

The Attributes of God

Homework Assignment:

1. Read **Psalms 104:1-35**
2. Read **II Samuel 7:18-29**

Lesson Outline

I. Attributes

- i. Definition – inherent characteristics, something belonging to someone
- ii. Natural attributes of God – pertaining to God as a rational Spirit
- iii. Moral attributes of God – pertaining to God as a righteous Spirit

II. Natural Attributes

- i. Self-Existence
 1. **John 5:26** – life is inherent in God
 2. No external source – independent
 3. In contrast we are dependent on God
 - a. **Acts 17:25, 28**
 4. The reasons for His existence are in Himself
- ii. Eternal
 1. This fact established in Scriptures
 - a. **Genesis 21:33**
 - b. **Deuteronomy 33:27**
 - c. **Psalms 90:2**
 - d. **I Timothy 1:17**
 - e. **Revelation 4:8**
 2. Our finite minds can't comprehend
 - a. **II Peter 3:8** – God's mind infinitely large and infinitely small
 - b. Time is a blip in eternity
- iii. Unity
 1. One God
 - a. There cannot be two self-sufficient, all perfect Gods
 - b. **Psalms 86:10**
 - c. **John 17:3**
- iv. Immutability
 1. God does not change
 - a. Change implies imperfection
 - b. Absurd to say God is more perfect

- c. **Malachi 3:6**
 - d. **James 1:17**
 - 2. This brings joy to His people
 - a. **Isaiah 54:10**
- v. Omnipresence
 - 1. God is everywhere
 - a. **Psalms 139:7-12**
 - 2. This should restrain us from sin
 - a. Being in every place He knows every act, word, thought and feeling
- vi. Omnipotence
 - 1. Unlimited power to do whatever He chooses to do
 - 2. Every other power is secondary and limited, derived from God
 - 3. Creation – demonstration of unlimited power
 - a. Something out of nothing
 - b. **Psalms 33:9**
 - 4. God's power holds everything together
 - a. **Hebrews 1:3**
 - b. **Colossians 1:17**
 - 5. Power is unlimited
 - a. **Genesis 17:1**
 - b. **Jeremiah 32:17**
 - c. **Matthew 19:26**
- vii. Omniscience
 - 1. Knowledge of all things
 - a. Past, present, and future
 - b. **Psalms 139:6**
 - 2. Includes infinite understanding and wisdom
 - a. **I Chronicles 28:9**
 - b. **Romans 11:33**
 - 3. God understands us when no one else can

III. The Moral Attributes of God

- i. Goodness
 - 1. Happiness to all God's creatures
 - a. Animals
 - b. Angels
 - c. Man
 - 2. "The Lord is good to all:" – **Psalms 145:9**

- a. **Ecclesiastes 11:7** – Sunlight
 - b. Our physical senses
 - c. Our intellectual nature
 3. Best exhibited in Jesus
 - a. **I John 4:10**
 - b. God's grace implies goodness to those unworthy
- ii. Justice
 1. God is morally upright
 - a. **Jeremiah 23:6**
 - b. **Psalms 97:2**
 2. God is just in all He does
 - a. **Psalms 145:17**
 - b. **Psalms 119:137**
 3. Judgment day will vindicate God to all creation
 - a. **Acts 17:31**
 - b. **Isaiah 45:23-25; Romans 14:10-12; Philippians 2:10-11**
 4. Guilty deserve to be punished – Heart of Justice
 - a. Jesus' death the proof of this
- iii. Veracity – Devotion to the truth
 1. God cannot lie
 - a. **Titus 1:2**
 - b. Morally impossible not naturally
 2. God's Word is truth
 - a. **John 17:17**
 - b. Because God is truth, **Deuteronomy 32:4**
 3. Truth is the correct representation of things as they have always been and always will be
 - a. **Matthew 24:35**
 4. All promises by God will be kept
 - a. Blessings and cursings
 - b. **II Corinthians 1:20**
 - c. **II Thessalonians 1:7-9**
- iv. Wisdom
 1. Definition – the good use of knowledge
 2. Evident in nature, man, and Christ
 3. **Romans 11:33**
- v. Holiness
 1. A combination of all God's moral attributes

- a. "all moral perfections and the glory radiating there from"
- 2. **Exodus 15:11**
- 3. **Isaiah 6:3**
- 4. By comparison:
 - a. Moses could not approach the burning bush
 - b. Peter, James, and John could not stand at the voice of God
 - c. We are all as filthy rags
 - d. Hebrews 12:14