concept of the Trinity is not logical, reasonable, understandable, or explainable in terms of man's logic or reason.

"Now FAITH... is the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

"But without FAITH it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must BELIEVE that He is, and that He is a REWARDER of them that diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)