

Homework Sheet: Who is God?

A.W. Tozer said , “The most important thing about a man is what he thinks, in his heart, about God.” What we think about God will really change how we live our lives! For example, if a person does not believe that God exists, he may feel like there is little purpose to life. He will also feel that he doesn’t have to live by God’s rules. However, he will also not understand what it means to be loved by God.

To really please God, we need to have the right view of God. The only place to learn about God is His Word, the Bible! He recorded for us exactly what He wants us to know about Himself. Let’s learn as we investigate what the Bible has to say about God.

What do the following passages teach about knowing God?

a. Job. 11:7

b. Is. 40:18

c. John 17:3

d. 1 John 5:20

The great truth is, though God is beyond our full understand, we CAN know Him. We can learn about Him and know Him personally.

It is important to note that God cannot be *defined*. There is no word or phrase that can sum up an incomprehensible God. But what we will do is try to *describe* God. And to do that, we will first look at His attributes. What are attributes?

Ryrie defines them, “*qualities that are inherent to a subject. They identify, distinguish, or analyze the subject.*”

As we get into these attributes there are a couple of important notes;

- 1.** The attributes are not components or parts of God. Each describes His total being. Love, for example, is not a part of God's nature, God is LOVE. Just because He chooses to exercise one attribute at a given time, it does not mean the others are not still in existence. In other words, when He displays His wrath, He is still love. When He shows love, He does not abandon His holiness.
- 2.** God is more than the sum total of His attributes. When we have listed all the attributes that can be gleaned from Scripture, we have not fully described God. Again, in His fullness, He is incomprehensible and infinite.

Omnipresence

What do the following passages teach about God?

a. Ps. 139:7-10

b. 1 Kings 8:27

The first attribute is called *Omnipresence*. It means that God is EVERYWHERE. There is no place we can go that God is not already there. We can never leave the presence of God?

How does this truth make you feel?

How did it make David feel? (read Ps. 139:6)

Omniscience

What do the following verses teach about God?

- a. Ps. 147:5

- b. Prov. 15:3

- c. Matt. 20:29-31

The second attribute is called *Omniscience*. It means that God knows EVERYTHING or that God has "all knowledge."

Dr. Manfred Kober says, "God knows all things actual and possible. He knows everything equally and without effort."

A.W. Tozer says, "Because God knows all things perfectly, He knows no thing better than any other thing, but all things equally well. He never discovers anything, He is never surprised, never amazed. He never wonders about anything nor (except when drawing men out for their own good) does He seek information or ask questions."

How does this truth make you feel?

God knows about every heart-ache in your life and He cares! (read Ps. 56:8) Write down your thoughts about this:

Share about an incident in your life that happened recently that you are thankful God knows about:

Omnipotence

What do the following verses teach about God?

a. Jer. 32:17

b. Matt. 19:26

c. Is. 40:28

God is all-powerful. If He wills to do it, He CAN do it. There is nothing beyond His power.

When have you doubted that in your life?

How does God's omnipotence comfort you?