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LESSON # 11

MORE ON THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (What is God Like?)



OBJECTIVE: The class delves into Jeremiah 9:23-24, where God calls for humility and points out that true cause for boasting lies not in wisdom, strength, or wealth, but in understanding and knowing Him—the Lord who embodies kindness, justice, and righteousness. This verse sets the tone for the course, emphasizing the paramount importance of a spiritual and saving knowledge of God for every individual. The foundation of genuine knowledge of God is established as a clear comprehension of His perfections as disclosed in Holy Scripture.

The class categorizes the Attributes of God into natural and moral attributes. Among the natural attributes are God's omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence, and His unchanging nature. This immutability is explored in-depth, highlighting that God's essence, attributes, consciousness, and will are unchangeable. This unchanging nature sets Him apart from the fluctuations of creation and confirms His wisdom, holiness, and other qualities are eternally constant.

Through numerous scriptural references, the class underscores God's unchanging nature and the implications for His sovereignty. Despite the world's fluctuations, His plans and promises remain steadfast. Participants are encouraged to continue in prayer and mutual love, guided by the understanding of God's unchanging and sovereign nature.



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(I) Jeremiah 9:23-24 *This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, [24] but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.*

(II) A spiritual and saving knowledge of God is the greatest need of every human creature.

(III) The foundation of all true knowledge of God must be a clear mental apprehension of His perfection as revealed in Holy Scripture. *An unknown god can neither be trusted, served, nor worshipped.* (The Attributes of God)

(IV) THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD ARE GENERALLY DEFINED AS MORAL AND NATURAL:

The Natural Attributes Are:

1. Omniscience of God
2. Omnipotence of God
3. Omnipresence of God
4. Eternity/Immutability of God

The Moral Attributes Are:

1. The Holiness of God
2. The Righteousness of God
3. The Faithfulness of God
4. The Sovereignty of God
5. The Mercy of God
6. The Loving-Kindness of God
7. The Love of God

(V) THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD: (God never changes!)

By this we mean that in essence, attributes, consciousness, and will of God are unchangeable. All change must be for the better or the worse. But God cannot change to the better, since He is absolutely perfect; neither can He change for the worse for the same reason. He is exalted above all causes and even the



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possibility of change. He can never be wiser, more holy, more just, more merciful, more truthful, nor less so. Nor do His plans and purposes change. (Thiessen)

Some Scriptures:

James 1:17 _____

Malachi 3:6 _____

Psalms 33:11 _____

Psalms 102:26-27 _____

Hebrews 1:12 _____

Romans 4:20-21 _____

Isaiah 46:10 _____

Romans 11:29 _____

I Kings 8:56 (promises) _____

2 Corinthians 1:20 _____

Psalms 103:17 _____

Genesis 18:25 _____

Numbers 23:19 _____

I Samuel 15:29 _____

Psalms 110:4 _____

If God is immutable and never changes, how do we view His Sovereignty?

Keep praying and loving one another.



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