

Systematic Theology session 17  
The Doctrine of God, "I Am Who I Am," Part 11

- The veracity of God.
  - The definition of divine veracity: The perfection of God where He is true in His nature, He is true in His revelation, and He is true in relation to His people.
  - The three categories of divine veracity:
    - God is true in His nature.
      - God is truth, and there are no absolute standards of truth outside of God. God defines truth.
      - Louis Berkhof: "In Him the idea of the Godhead is perfectly realized; He is all that He as God should be, and as such is distinguished from all so-called gods, which are called vanity and lies." In other words, God is authentic.
      - God not only knows all things, but He knows all things as they really are.
    - God is true in His revelation (God's truthfulness).
      - All of God's revelation in Scripture is truth:
        - Factually accurate (not a collection of legends and fables).
          - The Bible is incapable of teaching falsehood or error in anything that it affirms. Scripture is trustworthy, and does not deceive, because it is the inspired word from the God who is truth.
        - Not only factually accurate, but profound, powerful, and of ultimate and eternal importance.
    - God is true in relation to His people (God's faithfulness).
      - Definition of divine faithfulness: God's consistency and constancy in relation to the divine promises and grace, providing a source of trusting consolation for believers.
      - The faithfulness of God is the foundation of our faith. The Holy Spirit gives us faith, and it is not a blind faith. Our faith is sure because we believe the true words of a faithful God who cannot lie.