

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

THE DOCTRINE OF THE GREATNESS OF GOD — PART ONE

SYS Session 4 Homework — October 26, 2022

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WHAT WE TEACH

We teach that there is but one true and living God, an infinite, eternal, all-knowing Spirit, who is transcendent, unchanging and perfect in all His attributes. We believe that He is one eternally existing entity, manifested in three distinct Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each equally deserving of reverence, worship, and obedience. He exhibits an array of perfections or attributes which define the mode of His existence and constitutes His character. Certain attributes are unique to God alone (omniscience, omnipotence, eternity, self-existence, immutability, etc.), and are therefore described as incommunicable attributes. There are however communicable attributes which, to a limited degree, He bestows upon His creatures and which man can reflect (justice, grace, mercy, love, faithfulness, etc.).

THE BIG PICTURE

God's infinite perfections (or attributes) are described in Scripture so that we can better understand who He is.

OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SESSION

1. To be able to name and describe the perfections of God's greatness discovered in this session, namely God's spirituality, His personhood, His inherent life, and His immutability.
2. To increase our knowledge of God's nature to the end that our minds will be renewed and our wills more conformed to God's will.
3. To deepen our worship, respect, and love for our great God.

KEY VERSE TO MEMORIZE

*"Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.*

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all." (1 Chronicles 29:11, ESV)

God is Spirit

1. From the following verses, what do you learn about God as Spirit?

> Exodus 20:4

- > Isaiah 66:1 & Jer 23:24
- > John 4:24
- > Acts 17:24-25
- > Hebrews 4:13

2. How have you experienced and worshiped God in spirit?

God is Personal

3. From the following verses, what do you learn about God as personal?

- > Genesis 3:8-9
- > Exodus 3:1-9
- > Psalm 23
- > Daniel ~ 4:19-30
- > John 11:35
- > Acts 9:1-19
- > Hebrews 12:2-3
- > 1 John 4:16

4. How have you seen, known and experienced God in personal ways?

God is Living

5. From the following verses, what do you learn about the Living God?

- > Jeremiah 10:10a
- > Daniel 6:26
- > Matthew 16:13-17
- > Acts 14:15
- > 1 Timothy 4:10

6. Why does it matter that God is living and how does this affect your understanding of who He is?

God is Immutable

7. From the following verses, what do you learn about God being immutable/unchanging?

- > Psalm 33:11
- > Psalm 102:24-27
- > Isaiah 46:9-10

> Malachi 3:6

> James 1:17

8. How does understanding God's Immutable character grow your faith and trust in Him?

God is Independent

9. From the following verses, what do you learn about God being Independent?

> Job 35:6-7

> Job 41:11

> Psalm 50:10-12

> Isaiah 40:13-14

> Acts 17:24-25

> Romans 11:35-36

> Ephesians 1:5

10. How does the understanding that God is Independent give you freedom?

11. After spending the last 2 weeks focusing on 5 of God's perfections (Spirit, Living, Personal, Immutable, Independent), which one surprised you the most? How will you allow this knowledge to affect your relations with Christ?

***If you are looking for a way to change up your quiet time, try studying God's names, what they mean and how He has loved you in that way. You can find this study @ https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/name_god.cfm Please note, a more correct translation for Jehovah is *Yahweh*.

El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty) -- El Elyon (The Most High God) -- Adonai (Lord, Master)

Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah) -- Yahweh Nissi (The Lord My Banner) -- Yahweh Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)

Yahweh Rapha (The Lord That Heals) -- Yahweh Shammah (The Lord Is There) -- Yahweh Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)

Yahweh Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You) -- El Olam (The Everlasting God) -- Elohim (God)

Qanna (Jealous) -- Yahweh Jireh (The Lord Will Provide) -- Yahweh Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)

Yahweh Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)