

# GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

## THEIR IDENTITY AND IMPORTANCE

*"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible,  
the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

~ 1 Timothy 1:17

### 1. The Importance of This Topic

- a. A response to dispensational Bible study is Mal 3:6, Jam 1:17, Heb 13:8
- b. God never changes; what God does changes.
- c. Our goal is to know God (who, what), and what he is *doing* (dispensations, God's will).
- d. A failure to distinguish between God and God's dispensations leads to...
  - i. Losing the unchanging God = the changing unknowable wrong God.
  - ii. Losing God's changing will = God never changes what he does.
- e. We must know the true God to identify false gods.
- f. All Christian doctrine depends on what kind of God we are talking about
- g. Our spiritual growth depends upon what we are being grown into

### 2. Can We Know God

- a. When you ask the Christian about specifics they suddenly become agnostics.
- b. Agnostics say we cannot know God, Christians sometimes say the same thing
  - i. "God works in mysterious ways", "God is whatever you want him to be"
- c. Can we know God? Rom 11:33; Isa 55:9; Ps 77:19; Job 11:7-9; Job 37:23;
- d. Then the Bible says we can ... John 17:3; Eph 3:18; Ps 103:7

### 3. How Do We Know God

- a. Not like scientific observation of things seen and reasoned
- b. We do not stand over God and study him, we sit under him and receive knowledge
- c. We only know God in how he has revealed himself to us, in our language
- d. God has reveals himself in creation - Ps 19:1-2, Acts 14:17; Rom 1:19-20
- e. God has revealed himself in words to Israel – Ps 103:7; Rom 3:1
- f. God made man in our image, but beware – we are not God! – Gen 1:27
- g. God reveals himself in Jesus Christ – Heb 1:1-2; Col 2:9-10
- h. Ultimately, what we know specifically about God only comes from Biblical revelation

### 4. What are God's Attributes

- a. How do we describe God? He at the same time infinite, incomprehensible and in Christ
- b. Christ the King, invisible, eternal immortal, etc. - 1 Tim 1:17; 1 Tim 6:15
- c. There are attributes/virtues/characteristics that are unique to God
- d. There are attributes/citures/characteristics that we have in common to a lesser degree
- e. In the end, we are talking about the great God deserving of all worship – Ps 147:5