



In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

“The old saying is ‘Go from Nature up to Nature’s God.’ But it is hard work going up hill. The best thing is to go from Nature’s God down to Nature and if you once get to Nature’s God and believe him and love him, it is surprising how easy it is to hear music in the waves, and songs in the wild whisperings of the winds, and to see God everywhere.”

-Charles Spurgeon

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. (Psalm 145:3)

Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?

The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. (Job 11:7-9)

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? (1 Kings 8:27)

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor?

Developing A Systematic Theology

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The Essence or Nature of God

1. God is a Spirit
2. He is immaterial and incorporeal
3. He is represented anthropomorphically
4. He is invisible
5. The Redeemed will some day see Him
6. He is alive
7. He is a person
 - A. He has Intellect
 - B. He has Sensibility
 - C. He has Volition
8. He is self-existent
9. He is Immense
10. He is Sequential
11. He is Eternal
12. He is Immortal
13. He is Passible

Attributes

Uniform and permanent effects come from uniform and permanent causes.

The attributes of God are those distinguishing characteristics of the divine nature which are inseparable from the idea of God and which constitute the basis and ground for his various manifestations to his creatures.

We call them attributes, because we are compelled to attribute them to God as fundamental qualities or powers of his being, in order to give rational account of certain constant facts in God’s self-revelations.

Methods of Determining The Attributes of God

1. _____

2. _____

For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. (Romans 11:33-34, 36)

And he (Moses) said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. (Exodus 33:18)

Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. (Isaiah 30:10-11)

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; (1 Kings 8:27)

Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:23-24)

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; (Acts 17:27-28)

Categories of The Attributes of God

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Attributes manifest the divine essence

All God's revelations are, therefore, revelations of himself in and through his attributes. Our aim must be to determine from God's ways, works and words what qualities, dispositions, determinations, powers of his otherwise unseen and unsearchable essence he has actually made known to us; or in other words, what are the revealed attributes of God.

The Non-Moral Attributes of God

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And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. (Job 19:25-27)

And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you... (Joshua 3:10)

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. (Psalm 84:2)

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; (1 Thessalonians 1:9)

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. (Acts 15:18)

For God so loved the world...(John 3:16)

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. (John 6:38)

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: (Exodus 3:14)

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? (1 Kings 8:27)

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; (Acts 17:28)

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. (Revelations 1:8)

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