

Knowledge of the Holy

A study on the attributes of God based upon the AW Tozer book of the same name.

Lesson #1 Why We Must think rightly about God.

Last fall we did a study on renewing our minds. (Romans 12:1-2) We came to understand that upon our conversion we receive a new spiritual heart. The heart of stone that resists God and his ways which we are born with is replace with a heart of flesh- soft toward God. (Ezek. 36:24-27).

It is the Holy spirit who connects us to God, enables us to hear know his mind, hear his still small voice, change our ways and thinking and serve Him. (1 Corinthians 2:9-16) "We have the mind of Christ..." this is because we are in Him and He in us by faith. This does not mean we have no need to train our minds to know God.

Even Jesus in his humanity had to grow and develop. (Luke 2:41-52)

This study will help us to refine and expand our thoughts about God himself- what he is really like. This study will also teach us how we relate to God. We must learn and call to mind what God is really like if we are to have that close relationship with Him we desire. The closer we get to God the greater the *shalom* we will enjoy!

We are to love God with all that we are- this includes our mind. In fact, the mind is essential to connection with God. When we come to Christ our ability to think clearly becomes empowered by the Spirit. Matthew 22:34-40.

All are recipients of natural revelation- But God reveals himself more deeply to those who believe in Jesus. (Eph. 4:17-19; Rom. 1:18-23)

What comes to your mind immediately when you think of God? List up to three attributes of God except for Holy, Loving, and good.

GOD IS.....

How do you know what you just wrote down is accurate? _____

If asked to write down everything you know to be true about God and his attributes, how long would it take you? _____

As in all things, we must decide who or what we are going to trust to give us accurate information.

Psalm 119:1-4, 9-12, 105; 2 Peter 1:20,21; II Tim. 1:4-5, 3:14-17; Jude 1:1-3.

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AW Tozer sets forth concerning this great issue by writing that the great issue before the church is a low view of God. Some Christians have lost or never had an accurate understanding or reverence for God's Majesty. That HE IS GREAT beyond measure. That HE and HE ALONE is AWESOME.

"The word "awesome" should be reserved for use only when describing God himself" -Charles Swindoll.

Deuteronomy 7:21; Psalm 42:7

I would add that in the scriptures *awesome* is used to describe God's name and works. Ex. 34:9-10.

Exodus 34:9-11 _____

Psalm 111:1-10 _____

God is good, loving, and many wonderful things and we will learn more of them in this study, but God is not to be trifled with. By faith in His son, we are the friend of God-

Isaiah 42:8; Isaiah 48:11 _____

But when the word of God refers to HIM, HIS work, and HIS NAME, it means that he is to be revered. He is our God. Those who do not believe in His Son- God will eventually deal with dreadfully. Heb. 10:23-31

What are your thoughts about this passage of scripture?

Psalm ninety-one rejoices in the protection God grants the objects of his love- his people who seek shelter in HIM. But remember- to carry out the LOVE he has for you requires Him to be dreadful.

"What we think about God is the most important thing about us." AW Tozer.

Why? "If our view of God is willfully erroneous or inadequate, we are in a sense fashioning an idol- which God forbids. Exodus 20:1-7.

We all are lacking in our knowledge of God to one degree or another, but God is gracious to the honest pursuer- to the one who is seeking to know HIM as HE IS- and is engaged in the process of growing in their knowledge of HIM. But note- its not just about head knowledge- it is about being changed more into the likeness of Jesus. Being close to God – if we really are getting closer to HIM will change us.

"The essence of Idolatry is entertaining thought about God that are unworthy of HIM." AW Tozer.

So, our goal in this study is to expand our knowledge of God's attributes that we might eliminate all thoughts that are unworthy of HIM. We do this with the hope that we will change inside and out.

Let us begin with the fact of God's Incomparable Majesty. Our God is Awesome!