

“The Doctrine of God the Father”

Genesis 1:1

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I. Introduction

- A. We began our series with The Doctrine of the Scripture because the Bible, God’s Word, is the source and foundation for all we believe and how we behave
 - 1. We move now to the Bible’s Doctrine of God, starting with God the Father
 - 2. There is no greater or more important knowledge than that of God Himself
 - 3. Why is the knowledge of God so important?
 - a) It’s the only way a person can enter eternal life
 - 1) (John 17:3)
 - b) Knowing God enables us to know ourselves
 - 1) (Isaiah 6)
 - c) It’s the only way to understand the world or cosmos
 - d) It’s only through a knowledge of God that the people of God can be strong
 - 1) (Daniel 11:32)
 - 4. Knowing facts about God and knowing God personally are two very different things
 - a) We want to know about God, but we also want to know God personally

II. God Can Only be Known by Revelation

- A. Because God is transcendent and infinite, and we are finite
 - 1. Has God revealed Himself?
 - a) Yes, in two ways
 - 1) General revelation
 - a. Through creation
 - i. (Genesis 1:1)
 - ii. (Psalm 19)
 - iii. (Romans 1:18-32)
 - 2) Seven false views about God refuted
 - a. It refutes atheism because the universe was created by God
 - b. It refutes pantheism, for God is transcendent to that which he created
 - c. It refutes polytheism, for one God created all things
 - d. It refutes materialism, for matter had a beginning
 - e. It refutes dualism because God was alone when He created
 - f. It refutes humanism because God, not man, is the ultimate reality
 - g. It refutes evolutionism because God created all things
 - 3) Special revelation
 - a. Two ways God reveals Himself
 - i. In Jesus Christ
 - 1. (John 1:18)

2. (John 14:9)
3. (Hebrews 1:3)
- ii. In the Bible
 1. It's God's autobiography
 2. (Psalm 19:7-11)

III. What Does the Bible Reveal About God?

- A. He is a personal God
 1. Not a force or pantheism
 2. God is a Trinity
 - a) Father, Son, Holy Spirit
 - b) (Genesis 1:1)
 - c) (John 1:1)
 - d) (Genesis 1:26)
 3. God grieves
 - a) (Genesis 6:6)
 4. God hates
 - a) (Proverbs 6:16)
 5. God speaks
 - a) (Genesis 1:3)
 6. God hears
 - a) (Psalm 94:9)
 7. God loves
 - a) (1 John 4:8)
 - b) God is love
 8. God wills
 - a) (2 Peter 3:9)
 9. God is wise
 - a) (Proverbs 3:19)
 - b) (Romans 16:27)
 10. He is man, made in God's image
 - a) (Genesis 1:26-27)
- B. He is an eternal God
 1. (Genesis 1:1)
 2. (John 1:1)
 3. (Psalm 90:2)
 4. (2 Peter 3:8)
 5. The comfort that He will never cease to exist
 - a) Amazing grace
 - b) He is immutable
- C. He is a sovereign God
 1. (2 Chronicles 20:6)
 2. (Psalm 135:6)
 3. He is the almighty God, so His plans cannot fail
- D. He is an omniscient God
 1. (Psalm 139:1-6)
 2. Security

- a) Nothing can ever come to light in my life that would surprise God
- 3. Sensitivity
 - a) To God's warnings
- 4. Solace
 - a) God knows my circumstances
- 5. Sobriety
 - a) I will stand before God
- 6. (Psalm 147:4)
- E. He is an omnipresent God
 - 1. (Psalm 139:7-12)
 - 2. No one can escape the presence of God
 - a) (Psalm 23)
- F. He is an omnipotent God
 - 1. (Psalm 139:13-18)
 - 2. God's power to keep me
 - 3. (John 10:27-30)
- G. He is a holy God
 - 1. (Psalm 139:19-24)
- H. He is a merciful God
 - 1. (Exodus 34:6-7)
- I. He is a loving God
 - 1. (1 John 4:8)
 - a) God is love
- J. He is a gracious God
 - 1. (Psalm 116:5)
 - a) God is gracious
 - b) We are saved by God's grace
 - c) (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- K. He is Father God
 - 1. Jesus in the Lord's prayer "our Father"
 - a) "Abba Father"
 - 2. Only in Christianity
 - 3. It is only for those who are saved
 - 4. In the Apostle's Creed
 - a) "I believe in God, the Father, almighty maker of Heaven and Earth"
 - 5. He is:
 - a) Our Creator
 - b) Our Sustainer
 - c) Our Father
 - d) (Matthew 6)