

In Search of Spiritual Treasure  
Lesson #7  
The Doctrine of God  
God's Nature

Introduction

- A. Contrary to much modern thought, God is not merely an idea.
  - B. God is a being.
  - C. God's nature is His essence.
  - D. There is a difference between the nature of God and the attributes of God.
    - 1. The nature of God defines His existence.
    - 2. The attributes of God reflect His nature.
  - E. There are seven aspects of the nature of God. Apart from these, God would not exist.
- I. God is Spirit.
- A. God is immaterial, incorporeal, and invisible.
  - B. John 4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
  - C. As Spirit God is not limited by a physical body.
  - D. Passages that describe God's feet, hands, etc. are symbolic.
  - E. God's appearances on earth to the Old Testament Patriarchs were temporary manifestations.
  - F. These appearances were glimpses of the future coming of the Son of God in human flesh.
  - G. Jesus is "the image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15.
- II. God is A Person.
- A. Most religions portray God as being very impersonal.
  - B. As a Person, God has the power of intellect.
    - 1. Romans 16:27 "to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen."
    - 2. God is intelligent in all His being and work.
  - C. As a Person, God has the power of emotion.
    - 1. God demonstrates grief. Genesis 6:6
    - 2. God demonstrates love. John 3:16

3. God demonstrates anger. Psalm 7:11
- D. As a Person, God has the power of will. Romans 12:2 “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

III. God is Life.

A. The Bible calls Him the living God.

1. Joshua 3:10 “And Joshua said, ‘by this you shall know that the living God is among you’ . . .”
2. Psalm 84:2 “My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.”

B. God is the source of all life.

1. Psalm 36:9 “For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.”
2. John 5:26 “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.”

C. When God gives life, He gives a part of His nature to it.

IV. God is self-existent.

A. God is not dependent upon another person for His existence.

B. Exodus 3:13-15.

V. God is immutable.

A. God is perfect and cannot become better.

B. The Bible teaches that God is unchanging in His attributes.

C. The promises of God are unchanging.

1. Romans 4:20-21 “He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”
2. God cannot go back on His word.

VI. God is unlimited in time and space.

A. The Bible describes Him as the One who inhabits eternity. Isaiah 57:15.

B. Paul told the philosophers at Athens that God made all things, and He does not dwell in temples made by hands. Acts 17:24.

VII. God is one.

- A. Deuteronomy 6:4 “Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.”
- B. Isaiah 44:6 “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and His Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and the last ; besides Me there is no God.”
- C. There can only be one supreme , perfect and almighty Being.