

# Knowledge of the Holy

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

## Lesson #3 A Divine Attribute- Something True about God.

*O Majesty Unspeakable, my soul desires to behold Thee. I cry to Thee from the dust. Yet when I inquire after Thy name it is secret. Thou art hidden in the light which no man can approach unto. What Thou art cannot be thought or uttered, for Thy glory is ineffable. Still, prophet and psalmist, apostle and saint have encouraged me to believe that I may in some measure know Thee. Therefore, I pray, whatever of Thyself Thou has been pleased to disclose, help me to search out as treasure more precious than rubies or the merchandise of fine gold. For with Thee shall I live when the stars of the twilight are no more and the heavens have vanished away and only thou remainest, Amen - Tozer*

When in the context of these teachings, an attribute is whatever God has in anyway revealed as being true of himself. And He has revealed himself in a number of ways.

We have already learned that God is limitless- therefore there must be many attributes that we know nothing of- and perhaps will never know about.

*Sovereign Father, heavenly king,  
Thee we now presume to sing.  
Glad, Thine attributes confess,  
Glorious all, and numberless.*

Charles Wesley, Glory Be to God on High

What is some of the fruit that we should see when we study the attributes of God?

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There are three ways that God has revealed himself.

Nature, the scriptures and through His son Jesus.

What is unique about Jesus' connection with nature and the scriptures? (John 1:14)

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A study of all three will inform us as to what God is truly like.

1. **Nature.** Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:20; (see also Acts 17:24-30)  
This is referred to as general revelation. Accessible by most everyone.

Questions:

Does the exposure to the natural revelation of God impact human morality? Why do you think so?

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Does living in the country or the city make it more or less difficult to see God and live a moral life?

Do you believe that the advent of computers and other electronic devices has hurt or helped humans see God and live a moral life?

### 2. **The Scriptures.** Hebrews 1:14

Through the Bible we learn the names of God, His purposes, His priorities, His plan. It is also the primary way we learn his attributes. Within its pages we see how he intervenes in human history and human hearts.

Why do you think people, even professing Christians neglect the scriptures?

### 3. **Jesus Himself-** Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:1-3

Jesus is literally the word becoming flesh. He is the literal representation of God who came to earth that we might know him better and redeem us.

The uncreated one dwelled within and among the created.

All three should be studied that we might know God better. According to Tozer, we must come seeking God with a pure heart.

Matthew 5:8 *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."*

This refers to salvation- you must be born again to receive a pure heart- but can be expanded to the life of a Christian. That our pursuit of God be with pure intentions of wanting to truly know him- not just for our own purposes but for HIS. Psalm 25:8-10, 14; Jeremiah 29:13.

How we approach God is the way we will see him active in our lives. Psalm 18:25-26  
He is just in all his dealings. He is consistent- we are not.

In all these things God is completely reliable and stable. Unlike human beings. God is complete and wholly ONE within himself. You and I respond and live segmented and changing.

*"An Attribute is not a part of God, but How God is."* - Tozer.

"the harmony of HIS being is the result not of a perfect balance of parts, but of the absence of parts. Between HIS attributes no contradiction can exist. He need not suspend one to exercise another, for in HIM all HIS attributes are one. All of God does all that god does; he does not divide Himself to perform works but works in the total unity of HIS being. – AW Tozer