

THERE IS A TRUE GOD Part 2  
THE NON-MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD  
Psalm 89:5-8

Intro: The attributes of God are divided into two areas: the non-moral and the moral. The non-moral attributes of God are those attributes that are necessary in the declaration and affirmation of the divine essence of who He is. They are called the non-moral attributes because they do not involve moral qualities. There are four non-moral attributes that we are looking at in this study. They are: Omnipresence, Omniscience, Omnipotence and Immutability.

That God is “all in all” is brought out in the first three of the non-moral attributes of our study. These attributes are compound words that begin with the prefix *Omni* which is Latin for “all.” God is always present, all knowing, and all powerful. The Immutability of God tells us that God can not and does not change.

I. THE OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD

- A. God is everywhere at once, and you cannot escape His presence (Psalm 139:4-10). No matter what we do, we cannot escape Him for He is ever present. When we sin, He sees the deed.
  - 1. God sees and knows all that you do. He sees the evil deeds that may be hid from others.
  - 2. God is in all places at once. He is not confined to space nor is He measured by time. He is in all of creation but is not at all limited by it. He transcends space and is not subject to its limitations. If God chose to destroy the universe, He would continue to be. Pantheism, the belief that God and the universe are identical, seeks to bind Him to creation. But God is transcendent; He surpasses all; He is pre-eminent and is not subject to the universe.
- B. The Omnipresence of God is comforting to the Christian. He is an ever present help in time of need.
  - 1. Psalm 46:1: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 145:18: “The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth..”
  - 2. Whatever your situation, whatever battle you are fighting, whatever pain you are experiencing, God is there for you,

Child of God. He said: "...I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

- C. The Omnipresence of God is a restraint and a warning. Hebrews 4:13 says: "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

## II. THE OMNISCIENCE OF GOD

- A. God knows from all eternity Himself and all other things perfectly. He knows all things actual, and He knows all things possible— whether past, present or future. God knows all things immediately, simultaneously, and thoroughly.
- B. The degree of God's knowledge is infinite. J.P. Boyce said: "The knowledge of God therefore, not being acquired, cannot be increased. Time does not add to it. Succession of events does not bring it before God. All objects of his knowledge are to him eternally present and known."
- C. God know the things that actually exist. Including:
  - a. Inanimate creation- Psalm 147:4: "He telleth the stars; he calleth them all by their names."
  - b. Men and all their deeds- Psalm 33:13-15; Proverbs 5:21: "The ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings."
  - c. Men's hearts and thoughts- "The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3).
- D. God knows the future. To man, this is foreknowledge; but to God, it is not. This is because God knows all things by one simultaneous intuition (Acts 15:18: "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world").
- E. Child of God, our Father knows every desire and action of the enemy; and thus, "No weapon formed against thee shall prosper" (Isaiah 54:17).

## III. THE OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD

- A. God has absolute power. This means that God can and does work without secondary causes. Creation and regeneration are examples of His absolute power.
- B. The ordinate power of God is that power whereby He works providentially using secondary causes. Man sometimes call these causes coincidence. They are the providential working of

God.

C. The Word of God clearly teaches the Omnipotence of God.

1. In Genesis 17:1, He is called “the Almighty.” He is *Shaddai*, the Almighty, the most Powerful.
2. He is able to do all things that He purposes to do because all things are possible with Him. Matthew 19:26b: “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.”
3. Nothing is too difficult for Him as Jeremiah declares in chapter thirty-two and verse seventeen: “Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:”
  - a. He sent the plaques on Egypt.
  - b. He parted the Red Sea.
  - c. He calmed the wind and waves on the Sea of Galilee, and He will calm the troubled seas of your soul.

#### IV. THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD

A. This means that God is unchangeable in His essence, attributes, will, etc. All change is for the better or for the worse. God cannot change for the better for he is absolutely perfect, nor can he change for the worse for the same reason.

B. The Bible says that there is no variation in God.

1. With God there “is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17).
2. His character never changes as is seen in Malachi 3:6: “For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”
3. His love and mercy never change: “But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children’s children” (Psalm 103:17).

Conclusion: Our God truly is an awesome God. He is ever present, all knowing, and all power. He never changes; He’s just the same.

Dr. Cecil A. Fayard, Jr.

Sept 5, 2010