

What's the Big Idea: The Theology of God
1 Timothy 6: 11-16
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Introduction: “The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings and the existence of the great God he calls ‘Father.’”
-J.I. Packer

“What comes into our mind when we think of God is the most important thing about us.”
-A.W. Tozer

FAQ # 7 – What is God?

A. – God is a spirit, infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, every where present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just most merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

“That was probably the best definition of God penned by man.” – Charles Hodge

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from beginning to end.”
-Ecclesiastes 3:11

1. Ours is a Revealed Religion

- a. I know – ours is NOT a religion. Religion implies anthropology. Probably more appropriately said today, “Ours is a revealed theology.” But that is not how they talked in the 17th century**
- b. 1 Timothy 6: 12 – “ . . . to which you were called.”**
- c. 1 Timothy 6: 15 – “ . . .which He will display at the proper time.”**
- d. General Revelation: (Psalm 19: 1,2; Psalm 8: 1; Romans 1: 19, 20)**
 - i. What God has revealed about Himself in nature**
 - ii. These things resonate with the eternity God has placed in our hearts – the inconsolable thirst for awe and wonder.**
 - iii. A vague theology that resonates with us, but not the full story**
- e. Special Revelation**
 - i. What God reveals about Himself in the Scriptures**
 - ii. 2 Timothy 3: 16, 17; 2 Peter 1: 3, 4)**
 - iii. The Bible is not a text book on science and history, but the Bible is not incongruous with science and history. The Bible is God’s book about Himself He has given to us**

2. Take Away

- a. Bad News**
- b. Worse News**
- c. Worst News**
- d. Good News**