

Attributes of God

Week 7 – Truthfulness and Wisdom

Truthfulness: God’s absolute and unchanging **revelation** of Himself and His **will** to humanity.

“The truthfulness of God means that He is the God of truth. He speaks only the truth. God is the author of truth. He is the source of truth. He is the determiner of truth. He is the arbitrator of truth. He is the final judge of all truth. He is the ultimate standard of all truth.” – Steve Lawson

1. God is **truth** (Psalm 31:5, Isaiah 65:16, John 14:6)

“God is the truth. He is true in a physical sense; true in His being... He is true in a moral sense; He is true ... without errors ... without deceit. God is ... the pattern and prototype of truth. There is nothing true but what is in God or comes from God.” – Thomas Watson

2. God is **precise** (Matthew 5:18)

3. God is **infallible** (Psalm 119:90, Isaiah 40:8)

4. God is **outspoken** (John 8:26, 18:20)

5. God is **clear** (Psalm 19:8)

“Perspicuity of the Bible: 1) the Scriptures are clear enough for the simplest person to live by, 2) the Scriptures are deep enough for readers of the highest intellectual ability, 3) the Scriptures are clear in all of their essential matters, 4) the obscurity that a reader of the Bible may find in some parts of the Scriptures is the fault of finite and sinful humankind.” – Larry Pettegrew

6. God is **commanding** (James 1:22, John 14:15)

7. God is **consistent** (Ephesians 4:5, Jude 3)

8. God is **unalterable** (Psalm 119:89, Matthew 24:35)

“Opinions alter, but truth certified by God can no more change than the God who uttered them.” – Charles Spurgeon

9. God is **illuminating** (Psalm 119:18, Matthew 16:17, John 16:13, Ephesians 1:18)

“The Spirit regenerates, the Spirit sanctifies, and the Spirit illuminates. He’s the anointing who is in us, abiding in us, leading us to an understanding of Scripture so that we can know the truth, walk in the truth, obey the truth and demonstrate the reality of our redemption.” – John MacArthur

You may be asking:

- If God is always truthful and clear, what about Jesus speaking in parables that appeared unclear to some (Matthew 13:13)?

“Christ taught in parables. Thereby the things of God were made more plain and easy to those willing to be taught, and at the same time more difficult and obscure to those who were willingly ignorant.” – Matthew Henry

Take aways – Truthfulness

1. We can always count on God to be true to Himself and to be true to His word.
2. When necessary, repent of any unbelief in God’s truth.

Wisdom: God's perfect use of **knowledge** according to His **eternal** plan and purpose.

"Wisdom is the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it. Wisdom is, in fact, the practical side of moral goodness. As such, it is found in its fulness only in God. He alone is naturally and entirely and invariably wise." – J.I. Packer

1. God is all-**wise** (Job 12:13, Psalm 104:24, Romans 11:33, Ephesians 3:10, Colossians 2:3)

2. God is **discerning** (Psalm 33:15, Isaiah 11:2-3)

"God works with flawless precision because He sees the end from the beginning and He never needs to back up."
– A.W. Tozer

3. God is **strategic** (1 Corinthians 10:31)

4. God is **skillful** (Psalm 139:15, 19:1)

5. God is **astute** (Genesis 50:20)

6. God is **contrary** (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

7. God is **mysterious** (Deuteronomy 29:29, Matthew 11:25, James 4:6)

"In perfect wisdom, God works in mysterious ways with all His children amid their tribulations. All we can do is trust the perfect wisdom and love of God for His people – that He will reveal what we need to know to persevere in difficulty."
– Steve Lawson

8. God is **unfathomable** (Isaiah 55:8-9, 1 Corinthians 2:6-8)

You may be asking:

- If we can share in God's wisdom, why doesn't He give us insight into His providence? (Romans 12:16)

"God in His wisdom, to make and keep us humble and to teach us to walk by faith, has hidden from us almost everything that we should like to know about the providential purposes which He is working out in the churches and in our own lives." – J.I. Packer

Take aways – Wisdom

1. Whenever you are perplexed about what to do:

- a) plead to God for wisdom. (Psalm 119:66, James 1:5-8, Jeremiah 29:13)
- b) ask what will most glorify God.

2. Godly wisdom requires Godly fear. (Proverbs 9:10)

"The more we align our thoughts and hearts with the thoughts of God found in His Word, the more we will appropriate and display godly wisdom because wisdom comes from God." – Beeke and Cosby

Proverbs 2:2-6 – "Make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding; for if you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding; if you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will discern the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."