

Sovereign Grace Church

“Who Is God?” outline

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We will take a short break from our study of Matthew to pursue a brief overview of certain crucial questions which face all people. This series concerns questions we have all encountered and thought about.....some of us for a very long time. They are questions that people of all ages ask....perhaps more especially when they are young. They are also questions that affect how we seek to see our lives directed....thus they are crucial to that end.

This morning we will seek to answer certain questions pertaining to God. Who is He? What is He like? Is He relational? Can He be known and if so how? Should He be feared? Loved? Is He our friend? What does He have to do with me?

There is of course much about God that will not be said. One of the key truths about Him is that He transcends our ability perceive and understand. What we claim to know about God may be true....but it will never be exhaustive. Our finitude will prevent that from being an option....both now and forever! But we can know quite a bit about Him...and more importantly...we can know Him!

1. Who or what is God?

- **God is the only self-existent Being. Ex. 3: 14**

- **God is Spirit and He is Personal. Jn 4: 24; Gen. 3: 8**

- **God is the Creator of all things not Himself. Col. 1: 16**

- **God has an unchanging Character (attributes)**

2. Can this God be known?

- **A transcendent God can only be known if He reveals Himself....and He has! Rom. 1: 19**
- **We can know God through nature. Rom. 1: 20**
- **We can know God through Scripture II Tim. 3: 16**
- **What can be known of God can be suppressed by us. Rom. 1: 18; Jer. 29: 13**

3. Concluding Thoughts on God's relation to us.

Questions for Conversation and Discussion

- 1. Do you believe that God exists? Do you know that God exists? Is there a difference between believing and knowing? What is it? What are the limitations of believing without knowing? Why so some people claim that God does not exist?**
- 2. How do God's characteristics affect how we direct our lives? Was there ever a human being that imbibed all of God personal characteristics in his own being? How is that significant? What were some ways that Jesus manifested the character of God that conflicted with the understanding of the religious authorities of His day? What about today?**
- 3. Is it possible to both fear God and love God at the same time? How? Do you fear God? Are you afraid of Him? Do you love God? Do you love Him enough to trust Him with your life-project? Do you “walk” with Him moment-by-moment? How do you know?**
- 4. Does God love everyone? Does God hate anyone? If God hates certain people....how is that loving them? Does God look forward to punishing the wicked?**